

 This PLAN has been approved by the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions of the Synod of New Jersey: and the Committee has directed its Secretary to send copies to the Foreign Missionary Committee in each Presbytery, and (through these several Committees) a copy to each Session in these Synod. Additional copies may be obtained from the Rev. William F. Whitaker, Secretary, Orange, N. J.

PLAN

FOR MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN EVERY CHURCH IN
THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

1890.

How shall the influence of the "Simultaneous Meetings" movement be perpetuated? It is assumed that the object of this movement is mainly educational. At least in its inception, it seeks to awaken an intelligent interest which may develop into enthusiasm and action. At present, and, in all probability, for some time to come, the great need is, and will be, *intelligence* upon this vital subject. To perpetuate the influence of the effort already undertaken in our State, measures must be taken to secure some systematic method of instruction in the principles which underlie the organized endeavor to evangelize the nations, (with especial emphasis upon the parting injunction of our

risen Lord,) in the methods by which it may best be done, and in the results as displayed in the history of the Church, and especially in the marvels of modern missions.

Keeping it in mind that instruction is our chief aim, it is most important to avoid anything like complicated or expensive machinery—anything which might interfere with existing or regular methods of work. Just as soon as such a “side-movement” has become burdensome it is a hindrance and not a help. It must not risk the diversion of either energy or means from the ordinary channels.

Guided by the foregoing principles the following Plan is proposed to take the place of simultaneous meetings for this year; to be suggested to the Presbyteries as proper to be carried out through their Foreign Missions Committees with the co-operation of the Committees of the Sessions of the several Churches.

I. PLAN.

1. RURAL CHURCHES.

Let the rural churches be divided by the Presbyterial Committees into groups of three or four, the Pastors of each group being a Committee to arrange (in connection with the F. M. Committees of the Sessions) for a special week-day service, or services, in each Church in the interest of Foreign Missions, with a view to instructing the people in the foundation principles, the methods and the results, of the enterprise. It is recommended, that, as far as convenient, the meetings in each Church be prepared for by a Sabbath sermon upon Foreign Missions, and by special prayer.

2. CITY CHURCHES.

In each of these, let the entire services of one Sabbath, wherever practicable, (the date to be designated by the Presbytery's Committee), be given to the consideration of

this subject; the endeavor being, in the sanctuary, the Sabbath school, the Young People's Meetings, to promote a more intelligent and active interest in Foreign Missions.

II. TIME OF MEETINGS.

In order that the highest degree of efficiency and the most extended influence of these special services may be secured, it is recommended that they be appointed at such times, indicated by the Presbyterial Committee, as may best suit the convenience of localities and Churches. But the Permanent Committee of Synod suggests that these meetings be held at some time between the meeting of the Synod in October and the close of the week recommended by the General Assembly for such special services, the first full week in December.

III. REMARKS.

1. It is desired that Ladies' Societies and Missionary Bands shall have a part in the exercises of the special day.
2. As the movement is mainly educational, and not designed in any way to take the place of the usual church machinery, it is recommended that, under ordinary circumstances, no collections be taken at these special meetings. A proper exception would be that of a church in which no other collection for Foreign Missions would be taken probably during the year.

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