
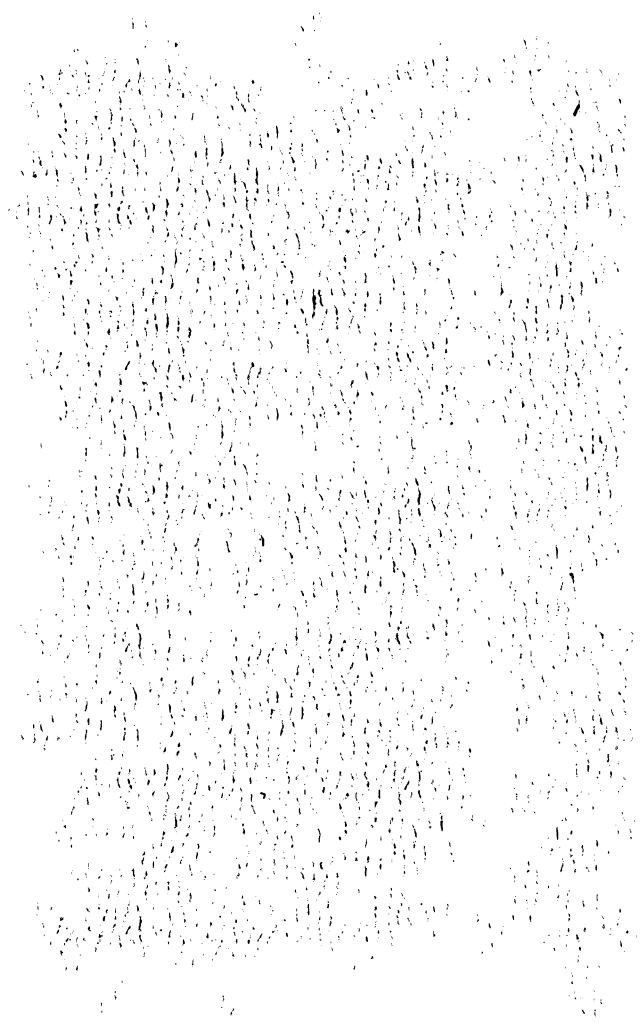




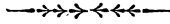
MISSIONS IN SYRIA,

1897.





BEIRUT, 1897.



The American Missionaries in Syria, extend a most cordial welcome to all Christian friends visiting this land. It is a pleasure to invite you to our homes and to help you to study personally the various phases of Missionary work. We look to Christian lands for prayerful sympathy, substantial aid, and reinforcements. Assured of your warm interest in Christ's work we lay before you the following facts.

It is over 70 years since American Missionaries came to this land. The American workers of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, with which we are connected, are 16 men and 23 women. These reside in five centers. 1. Beirut: 2. Tripoli with 27 out-stations, and reaching to Aleppo on the North: 3. Abeih in Mt. Lebanon with 28 out-stations: 4. Zahleh in Coele-Syria with 19 out-stations: 5. Sidon on the South with 24 out-stations, and reaching nearly to Galilee and Nazareth.

The departments of activity are:—1. Preaching. This in 28 organized churches with 2,247 church members, and also in 94 preaching places. 2. Educational. 6,981 day-scholars are being taught in 124 common schools, elementary branches and thorough religious instruction, while several hundreds in High Schools, Female Seminaries and Academies for boys receive advantages which fit them to be Christian workers.

A theological class of ten have recently completed their course of preparation for the ministry. Associated with the Mission, practically though not organically, is the Syrian Protestant College, with 302 students in the Preparatory, Collegiate and Medical departments. As one result of this educational system we have the aid of 4 ordained pastors, 42 licensed preachers, and 163 teachers.

The American Press last year issued 62,700 vols., and printed nearly twenty-three million pages. There are now

about 661 distinct publications on the catalogue, which can be obtained at the Press. They include, not only the Scriptures, but religious and educational books, theological, scientific, historical, juvenile, and miscellaneous books, prepared by the American Missionaries, and the Professors of the Syrian Protestant College, and by Syrian authors.

Medical work is conducted by Professors of the College at the Prussian Johanniter Hospital, Beirût, and also by medical Missionaries at their stations and in their tours.

An Industrial Training School and Orphanage for Protestant boys has been organized in Sidon, and needs help at this stage.

The Mission endeavours to combine these various departments, to supervise and organize the whole work so as to develop a strong, self-supporting native church.

While thus reporting what the Lord has given us to do, we do not forget other Christian agencies about us. These are the Reformed Presbyterians in Latakia, the Irish Presbyterians in Damascus, the Scotch Free Church in Shweir, the Church of Scotland Mission to the Jews, and the British Syrian Schools, as well as various individual workers.

Both the American and the British Bible Societies and Tract Societies have agencies in Beirût, and do a great work in the land.

STATISTICS OF
Evangelical Mission Work in Beirut,
AND OF THE
Syria Mission of Presbyterian Board
IN THE UNITED STATES,
TOGETHER WITH
Places of Evangelical Worship in the City.
1896-97.

I.

STATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN
MISSION IN SYRIA.

1. *Beirut.*

Rev. W. W. EDDY, D.D. Rev. H. H. JESSUP, D.D.
January 31st, 1852. *Feb. 7th, 1856,*

and their wives.

Mrs. C. V. A. VAN DYCK, *December 23rd, 1842.*

MARY P. EDDY, M.D., *Dec. 24th, 1893.*

Mr. E. G. FREYER, *Business Agent,* and wife.
Feb. 11th, 1895.

Beirut Female Seminary.

Miss E. A. THOMSON. Miss A. S. BARBER.
May 30th, 1876. *Oct. 17th, 1885.*

Miss ELLEN M. LAW. *Dec. 3rd, 1892.*

Theological Seminary.—Professors :—

Rev. W. W. EDDY, D.D.
*Systematic Theology, and Mental and Moral Philosophy, and
New Testament Exegesis.*

Rev. H. H. JESSUP, D.D.
*Church History, Homiletics, and Pastoral Theology, and Old
Testament Exegesis.*

Rev. O. J. HARDIN.
*Biblical, and Church History, in Summer School at Sug ul
Ghurb.*

*Syrian Protestant College.*Rev. D. BLISS, D.D., *President.*

Rev. G. E. POST, M.D., D.D.S.	J. R. SWAIN, B.A.
Rev. HARVEY PORTER, PH.D.	C. W. WISNER, JR., B.A.
ROBERT H. WEST, M.A.	W. H. HALL, PH. B.
HARRIS GRAHAM, B.A., M.D.	SHUKRI K. MALUF, B.A.
ALFRED E. DAY, M.A.	KHALIL D. TABIT, B.A.
WALTER B. ADAMS, M.A., M.D.	DAUD F. AFTIMUS, P., G.
Rev. C. A. WEBSTER, B.A., M.D.	NASIB Y. BADR, B.A.
J. W. NICELY, B.A.	ISKANDAR M. UL-KHURI B.A.
JABR M. DHUMIT, B.A.	SA'ID A. ABU-JAMRAH, B.A.
A. CHAMOREL, B.A.	Miss E. A. McINTOSH.
PAUL ERDMAN, B.A.	

	1895.	1896.
Medical Students	68	64
Collegiate Department	70	72
Preparatory Department	154	166
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Total	292	302
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Total Pupils in American Mission Schools in Syria	7,495	7,250
Of whom Girls	1,999	2,091
Total No. Members in Native Churches	2,118	2,247
Sabbath School Scholars	4,012	5,815
Contributions of Syrians for Churches & Schools	\$19,186	\$25,460

2. *Abeih and Suq ul Ghurb Station, and 28 Out-Stations.**Abeih.*—Rev. WM. BIRD, and wife, *May 1st, 1853.*Miss EMILY G. BIRD, *Nov. 25th, 1879.**Suq ul Ghurb.*—Rev. O. J. HARDIN, and wife.*November 27th, 1871.**Deir el Komr.*—Rev. GEO. C. DOOLITTLE, and wife.*June 29th, 1893.*3. *Sidon Station, and 24 Out-Stations.*

Rev. W. K. EDDY, and wife. Rev. G. A. FORD, D.D.

*October 1st, 1878.**December, 1880.*Rev. SAMUEL JESSUP, D.D. *Jan. 24th, 1863.*Miss FANNY M. JESSUP. *Aug. 12th, 1895.**Female Seminary.*

Miss C. H. BROWN. Miss M. L. LAW.

*Sept., 1885.**Oct. 16th, 1893.*

4. *Tripoli Station, and 22 Out-Stations.*

REV. F. W. MARCH. Rev. W. S. NELSON, D.D.
Nov. 15th, 1873. *Oct. 31st, 1888.*

IRA HARRIS, M.D., *Dec., 1883,* and their wives.

Female Seminary.

MISS H. LA GRANGE. MISS BERNICE HUNTING.
Jan. 25th, 1876. *Oct. 19th, 1896.*

MISS ANNA H. JESSUP. *Jan. 4th to July 10th, 1896.*

5. *Zahleh Station, and 17 Out-Stations.*

REV. F. E. HOSKINS. Rev. WM. JESSUP, and their wives.
Aug. 20th, 1888. *Nov. 30th, 1890.*

		1895.		1896.	
6. Total American Missionaries, Men	...	16	} 39	16	} 39
		Women. 23		23	
Native Pastors	.....	5	} 216	4	} 215
Total Native Syrian Preachers	.....	42		42	
Teachers and others	.....	169		169	

II.

EVANGELICAL AND GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

	1876.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
AMERICAN { Men - - -	13 } 28	16 } 39	16 } 39	16 } 39	16 } 39
MISSIONARIES { Women - - -	15 } 28	23 } 39	23 } 39	23 } 39	23 } 39
NATIVE { Ordained Pastors - -	3 } 120	4 } 227	5 } 223	5 } 216	4 } 215
SYRIAN { Licensed Preachers - -	13 } 120	40 } 227	40 } 223	42 } 216	42 } 215
LABORERS. { School Teachers - - -	96 } 120	179 } 227	178 } 223	159 } 216	163 } 215
{ Other Helpers - - -	8 } 120	4 } 227	5 } 223	10 } 216	6 } 215
Stations - - - - -	5	5	5	5	4
Outstations - - - -	60	98	110	112	110
Churches - - - - -	10	26	26	27	28
Church Buildings - -	24	31	31	31	31
Added on profession during the year - - - - -	75	133	117	100	112
Male Church-members - - -	364	1028	1040	1056	1116
Female Church-members - -	209	944	1049	1062	1131
Total Members from the first - - -	—	2656	2725	2825	2937
Regular preaching places - - -	61	90	89	95	94
Average Congregations - - -	2642	4980	5143	5010	5235
Sabbath-Schools - - - -	40	101	91	91	90
Sabbath Scholars - - - -	1540	4929	5148	4012	5815
Syrian Protestant Community (within the field of the Amer. Pres. Mis.) - - - - -	2982	5301	5300	5346	5499
Contributions of Native Communities, including tuition in College and Seminaries - -	\$1252	\$10,700	\$18,251	\$19,186	\$25,461

VOLUMES OF SCRIPTURES, INCLUDING BIBLES, TESTAMENTS AND PORTIONS, ISSUED BY THE
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY AT BEIRUT.

	1880.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Distributed in Syria, <i>Sold</i>	4,779	5,350	4,003	4,670	6,013	4,996	4,061	5,465	4,050	6,123	4,413
" " " <i>Granted.</i>	119	344	322	250	721	485	323	969	227	168	82
Consigned to Am. Miss., Egypt	5,244	7,715	12,590	10,570	17,278	10,752	11,952	13,258	14,258	33,797	20,591
" " B. & F. Bible Soc.	512	5,790	8,043	7,639	7,245	9,957	8,327	11,591	10,129	14,854	1,931
" " other parties ..	2,097	1,615	1,890	1,176	—	818	666	1,998	1,158	1,988	3,405
TOTAL.....	12,771	20,814	26,848	24,305	31,257	27,008	25,329	33,281	29,822	56,930	30,422

III.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

	1876.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
College (Syrian Protestant) -	1	1	1	1	1
Medical School - - - - -	1	1	1	1	1
Pupils in College (including Medical Department) - -	106	240	275	292	302
Theological Seminary - - -	1	1	1	1	1
Pupils in " - - - - -	7	—	10	10	—
Boys' Boarding-Schools - -	1	2	2	2	2
Pupils in " - - - - -	42	222	213	219	186
Female Seminaries - - - -	3	3	3	3	3
Pupils in " - - - - -	89	267	274	228	209
High-Schools - - - - -	2	18	18	11	11
Pupils in High-Schools - -	209	664	478	456	372
Common Schools - - - - -	71	129	130	127	124
Boys in " - - - - -	2031	4661	5048	4385	4597
Girls in " - - - - -	819	2098	2252	1999	1862
Total Schools - - - - -	80	152	156	146	143
Total Pupils - - - - -	3509	8298	7566	7495	7250
Adult Females in Bible-Classes	—	350	360	350	340

IV.

THE AMERICAN PRESS.

Founded at Malta, 1822, and at Beirut, 1834.

Mr. E. G. FREYER, *Manager.*

Mr. W. R. GLOCKLER, *Supt.*

Editor of the *Neshra* Journal, Rev. H. H. JESSUP, D.D.

The Arabic Press of the American Mission printed during the past two years:—

	1895.	1896.
Total pages	24,986,516	22,886,734
Of which, Scriptures for the Am. Bible Society	17,304,100	14,891,600
Vols. of Scriptures distributed	56,930	30,422
Total No. of distinct books on Press Catalogue	529	541
Total pages printed from the first	555,117,484	577,974,218

Catalogues of these publications, in the English and Arabic languages, can be obtained at the Press. They include the Scriptures, as well as religious, educational, theological, scientific, historical, juvenile, and miscellaneous books, prepared by the American Missionaries, and the Professors of the Syrian Protestant College, and Syrian authors.

PRESS WORK, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES,
TRACTS, &C.

	1876.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Bible House and Press Estab.:-	1	1	1	1	1
Steam Presses - - -	3	4	4	4	4
Hand Presses - - -	2	6	6	6	6
Hydraulic Press - - -	1	1	1	1	1
Lithographic Press - - -	1	1	1	1	1
Type Foundry - - -	1	3	3	3	3
Electrotype Apparatus - - -	1	1	1	1	1
Zincotype Apparatus - - -	—	1	1	1	1
Stereotype Apparatus - - -	—	1	1	1	1
Embossing Presses - - -	1	2	2	2	2
Hot Rolling Press - - -	—	1	1	1	1
Press Employés - - -	44	46	45	52	46
Publications on Press Catalogue	207	507	507	529	661
Volumes printed during the year	38,430	78,800	44,700	80,000	62,700
Pages	13,786,980	22,952,546	22,071,072	24,986,516	22,886,734
Of which, pages of Scriptures for the Am. Bib. Soc. - - -	4,277,500	14,215,850	10,878,500	17,304,100	14,961,600
Of which, pages of Tracts - - -	232,000	1,519,500	2,711,500	1,390,909	1,505,500
Total pages from the beginning Scriptures issued during the year by the Bib. Societies -	159,810,300	508,059,896	530,130,968	555,117,484	577,974,218
Other Books and Tracts sold and distributed - - -	5,641	33,281	44,135	56,930	30,422
Copies of publications of all kinds issued during the year	25,721	69,053	64,542	73,913	65,971
	—	224,000	227,291	277,137	281,949

STOCK OF BOOKS AND TRACTS, BOUND AND UNBOUND
ON HAND DEC. 31ST, 1896.

	1895.	1896.
Belonging to American Bible Society	99,075	88,238
" " London Religious Tract Society	167,371	161,517
" " American Press and Miscellaneous	416,925	327,427
Published at expense of American Tract Society	25,952	23,192
	709,323	600,374

V.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING IN ARABIC.

1. *American Mission Church.**Syrian Protestant Congregation.*

Mr. YUSEF AHTIYEH, Sunday, at 9 a.m.

Arabic Sunday School, in Memorial Hall, at 2.30 p.m.,

Oct. till June 1st, then at 5 p.m. Superintendent,

Rev. H. H. JESSUP, D.D.; Assistant Mr. ASAAD

KHIRULLAH.

Weekly Prayer and Praise Meeting, Wednesday, at
7.30 p.m.2. *British Syrian Schools.*

Every Sunday, 7 p.m., by resident Missionaries.

3. *Syrian Protestant College.*Rev. D. BLISS, D.D., *President.*

Every alternate Sunday, at 9 a.m., by Professors and

resident Missionaries, and at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday,

at 7 p.m. College Sabbath School, at 3 p.m.,

Mr. J. W. NICELY, Superintendent.

4. *Musaitabeh Chapel.*

Rev. W. W. EDDY, D.D., and Theological Students,

Sunday, at 9 a.m.

5. *British Syrian Schools — Women's Classes, Bible
Classes, Sabbath Schools in various parts of the City.*6. *Orphan House of the Prussian Deaconesses, near Ori-
ental Hotel.*

Mr. RIZK HADDAD, Sunday afternoon.

7. *Hospital of the Knights of St. John.*

Rev. GEO. E. POST, M.D., Sunday, at 4 p.m.

8. *Moslem School of Miss Taylor.*

Sunday School, at 2 p.m., and Service at 7 p.m.

9. *Six Arabic Sunday Schools in different parts of the
City, at 2 p.m.*10. *Arabic Evangelical Native Church.*

Rev. ASAAD ZARUB, Pastor. 9 a.m., Sunday.

11. *Fourteen Classes during the week, in different quarters of the City, for Bible instruction to Women, conducted by ladies of the American, English and Native Syrian communities.*

VI.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING IN GERMAN AND FRENCH.

1. *Chapel of Prussian Deaconesses.*

Rev. O. FRITZE, Pastor. Sunday, at 10 a.m.

VII.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN BEIRUT.

1. *American Mission Church.*

Anglo-American Congregation.

Rev. G. M. MACKIE, of the Church of Scotland.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Communion Service—1st Sunday in Jan., March, May, July and Nov.

Sunday School, Memorial Hall, 9.45 a.m.

2. *Church of England Service.*

House of Rev. H. G. LANCASTER, Sunday, 11 a.m.

3. *Chapel of Syrian Protestant College.*

Every alternate Sunday, at 9 a.m., by Professors and resident Missionaries; and at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

VIII.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN WORK AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

1. *American Presbyterian Mission. American Bible Society, Agent, Mr. E. G. FREYER, British and Foreign Bible Society, Agent, W. T. VAN DYCK, M.D. London Religious Tract Soc., Secretary, Rev. G. M. MACKIE. Office at the American Press and Bible House, adjoining the Church.*

2. *Theological Seminary of the American Mission, on the College Campus, Ras Beirut. Summer School in Suq ul Ghurb.*
3. *Syrian Protestant College, Ras Beirut.*
4. *American Female Seminary, near the Church.*
5. *British Syrian Schools : Acting Honorary Directress, MISS CAROLINE THOMPSON. A Training Institution, Musaitebah quarter ; and 7 Day Schools in the City. Sunday School Scholars in Beirut 258, and in Syria 3000.*
6. *Church of Scotland Mission to the Jews, House of Rev. G. M. MACKIE. Teacher, Mr. W. STAIGER.*
7. *Prussian Deaconesses' Orphan House and Boarding School for Girls.*
8. *Miss Taylor's St. George's Moslem School for Girls.*
9. *Day School of Syrian Protestants in Eastern quarter, and two other Day Schools of the American Mission for Boys and Girls.*
10. *British Syrian Schools for Blind Men and Women, adjoining the Training Institution.*

IX.

MEDICAL WORK AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

The Physicians of the Medical Department of the Syrian Protestant College have been appointed by the Order of St. John in Berlin as the Medical Attendants of the *Johanniter Hospital* in Beirut. This most interesting Charity, supported by the above mentioned Order, and served also by the Deaconesses of Kaiserswerth, has received during the past years :—

	1876.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Indoor Patients - - -	537	430	500	506	504
Patients treated in Polyclinique	9,162	10,278	11,933	10,214	11,125
Total of days of treatment -	17,500	13,098	14,799	15,553	17,427

SCHOOLS IN BEIRUT, 1896.

Religious Direction of the Schools.	Boys' Schools	Girls' Schools	Male Teachers	Female Teachers	Boys	Girls.	Total Pupils.
Protestant	12	20	50	90	700	2390	3090
Mohammedan	21	3	50	20	2000	500	2500
Orthodox Greek	6	3	21	17	900	910	1810
Maronite	5	1	85	3	1500	55	1555
Papal Greek	4	—	38	—	500	3	503
Jesuits	5	1	90	4	1500	200	1700
Sisters of Charity ..	2	4	10	11	175	2000	2175
Sisters of Nazareth ..	—	2	—	20	—	500	500
Mar Monsur	2	—	3	—	400	—	400
Capuchins	2	—	4	—	150	—	150
Syriac	1	—	6	—	100	—	100
Italian	1	1	6	3	130	120	250
Jewish	5	1	25	2	500	90	590
Armenian	1	—	3	—	150	—	150
TOTALS.....	67	36	391	170	8705	6768	15473