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A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE MISSIONS OF THE  
SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Our Church has been engaged in Foreign Mission work since 1866. The history of her missionary endeavor is, therefore, short. It is like the history of the Church herself as an independent organization. But the history of the Presbyterian Church South, albeit her career is so short, has many lessons for the Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Earth; and the history of her efforts to preach the Gospel among heathen peoples should be regarded by herself at least as of great practical importance as well as of deep interest.

We have undertaken in another place to give a compendious account of the Foreign Missionary effort of our Church.\* But our limits in that place forbade our giving any particular and detailed account of the several Missions which the Church has planted.

Accordingly it is proposed in the present paper to sketch in a meagre way the planting and progress of these several missions. We cannot promise in the following pages any of that life which could have been infused into the history had we had access to such letters of missionaries as must be stored in our Committee's rooms, or must be in the possession of their more familiar personal friends. We must, also, confess that, in many instances, the official reports of our Committee and such letters from missionaries, as we have been able to get at through their publication, have not sufficed to give that exact information which was desired; so that we have had to conten-

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\*See Southern Presbyterians, pp. 362-371. (In American Church History Series.)

much of moral suasion in salvation. No man can justly deny to persuasion a big place in salvation. But the Spirit's recreative—supernaturally recreative work—should not be forgotten. Nor should it be suppressed in answer to such questions as our author deals with.

In sections wherein neology is rife the book will do considerable good perhaps. In our judgement it will do as much harm as good in a large part of the churches in our country.

November 8th, 1895.

THOS. C. JOHNSON.

PRESBYTERIAN RULE. *By Rev. W. H. Workman.*

Mr. Workman's volume has not yet been published. Its publication seems to depend on the raising of a certain number of subscribers. Those who desire to see its publication would do well to send in their subscriptions. The following description of the work has been sent us by the author, viz.:

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The Book of Church Order, re-arranged and annotated with the Decisions of the General Assembly from 1789 to 1895 omitting all obsolete matter after a careful comparison of the Old and New Books of Church Order. About 200 pp., 4x6, cloth bound, price 40c. and postage. Indispensable aid to Ruling Elders. Subscribers needed to aid me in publishing, send name and address to

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“MISCELLANIES OF T. E. PECK,” D. D., LL. D. Vol. I.

Students and friends of Dr. Peck will be gratified to see this volume edited under the care of Dr. Johnson, of Union Seminary. It is gotten up with great neatness by our “Committee of Publication.” The clean white paper and clear-cut type are typical of the clean white soul of the lamented author and his clear cut and strongly marked intellect.

Dr. Peck is shown in this volume to have been a man of vigorous, independent mind, alert, acute, penetrating—a man of scholarship and learning—a man who believed the Bible to be the *Word of God*, and was faithful to what he believed to be its teachings, and who accepted the “Confession of Faith” *con armore*, and felt profoundly his *obligation* to be *faithful* to that Creed which as a Professor he had *subscribed*.

The articles in this volume are grouped under the following heads which will give an idea of the variety of topic treated of? RELATION OF THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. The Gospel Preached to the Poor. RELIEF OF THE POOR, &c. THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH. Liturgies, Instrumental Music. Worship of the Church. Systematic Benevolence. The Lord's Supper. Concerning the Tithe. Revivals of Religion. Wisdom of man versus the Power of God. THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH PAGAN-