

## THE BOARD AND ITS GENERAL POLICIES

The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions was organized in 1933 and chartered in 1934 for the purpose of establishing and conducting "truly Biblical Missions" among all nations. The Board, therefore, was not intended to be, and is not, just another Mission Board. It was born of a sterling testimony to the integrity and to the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, as constituting God's Word to man; and, also as a testimony against that modernism and unbelief which in our day have so insidiously crept into the Christian Church and through it have spread to many Mission lands, there not only undermining confidence in God's Word and causing many people to cast it aside entirely, but also leaving non-Christians who may indeed hear of Jesus through a modernist missionary's lips in no wise nearer eternal salvation than they were before.

The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions exists, therefore

1. To aid in fulfilling Christ's commission to preach the Gospel to every creature; and to do so upon the basis of the directions, principles and methods so clearly laid down for our guidance in the Scriptures. Much foreign Mission work is top-heavy educationally or otherwise, so that many a non-Christian in seeing it thinks of education, or social service, or what-not rather than of Christ. The Independent Board's motto, on the contrary, is "truly Biblical Missions." The Board believes that the principles of such Missions have been admirably expressed in "The Nevius Method" which envisions Churches on the field that are self-extending, self-supporting, self-governing and, in reliance on God's Word and Spirit, self-nourishing. In a word, the Board believes that upon every convert and upon every Church should be put all those responsibilities and to them should be opened all those privileges that God's Word lays upon every one who comes to God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. To Defend the Faith. Defense of the faith is ranked in importance in Scripture, with the very proclamation of the Gospel itself, Phil. 1:7-18; and, in our day as in the Apostles' time, it is a very necessary task in that rationalism has

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