

not only spread to many of the mission fields of the world but in some has wrought the same havoc in the life of the churches as it has in the home lands.

5. To provide for missionaries a Board under which they can serve God and the peoples to whom they are commissioned free from the fear that their efforts on the field will be undermined and perhaps be brought to naught by the unbelief and the unfaithfulness of the supporting agency at home. As a matter of fact, any Board, or Council, can reach down into any matter on any foreign field and overturn any decision a Mission has made. It has been done by many a Mission Board and Council to the consternation of faithful and true missionaries. Missions, therefore, must be guarded against corruption at their source and that source, humanly speaking, is usually the Mission Board.
4. To provide for God-fearing and faithful people at home an agency through which they can be confident that gifts of consecrated money for the proclamation of the Gospel will go to the proclamation of that Gospel and not to the support of individuals who do not believe the Gospel and not for the establishment of institutions and agencies which only rarely or faintly present the Gospel or perhaps deny it altogether.

These aims are distinctive. By some they are ridiculed and denied. But they are in harmony with God's Word. They determine very largely the kind of missionary who can be accepted by this Board and they govern the character of the work to be done upon the field. They also determine, in large degree, the relationship of the Board to its Missions and its missionaries; and time is proving that they attract people who have the interest of the true Gospel at heart.

In accordance with these principles The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions exists, not for itself, not in subjection to a Church or to a Denomination, but for the proclamation on as many fields as possible of the actual Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in the Scriptures of truth. The Board sincerely committed to the Reformed Faith; it is self-perpetuating, but is rigidly committed by its charter to all the principles we have mentioned and if it ever should depart from that charter it could