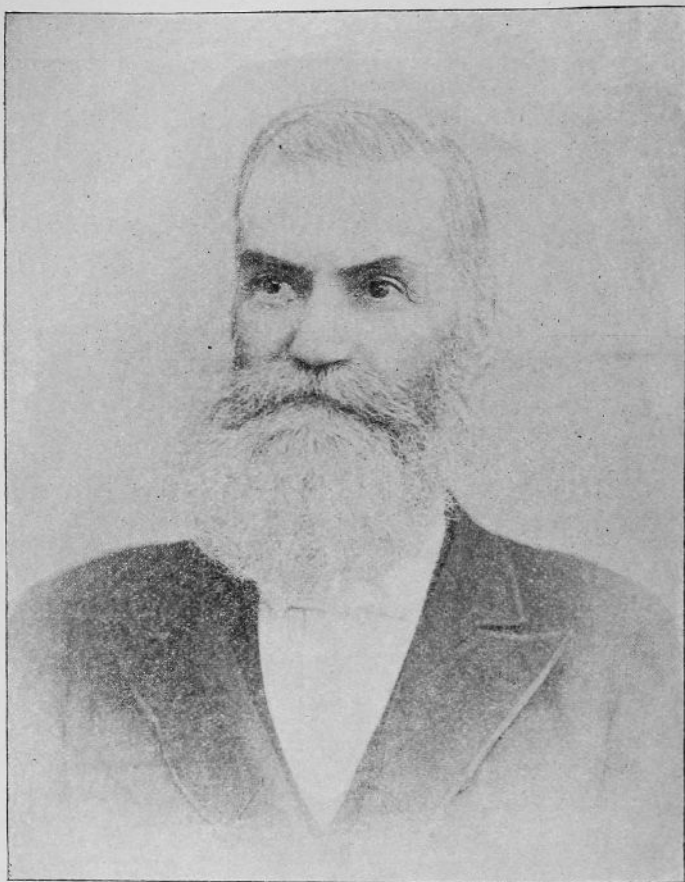


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CONSTITUTION.

We, the delegates from missionary societies, churches and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States, met in convention in the city of Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of our constituents by organizing a plan of eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel, agree to the following rules of fundamental principles:

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the "Southern Baptist Convention."

ART II. It shall be the design of this Convention to promote foreign and domestic missions, and other important objects connected with the Redeemer's kingdom, and to combine for this purpose such portions of the Baptist denomination in the United States as may desire a general organization for Christian benevolence, which shall fully respect the independence and equal rights of the churches.

ART. III. The Convention shall consist, (1) of brethren who contribute funds, or are delegated by Baptist bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention, on the basis of one delegate for every \$250 actually paid into the treasuries of the Boards during the fiscal year, ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meeting of the Convention; (2) of one representative from each of the District Associations which co-operate with this convention, provided that such representative be formally elected at the annual meeting of his District Association and his election certified to the Secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by a copy of the printed Minutes.

ART. IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, who shall, in event of the death or disability of the Treasurer, act as such officer, and two Secretaries, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and hold their offices until a new election; and the officers of the Convention shall be, each by virtue of his office, members of the several Boards.

ART. V. The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting as many Boards of Managers as in its judgment will be necessary for carrying out the benevolent objects it may determine to promote—all of which Boards may continue in office until a new election. Each Board shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and fifteen other members, seven of whom, including one or more of the officers, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; *provided*, that any of the Boards may have the same person to fill the two positions of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. To each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the objects with whose interest it shall be charged; all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions adopted by this Convention, and such other instructions

as may be given from time to time. Each Board shall have power to make such compensation to its Secretaries and Treasurer as it may think right, fill the vacancies occurring in its own bodies, and enact its own By-laws.

ART. VI. The Treasurer of each Board shall faithfully account for all moneys received by him, keep a regular entry of all receipts and disbursements, and make report of them to the Convention whenever it shall be in session, and to his Board as often as required. He shall also, on entering upon the duties of his office, give competent security to the President of the Board for all the stock and funds committed to his care. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of any member of the Convention and of its Board. No moneys shall be paid out of any of the treasuries of the Board but by an order from that Board from whose treasury the money is to be drawn, which order shall be signed by the presiding officer.

ART. VII. The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Boards shall maintain intercourse by letter with such individuals or public bodies as the interest of their respective bodies may require. Copies of all such communications, with their answers, if any, shall be kept by them on file.

ART. VIII. The Recording Secretaries of the several Boards shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and of such other documents as may be committed to them for the purpose.

ART. IX. All the officers, Boards, Missionaries and Agents appointed by the Convention, or by any of its Boards, shall be members of some regular church in union with the churches composing this Convention.

ART. X. Missionaries appointed by any of the Boards of this Convention must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in their Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

ART. XI. The bodies and individuals composing this Convention shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied. But when no such specification is made the Convention will make the appropriation at its own discretion.

ART. XII. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, but extra meetings may be called by the President, with the approbation of any of the Boards of Managers. A majority of the attending delegates shall not be necessary to make a quorum for the transaction of business. The President, or, in the event of his death, any of the Vice-Presidents of the Convention, may, at the request of two of its Boards, postpone or alter the place of meeting of this Convention, when it may be deemed by him inexpedient to convene at the time or place appointed.

ART. XIII. Any alterations which experience shall dictate may be made in these Articles by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Convention.

BY-LAWS.

Impressed with the obligations resting on the Convention to endeavor more energetically and systematically to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel, we adopt the following By-laws:

1. That the Boards of the Convention be directed to form the closest possible connection with the State Boards, where such exist, in such a way as shall be mutually agreeable, and in other cases to secure such agency as each of the Boards may deem best, in both cases providing for the necessary expenses incurred.

2. That the Secretaries of the Boards of the Convention be instructed to secure frequent distribution of information relating to their work by means of newspapers, tracts, leaflets, and otherwise, as may be found expedient among the mass of the people.

3. That the Committee of the Nomination of New Boards be instructed to nominate, as Vice-Presidents of Boards, men known to be identified with the interests of the Convention, and of their own State Boards, and unless special reasons exist to the contrary, men who make efforts to attend the sessions of the Convention. These Vice-Presidents shall be expected to co-operate with the Boards, both giving and receiving suggestions as to work to be done, and they also shall be expected to present at the next session of the Convention a brief report in writing of what they had been requested to do, and of the way in which they have complied with these requests, with any suggestions they may have to offer as to the condition and needs of their respective fields. It shall be the duty of each Secretary, in due time, to furnish the Vice-President of his Board with suitable blanks for such reports, and to call their attention to this article, and to make any proper effort to secure the due preparation of these reports. In case any Vice-President appointed is unable or unwilling to comply with the requests herein mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Board, if possible, to find some person who can, and request him to do so; and furthermore, the Vice-President for each State shall be desired, as speedily as possible, to prepare a roll of the associations, churches, and Sunday-schools in that State, to be used for the distribution of information, and to ascertain as far as possible which of the churches and Sunday-schools are contributing to the funds of the Board and the annual amounts, and to make systematic effort each year to increase the number and amount of such contributions.

4. The Boards shall report at each session of the Convention what special efforts they have been able to make toward carrying out the object of these By-laws.

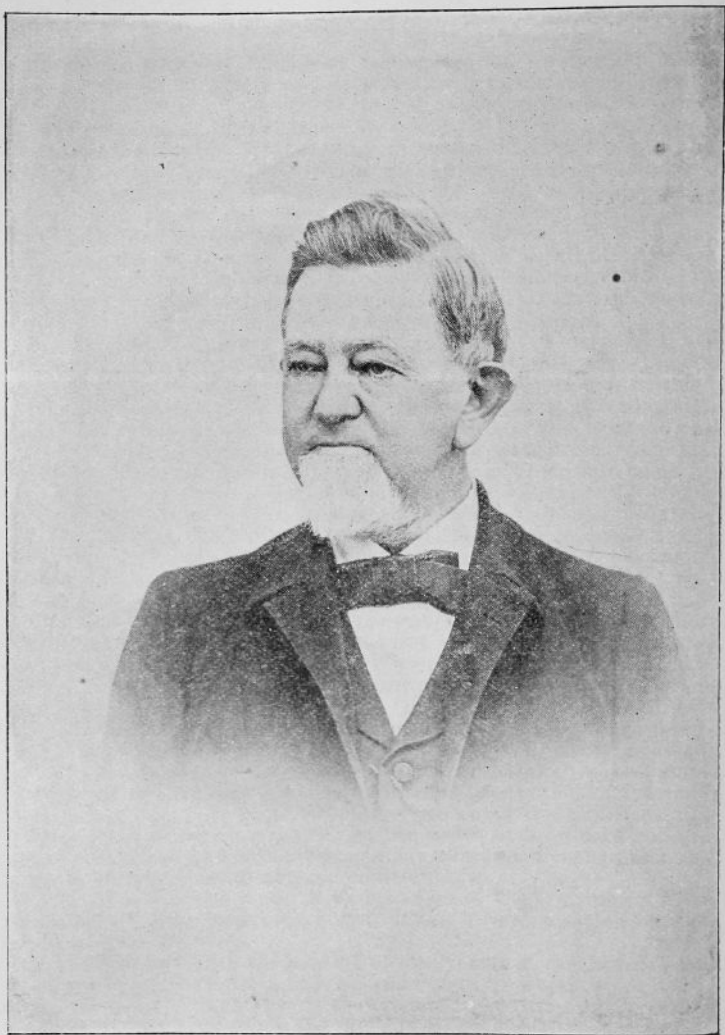
5. Immediately after the reading of the reports of the Boards each year, a committee of five shall be appointed, to whom shall be referred so much of these reports as pertains to the carrying out of the By-laws, and also the reports of the Vice-Presidents.

6. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of the Convention shall be elected by ballot; *provided, however*, that when there is only one nomination for the same office, the Secretary, if there be no objection, may be instructed to cast the ballot for the Convention.

7. Applause upon the floor of the Convention is out of order, and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer promptly to suppress all such demonstration.

8. These By-laws may be altered at any time by a majority vote except on the last day of the Convention.





THOMAS HENDERSON PRITCHARD, D.D.,
Vice-President, 1884.
BORN, CHARLOTTE, N. C., FEBRUARY 8, 1832.
DIED, NEW YORK, N. Y., MAY 23, 1896.

PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 7, 1897.

1. The Southern Baptist Convention met this day in its forty-second session, in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, and at 10 A. M. was called to order by Jonathan Haralson, Alabama, the President of the previous Convention.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by Charles L. Cocks, Virginia, consisting of the singing of the hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," the reading of a part of the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and prayer by J. B. Gambrell, Texas.

3. The roll of representatives was called, and the names of the members were enrolled as they appear at the close of this journal.

4. Jonathan Haralson, Alabama, having been nominated to be President of the Convention, on motion of W. J. Northen, Georgia, the vote of the Convention was cast for him by one of the Secretaries, and he was chosen President, and so assumed the chair.

5. On motion of G. W. Gardner, Georgia, the vote of the Convention was cast by R. J. Willingham, Virginia, for Lansing Burrows, Georgia, and Oliver F. Gregory, Maryland, to be the Secretaries of the Convention.

6. Various brethren having been nominated to be Vice-Presidents, the following tellers were appointed to ascertain the choice of the Convention: W. C. McCall, South Carolina; George F. Bagby, Virginia; John K. Griffin, Georgia; J. W. Kramer, North Carolina.

7. Joshua Levering, Maryland, presented a communication from the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, regarding vacancies in the Board, and also the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In a report just submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, it is stated that there exist two vacancies from Georgia, and one each from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina on said Board;

Resolved, That a Committee of two each from the above mentioned States be appointed to select three brethren for each vacancy from the States named to be nominated by this Convention to said Board of Trustees from which it may elect members to fill the vacancies in accordance with the fundamental laws of the seminary.

8. On motion of J. M. Frost, Tennessee, it was

Ordered, That having set ourselves for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ and realizing our dependence upon him and remembering that his kingdom comes "not by power, but by His Spirit," we will give ourselves individually much to prayer, and that the President of the Convention will intersperse the exercises with prayer and praise as will imbue the Convention with a spirit of devotion and bring upon us the presence and the manifest power of the Holy Spirit, that he may give us wisdom and guidance and make this session of the Convention a session of vast missionary power.

9. A communication was presented from the Southern Baptist Educational Conference, by C. S. Estes, South Carolina, regarding the relation of the anniversaries of the American Baptist Education Society to the annual sessions of this Convention, which communication was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Time and Place of next meeting.

10. Words of welcome to the city of Wilmington were spoken by Iredell Meares on the part of the community, and W. B. Oliver on the part of the Baptists; to which response was made on the part of the Convention by J. L. White, Georgia.

11. On motion of T. T. Eaton, Kentucky, it was

Ordered, That the hours for meeting be: Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 1 P. M.; meet at 3:30 and adjourn at 5:30 P. M.; meet at 8 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

12. The President by direction of the Convention announced the following Committee on Order of Business:

C. H. Ryland, Virginia ; R. J. Willingham, Virginia ; I. T. Tichenor, Georgia ; J. M. Frost, Tennessee ; W. H. Whitsitt, Kentucky.

13. A number of visiting brethren were introduced to the Convention, and addresses were made by A. J. Rowland and R. G. Seymour, representing the American Baptist Publication Society.

14. C. H. Ryland, Virginia, from the Committee on Order of Business, reported, outlining the program for the remainder of the day and for a portion of to-morrow ; and also recommending :

1. That when any item of business provided for in this report shall be dispatched before the expiration of the time allotted to it, the President shall at once call the item next in order.

2. That this order of business may be suspended at any time by a majority of the delegates present and voting, and that any other question coming before the Convention, except amendments to its Constitution, shall be decided by a like vote.

15. The President, by direction of the Committee appointed the pastors of the Baptist churches of Wilmington and the deacons of the First Baptist church, a Committee on Religious Exercises.

16. The Convention adjourned after prayer by Malcolm MacGregor, Georgia.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

17. The Convention reassembled at 3:30 p.m. and was led in prayer by Edwin O. Ware, Louisiana.

18. The President announced the following committee to nominate trustees for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary : S. C. Clopton, S. M. Melton, Maryland ; M. L. Wood, J. W. Hundley, Virginia ; N. B. Broughton, J. W. Carter, North Carolina, C. H. Judson, W. T. Derieaux, South Carolina ; B. F. Abbott, J. D. Chapman, Georgia.

19. An abstract of the report of the Home Mission

Board was presented by I. T. Tichenor, Georgia, its Corresponding Secretary, together with a report of its Treasurer.

20. On motion of W. W. Landrum, Georgia, it was

Ordered, That the session of to-morrow, or so much as may be necessary, be devoted to hearing the representatives of the Board from the various States or other fields of the Board, and also from the President of the Board, Henry McDonald; also that the suggestion of the Board in regard to enlargement of work be referred to a committee composed of one delegate each of all the States; also that the Treasurer's report be referred to a special committee.

21. An abstract of the report of the Sunday-school Board was read by J. M. Frost, Tennessee, together with the report of its Treasurer, and was ordered to be referred to a committee to consider its work and report thereon.

22. The tellers reported the election of the following to be Vice-Presidents of the Convention:

W. J. NORTHEN, Georgia.

JOSHUA LEVERING, Maryland.

R. H. MARSH, North Carolina.

J. P. EAGLE, Arkansas.

23. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was presented as information, by W. E. Hatcher, Virginia. Whereupon it was ordered that the communication be printed in the minutes of the Convention.

The Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, assembled in their annual meeting in Wilmington, N. C., May the 6th, 1897, desire to submit to the Baptists of the South the following statement, in regard to the institution whose interests have been committed to their care and management:

1. That we account this a fitting occasion to reaffirm our cordial and thorough adherence to the fundamental articles adopted at the time when the Seminary was established, and to assure those on whose behalf we hold in trust and administer the affairs of this institution, of our steadfast purpose to require hereafter, as we have in the past, that the fundamental laws and scriptural doctrines embodied in those articles shall be faithfully upheld by those occupying chairs as teachers.

2. That we cannot undertake to sit in judgment on questions in Bap-

tist history which do not imperil any of these principles, concerning which all Baptists are agreed, but concerning which serious, conscientious and scholarly students are not agreed. We can, however, confidently leave to continued research and discussion, the satisfactory solution of these questions.

3. That believing the Seminary to hold an important relation to the prosperity and usefulness of Southern Baptists, we consider it our duty, while demanding of those in charge of the departments of instruction the utmost patience in research and the greatest discretion in utterance, to foster, rather than repress, the spirit of earnest and reverent investigation.

4. That being fully assured that the tender affection which we cherish for this institution, founded by our fathers and bequeathed by them to us, is shared by the Baptists of the South, we can safely trust them as we ask them to trust us, to guard its honor, promote its usefulness and pray for its prosperity.

Upon the adoption of the foregoing statement, the Trustees appointed a committee to notify Dr. Whitsitt of this action, and to invite him to meet with them and to make any voluntary statements he might desire. Whereupon Dr. Whitsitt appeared before the Board and read the following paper:

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 7, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I beg leave to return sincerest and heartiest thanks for the noble and generous treatment that you have bestowed upon me. I have only words of affection for every member of the Board. After consulting with the committee I have the following to say:

1. That in regard to the articles written as editorials for the *Independent*, I have long felt that it was a mistake, and the generous action of the Board of Trustees renders it easy for me to make this statement. What I wrote was from a Pedobaptist standpoint with a view to stimulating historical research, with no thought that it would injure the Baptists, and with no intention to disparage Baptist doctrines or practices.

2. That the article in *Johnson's Encyclopedia* has probably passed beyond my control; but it will be very pleasing to me if I can honorably procure the elimination from it of whatsoever is offensive to any of my brethren.

3. Regarding the charge that I expressed a conviction that a kinswoman of mine ought to follow her husband into a Pedobaptist church, that it was never my intention to indicate a belief that the family outranked the Church of God. I believe that obedience to God's commands is above every other human duty, and that people in every relation of life ought to obey God rather than man.

4. That on the historical questions involved in the discussion, I find myself out of agreement with some honored historians; but what I have written is the outcome of patient and honest research, and I can do no otherwise than to re-affirm my convictions and maintain my position. But if in the future it shall ever be made to appear that I have erred in my conclusions, I would promptly and cheerfully say so. I am a searcher after truth, and will gladly hail every helper in my work.

5. That I cannot more strongly assure the brethren that I am a Baptist than by what I have recently declared with regard to the abstract of principles set forth in the Fundamental Laws of the Seminary. I am heartily in accord with my Baptist brethren in every distinctive principle that they hold. My heart and life are bound up with the Baptists, and I have no higher thought on earth than to spend my days in their fellowship and service, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. WHITSITT.

At the conclusion of the reading of the foregoing paper the trustees joined in singing

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word,"

during which, amid flowing tears and many expressions of satisfaction and joy, the members of the Board pressed forward and gave Dr. Whitsitt the hand of fellowship and confidence. The trustees then instructed B. H. Carroll of Texas, and W. E. Hatcher of Virginia, to communicate to the Southern Baptist Convention this action, and also to give it to the public press. Please bear in mind that this statement is made to the Convention for information and not for action.

24. An abstract of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by R. J. Willingham, Virginia, its Corresponding Secretary, together with the report of its Treasurer.

After remarks by J. G. Gibson, Georgia, a contribution of \$13,500 was made to relieve the debt of the Board. The report of the Board was ordered to be referred to Committees on Papal Fields, Pagau Fields and Finances.

25. The President announced the following Committee on Report of the Sunday-school Board: W. J. Northen, Georgia; W. C. Tyree, North Carolina; D. I. Purser, Louisiana; C. H. Nash, Kentucky; T. S. Potts, Tennessee; A. P. Montague, District of Columbia; L. R. Thornhill, Virginia.

26. The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report.

27. The Convention then adjourned, with prayer by C. C. Meador, District of Columbia.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

28. The Convention having assembled at 8 P. M. the annual sermon was preached by R. A. Venable, Mississippi, from the text Philippians 2:9-11.

29. Subsequent to the sermon the claims of the Students' Fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary were presented by E. G. Dargan, Kentucky, and a contribution was made for that fund, amounting to \$2,010.

30. The Convention then adjourned after prayer by H. W. Battle, Virginia.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 8, 1897.

31. The Convention having assembled at 9 o'clock was called to order by Jas. P. Eagle, one of the Vice-Presidents, and after singing was led in prayer by I. T. Tiehonor, Georgia.

32. The journal of yesterday was read and confirmed.

33. The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented, read, and ordered to be printed. It is Appendix D.

34. George W. Norton, Kentucky, was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

35. William P. Harvey, Kentucky, was re-elected Auditor of the Convention.

36. The following Committees were announced :

On Time and Place of Next Meeting: M. B. Wharton, Virginia;

M. E. Broadus, Tennessee; L. D. Geiger, Florida; W. P. Harvey, Kentucky; W. R. Oliver, North Carolina; W. R. Maxwell, Texas; B. D. Ragsdale, Georgia.

On Enrollment: W. C. Bledsoe, Alabama; J. P. Eagle, Arkansas; W. S. O. Thomas, District of Columbia; J. J. Parsons, Florida; M. M. Welch, Georgia; J. T. Christian, Kentucky; J. F. Purser, Louisiana; E. S. Tuttle, Maryland; Oscar Haywood, Mississippi; Everett Gill, Missouri; J. W. Bailey, North Carolina; C. C. Brown, South Carolina; M. D. Jeffries, Tennessee; E. E. King, Texas; George Cooper, Virginia.

On Nominations: A. W. Simms, North Carolina; J. Duncan, Texas; C. W. Duke, Virginia; R. L. Lee, Maryland; D. M. Ramsey, South Carolina; R. B. Garrett, Tennessee; W. H. Felix, Kentucky; L. O. Dawson, Alabama; R. A. Cohron, Mississippi; A. F. Baker, Missouri; C. F. J. Tate, Arkansas; D. G. Whittinghill, Louisiana; Lee D. Lodge, District Columbia; John F. Forbes, Florida; E. L. Connelly, Georgia.

On Reports of Vice-Presidents of the Boards: W. J. E. Cox, Maryland; B. F. Riley, Georgia; E. S. Alderman, Kentucky; H. A. Brown, North Carolina; J. S. Dill, Virginia; W. C. Golden, Tennessee; J. H. Peay, Arkansas.

On Subsequent Work of Home Board: J. G. Gibson, Georgia; W. C. Bledsoe, Alabama; W. A. Clarke, Arkansas; C. C. Meador, District of Columbia; J. C. Porter, Florida; J. W. Warder, Kentucky; E. O. Ware, Louisiana; O. F. Gregory, Maryland; A. V. Rowe, Mississippi; N. R. Pittman, Missouri; J. E. White, North Carolina; T. M. Bailey, South Carolina; A. J. Holt, Tennessee; J. B. Gambrell, Texas; Wm. Ellyson, Virginia.

On Treasurer's Report Home Board: W. F. Holtzman, District of Columbia; W. A. Hobson, Alabama; N. W. P. Bacon, Mississippi; J. A. French, Texas; T. H. Ellett, Virginia; T. A. Norwood, South Carolina.

On Woman's Work: J. O. Rust, Tennessee; J. A. Oates, Jr., North Carolina; N. N. Burton, South Carolina; W. A. Simmons, Missouri; J. H. Eaton, Kentucky; F. M. McConnell, Texas; Gilbert Dobbs, Virginia.

On Papal Fields, Foreign Board: J. L. Gross, Georgia; H. W. Tribble, Virginia; C. S. Gardner, South Carolina; A. J. Dickinson, Alabama; Q. C. Davis, Maryland; M. J. Breaker, Missouri; J. F. Duncan, Texas.

On Pagan Fields: J. K. Pace, Mississippi; E. A. Taylor, Tennessee; J. T. Bothwell, Georgia; E. H. Swem, District of Columbia; T. M. Calloway, Alabama; J. N. Prestridge, Kentucky; L. W. Wright, Indian Territory.

On Finances Foreign Board: J. H. Gambrell, Georgia; W. S. Wilson,

Kentucky; T. N. Compton, Louisiana; L. R. Milbourne, Maryland; A. C. Mason, Mississippi; C. B. Justice, North Carolina.

37. The interests of the Home Board being under consideration, the Convention was first addressed by C. T. Walker, a colored minister of Georgia, and by representatives of the work of the Board, as follows: S. M. Provence, Florida; E. O. Ware, Louisiana; J. P. Eagle, Arkansas; L. W. Wright, Indian Territory; J. H. Manis, Indian Territory; A. V. Rowe, Mississippi; J. N. Prestridge, Kentucky; A. J. Holt, Tennessee; J. S. Felix, North Carolina; J. E. White, North Carolina; Wm. Ellyson, Virginia; and Henry McDona'd, Georgia.

38. A final report was made from the Committee of Order of Business, outlining the work for the remainder of the time.

39. S. C. Clopton, Maryland, from the Committee to nominate brethren to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, reported as follows, and it was adopted:

Your Committee on the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recommend the nomination of the following brethren to that Board from whom it may elect one for each of the vacancies:

For the vacancy in the Georgia membership, created by the removal of brother J. B. Gambrell to Texas, we suggest the names of brethren W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta; Lansing Burrows, of Augusta; J. L. White, of Macon.

For the vacancy in the Georgia membership, created by the failure of brother J. M. Brown to attend three consecutive meetings, we suggest the names of brethren J. G. Gibson, of Atlanta; E. L. Connally, of Atlanta; B. D. Ragsdale, Conyers.

For the vacancy in the North Carolina membership, created by the death of brother T. H. Pritchard, we suggest the names of brethren H. A. Brown, of Winston, J. H. Tucker, of Asheville; W. R. Oliver, of Wilmington.

For the vacancy in the South Carolina membership, caused by the failure of brother T. P. Smith to attend three successive meetings, we suggest the names of brethren J. H. Montgomery, of Spartanburg; D. M. Ramsey, Charleston; C. S. Gardner, Greenville.

For the vacancy in the Virginia membership, caused by the removal

of brother W. W. Landrum to Georgia, we suggest the names of brethren, Charles H. Ryland, of Richmond; A. B. Woodfin, of Hampton; H. W. Battle, of Petersburg.

For the new member from Maryland, on the basis of the \$10,000 given by brother Joshua Levering to erect the gymnasium, we suggest the names of brethren J. Appleton Wilson, of Baltimore; L. R. Milbourne, of Rockville; J. W. Millard, of Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. CLOPTON,
M. L. WOOD,
JOHN D. HUNDLEY,
S. W. MELTON,
J. W. CARTER,
W. T. DERIEUX,
W. F. ABBOTT,
J. D. CHAPMAN,
N. B. BROUGHTON.

40. The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by A. B. Campbell, Alabama.

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SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

41. The Convention met and was led in prayer by M. D. Early, Tennessee.

42. A. P. Montague, District of Columbia, from the committee, read

THE REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Southern Baptist Convention:

Your Committee on the Report of the Sunday-school Board respectfully state that they have carefully examined the report, conferred with the Secretary of the Board concerning the matters contained therein, and earnestly considered the general plans and work of the Board.

I. They recommend first that the Convention give its cordial approval to the requests of the Board that the denomination contribute money for the distribution of Bibles among those who are unable to purchase them, and that the Convention indorse the publication of Testaments and Bibles recently issued with the imprint of the Convention.

II. We most heartily indorse the action of the Board in sending valuable assistance to our colored brethren.

III. We recommend that the purchase of house No. 167 North Cherry street, Nashville, Tenn., be approved, and that the Convention direct that this property, now held by the Secretary of the Board as trustee, be transferred to the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion as a corporation, and that such legal action as may be necessary for making and confirming this transfer be taken.

IV. We call especial attention to the following statements in the report of the Board concerning the improvements of our Sunday-schools: "The only, or rather, the main method of helping the Board in their work, is in supplying the Sunday-schools with the periodicals which are owned and controlled by the Convention, and which, besides other things, make prominent the missionary interests of the Convention."

V. We further recommend that the Convention advise reductions in the prices of publications if, in the judgment of the Board, such reductions may be made without detriment to the interests of the Board.

VI. That the other enterprises of the Board, to wit: the observance of Missionary Day, the introduction of the Home Department, and the auxiliary work of the Woman's Missionary Union receive the unqualified sanction of the Convention.

In conclusion, your committee congratulate the Southern Baptist Convention upon the thorough and successful service of the Sunday-school Board, and especially upon the efficient labors of its Secretary, whose admirable business management has achieved such marked success. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of this work, the object of which is not only to bring the young of our land under the influence of Christian teaching and thus advance the cause of our Master, but also to place in destitute and desolate homes the Book which tells the story of Calvary and points the way to fellowship with Jesus.

W. J. NORTHEN,
W. C. TYREE,
D. I. PURSER,
C. H. NASH,
T. S. POTTS,
A. P. MONTAGUE,
L. R. THORNHILL.

The report was spoken to by W. J. Northen, Georgia; J. M. Robertson, Texas; W. E. Hatcher, Virginia; J. C. Hiden, Virginia; N. B. Broughton, North Carolina; J. S. Felix, North Carolina; and J. M. Frost, Tennessee. The report was then adopted.

43. A communication from the North Pacific Coast Baptist Convention having been received, was referred to a committee consisting of T. P. Bell, Georgia; W. W. Landrum, Georgia; and W. L. Brown, South Carolina.

44. The Convention then adjourned, with prayer by R. B. Headden, Georgia.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

45. At 8 o'clock the Convention was called to order by W. J. Northen, one of the vice-presidents. Prayer was offered by J. L. Gross, Georgia.

46. The order of the evening being a consideration of the interests of the Home Mission Board, addresses were made by J. V. Cova, one of the Cuban missionaries; J. B. Gambrell, Texas, and R. A. Venable, Mississippi.

47. The following, offered by T. M. Callaway, Alabama, was adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother T. H. Stout, a delegate to this Convention from Georgia, was on yesterday called home on account of the death of his wife,

Be it resolved, That the sympathies of this body be extended him in his sad bereavement.

48. The Convention adjourned, after the benediction by F. H. Kerfoot, Kentucky.

THIRD DAY—THE SABBATH.

49. Various churches in the city of Wilmington and its vicinity were supplied by brethren in attendance upon the Convention.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 10, 1897.

50. The Convention reassembled at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the President. Geo. F. Bagby, Virginia, led in prayer.

51. The Journal was read and confirmed.

52. Lemuel Moss, President of the American Baptist Historical Society, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

53. B. F. Riley, Georgia, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, The American Baptist Historical Society holds important and peculiar relations to the entire denomination throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, It is seeking to secure and to preserve every kind of material pertaining to the Baptists, from the beginning through every stage and vicissitude of their career; and

WHEREAS, It wishes to be in readiness to gather all such material for all time to come, that the activities and achievements of God's people may be worthily cared for and made known; therefore

Resolved, That this matter appeals to Southern Baptists in their constantly increasing regard for all that pertains to educational, spiritual, and missionary advancement.

Resolved, That we commend the American Baptist Historical Society to our churches, and to our entire membership, that it may have a place in our thoughts and plans beside our other great agencies, in order that it may be helped, not only to the small amount of money for which it asks, but that there may be sent to it sketches of State history, associational history, personal biography and, indeed, everything which will in any form, illustrate the past and present of our people, in its beginnings and throughout its trials, struggles, and triumphs.

54. T. P. Bell, Georgia, from the special committee appointed to consider a communication from the North Pacific Coast Baptist Convention, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Mission Board of the North Pacific Coast Convention beg leave to report:

1. The communication contains an appeal to the Convention to interfere by mediation and otherwise in a strife that has arisen between brethren of different views of church policy and action, which strife affects the missionary plans and policies of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in a territory in which this Convention has never had any missions.

2. On inquiry we find that though the North Pacific Coast Convention has contributed some money to the mission work of this Convention, it has not done so in such amount or manner as to entitle it to representation in the body and so it cannot claim our action on the ground of being a part of the Convention, or its work being a part of the Convention's work.

3. Apart from this consideration, we do not deem it within the province of this Convention to in any manner interfere in the local conten-

tions as to doctrine and policy of other Baptist bodies, whether connected with it originally or not.

We recommend that the Convention respectfully decline the request of the North Pacific Coast Convention, while at the same time we extend to them our loving sympathy in their struggle for what they believe to be right and truth, and pray for them and those with whom they contend, that the Spirit of God may lead them all into peace and harmony with the truth.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. BELL.

W. W. LANDRUM,

W. L. BROWN,

Committee.

55. On motion of W. W. Landrum, Georgia, it was

Resolved, That Lansing Burrows be continued as Statistical Secretary and that the Sunday-school Board and the Statistical Secretary be instructed to co-operate in the work assigned the former in every way mutually agreed upon for gathering and systematizing the statistics of the Convention and related bodies.

56. M. B. Wharton, Virginia, presented the report of the Committee on

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 10, 1897.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher of the Next Convention report that they unanimously recommend Friday before the second Lord's day in May next as the time, Norfolk, Va., as the place, and Rev. B. L. Whitman, D.D., of the District of Columbia, as the preacher, with Rev. J. J. Taylor, D.D., of Alabama, as alternate.

In response to the request of the Southern Baptist Educational Conference, we recommend that the American Baptist Education Society be invited to meet with us at our next session, and that the day before the Convention be the time devoted to their meeting.

M. B. WHARTON, Virginia.

M. E. BROADDUS, Tennessee.

L. D. GEIGER, Florida.

W. P. HARVEY, Kentucky.

W. B. OLIVER, North Carolina.

W. R. MAXWELL, Texas.

B. D. RAGSDALE, Georgia.

After remarks by M. B. Wharton, Virginia, M. E. Broadus, Tennessee, T. H. Ellett, Virginia, and J. J. Hall, Virginia, a proposition to insert Bristol, Tennessee, as the

place, was not agreed to—ayes 109, noes not counted; and the report was adopted.

57. J. O. Rust, Tennessee, presented the following report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union, under the supervision of the three boards of the Convention, has its substantial vindication in solid facts.

The financial exhibit of the Union is encouraging. In nine years it has raised for missions the immense sum of \$410,565.72. During the first year \$30,773.69 were raised. Last year the Union returned to the Home Board \$29,931.31, and to the Foreign Mission Board \$23,476.33, making a total of \$53,407.64. It is to be noted that about one-sixth of our foreign mission and about one-third of home mission receipts come through the Woman's Union. Nor is this all of the financial aid that comes to the Boards from the Union, for sometimes funds are sent direct to the Secretaries which are the returns of the Union's work. It is to be further noted that this is an inexpensive agency for the collection of funds. There are no salaried officers, and the cost to the three Conventional Boards last year was only \$1,855.66, expended for printing, type-writing, postage, stationery, expressage, etc.

But the Union is something more than a collecting agency. It does a distinct and needed work. Actual cash comes in from its efforts. The Christmas offerings for foreign missions last year were \$3,708; and 343 boxes of supplies were sent to frontier missionaries, valued at \$19,090.26. Word comes back sometimes that missionaries could not stay at their posts but for the aid of these boxes. The sum of all these Christmas offerings is the magnificent total of \$35,677, and for these boxes, an estimated valuation, all told, of \$83,937.31. In addition to these special aids to the Home and Foreign Boards, the Union is particularly sympathetic to the two new departments of work of the Sunday-school Board, Bible Distribution and the Home Department. In the very nature of the work committed to the Union, it has peculiar advantages in pressing the distribution of Bibles and encouraging Sunday-school work in the homes of the people. Thus in many special ways the Boards profit by the labors of the Union.

The literary work of the Union is large and far-reaching in influence. Last year nearly 10,000 letters were written, 125,000 leaflets and pamphlets distributed, and there were sent out 67,230 Christmas envelopes, 22,253 mission cards, 41,032 mite barrels and 3,040 papers. Besides this data is carefully gathered and sent to colaborers in different States to be edited for the State papers; nine pages of the *Foreign Mission Journal* are supplied; one and a half pages of *Kind Words* are filled; and in many other ways the Union is a bureau for the distribution of missionary information.

The Union is also doing a valuable work among our foreign population. For instance Miss Buhlmaier, who works among the Germans, conducts three industrial schools in Baltimore and one in Washington. There are also two of these schools in Louisville under the care of Mrs. Ritzmann. Other populations will be looked after as the work progresses. The Union has a distinct idea as to work among the colored people, and that is an unpaid personal ministry to them. For instance in Baltimore there are five industrial schools; and an effort is being made to get ladies to care for their servants and form missionary societies among the colored people to get them to send out their own missionaries. From these labors there come frequent conversions and valuable returns to Sunday-school and church attendance.

The Convention is well acquainted with the methods of organization of the Union. The Executive Committee is located in Baltimore. Each State is to have a General Committee, each church a local society, and thus the women of the South will be drawn into active co operation with all phases of the work. These noble ladies labor so quietly and earnestly and fruitfully, that every true Baptist should accord them a prayerful sympathy and a practical, cheerful helpfulness.

J. O. RUST, Tennessee.

GILBERT DOBBS, Virginia.

J. H. EATON, Kentucky.

The report was spoken to by J. O. Rust, Tennessee; M. B. Wharton, Virginia; J. M. Frost, Tennessee; M. Vann, fraternal messenger from the American National Baptist Convention (colored), and the report was adopted.

58. A cablegram from the church at Rio, Brazil, was read, citing Matthew 9:36-38.

59. The report of the Committee on

FINANCES OF THE FOREIGN BOARD

was read by J. H. Gambrell, Georgia, as follows:

A careful examination of the report submitted by the Foreign Mission Board reveals a very pleasing and marked improvement in its financial condition. It is a matter for profound gratitude to God that most of the debt brought over from last year was liquidated before this body convened, and the remainder provided for in a satisfactory way.

This result is clearly due to the following facts:

1. A larger number of churches and individuals are giving to missions than heretofore.
2. Churches and individuals are abounding more and more in the grace of liberality.

3. The divine rule respecting systematic giving is being more generally adhered to by the churches and individuals.

4. More than ever, perhaps, people are giving for Christ's sake, and of abounding love for him and deep reverence for his authority.

The past financial difficulties of the Board have not been wholly without good results. These difficulties have served to emphasize

1. The fact that, except in a technical sense, the Board can have no debts, that it is simply the representative and servant of the denomination or churches that called it into and perpetuates its existence under absolute instruction and control.

2. The fact that the Board can do the work assigned it, only when those who control and instruct it furnish the means needed for accomplishing the task.

3. That the debt of a denomination is the debt of every member of that denomination and is as undesirable and hurtful as the private debts of individuals.

4. That the only way to keep out of debt is to pay bills when due, and in order to do this it is the duty of all concerned to see that the money is in the treasury before pay-day.

The management of the Board's financial affairs has, we believe, been wise, conservative and economical. We do not believe a more business, like, economical method of missionary enterprise could be devised. The Board, as a body of business men, merits the confidence and prayerful co-operation of all Southern Baptists.

We desire to emphasize with all possible earnestness the following :

1. Let our pastors plan for more general, systematic giving in their churches. Let there be no cessation of effort until every member of every church is a scriptural contributor to the evangelization of the world. Baptists need to understand that the duty to give is as binding as the duty to be baptized, and can be ignored with as little impunity.

2. Let pastors urge their people to give for Christ's sake, and emphasize his rightful authority over the purses as well as the hearts of his people.

The defect that most hurts our churches and involves them in debt is their failure to observe the divine rule as to the time and measure of giving. This rule will prove the panacea for all our financial ills. The divine plan for doing anything is infinitely the best, safest plan for every church and individual to work by. The only hope we can reasonably have of keeping out of debt is to work by God's plan. This plan will each month put into the treasury the amount needed to meet expenses. No other plan will do it.

J. H. GAMBRELL,

W. C. FRILEY,

F. N. COMPTON,

L. R. MILLBOURNE.

60. J. K. Pace of Mississippi, read the following report of the Committee on

PAGAN FIELDS.

Your Committee on Pagan Fields desire to report as follows:

In the study of our mission work in Pagan fields we are amazed that so much has been done with the small amount of money expended and by the few workers employed. Our missionaries are aiming, with a good degree of success, to establish churches upon a self-supporting basis. Money is liberally contributed, according to ability, by the native Christians, not only for school and church expenses, but also for missions. The devotion and unselfishness of these Christians, so recently converted from Paganism, should move us, who live in this favored land, to make suitable offering of our means to the cause of our lord.

The experience of China in the war with Japan makes her more anxious than ever to learn Western civilization, and hence to not merely endure, but to listen attentively to our missionaries. This desire of the Chinese gives the missionaries abundant opportunity to preach the gospel.

In the South-China Mission there is a school for the training of the native young preachers, under the direction of the saintly and scholarly Dr. Graves, which is yielding good fruit. "The Baptist Academy of Canton" is in a flourishing condition. The Central-China Mission has been encouraged and strengthened by the return to the field of Bro. T. C. Britton of North Carolina, the Yates Memorial missionary. In this mission Bro. R. T. Bryan is teaching weekly a theological class in which deep interest is manifested. With better trained preachers the prospect of more efficient work is constantly brightening.

In the North-China Mission special attention is called to the schools established and sustained by the native Christians, to the erection of a good house of worship under the leadership of Dr. Hartwell, and the far-reaching medical work done by Dr. and Mrs. Randle. A summary of the work in China is as follows: Twenty churches, thirty-seven out-stations, thirty-nine missionaries, seven ordained and thirty-six unordained native helpers. One hundred and sixty-seven were baptized during the year, making a total membership of 1,364, who contributed \$1,793.

No mission field is more difficult of cultivation than Japan; but the obstructions are being removed and success will crown the efforts of the faithful Walne, Maynard, McCollum, and their wives. There is great need of other workers. In Japan we have one church, five out-stations, six missionaries, one ordained and three unordained native helpers. During the year eight were baptized making the present membership forty-eight, whose contributions were \$48.

In Africa one of the great drawbacks to our work is the climate.

Very few white persons are able to endure long the deadly malaria. Your committee would urge upon the Baptists of the South the importance of impressing upon our colored brethren the duty of going as missionaries to the land of their ancestors. By origin and constitution, they are better prepared to stand long periods of service in that field. We regret that our Brother Pinnock is compelled to be temporarily absent from his field, because of the continued poor health of his wife. During the year one native preacher has died. But notwithstanding the many difficulties, the brethren are encouraged in their work. In Africa we have six churches, two out-stations, seven missionaries, one ordained and six unordained native helpers. Twenty-nine were baptized during the year, making a total membership of two hundred and eighty-four, whose contributions aggregate \$393.00.

Some suggestions: Brother McCloy and his wife are now in this country because means have been wanting to enable them to return. Others are ready to go, but the *late* distressing debt has prevented the Board from sending them. However, with the debt provided for by the splendid action of this Convention, the prospect is good for a forward movement along all lines of our foreign mission work.

J. K. PACE,
E. A. TAYLOR,
JAS. T. BOTHWELL,
L. W. WRIGHT,
E. HEZ SWEM.

61. J. L. Gross, Georgia, presented the report of the Committee on

PAPAL FIELDS.

Your Committee on Papal Fields beg leave to report as follows:

"My word shall not return unto me void," said the Lord of all the earth centuries before Rome or Romanism was ever heard of, and this faith-inspiring promise remains true amid the most discouraging circumstances.

Indeed the word of God is so "quick and powerful" that when accompanied by the opening power of the Holy Spirit it finds entrance and brings salvation into human hearts, even though they are bolted and barred by the densest superstition and idolatry.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties to be overcome in Papal fields before converts can be brought to open acknowledgment of salvation through Christ alone, yet your committee is highly gratified to be able to report that the blessings of God have richly rested on the labors of our faithful missionaries during the last conventional year.

Our work in Papal lands embraces three fields.

ITALY.

In this priest-ridden land, under the very shadow of the Vatican, although two of our evangelists have passed away and others are

greatly disabled, still there has been an increase of ninety-three, nearly twenty per cent. increase over last year, by baptism, making a total membership of 490, with 21 churches and \$800 00 contributed.

BRAZIL.

While the baptisms are slightly less than they were last year, yet, considering the many disadvantages, the progress is really gratifying. There is much evidence that the people are getting prepared to receive the pure gospel. Opposition may always be looked for, but is becoming more tolerant and respectful, and the people are finding it easier to throw off the shackles.

In this field there has been an increase of 251, making a total membership of 1,022 in 18 churches, which have contributed \$3,010.00.

MEXICO.

While there has been no great movement in this field, yet the good work and thorough preparation for a general advance is one of the best possible indications that our work in this field is in wise hands and is making rapid strides in substantial progress.

It is pleasing to note that in the schools for girls, established and sustained by the sacrifice and devotion of our women, there has been quite a number of baptisms.

The revival and extra efforts of Romanism in this field in the last ten years, which has somewhat hindered our work, ought to cause us to send in more men and expend more money rather than be discouraged.

In this field we have 29 churches and 1,116 members, of whom 112 were baptized during the last year. Contribution \$614.00.

In all the Papal fields: Churches, 58; out-stations 97; baptisms last year, 453; total membership, 2,628; total contributions, \$4,424.

One pleasing sign of advancement in all the fields is the growing idea of self-support.

The fact that the Board was compelled to withhold money in some instances has served to arouse praiseworthy effort in the line of self-support.

In one place, at least, the people work at night to secure means to further the Master's kingdom.

In conclusion your committee modestly, but respectfully, suggests that while we think the reckless expenditure of money and unwise incurring debt are exceedingly harmful, yet in view of the great need of these fields, new forces ought to be returned and sent in just as rapidly as the Board can secure the means.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. GROSS,
Q. C. DAVIS,
MANLY J. BREAKER,
H. W. TRIBBLE,
C. S. GARDNER.

62. The three reports being before the Convention were spoken to by J. K. Pace, Mississippi; H. A. Tupper, Jr., Maryland; C. H. Winston, Virginia; E. F. Tatum, China; R. J. Willingham, Virginia; L. G. Broughton, Virginia; and further discussion was postponed to the afternoon session.

63. W. J. E. Cox, Maryland, by unanimous consent presented the following, which was adopted, on

REPORTS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARDS.

Reports of Vice-Presidents of the Home and Foreign Boards submitted to your committee are as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

E. B. Miller, Arkansas.—Interest in Foreign Missions deepening and widening slowly. Some churches made their first contributions during the past year. A visit from Assistant Secretary A. J. Barton did much good. The subject has been kept prominently before the people by the State papers, personal correspondence and general distribution of literature. Much has been accomplished by the Woman's Central Committee of the State.

J. L. Gross, Georgia.—Our State Board looks diligently after the work of Foreign and Home as well as State Missions. At our recent State Convention a resolution, seemingly inspired by the Holy Spirit, to raise during the month of April five thousand dollars each for our Home and Foreign Boards was unanimously adopted. Under the blessing of God the pledge has been, perhaps, more than redeemed. A great deal of missionary literature and *Foreign Mission Journals* have been distributed and many letters and circulars sent out.

C. W. Tomkies, Louisiana.—The State Mission Board has under its supervision all mission work. The Vice-President visited the State Convention and nine associations at his own expense, secured contributions, took pledges, distributed literature, secured 108 subscribers to the *Foreign Mission Journal* while traveling over the State. The work has been kept prominently before the Baptists of the State. Much has been done without any expense to the Board.

Joshua Levering, Maryland.—State organization not organically connected with Foreign Mission Board but works in hearty sympathy and co-operation. Contributions from the churches are secured by personal influence and appeals as opportunity is offered. The *Journal* is largely circulated among the churches.

J. K. Pace, Mississippi.—Relation between Foreign Mission Board and

State organization fraternal and cordial. Vice-President of the Board is a member of the State Convention Board. Written many personal letters, visited associations and churches. Secretary of the State Convention has rendered valuable help, as have many pastors. Tracts and Journals have been sent out. Woman's Central Committee has been very helpful. The State gave more to the Board than ever before.

B. G. Tutt, Missouri.—Work of Foreign Missions in the hands of a Board appointed by the General Association, and contributions divided between Richmond and Boston at a ratio of four to one. The Corresponding Secretary, Brother M. J. Breaker, sends out many letters, and visits as many churches as he can. The distribution of literature is done chiefly through the Corresponding Secretary.

L. Johnson, North Carolina.—Relations between State and Foreign Boards pleasant and harmonious. Circular letters have been sent out, use has been made of the columns of our State paper, and mission tracts have been widely scattered. Mission Institutes have been held in different parts of the State, in which our State Secretary and the editor of the *Recorder* were the moving spirits. Other brethren rendered valuable service.

E. E. Bomar, South Carolina.—Many tracts have been distributed and letters written to pastors and others, all without expense to the Board. Some effort was made to increase the circulation of the *Journal*. The Secretary of State Missions has no official connection with Home or Foreign Missions, but his work is always in active sympathy with ours. The glory of our work is the co-operation of the pastors; its bane is procrastination and want of system.

J. H. Snow, Tennessee.—Relation between State and Foreign Boards entirely harmonious. Money collected and transmitted without expense to Foreign Board. Journals have been distributed and tracts furnished to the best advantage possible.

A. E. Owen, Virginia.—The Vice-President of the Convention Board is Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, General Association in happy accord with the Convention. The Vice-President attends as many District Associations as possible, and presents the cause of each. Letters and addresses are published in the religious newspapers. *Foreign Mission Journal* is widely distributed and tracts are used with success.

J. M. Carroll, Texas.—The State organization represents the Foreign Mission Board in the State in collections. Appeals are made through papers, by circulars, by addresses. Tracts and missionary papers are widely distributed.

W. C. Taylor, Kentucky.—The State Mission Board is charged by the General Association to urge upon the churches frequent contributions; at all gatherings of brethren the cause is personally furthered; 75 *Foreign Mission Journal* per month are distributed free, and 7,000 mission circulars have been sent out.

HOME MISSIONS.

B. D. Gray, Alabama.—Churches, associations, and conventions visited, tracts and pamphlets distributed, special efforts made to enlist Woman's Mission Societies and Young People's Unions. The Baptists of Alabama have been burdened with crushing debts on their two colleges; but these have been reduced, the burdens lightened, and there is reason to hope that the gifts to the work of the Home Board will be greatly enlarged in the future.

A. G. McManaway, Arkansas.—The columns of the *Baptist* and the *Review* used freely. Associations visited in person and by proxy. Extensive correspondence with pastors and others in behalf of Home Missions. Too little water at one time and too much at another have made it difficult to collect money for missions this year.

J. L. White, Georgia.—Increased contributions over last year \$3,115.23. Pastors are co-operating with the Board. Confidently expect a larger increase the ensuing year.

Curtis Lee Laws, Maryland.—Literature distributed, appeals made through State paper, letters sent to every pastor in the State and to many laymen. Special attention called to the large unevangelized foreign population in Baltimore.

T. J. Bailey, Mississippi.—More money given to Home Missions this year than any former year, and this is gratifying in view of the overflow of the Mississippi. More than 500 letters written containing Home Mission literature. Associations visited and more churches giving than ever before.

C. S. Blackwell, North Carolina.—About one-half of the 1,400 white Baptist churches have contributed. This is an improvement. The New Era Institute work highly successful. Many colored preachers have attended and a marked improvement is noticeable among them.

R. W. Sanders, South Carolina.—Tracts distributed and wide circulation given to the last report of the Board. Extensive newspaper correspondence, private correspondence, appeals made to associations, churches and mission societies. The week of self-denial was observed by the women in some sections of the State.

M. D. Jeffries, Tennessee.—Three hundred letters sent, articles written for State paper and efforts made to secure representation at associations.

D. I. Purser, Louisiana.—Appeals made and articles written for the papers giving information about the work. Forty-three hundred pages

of tracts distributed and 350 letters written. State Board in hearty cooperation with Home Board. Drought and flood have greatly hindered contributions. Hope to improve in the future.

W. P. Harvey, Kentucky.—Tracts distributed, associations visited, the *Western Recorder* used freely and every effort possible made to advance the interests of Home Missions.

W. J. E. COX, Chairman, Maryland.

B. F. RILEY, Georgia.

E. S. ALDERMAN, Kentucky.

H. A. BROWN, North Carolina.

J. S. DILL, Virginia.

W. C. GOLDEN, Tennessee.

J. H. PEAY, Arkansas.

64. The Committee on Nominations, reported through A. M. Simms, North Carolina, the new Boards, which appear at the beginning of these Proceedings.

65. On motion of T. T. Eaton, Kentucky, it was

Resolved, In view of action by the Convention in the past; which limited the Foreign Mission Board in negotiating with regard to the employment of missionaries and the assignment of fields, the Board be free to use its best judgment in these matters.

66. A Committee on Obituaries was ordered to be appointed; it was made to consist of T. T. Eaton, Kentucky; George Cooper, Virginia; C. L. Laws, Maryland; J. J. Taylor, Alabama.

67. W. C. Bledsoe, Alabama, by unanimous consent, presented the Report of the Committee on Enrollment, as appears in the Roll of Members appended to these Proceedings.

68. The Convention then adjourned after prayer by J. J. Hall, Virginia.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

69. The Convention reassembled at 3:30 P.M. and prayer was offered by M. J. Breaker, Missouri.

70. On motion of J. J. Hall, Virginia, all further speeches were limited to ten minutes each.

71. The action of the Convention regarding the adoption of the report of the Committee upon the communication of the North Pacific Coast Baptist Convention having been re-considered, on motion of G. F. Bagby, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Home Mission Society with reference to the request made them by the North Pacific Coast Convention, and to report to the next meeting of this Convention at Norfolk.

The committee was made to consist of John G. Gibson, I. T. Tichenor, and H. McDonald, all of Georgia.

72. On motion of D. W. Gwin, Georgia, it was

Resolved, That we regard as eminently important and desirable the establishment of a representative Baptist mission in Palestine, with headquarters at Jerusalem; and that we gratefully recognize the indications of Providence, pointing in various ways to the founding of such a mission; and that we commend this work to the consideration of our Baptist brotherhood and our Foreign Mission Board.

73. N. W. P. Bacon, Mississippi, presented the following report on

TREASURER'S REPORT, HOME BOARD.

It is with profound gratitude to God that we make the pleasing announcement that not a dollar of indebtedness now rests upon our Home Board. Although the year was begun with a debt of \$7,950.00, through the tireless effort of our beloved Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, it has been closed with a small balance in the treasury.

We find also that the net assets of the Board have been increased during the year by \$3,650.00.

The total contribution for the year was \$59,184.09 cash, \$19,990.26 in boxes to frontier missionaries.

It is with some degree of regret that we announce that of the total cash received by this Board more than 40 per cent. was realized during the month of April; necessitating the payment of the very considerable sum of \$925.95 in interest on borrowed money. We beg to call special attention to this item of interest, and would respectfully call the attention of pastors to the advisability of so arranging future collections that no expenditure for interest on borrowed money may be necessary.

The cash receipts for the past year exceeded previous year's by \$5,208.01. The States that have increased their contributions to this Board, together with the amount of increase, are as follows:

	Increase.
Arkansas	\$ 13 29
District of Columbia	63 26
Indian Territory and Oklahoma.	28 92
Florida	195 62
Georgia	3,385 32
Kentucky	337 45
Maryland	430 42
Mississippi	1,194 08
Missouri	402 11
North Carolina	531 86
South Carolina	932 62

The following States show a decrease in contributions to the Home Board:

	Decrease.
Alabama	400 95
Louisiana	118 39
North Pacific Coast Convention	140 32
Tennessee	1,169 10
[It is proper to say that Tennessee in her report last preceding this is credited with a legacy of \$1,300.]	
Texas	399 96
Virginia	45 87
West Virginia	22 44
California and other States	9 79

It will be observed that more States have increased their contributions than have decreased them, showing a more decided and general interest in the Home Mission Work.

Upon the whole we consider the report of the Treasurer of the Home Board a most excellent one, for which we are devoutly thankful and heartily congratulate our honorable Secretary. In conclusion we would recommend that the Board secure the services of some one as Recording Secretary, who will do the work without cost to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

W. F. HOLTZMAN,
T. H. ELLETT,
N. W. P. BACON.

The report was adopted.

74. The consideration of the reports on the Foreign Mission Work was resumed and the Convention was addressed by John H. Eager, Missionary in Italy, T. T. Eaton, Kentucky, and L. D. Jordan, Foreign Mission Secretary of the Colored Baptist Convention, and then the reports were severally adopted.

75. J. G. Gibson, Georgia, from the Committee, presented the report on Suggestions as to Subsequent Work of the Home Board.

The Committee on suggestions as to the future work of the Home Board recognizing the importance and absolute essentiality of developing the resources of our churches to the attainment of a full measure of success in the great work of evangelizing the world, recommend that the Home Board, inviting the aid of the other boards of this Convention and in co-operation with the various State Boards within our bounds undertake the work of unifying all of our churches and calling into immediate operation their potent forces.

It is painfully apparent that a great number of our churches and a vast host of their individual membership have never been awakened to the great responsibilities imposed upon them by our great head in the work of subjugating the world to Christ. Hence their sleeping energies and undeveloped resources.

There is at this very moment an urgent demand for the employment of all these latent forces. In the opinion of the committee there is no work of greater magnitude before us than the work of calling into immediate action the slumbering energies of the churches and the prompt realization of their immeasurable power. No wise general is ever neglectful of his base of supplies. This Convention is therefore urged to give its warmest moral support to the Home Board in the prosecution of this important department of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GIBSON, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. G. Gibson, Georgia, and then it was adopted.

76. The Committee on Obituaries reported that certain tributes to the memory of brethren who had departed during the year, were in course of preparation, and they were ordered to be printed in the minutes:

HENRY HERBERT HARRIS, D.D., LL.D.

In the death of Dr. Harris the Convention has lost one of the brightest ornaments and most efficient servants it has ever had. His great attainments, his broad horizon, his clear insight, his pure heart, his elevated spirit, his calm judgment, and his deep piety fitted him for the noblest service. As Professor in Richmond College and in the Theological Seminary, President of the Foreign Mission Board, as chairman of the committee on order of exercises, as a member of the Committees on Revision of the Constitution, on the Centennial, and on Conference with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, as well as in other important places of trust, Dr. Harris exhibited a rare wisdom, a tireless energy and a sublime devotion. We thank God for his life, his character, his example, and for the memories of him which rest like a benediction

on all our hearts. He was alike great in goodness and good in greatness, and his works do follow him.

We tender our sympathy and condolence to the family of our loved and honored brother.

THOMAS H. PRITCHARD, D.D.,

Died in New York City on May 23, 1896.

Strong in his convictions of truth, genial and loving toward those who could not accept them, cheerful in spirit in all conditions, a fountain of joy among all classes of people, a wise pastor, an able preacher, honored by this Convention in many sessions, we put upon record this tribute to his memory in gratitude for the grace of God given to him for such long and faithful service.

77. On motion of J. J. Hall, Virginia, it was

Ordered That the Secretaries of the Convention receive the usual amount for their services, and that they be instructed to print and distribute ten thousand copies of the minutes.

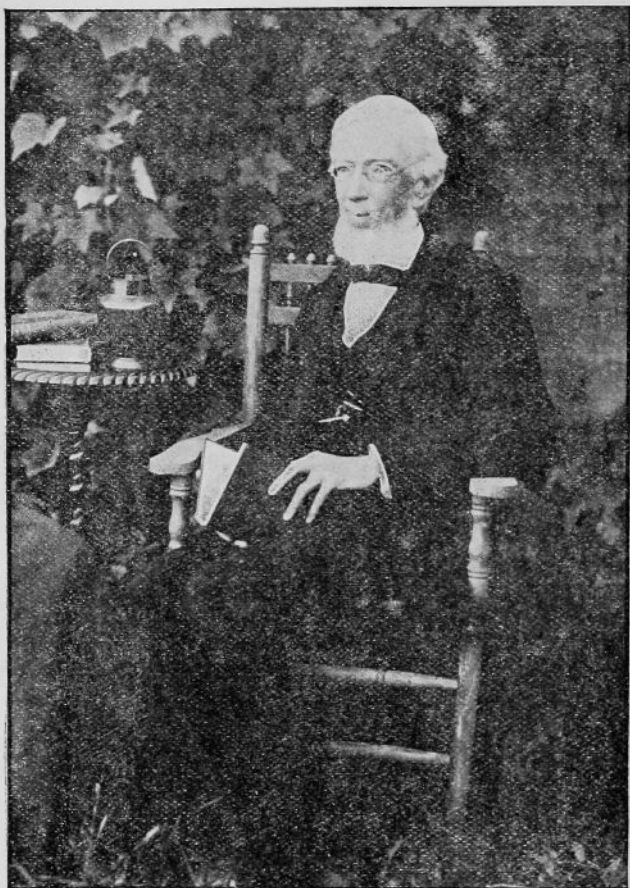
78. On motion of F. C. McConnell, Virginia, it was

Resolved, That we mention with grateful recognition the favors shown the delegates of this Convention. We will not soon forget the boundless hospitality we have enjoyed. To the pastor of the Church, the Committee on Entertainment, the railroads and press, the community in general, we express our sincere thanks.

79. There being nothing further to claim the attention of the Convention, the President addressed the brethren with parting words, and thus introduced a delightful conference and interchange of thought which continued for some time, at the close of which prayer was offered by Henry McDonald, Georgia, and the Convention was adjourned, to meet in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, May 6, 1898; the same being Friday before the second Sunday in May.

JONATHAN HARALSON,
President.

LANSING BURROWS,
OLIVER F. GREGORY, } Secretaries.



FRANKLIN WILSON, D.D.,
Vice-President Foreign Board, 1851-53.
Vice-President Home Board, 1855-61.
BORN, BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 8, 1822.
DIED, BALTIMORE, MD., OCTOBER 14, 1896.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

ALABAMA.

Class I: Entitled to 38; Present, 35.

Allen, H	Arbacoochee	Hobson, W. A.	Eastlake
Baber, E. F.	Montgomery	Jordan, John D.	Eastlake
Blackwelder, W. M.	Woodlawn	Kendrick, J. I.	Furman
Bledsoe, W. C.	Montgomery	Lindsey, S. P.	Evergreen
Bomar, P. V.	Marion	Lowery, J. G.	Warrior
Callaway, T. M.	Talladega	Patrick, R. G.	Marion
Campbell, A. B.	Troy	Pipkin, J. J.	Nanafalia
Catts, S. J.	Tuskegee	Ray, S. O. Y.	Midway
Dawson, L. O.	Tuscaloosa	Riffe, J. H.	Monroeville
Dickinson, A. J.	Selma	Roby, Z. D.	Cpelika
Dunaway, J. W.	Uniontown	Shell, H. H.	Mobile
Eager, G. B.	Montgomery	Sproles, J. L.	Huntsville
Foster, J. H., Jr.	Anniston	Stratford, J. C., Sr.	Montgomery
Gibson, J. B.	Woodlawn	Taylor, J. J.	Mobile
Gray, B. D.	Birmingham	Thames, A. J.	Tuscumbia
Gregory, J. L.	Hinton	Thomason, J. A.	Decatur
Hale, P. T.	Birmingham	Underwood, N. C.	Brundidge
Haralson, Jonathan	Montgomery		

Class II: Entitled to 42; Present, 13.

Arbacoochee	D. B. Hicks	Montgomery	J. T. Gable
Carey	C. J. Bentley	Muscle Shoals	Jos. Shackelford
Centennial	E. W. Marshall	Pine Barren	D. W. Ramsey
Coosa River	J. B. Graham	Shelby	F. H. Farrington
Cullman	A. W. Briscoe	Tuskegee	C. W. Ashcraft
Etowah	W. Y. Adams	Unity	F. M. Woods
Eufaula	W. N. Reeves		

ARKANSAS.

Class I: Entitled to 10; Present, 3.

Kirtley, J. S.	Little Rock	Tate, C. F. J.	Pine Bluff
Peay, J. H.	Paragould		

Class II: Entitled to 27; Present, 4.

Caroline	J. P. Eagle	Saline	W. A. Clark
Mt. Vernon	H. C. Rosamond	White River Valley	A. A. Andrus

WESTERN ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Class I: Entitled to 1; Present, 1.

Wright, L. W. Kully-chaha, I. T

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Class I: Entitled to 6; Present, 6.

Holtzman, W. F. Washington	Montague, A. P. Washington
Lodge, Lee Davis Washington	Swem, E. H. Washington
Meador, C. C. Washington	Thomas, W. S. O. Washington

Class II: Entitled to 1; Present, 1.

Columbia B. L. Whitman

FLORIDA.

Class I: Entitled to 7; Present, 7.

Brantley, J. Q. Tampa	Parsons, J. J. Jacksonville
Crosby, Geo. S. Alachua	Porter, J. C. Ocala
Forbes, John F. De Land	Williams, W. J. Kissimmee
Murray, I. G. Citra	

Class II: Entitled to 14; Present, 2.

Florida S. M. Provence | Wekiva L. D. Geiger

GEORGIA.

Class I: Entitled to 130; Present 79.

Abbott, B. F. Atlanta	Freeman, A. D. Newnan
Adair, A. D. Atlanta	Gaines, W. W. Atlanta
Allen, F. L. Savannah	Gambrell, J. H. Greensboro
Almand, D. M. Conyers	Gardner, G. W. Fort Valley
Atkinson, E. S. Lumpkin	Goodwin, S. A. Dalton
Baldwin, C. D. Savannah	Griffin, Jno. K. Augusta
Bealer, A. W. Atlanta	Gross, J. L. Washington
Bell, T. P. Atlanta	Gwin, D. W. Atlanta
Bernard, H. R. Athens	Hatcher, H. Atlanta
Blalock, Chas. Z. Atlanta	Hawkins, R. D. Maysville
Bothwell, J. T. Augusta	Headden, R. B. Rome
Broadnax, T. E. Conyers	Heggie, W. J. Grovetown
Carroll, E. B. Macon	Hickman, H. H. Augusta
Carter, G. H. Jackson	Hudson, J. E. Rome
Carter, John. Gainesville	Hunt, J. G. Summerville
Collier, A. G. Augusta	Hursey, Wm. Black
Cutts, W. L. Oglethorpe	Jameson, S. Y. Atlanta
Edens, Jas. F. Atlanta	Jenkins, J. W. R. Hephzibah
Ellis, C. S. Savannah	Jenkins, M. A. Macon
Fitts, W. W. Carrollton	

GEORGIA—CONTINUED.

Landrum, W. W Atlanta	Solomon, J. C Dublin
Luther, W. C Atlanta	Spalding, A. T Atlanta
MacGregor, Malcolm Atlanta	Stanton, W. L College Park
Maddox, J. J Atlanta	Stockton, W. J. Augusta
Marshall, A. A Atlanta	Stout, T. H. Thomaston
McCarty, W. S Monroe	Strickland, W. H Decatur
McDonald, Henry Atlanta	Tichenor, I. T. Atlanta
McLesky, B. J Hartwell	Upshaw, W. D. Atlanta
McMahan, J. J. C Athens	Van Deventer, R. Hawkinsville
Minor, C. W Valdosta	Van Ness, I. J Atlanta
Myer, A. E Savannah	Vernon, J. T. W. Hartwell
Myers, G. B Trion Factory	Walker, Thos. Augusta
Northen, W. J Atlanta	Ward, A. C. Atlanta
Pack, B. M. West Point	Welch, M. M. Atlanta
Parker, C. B. McRae	White, J. L. Macon
Paxon, F. J. Atlanta	Wilkinson, C. M. Augusta
Pitts, J. W Summerville	Williams, H. W. Elberton
Prior, W. H. Appalachee	Willingham, C. B. Macon
Riley, B. F. Athens	Wynne, J. A Gainesville
Smith, R. H. Gainesville	Yeargin, W. M. Maysville

Class II: Entitled to 48; Present, 17.

Chattooga J. J. Andrews	North Georgia M. W. Shields
Columbus W. H. Smith	Piedmont W. M. Gilmore
Concord J. I. Oxford	Rehoboth W. A. Nelson
Georgia J. H. Kilpatrick	Sarepta J. G. Gibson
Hephzibah Lansing Burrows	South River B. D. Ragsdale
Miller Jas. W. Smith	Tuzalo T. A. McFarland
New Ebenezer. B. J. W. Graham	Washington John A. Wray
New Sunbury J. D. Chapman	Western J. H. Hall
Noonday A. B. Vaughan	

KENTUCKY.

Class I: Entitled to 78; Present, 78.

Adams, M. B. Northfork	Bruce, J. M. Elizabethtown
Agee, W. J. Sweetowen	Burdin, J. H. Forks of Elkhorn
Alderman, E. S. Russellville	Burroughs, P. E. New Liberty
Ashburn, A. I.	Caldwell, J. G. Louisville
Beagle, T. W. Stamping Ground	Caseber, J. T. Rockport
Blake, Preston Dayton	Cheek, J. S. Elmo
Blakey, C. B. Louisville	Christian, J. T. Louisville
Bow, J. G. Pembroke	Clarke, J. F. Russellville
Boyet, J. H. Lexington	Cody, Z. T. Georgetown
Broadus, Andrew Louisville	Coleman, J. S. Hartford

KENTUCKY—CONTINUED.

Crumpton, W. B.	Georgetown	Millikin, J. S.	Adairville
Dargan, E. C.	Louisville	Moore, J. S.	Clinton
Dearing, C. T.	Louisville	Morehead, R. W.	Princeton
Dorris, A. C.	Lafayette	Morrill, G. L.	Owensboro
Doyel, W. S.	Cave City	Nash, C. H.	Hopkinsville
Early, C. C.	Louisville	Norton, G. W.	Louisville
Eaton, J. H.	Louisville	Osborne, T. D.	Louisville
Eaton, T. T.	Louisville	Peyton, W. L.	Hopkinsville
Eberhard, F. W.	Paris	Pickard, W. L.	Louisville
Felix, W. H.	Lexington	Porter, Thos. M.	Covington
Forward, D. D.	Shelbyville	Prestridge, J. N.	Williamsburg
Gheens, Chas.	Louisville	Ray, J. D.	Eminence
Hagan, B. F.	Hodgenville	Roberts, H. C.	Mayfield
Hall, J. N.	Fulton	Roddy, J. M.	Midway
Hall, W. M.	Auburn	Royster, S. B.	Beards
Harvey, W. P.	Louisville	Rutledge, W. B.	Cloverport
Humphries, T. J.	Louisville	Ryland, W. S.	Russellville
Hunt, M. P.	Louisville	Smith, J. L.	Adairville
Jones, Carter H.	Louisville	Sowers, J. S.	Faywood
Jones, C. G.	Covington	Stackhouse, T. C.	Lexington
Jones, H. L.	Chilesburg	Taylor, H. Boyce.	Murray
Kerfoot, F. H.	Louisville	Taylor, T. K.	Clinton
Kirtley, J. A.	Petersburg	Vaughan, W. H.	
Lee, J. A.	Covington	Warder, J. W.	Louisville
Loving, J. W.	Campbellsville	Weaver, J. M.	Louisville
Lynch, J. W.	Danville	Whitsitt, W. H.	Louisville
Mahan, R. W.	Clinton	Williams, J. F.	Harrodsburg
McMurray, H. L.	Berea	Williams, W. H.	Elizabethtown
Middleton, J. A.	Shelbyville	Wise, I. M.	Princeton

Class II.: Entitled to 46; Present 23.

Bethel.	J. A. Bennett	Little Bethel.	D. S. Edwards
Blackford.	C. J. Bruner	Little River.	W. J. Stone
Blood River.	J. H. Churchill	Long Run.	W. E. Powers
Bracken.	W. E. Mitchell	Nelson.	M. Ashby Jones
Clear Fork.	J. R. Jenkins	Ohio River.	G. N. McGrew
Concord.	B. E. Garvey	Salem.	T. J. Duvall
Daviess Co.	F. W. Wittenbraker	South District.	John E. Ray
Gasper River.	A. B. Gardner	Sulphur Fork.	W. S. Wilson
Goshen.	J. W. Vallandigham	Warren.	J. B. Benton
Graves Co.	O. J. Cole	West Kentucky.	L. Y. Brown
Greenup.	R. N. Barrett	West Union.	T. M. McGee
Irvine.	J. G. Parsons		

LOUISIANA.

Class I.: Entitled to 11; Present 4.

Purser, D. I. New Orleans	Purser, John F. New Orleans
Purser, D. I., Jr. New Orleans	Whittinghill, D. G. New Orleans

Class II.: Entitled to 10; present 2.

Judson	T. N. Compton Louisiana.....	E. O. Ware
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MARYLAND.

Class I.: Entitled to 48; Present 19.

Clarke, F. A. Salisbury	Levering, Joshua..... Baltimore
Clopton, S. C. Baltimore	Melton, S. W. Baltimore
Davis, Q. C. Cumberland	Merrill, I. H. Pocomoke City
Eager, J. H. Baltimore	Milbourne, L. R. Rockville
Edmonds, J. R. Baltimore	Myers, H. R. Eastport
Fizer, J. R. Laurel	Robertson, W. E. Towson
Gregory, O. F. Baltimore	Tupper, H. A., Jr. Baltimore
Kemp, H. W. Baltimore	Wicker, J. J. Hampden
Laws, C. L. Baltimore	Williamson, A. A. Baltimore
Lee, Richard Laws ... Baltimore	

Class II.: Entitled to 3; Present 3.

Eastern	E. S. Tuttle | Western	J. L. Lodge
Middle.....	W. J. E. Cox |	

MISSISSIPPI.

Class I.: Entitled to 46; Present 31.

Bailey, T. J. Winona	Lomax, A. A. Batesville
Burney, David Ackerman	Long, H. M. Shuqualak
Burr, W. M. Greenville	McLellan, W. E. Aberdeen
Butler, G. B. Lexington	McMillan, J. N. Winona
Charping, W. A. Kosciusko	Miley, T. J. Mayton
Cobb, J. S. Verona	Pace, J. K. Hazlehurst
Cohran, R. A. Cleveland	Rowe, A. V. Winona
Davis, A. F. Dinan	Scarborough, J. A. Bogue Chitto
Donabite, S. P. Love's	Schilling, T. C. Gillsburg
Emerson, A. L. Eudora	Searcy, J. R. Corinth
Gregory, L. F. Thomaston	Sturdevant, J. W. Senatobia
Haywood, Oscar West Point	Venable, R. A. Meridian
Hewlett, R. G. Burgess	Walton, Geo. Booneville
Johnson, J. L. Duck Hill	Williams, W. B. Columbus
Jones, E. P. Columbus	Yarborough, W. F. Crystal Sprgs
Legge, H. J. Sardis	

MISSISSIPPI—CONTINUED.

Class II.: Entitled to 31; Present 16.

Aberdeen	Jeff. A. Rogers	Mississippi	E. A. Bates
Bogue-chitto	W. R. Johnson	Oxford	H. W. Rockett
Chester	W. H. H. Faucher	Rankin Co.	W. P. Chapman
Chickasaw	Jno. Thompson	Strong River	S. Morris
Coldwater	N. W. P. Bacon	Trinity	S. M. Cole
Columbus	T. G. Sellers	Yalobusha	A. C. Mason
Copiah	J. C. Farrar	Yazoo	W. E. Ellis
Fair River	J. J. Green	Zion	W. L. A. Stranburg

MISSOURI.

Class I.: Entitled to 43; Present 14.

Baker, A. F.	St. Louis	Milton, Jno. W.	Mexico
Breaker, M. J.	Independence	Pearson, A. F.	Pierce City
Carlton, T. C.	St. Louis	Pittman, Alfred	Mexico
Dillard, E. B.	Centralia	Pittman, N. R.	Mexico
Gill, Everett.	Hannibal	Simonson, W. A.	Huntsville
Guthrie, S. P.	Mexico	Smith, W. R. L.	St. Louis
Kell, G. C.	Labelle	Ward, W. J.	Moberly

Class II.: Entitled to 20; Present 0.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Class I.: Entitled to 42; Present 42.

Bailey, J. W.	Raleigh	Kesler, M. L.	High Point
Barron, A. C.	Charlotte	Kramer, J. W.	Wilmington
Blalock, J. G.	Rockingham	Marsh, R. H.	Oxford
Bridges, B. H.	Bostic	Moore, H. C.	Monroe
Broughton, N. B.	Raleigh	Moore, J. R.	Carthage
Brown, H. A.	Winston	Olive, W. S.	Apex
Carroll, R. D.	Davis	O'iver, W. B.	Wilmington
Cross, R. D.	Windsor	Porter, S. J.	New Berne
Curtis, L. M.	Aulander	Poteat, W. L.	Wake Forest
Durham, C. H.	Gastonia	Richardson, J. B.	Hight Point
Fant, J. K.	Ahoskie	Scarboro, C. W.	Murfreesboro
Gore, J. W.	Chapel Hill	Sheets, Henry	Lexington
Gwaltney, W. R.	Wake Forest	Simms, A. M.	Raleigh
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford	Smith, J. A.	Fair Bluff
Harrell, J. B.	Wilmington	Speight, T. T.	Lewiston
Hedgepeth, I. P.	Orrum	Spilman, B. W.	Raleigh
Hume, Thos.	Chapel Hill	Stradley, J. A.	Oxford
Johnson, L.	Greensboro	White, John E.	Raleigh
Jones, W. M.	Maxton	White, James M.	Apex
Justice, C. B.	Rutherfordton	Wilhoite, G. O.	Ansonville
Kendrick, R. G.	Weldon		

NORTH CAROLINA—CONTINUED.

Class II: Entitled to 43; Present 23.

Alexander	J. C. Bell	Pee Dee	J. Q. Adams
Bladen	Wm. Brunt	Pilot Mountain . . .	C. C. Haymore
Caldwell County . . .	Isaac Oxford	Sandy Creek	S. Gilmore
Cape Fear	W. S. Ballard	Sandy Run	F. B. Gaffney
Cedar Creek	R. A. Hedgepeth	South Fork	C. S. Cashwell
Central	C. E. Taylor	South River	John A. Oates, Jr
Chowan	C. S. Blackwell	Stanly	J. W. Suttle
Columbus	A. F. Powell	Tar River	T. J. Taylor
Eastern	S. S. Swain	Tennessee River . . .	W. A. Terrell
Green River	J. C. Sorrells	Union	A. Marsh
Haywood County . . .	I. D. Wright	West Chowan	R. P. Thomas
Mecklenburg- Cabarrus }	L. R. Pruett		

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Class I: Entitled to 2; Present 2.

Brown, A. E	Asheville	Jordan, F. M.	Eastfork
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SOUTH CAROLINA.

Class I: Entitled to 66; Present, 64.

Allen, J. I	Dillon	Huggins, J. D	Williston
Bailey, T. M	Greenville	Humphreys, W. A	Marion
Beck, J. J	Anderson	Hyde, T. T	Charleston
Billings, C. M	Tindal	Jamison, A. T	Camden
Boldridge, J. H	Lancaster	Judson, C. H	Greenville
Brown, J. A	Due West	Langston, W. J	Pacolet
Brown, W. L	Kelton	Lide, T. P	Barnwell
Burton, N. N	McCall	Lindsay, W. C	Columbia
Cox, W. F	Anderson	Manly, Chas	Greenville
Crossland, D. H	Norway	Martin, J. A	Laurens
Curtis, F. O. S	Ninety-Six	Martin, O. L	Anderson
Dew, J. H	Latta	Masters, V. I	Greenville
Easterling, E. P	Tatum	McDowell, E. A	—
Ford, Rufus	Bennettsville	Monk, R. B	Campton
Foreman, B. M	Orangeburg	Moseley, H. R	Florence
Forester, E. J	Greenwood	Norwood, G. A	Greenville
Gardner, C. S	Greenville	Ouzts, J. L	Inman
Gordon, M. W	Fort Lawn	Parrott, J. B	Clinton
Haynesworth, Wm . . .	Denmark	Patrick, J. B	Anderson
Hays, W. L	Marion	Perry, J. W	Hartsville
Horton, C. E	Williamston	Pitts, J. D	Laurens
Hudson, J. H	Bennettsville	Pratt, R. N	Greenville
		Ramsey, D. M	Charleston

SOUTH CAROLINA—CONTINUED.

Rice, W. D.	Denmark	Thomas, A. J. S.	Greenville
Richards, W. L.	Greenville	Thomason, D. W.	Gafney
Riley, M. M.	Greenville	Turner, A. P.	Blackville
Robinson, J. A.	Due West	Vass, J. L.	Greenwood
Sanders, R. W.	Greenville	Waters, W. H.	Woodruff
Sandifer, T. J.	Bamberg	Wilbur, T. S.	Charleston
Satterwhite, F. M.	Blenheim	Wilburn, D. N.	Cross Keys
Scarborough, O. C.	Summerton	Wilkins, A. C.	Batesburg
Shell, G. W.	Laurens	Woodward, B. J.	Switzer
Shinn, J. L.	Clifton		

Class II.: Entitled to 31; Present 24.

Aiken	E. E. Bomar	Pee Dee	Jos. Allen
Barnwell	C. P. Erwin	Piedmont	L. T. Weldon
Beaverdam	W. W. Leathers	Ridge	W. E. Thayer
Chesterfield	B. S. Funderburk	Saluda	M. McGee
Edgefield	John Lake	Santee	C. C. Brown
Fairfield	H. K. Ezell	Savannah River	W. H. Dowling
Florence	F. P. Covington	Southeast	W. P. Holland
Greenville	J. B. March	Spartanburg	L. C. Ezell
Lexington	M. J. Kyzer	Twelve Mile River	J. M. Stewart
Moriah	T. A. Dabney	Union Co.	L. M. Rice
N. Greenville	D. P. Montgomery	Welsh Neck	R. E. Peele
Orangeburg	W. C. McCall	York	J. E. Herring

TENNESSEE.

Class I.: Entitled to 35; Present 31.

Ball, Fleetwood	Paris	Little, L. A.	Brownsville
Burford J. T.	Chattanooga	Lofton, G. A.	Nashville
Davenport, T. J.	Germantown	Long, J. M.	Chattanooga
Early, M. D.	Memphis	Martin, J. H.	South Pittsburg
Edwards, C. V.	Springfield	McCullough, J. S.	Memphis
Ellis, G. M.	Chattanooga	Moffit, W. A.	Chattanooga
Frost, J. M.	Nashville	Norris, W. L.	Dyersburg
Garrett, R. B.	Chattanooga	Ogle, G. A.	Milton
Gillon, J. W.	Union City	Phillips, J. M.	Mossy Creek
Gordon, A. F.	Adams Station	Quisenberry, W. Y.	Nashville
Haymore, R. D.	Chattanooga	Ramsey, A. J.	Nashville
Hearne, S. C.	McKenzie	Rust, J. O.	Nashville
Holt, A. J.	Nashville	Taylor, E. A.	Memphis
Jeffries, M. D.	Knoxville	Truex, H. E.	Gallatin
Johnson, S. H.	Highland Park	Wright, J. H.	Nashville
Kimbrough, I. N.	Jonesboro		

TENNESSEE—CONTINUED.

Class II.: Entitled to 37; Present 16.

Big Hatchie	Thos. S. Potts	Nolachucky.....	W. M. Vines
Central	H. C. Irby	Northern.....	U. S. Thomas
Chilhowee.....	W. S. Bryan	Salem.....	Jno. T. Oakley
Concord.....	I. A. Hailey	Sevier.....	J. F. Hale
Cumberland	W. C. Golden	Sweetwater	H. C. Pardue
East Tennessee.....	S. E. Jones	Tennessee.	H. B. Clapp
Memphis.....	J. S. Anderson	Watauga.....	W. H. Hicks
New Salem.....	T. J. Eastes	Western	Martin Ball

TEXAS.

Class I.: Entitled to 48; Present 42.

Armstrong, R. A.....	Wharton	Ivey, J. A.....	Sherman
Bailey, W. H.....	Baileyville	King, E. E.....	McKinney
Burket, J. C.....	Calvert	Manus, Jno. H....	Durand, I. Ty.
Carroll, B. H.....	Waco	Markham	Beeville
Cranfill, J. B.....	Waco	Maxwell, W. R.....	Temple
Francis, W. H.....	Mart	McConnell, F. M....	Longview
French, J. A.....	Austin	Miller, A. B.....	Bonham
Friley, W. C.....	Bryan	Moody, M. P.....	Dallas
Gaddy, E. D.....	Sulphur Bluff	Pender, R. C.....	Denison
Gaddy, J. M.....	Lockhart	Perkins, Chas.	Nacogdoches
Gaddy, W. M.....	Beeville	Riddle, J. B.....	Waxahachie
Gambrell, J. B.....	Waco	Rogers, G. B.....	San Angelo
Gentry, J. C.....	Henderson	Scarborough, L. R....	Cameron
Given, G. W.....	Brownwood	Smith, J. B.....	McGregor
Harris, A. J.....	San Antonio	Splawn, W. S.....	Gainesville
Harris, W. M.....	Galveston	Tardy, W. T.....	Palestine
Hatcher, Bennett.....	Ennis	Tompkins, T. D.....	Houston
Hitchcock, M. M.....	Chapelhill	Townsend, E. G.....	Dallas
Holland, John.....	Marshall	Upshaw, Wm.....	Belton
Holland, Lewis.....	Whitewright	Wilson, W. A.....	Belton
Ingram, A. B.....	Caldwell	Yates, N. W.....	Lampasas

Class II.: Entitled to 61; Present 2.

Collin Co.....	J. M. Robertson	New Bethlehem....	M. A. Quinlan
Hunt Co.....	S. J. Anderson	Texarkana.....	C. W. Daniel
Lampasas.....	W. H. McGee	Union.....	Jas. F. Duncan

VIRGINIA.

Class I.: Entitled to 114; Present 112.

Aylor, R. E. L	Front Royal	Gary, R. A	Richmond
Bagby, Geo. F.	Farmville	Grimsley, M. R.	Jefferson
Bagby, H. A	Richmond	Haislip, W. B	Boydton
Bagwell, R. W.		Hall, J. J.	Norfolk
Barker, J. A.	Clifton Forge	Harrison, J. R.	Richmond
Barnes, J. H.	Harmony Village	Hatcher, E. B.	Norfolk
Barton, A. J.	Richmond	Hatcher, W. E.	Richmond
Battle, H. W.	Petersburg	Hidden, J. C.	Richmond
Bayles, I. S.	Waverly	Howell, A. T.	Holdcroft
Bell, J. T.	Richmond	Hudnall, M. F.	Richmond
Boatwright, F. W.	Richmond	Hunter, J. R.	Richmond
Broadus, M. E.	Bristol	Hurt, G. W.	Onancock
Broughton, L. G.	Roanoke	Hurt, W. E.	Manchester
Burris, R. H.	Newsom	Hutson, J. B.	Richmond
Camp, J. L.	Franklin	I'Anson, Vernon.	Emporia
Coan, Geo. W.	Norfolk	Jackson, E. B.	Winchester
Cocke, Chas. L.	Hollins	James, C. F.	Danville
Cooper, George.	Richmond	Johnson, F. D.	Lynchburg
Cox, C. C.	Newport News	Johnson, Thos. A.	Lexington
Craig, B.	West Norfolk	Jones, B. A.	Roanoke
Davis, E. C.	Phœbus	Jones, J. W.	Miller School
Davis, O. A.	Norfolk	Jones, S. D.	Bristol
Davis, P. S. C.	Portsmouth	Kellum, Geo. W.	Newport News
Dill, J. S.	Richmond	Kilgore, Geo. W.	Tacoma
Doan, J. A.	Blackstone	King, J. L.	Mappsville
Dobbs, Gilbert.	Franklin	Kirk, J. O.	Richmond
Dudley, E. E.	Norfolk	Leake, W. S.	Petersburg
Duke, C. W.	Berkely	Love, J. F.	Suffolk
Dickinson, A. E.	Richmond	Luck, J. M.	Hollins
Dunaway, A. B.	Richmond	Lunsford, W.	Bonsack
Dunaway, T. S.	Fredericksburg	Martin, F. H.	Norfolk
Ellett, T. H.	Richmond	Mercer, I. M.	Richmond
Ellyson, J. T.	Richmond	McConnell, F. C.	Lynchburg
Ellyson, Wm.	Richmond	Nelson, James	Richmond
Elsom, P. G.	Danville	Owen, A. E.	Portsmouth
Eubank, G. F.	Warsaw	Pearson, W. A.	Bluefield, W. Va
Ferguson, H. G.	Waynesboro	Pernell, P. H.	Eastville
Fisher, W.	Concord	Phillips, R. C.	Tappahannock
Fisher, W. F.	Portsmouth	Pilcher, J. M.	Petersburg
Foster, E. M.	Richmond	Pitt, R. H.	Richmond
Fristoe, L. J.	Bluefield, W. Va.	Reams, J. W.	Bay View
Gaines, R. E.	Richmond	Robertson, F. R.	Lynchburg
		Royal, W. S.	Bedford City

VIRGINIA—CONTINUED.

Ryland, C. H.	Richmond	Tribble, H. W.	Charlottesville
Sadler, W. H.	Richmond	Tucker, Joel T.	Richmond
Sanford, M. F.	Bedford City	Tupper, H. A., Sr.	Richmond
Schmelz, H. L.	Hampton	Wharton, M. B.	Norfolk
Shipman, T. J.	Roanoke	White, R. H.	Mattoax
Shipman, W. J.	Houston	Wiley, J. L.	Amburst
Speight, J. A.	Norfolk	Williams, H. T.	Chase City
Street, J. M.	Forest Depot	Williams, O. N.	Boydton
Sutherland, J. T.	Richmond	Willingham, R. J.	Richmond
Taylor, Geo. B. W.	Appomattox	Winston, C. H.	Richmond
Taylor, H. C.	Black Ridge	Wood, M. L.	Staunton
Taylor, Jas. B.	Salem	Woodfin, A. B.	Hampton
Thames, T. B.	Danville	Wright, L. R.	Norfolk
Thompson, C. J.	Lynchburg	Wright, W. L.	Richmond
Thornhill, L. R.	Manchester		

Class II.: Entitled to 12; Present 4.

Appomattox.	E. M. Dowley	Dover.	W. W. Reynolds
Augusta.	P. A. Anthony	Lebanon.	J. W. Hundley
Whole number entitled to seats, Class I.			727
Associational Representatives elected.			429
			1,156
Present, Class I.			570
" Class II.			154— 724

REPORTED VISITORS.

Adams, J. J.	Smithport, N. C.	Morton, W. B.	Roxboro, N. C.
Basmajian, K. H.	Constantinople.	Moss, Lemuel.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Bell, J. E. C.	Shawboro, N. C.	Poteat, E. M.	New Haven, Conn.
Brewer, Chas. E.	Wake Forest, N. C.	Rowland, A. J.	Philadelphia, Pa.
		Seymour, R. G.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Crockett, Stephen.	Madison, Fla.	Shaw, N. L.	Warrenton, N. C.
Dobbs, C. E. W.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Strien, H.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Emery, C. M.	Waterville, Me.	Vann, M.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Flippo, O. F.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Wilder, Thos.	Louisburg, N. C.
Jenkins, F. J.	Columbus, Miss.		

On account of the continued feeble health of Mrs E. F. Tatum, Rev. E. F. Tatum and family returned home September, 1896. They are now in North Carolina, and we are glad to hear that Mrs. Tatum has very much improved in health. We hope that the brethren will have the privilege of seeing these faithful missionaries at our Convention in Wilmington.

Mrs. G. W. Greene and children, from Canton, China, have just arrived, April 19th, at their old home in North Carolina. Rev. G. W. Greene for the present remains at his work in China. Mrs. Greene writes that she hopes to be at the Wilmington meeting. She will meet with a hearty welcome.

Rev. Joseph Aden, formerly of the Brazilian Mission, and Rev. I. N. Steelman and wife, formerly of the Mexican Mission, are no longer working as missionaries of our Board.

DEATH OF DR. H. H. HARRIS.

Along with the brotherhood all over our land your Board mourns the departure from earth, February 4, 1897, of Dr. H. H. Harris. He was for nineteen years an earnest, faithful, efficient member of this Board, and was for nine years our capable and honored President. Though he was called two years ago to labor in connection with our seminary in Louisville, Ky., yet his love for Foreign Missions never waned. In his new work he made a mighty impress for world-wide evangelization. In a letter received from the president of the seminary, shortly after Dr. Harris' death, we were told that there are twenty-six young men in that institution who wish to go as missionaries. This is probably due in part to his good and great influence. His life was a blessing to the world. Like his Master he wanted all the world to know of the love of God. He was a missionary at heart. His work will live after him. Loving in heart, eminent in wisdom, noble in purpose, excellent in counsel, faithful in executing, he was a servant of his brethren, and, hence, they loved, honored and followed him as a prince in Israel.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

After prayerful consideration the Board, July 4, 1896, selected as Assistant Corresponding Secretary Rev. Arthur J. Barton, pastor of the North Edgefield Church, Nashville, Tenn. He entered upon his duties August 20, 1896.

VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR THE STATES.

The position of Vice-President of the Board is one hard to fill with efficiency. It is an unsalaried position, and what is done must be done wholly from a love of the work. It requires time and thought. The relations the position sustains to the offices of the State Boards require that the brethren who hold the office be men of zeal according to knowledge. The purpose of the Convention in appointing the Vice-Presidents is for them to disseminate information, incite zeal, and stimulate liberality for Foreign Missions in their States. It is not intended that there should be interference with other interests, but rather harmonious co-operation which will result in quickening the interest in all departments of our work.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

A continued effort has been made to get one brother in each association who will be to that association what the Vice-President is to the State at large. In some cases this has worked well, but in others it is difficult to get brethren to do anything. One man in each association thoroughly alive on Foreign Missions can produce glorious results. We need more men to plead with the churches in the home-land, telling them their duty, calling on them to pray and give.

FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

The Home and Foreign Boards, according to the resolution passed at the last Convention, discontinued the joint publication of the MISSION JOURNAL, and the Foreign Board resumed at once the publication of THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL. The circulation has increased very much. We now issue fifteen thousand to sixteen thousand monthly, sometimes more. THE JOURNAL has paid all of its current expenses, while giving thousands of copies monthly for free distribution, and has not only been of no expense to the Board, but has paid two hundred dollars into the treasury, and besides by railroad advertising has saved considerable in travelling expenses. We believe if we could get THE JOURNAL into thirty thousand families, through the increased interest thereby in missions, we could easily send out many new missionaries. We call on our pastors and all our people to aid in getting subscribers, which is true missionary work. All profits on THE JOURNAL go directly to missions.

CHURCHES GIVING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE.

The Convention last year called for the Board to get a list of the churches in our bounds giving annually one hundred dollars or more to our work of Foreign Missions. This has been a somewhat difficult task, but so far we have gotten a list of one hundred and ninety-nine of these churches. Some, of course, give largely over a hundred dollars. These churches are located in the States as follows:

Alabama.....	32
Arkansas.....	3
Georgia.....	25
Kentucky.....	22
Louisiana.....	5
South Carolina.....	10
Florida.....	1
District of Columbia.....	2
Maryland.....	10
Mississippi.....	8
Missouri.....	12
North Carolina.....	10
Tennessee.....	11
Texas.....	7
Virginia.....	41
Total.....	199

We have also a number of small churches which give very liberally. The Board would recommend in the case of every church

A simple calculation shows that of all funds received at Richmond about ninety-two cents on the dollar went to the missionaries. That is eight cents was used for all expenses here, including interest and the cost of the Woman's Missionary Union. The interest account ran up our expenses 1.7 per cent., so that the actual expenses were only a little over six cents on the dollar. As can be seen from the report, the expenses of the Woman's Missionary Union are small, owing to the fact that the faithful sisters in charge in Baltimore have always done the arduous work there without taking any remuneration.

The eight cents named above does not include the State expenses for collecting Foreign Mission funds. These average on all receipts less than five per cent. Adding the State expenses and the expenses at Richmond we have for all expenses thirteen cents on the dollar.

It might be well to say that when our receipts increase to twice what they are now it will not be necessary very materially to increase the expense account. The way to decrease the per cent. of expenses is to increase the gifts. With our present organization, so wisely planned by our fathers, we can easily do much more work as the years go by without any great increase in expenses.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The sisters have earnestly pressed forward in the work of the Master during the past year. They have disseminated information, quickened the interest in many churches, and given their time and money for the Master. Below we give the report of the Woman's Missionary Union :

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, APRIL, 1896, TO APRIL, 1897.

Believing service for God to be the highest possible privilege, and appreciating the confidence of the brethren, Woman's Missionary Union has endeavored to be faithful in carrying out the recommendations of the Foreign Board. In presenting the annual report it is hoped the work has won Divine approval, and has in some measure promoted the eternal welfare of those in the darkness of heathendom.

STATISTICS.

Letters written.....	9,309
Postals written.....	230
Leaflets, pamphlets, etc., distributed.....	124,962
Christmas envelopes.....	67,230
Mission Cards (prayer).....	22,253
Mite barrels or boxes.....	4,032
Papers.....	3,040

The earnest appeal of Dr. Willingham for the great debt at the last annual meeting Woman's Missionary Union, and the consecration of those present in pledging themselves to raise fifteen hundred dollars by the first of July, have been a stimulus to effort. As a result the Corresponding Secretary and Central Committees, either personally or by letter, appealed to individuals, hoping by this plan to divert no money from the regular channels. The response has been quite generous.

Faithful effort has also been made to secure the thirty thousand dollars desired from Woman's Missionary Union for Foreign Missions. The true story of the year's work is not represented by dollars and cents. Because of the great financial depression, droughts in some places, floods in others, it is believed the offerings this year represent more sacrifice than at any previous time.

At the season when the hearts of Christian people were filled with gladness, the needs of China were presented and an effort was made to have a liberal Christmas offering. Programmes and envelopes for use in societies were prepared by Woman's Missionary Union and sent to Central Committees for distribution. A Band programme was arranged by the President, Miss Heck, appearing in the December JOURNAL. The first week in January was also set aside as a time of special prayer and ingathering of offerings.

Effort was made to give greater success than ever before to Sunday-school Missionary Day. Woman's Missionary Union contributed the programme and collection design. The Sunday-school Board published and circulated the literature. The treasurers of the Home and Foreign Boards received the contributions. "In union there is strength."

In compliance with request the Sunbeam work was accepted, and Central Committees in the different States are awake to its importance. Earnest thought has been given to interesting and training the young people for useful service. Encouraging reports are almost constantly being received.

The claims of the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL are ever present. Large numbers of circulars have been distributed, not only in packages of literature, but in correspondence. Requests have been made that clubs be secured. Six helpful pages of the JOURNAL are edited by Miss Alice Armstrong for the use of societies. A Band Department, conducted by Miss Heck, is also very interesting and suggestive for workers among young people.

Data containing latest missionary information, culled from many fields, is sent monthly to thirty persons for publication in State papers.

Closer touch with the foreign missionaries has been sought through correspondence, and assured good has resulted. Nearness to each other has brought great nearness to Him, from whom alone emanates the real spirit of Missions.

One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-six cents covers the entire expense of the Woman's Missionary Union for the year. Of this amount the Foreign Board defrays nine hundred and thirty dollars and forty-three cents, which includes one hundred and eighty dollars and forty-three cents for the Christmas Offering. Woman's Missionary Union officers do not receive salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF AMOUNTS REPORTED THROUGH STATE
CENTRAL COMMITTEES FROM WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETIES FOR
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Alabama	\$1,215 49
Arkansas	334 32
District of Columbia	125 00
Florida	566 54
Georgia	1,771 28
Kentucky	1,494 46
Louisiana	425 42
Maryland	2,088 69
Mississippi	860 72
Missouri	1,239 95
North Carolina	1,914 23
South Carolina	3,447 94
Tennessee	1,629 96
"Young South"	337 75
Texas	946 31
Virginia	4,781 20
Western Arkansas and Indian Territory	6 70
Western North Carolina	290 37
Total	\$23,476 33

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES,
Treas. W. M. U.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

There were six hundred and sixty baptisms reported in connection with our missions last year. We should praise God.

We have now connected with our Foreign Mission work eighty foreign missionaries and one hundred and ten native assistants. There has been no death among our missionaries during the past year, but several native assistants have died.

Georgia and Mississippi are to be commended for their great increase in missionary contributions the past year.

Some of our churches have largely increased their contributions for Foreign Missions. Usually the differentiating factor is the pastor, though sometimes it is a noble, earnest lay brother or sister.

We note with pleasure the increased interest some of our State papers take in presenting the Mission work. This augurs well for the future of our work. The religious paper is a mighty molder of thought and purpose.

The child's paper, *Kind Words*, comes out regularly filled with missionary information put in a very interesting manner. Our children are thus being trained for future service.

We rejoice in the great development of the idea of self-support in our various Mission fields. This is a good which has resulted from the financial needs of our Board.

Four of our missionaries in China draw no salary this year. Others of our missionaries do not accept full salaries.

Our Sunday-School Board at Nashville has sent us this year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five dollars and twenty-one cents as the result of *Missionary Day* collection. It is generally known that the amount collected is divided between the Home and Foreign Boards. The Sunday-School Board very generously has borne all the expenses the past year, and has thus turned over to the other two boards nearly four thousand dollars. The object of the Missionary Day is not only to collect funds, but to educate and develop our young people in mission work. The Woman's Missionary Union very kindly helped in preparing the literature necessary for the occasion, and otherwise gave valuable aid.

The Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 North Howard Street, Baltimore, Md., are well supplied with tracts and missionary literature on different foreign fields, especially those connected with our Convention work. The Mission Prayer-Card, with topics for each month, is quite a convenience and help to those who wish to study our mission work systematically. The literature furnished by the Rooms is well prepared and instructive, is neat in mechanical execution, and is offered at a very reasonable price. Pastors and mission leaders will do well to confer with the Rooms and get supplies for their work.

The Sunbeam Bands were last year transferred to the care of the Woman's Missionary Union. It gives us pleasure to note that the interest in these children's societies has kept up well. Miss F. E. S. Heck edits a special department in the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL in the interest of the Sunbeams. The Women's Central Committees of the respective States have taken up the work with vigor and consecrated zeal. Band Superintendents have been appointed. The duties of these officers are to urge organization, stimulate societies, and encourage the growth of the mission spirit among the children.

Some people seem to think that our mission work is at a standstill, or retrograding. It is well to consider some figures. In 1877, twenty years ago, we had sixteen missionaries and 32 native assistants, 48 workers in all. The contributions were \$32,276.00. In 1887, ten years ago, we had 116 missionaries and native assistants, 228 baptisms, 1,551 members, and the contributions were \$80,830.53. In 1897 we report 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members, and \$125,681.99 in contributions. We should thank God and press forward.

This year's report, with the large increase in gifts at home and the large number of converts on the foreign fields, should fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

One of the most unsatisfactory looking items in our report is the \$2,160.34 spent for interest. By paying so much on our indebtedness we can greatly reduce the interest account. But let it be kept in mind that we pay our missionaries monthly, and if the funds are not on hand when their drafts come we are compelled to borrow and pay interest. We hope that the churches will bear this in mind and begin in May to send forward their gifts.

PAPAL FIELDS.

ITALY.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

ROME—George B. Taylor, 52 Via Giulio Romano. Sig. Paschetto.
FLORENCE.—J. H. Eager and Mrs. Eager, Via Oricellari, 16 bis.
Signor Galassi.

Milan—Nicholas Papergouth.

Venice.—Signor Bellondi.

Genoa.—Signor Colombo.

Cannes—Signor Ferraris.

Carpi—Signor Stanganini.

Portici.—Signor Basile.

Bari.—Signor Volpi.

Sanremo—Signor Boglione.

Naples.—Signor Fasulo.

Boscovate—Signor Martinelli.

Torre Pellice.—Signor Malan.

Miglionico—Signor Piccinni.

Cagliari, Sardinia—Signor Arbanasich.

Cuglieri.—Signor Cossu.

Iglesias, Sardinia.—Signor Tortonese.

REPORT OF ITALIAN MISSION.

BY G. B. TAYLOR.

Among the most salient facts of the year are the following :

Two of our evangelists have passed away. One of these brethren is a loss to the work ; the other, despite fine gifts, is no loss. The subject will be recalled to later. Brother and Sister Ferraris have been bereaved of their only remaining daughter, the joy of their home ; but they know that she is with Christ. Another brother—one of our most useful evangelists—has been again and again at the point of death, and, in view of his large, helpless family, it is essential to remove him from the deadly climate of the field to which he has so heroically clung. Yet another brother, an aged brother, has been a great sufferer from a chronic trouble, and is really unable to do any work, yet his presence is precious and his influence potent for good, while a youth, his son in the Gospel, carries on the work under his eye.

In some parts of the field the poverty and suffering are very great. Congregations are at their wits' end to provide for their sick and impoverished brethren ; and from many of our churches members have gone to foreign lands in search of work and bread.

Some of the churches have increased their contributions—moving a little in the direction of self-help—and those forward in the matter a year or two ago have at least taken no backward step. Only one church reports no contributions, though something has been done by it. In Italy, as in America, the development of a church's liberality depends on the minister.

As to baptisms and the acquisition of new members, the statistics show that with several of the churches this has been a harvest year,

inspiring them with fresh hope and courage. Even where no baptisms are reported there are hopeful catechumens, and the church itself has been consolidated and edified. The total of baptisms is much greater than last year.

Last May I visited Naples, Secondigliano, Portici, Boscoreale, Boscotrecase, Anacapri, Palermo and Messina, preaching and speaking in nearly every place and baptizing a candidate in Messina, where we have neither church nor evangelist but only a family, most of whom I have baptized. It was a journey full of consolation. In the latter part of June and the first part of July I visited Florence, Genoa, Sampierdarena, Torre Pellice, Cuneo, Castelletto, Milan, Venice, Miglionico and Carpi, preaching and speaking in nearly every place. The weather was warm, and I suffered from eczema, but still enjoyed the trip and saw much to gratify and encourage my heart. In November Genoa and Sampierdarena were again visited en route for Sanremo and Cannes. In February and March of this year, the state of the work in Palermo requiring it, I visited that city and the neighboring town of Bagheria, where we have a terribly persecuted evangelical family, the only Protestants of the place, where we spent hours speaking of the Gospel, every member of the large family having a Bible open before him. A day each was given to Messina and Naples. Appointments had been made for me at Portici and at Boscoreale, and one of the dispersed Christian families at Secondigliano earnestly begged a visit, but my indisposition compelled me to renounce that pleasure, to recall appointments and hurry home, where I have since been ill with appendicitis. Thus all the stations have been visited during the year save Bari, Gravina and its secondary station of Altamura, Miglionico and the four stations in Sardinia, viz., Sassari, Macomer, Iglesias and Cagliari, each the centre of extensive colportage and other evangelization. All these eight places I expect, D. V., to visit in the next two months. Toilsome though many of these journeys are, it is a pleasure to make them for the refreshment of the brethren and for their and my edification, while they are almost necessary for the adjustment of matters less well settled by correspondence.

Perhaps I cannot do better now than report separately on each station, its condition and prospects, and the work of the local evangelist, especially as I have not done this for several years.

At Torre Pellice a man capable of speaking Italian and French, as well as the Piedmontese dialect, is needed. This has much restricted the choice of an evangelist for that extensive field, but Signor Malan, a native of the Waldensian Valleys and one of the soldiers who entered Rome in 1870, fulfils these conditions, and, despite great difficulties, is seeing some progress. The membership is scattered over six communes, and services are held regularly at Torre Pellice and S. Germano, that is, in the two chief valleys, while the labors of the evangelist embrace ten communes and involve, besides railroad travel, much mountain climbing.

Signor Malan has also been useful in visiting the small groups of brethren in Cuneo and the neighboring mountain village of Castelletto, some fifty miles distant, but reached inexpensively by steam tram lines. His last visit to these places will be reported under the proper head.

The Sunday-school in two sections number twenty-one scholars, and the church twenty-one members. The outlook is encouraging.

While no baptisms are reported from the Torre Pellice field, several persons have been baptized by him elsewhere during the past year. The contributions of the church for the same period have been thirty-one dollars and seventy cents.

From the first of July last I accepted as colporter Signor Francesco Bo, a brother of humble pretensions, but capable of explaining the Gospel, and apparently courageous and zealous for God's cause. He had been long in the employ of the British and Foreign Bible Society, with Cuneo as his home and centre of operations; and he sought to work with us, and was accepted by me only that he might be free, without diminishing his colportage work, to minister to a group of brethren at Castelletto in the neighborhood. The transference was effected in a courteous and fraternal way on the part of all concerned. When in Cuneo last summer I held, with Signor Bo, several meetings for prayer and Bible study, attended by two or three resident friends and by other persons temporarily in the city. As the fruit of those labors and of his frank testimony before and since, four persons have been baptized there, Sinor Malan coming from Torre Pellice for the purpose; and at least one other person has been baptized elsewhere.

I was much pleased with the brethren at Castelletto, with whom I spent a day, holding a service and spending several hours besides in conversation with them. Six of us were hospitably entertained by the brother, a laboring man, at whose house the meeting was held. They are very anxious for a locale of their own, and have begun to give toward it liberally, for their means. Since the meetings have been more regular, and specially in consequence of the visits of Signor Malan, the ire of the priests has been aroused, but their fulminations, though unpleasant, have proved as harmless as the chained lions between which Christian safely passed; nor were the stones with which the colporter was pelted on Sunday, the 15th of March, allowed to hurt him; while the buying of him and burning before his face of a New Testament may only fan a Divine flame not destined to die.

The following letter from Brother Malan, under date of Torre Pellice, March 26, 1897, explains itself:

"I have just returned from Cuneo and Castelletto, where I was called by telegram to conduct a funeral. In spite of the malicious insinuations of the priest of the place, we had a fair audience; and at the house, as well as at the cemetery, where all of the assembly followed, the funeral procession, Brother Bo and I had the opportunity and the joy of preaching the good news of the Lord's grace. At the request of the father and the maternal grandfather, both firm Christians, we sang two appropriate hymns in front of the house, before going to the grave—'There's a land that is fairer than day,' and 'I'm a stranger and a pilgrim, I can tarry, I can tarry but a night.' At the end of the service at the cemetery they asked us to sing a last hymn—'Safe in the arms of Jesus.' The weather, which had been horrible all night and in the early morning, with rain and snow together and intense cold, cleared off beautifully and it stopped snowing as we started for the cemetery, which made the good people in attendance say, 'Really the Lord has cleared the sky to favor the Protestant burial.' 'Really the Protestants say excellent things—at least one can understand them.' In short, I believe we left a good impression, i. e., not we, but the words of eternal life which we were able to preach, and which we pray God to bless. That Protestant

funeral will have an echo, not alone in Castelletto but also in all the surrounding villages. Would that here in Torre Pellice and the neighboring places there were that curiosity, if not that desire, to hear the Gospel of Christ!"

Number baptized during the year in Cuneo four. Total number of members in Cuneo and at Castelletto nineteen. One of the four baptized is a brother from Bastia, twenty odd miles away, who came to Cuneo for the purpose. He is the only Baptist, the only evangelical, in those parts, and has much opposition, or worse, to endure for the Gospel's sake, but his light cannot be hid. These scattered, lonely Christians in Italy should have our sympathy and prayers. The brethren of Castelletto have given fifteen dollars toward a locale.

Signor Bo sends me a detailed report of his colportage work. Some of the conversations with skeptics, the indifferent and priests I have found singularly interesting and revealing ability to wield the sword of the Spirit. On one occasion after having driven two priests from one defence after another, he carried the conversation to a practical ground, and finally challenged them to pray with him, well knowing that they could pray only out of a book, and when they declined he offered a prayer so Scriptural and fervent that they were forced to approve it. Singularly enough the entire discussion closed without excitement, and hands were shaken at parting. But the scene had witnesses, and was much talked of afterwards.

The San Remo Church has been tormented with disorders created and fostered, as I believe, chiefly by a brother once preaching to the congregation, and his friends. Having found out certainly his utter unreliableness I was obliged to break with him, and he has since never ceased to be a disturbing element, but happily without great power to hurt, as he can operate only from without and not inside the church.

After the evangelist died in January I appointed, provisionally, a young brother of the place whom I have long known as desiring to preach, and in whose Christian character I had entire confidence. He seems to be doing fairly well, despite the disadvantage of being a prophet in his own country. As his salary is small our treasury is not burdened.

Number of members, including two under discipline, fourteen; baptized during the year, three; Sunday-school scholars, fourteen; contributions, twenty dollars.

Several persons, not communicants, are active in helping the work. If some day a new man, possessed of experience and the necessary gifts and graces, should go to San Remo, I do not see why a fine work might not be built up there.

Cannes.—Brother Ferraris makes this the center of extensive operations, never losing the opportunity of placing a tract or New Testament, or of religious conversations. These conversations are very interesting, and, crowned with the Divine favor, cannot be fruitless. Though he labors in France his members consist almost entirely of Italians. He reports fifteen communicants, mostly very poor, three baptisms, and seven dollars contributed.

Genoa.—Signor Colombo has had the care of the work in Genoa and in the populous popular suburb Sampierdarena (which long name, resolved into its constituent parts, means St. Peter of the Beach),

and reports for both, though he has enjoyed since the summer the valuable co-operation of a brother whom for five months I have helped, provisionally, with a sum beneath his needs and his gifts, but these, happily, are not surpassed by his Christian graces.

The work in both of these cities seems quite prosperous. In Genoa it is really new, as the locale originally taken had soon to be relinquished on account of municipal labors grading the streets, and only last autumn, after a long suspension, could a new hall be secured. The outlook at first was not encouraging, but hard work and good preaching tell, and both of the brethren named are good preachers, and have a mind to work. Even in Genoa, writes Signor Colombo, the work gives signs of developing, the church is regularly constituted, the evening meetings are fairly attended, and the Sunday service at five o'clock in the afternoon is very encouraging. We also have a little Sunday-school.

Always in Sampierdarena our hall overflows with assiduous, attentive hearers. Entire families are inquirers after the truth, and are visited regularly by me at their homes. Among the cases of special interest is that of a man who was famous for his blasphemies, but who now blesses the Lord, and renders efficacious testimony to the Gospel. His wife, who was something of a bigot, considers his conversion nothing less than a miracle, is a regular attendant at the meetings, and accompanies her son to the Sunday-school.

Some of our catechumens, who are at the hospital in Genoa, bear faithful witness to the Saviour before the other patients and the nuns in charge.

During the past year baptized in Genoa eight persons. Members, twelve; Sunday-school scholars, ten. In Sampierdarena Baptized ten persons. Members, twenty-four; Sunday-school scholars, twelve. Contributions, forty-nine dollars.

Milan.—The principal phase of the meetings of the church, says the evangelist Mr. Papengouth, has been the better attendance and increasing interest in Bible study. The brethren were greatly cheered by the acquisition from the somewhat disrupted Free Church, of a brother zealous in the study of God's Word and in testifying for Christ in season and out of season; but he, after a few months of precious service "fell on sleep." The little flock has been sorely tried by sickness, a medium of five or six members being ill all winter, for three of whom science can do no more. Constantly the need of a better locale is keenly felt. A small nucleus of brethren in Novara is regularly visited by the evangelist.

The Sunday-school has thirteen scholars; the church, forty-five members; baptisms during the year, three; contributions for same sixty dollars; which is one dollar and twenty-five cents per head in gold currency. The bulk of the contributions is for incidental expenses, all of which are paid by the church.

Carpi.—The evangelist transferred here during the year has the pastoral instinct and the co-operation of a wife endowed with good sense and energy. They found the work compromised by two predecessors, one of whom has left Italy, and the other has departed this life. I deemed it necessary for the honor of the cause to pay certain small debts left by the latter, which has restored confidence, and the brother now in charge is encouraged. At the funeral of one of the brethren in the neighborhood the evangelist was able to preach to

over one hundred persons, who listened attentively. He has a horse and carriage (presented to our mission by an English lady who also pays for their maintenance), and visits Migliorina, Rovereto and Sam Possidonio, but feels the need of a colporter.

The Sunday-school Christmas tree, chiefly due to the wife, who collected money for it from citizens not members, was an attraction to outsiders, who heard the Gospel in song and from the children as well as from the preacher.

Baptized during the year two; present number of members, including the group of Migliorina, thirty-six; number of Sunday-school scholars, eleven; contributions during the last ten months nine dollars and forty cents. The members are generally quite poor, but they ought to give more.

Venice.—The evangelist here has had for eighteen months a central locale. He sends the following letter with his statistical report:

"It is night; I am just from the meeting; the hall was full and I have preached with my whole soul. Perhaps it is the only [it is almost the only] place in Italy where every night so many people are preached to with a view to their conversion. My labor is not of the kind to write about, or, at any rate, I am not the one to write of it. I have already said that statistical tables can do a wrong to the sincere—how much has an honest man to suffer!"

Annexed to the statistics are the following observations from the same brother:

"Here the number of the baptized increases every year, but the population is not stationary, as in other cities; it is a good thing that the converted who leave render testimony in places where there are no ministers. Fully forty persons not baptized frequent our meetings like aged Christians. The church is made up of the poor; we cannot make collections for the poor, but for some time a plate is placed for such offerings, specially for burial expenses, which are here very heavy, and enough has been gathered to provide grave clothes for the dead; and we hope to provide somewhat also for the living. So far, Signor Bellondi, I add in justice to him, that he gives much to the poor and sick of his flock, and not long ago paid for the burial of one of them. During the year he has baptized six persons, and the present membership is seventeen."

Florence.—Signor Galassi writes: "I arrive now from Poggio or Caiano, a real fortress of satan, where the people wished to kill me, but I hope the Lord will open the door. The Waldensian evangelist who had given up in despair of effecting anything there bids me try, and welcome, and I am going to do it." Signor Galassi laments the leaving of several brethren in search of work, but presents the following encouraging report:

Present number of members, forty-five; baptized during the year, eleven; scholars in Sunday-school, twenty; contributions during the year, eighty-four dollars.

Bari.—The report of the evangelist here contains less of incident than last year, though no doubt his labor has been equally faithful. Two brethren have died, who are a great loss, as they took an active part in the evangelization both in Bari and in the region around, witnessing for the Lord Jesus. The Christmas tree for the Sunday-school surpassed those of the other churches; called forth in a daily paper

a very favorable article of some length concerning the work of the evangelicals, and procured for our congregation the valuable friendship of two citizens of importance. Brother Volpi, instant in season and out of season, called to marry the daughter of the proprietor of one of the hotels at Brindisi, preached the Gospel to the large company composed of persons who, probably, had never heard it before. Feasts as well as funerals are to our Italian preachers opportunities to present the Saviour and His great salvation.

Baptized during the year, four; number of members (including those of Barletto and other places in the neighborhood), twenty-seven; scholars in Sunday-school, twenty-three; contributions, thirty-four dollars.

At Gravina and Allamura there have been considerable opposition and persecution—persecution which the law cannot reach—and the work at the latter place has suffered in consequence.

From Gravina several members of the church and congregation have removed elsewhere—one family into the neighborhood destined, it is hoped, to be the nucleus of a new group of believers; but it is important for the evangelist to make an occasional visit to his isolated members. One of the staunchest of the brethren, a real pillar of the church, belongs to the city guard, and from his conversion the priests and clerical party have bitterly hated him and sought to oust him from his place, which would drive him from the town; and they are likely to succeed yet, despite his twenty-five years of honorable service, for the Neri are very strong in Gravina.

Present number of members, seventeen; baptized during the year, five; contributions, sixty-nine dollars.

The Palermo Church was formed in 1895 by Signor Salvatore De Gaetano, a man of moderate intellectual endowments and slender acquirements, but with a sincerity and geniality which drew men to him and won their affection and confidence. When he died last September the brethren there asked me to continue for six months his allowance to the widow and son, promising, on their part, to keep up the meetings. So it was decided, and so it has been done by them and by me. Latterly strong pressure has been brought to bear upon me by the church to accept the son as evangelist for that station. Much is to be said in favor of this. It would be a simple and inexpensive solution of the problem; the widow would be provided for and the church and congregation, with one exception, much gratified. The youth has something of his father's gift and is a much better speaker. On the other hand, he is not yet twenty-one, was baptized about eighteen months ago, and last May, when I was there, he had not the slightest disposition towards the ministry. I am also afraid that the church has thought of the arrangement largely with reference to the widow, to whom they are much attached, and that they are satisfied with glib speech instead of nutritious food. I am afraid, too, that he would never develop the life and activity of the church, and that he is not equal to the demands of such a city as Palermo. It might even be doing him injustice, since if he is called to preach, and has gifts, he ought to seek preparation for the work; and I was pained on my visit a month ago to note some loss of lovely simplicity in him, some dawnings of vanity and worldly ambition. On the whole, I incline to a middle course, sending to Palermo a minister of experience and retaining the youth as an assistant on trial.

I think it important for him not to give up his employment as machinist at the railroad station, which he wishes to do.

Baptized during the year, one. Present number of members, thirteen; Sunday-school scholars, twelve; contributions, four dollars.

Miglionico.—Of Brother Carlo Piccinni it may be said as of Joseph: "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him and persecuted him; but his bow abode in strength." Beset by some of the common people and even by the Sindaco, a near relative of one of the hierarchy, he is in good heart and says the meetings continue more and more promising and he is confirmed in his old hope that Miglionico may become one of the best centres of evangelization in Italy, but he sees that much self-sacrifice is still necessary.

The night school has been attended this year by good young men, but he has to close it on the first of April, as the labor in the fields has begun. He has evangelized four other places.

Baptisms during the year, five; number of communicants, thirty-one; scholars in the Sunday-school and night school, thirty-seven; contributions during the year, twenty-three dollars.

Portici.—The aged evangelist at Portici, near Naples, reports four of his members gone to America, and others removed to various parts of the kingdom for employment and as soldiers. There remain five communicants. Five persons have been baptized during the past year, and in the same period six dollars have been contributed for the poor and sick.

Boscotrecase, with its sister commune, *Boscotrecase*, have reported thirty-two members. Baptized during the past year, eight; contributions during the same period, seven dollars. In my visit last May to these towns on the Vesuvian slope I was much impressed with the influence of the evangelist, Signor Martinelli, who, unable to work by reason of his chronic, painful disease, nevertheless, like a certain chemical agent, is effective by his mere presence. I noted, too, with pleasure, the esteem in which he is held by the public—nearly every bat being raised to him as we drove Sunday afternoon from one locale to the other. Nor could another denomination get a footing there, which, seeing the field somewhat fertile, attempted to enter it, moved also by the knowledge of our evangelist's feeble health; a kindly tract from his pen, together with his personal influence, sufficing to hold the fort. What a contrast all this to the fierce persecutions which he encountered on planting his tent at *Boscotrecase* (The Royal Forest) some ten years ago. And yet when in the last year the work was initiated and prospered at the other town, the clericals naturally rose up with their evil accusations. "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you," says our Saviour; but, as my maternal grandfather used to observe, there are generally people ready to take the woe off one.

Naples.—The evangelist of Naples limits his report to the following statistics: Present number of members, twenty-nine; baptized during the year, eleven; contributions, thirty dollars.

At *Macomer, Sardinia*, a station recently occupied, there is as yet no church, but four persons are now awaiting baptism, and there is a Sunday-school of eleven scholars. Four secondary stations are visited.

Very much the same may be said concerning the work in Sassari, two or three hours distant, but other salient facts may be added, viz., the evangelist is a semi-invalid, being half blind and liable to epilepsy, notwithstanding which he is able to bear much fatigue and has made extensive tours of colportage, distributing thousands of Gospel tracts supplied to us gratuitously; finally, a priest from the convent in Sassari, after long correspondence and many interviews, at last came to him and in the locale publicly abjured Roman Catholicism. This ex-priest, thirty-two years old, is well instructed and is of pleasant address and a good speaker. He is anxious to be baptized, but, at my suggestion, the rite has prudently been delayed. He also earnestly desires to preach the Gospel, but I have not been able to give him the least hope of pecuniary support. If the Lord calls him to preach, He will also provide for him. Other priests in different parts of Italy are believed to be ready to abandon the papacy if some provision could be assured them, but I am one who believes that a readiness to risk all, trusting God, is needed as a proof to the man himself and to others of his sincerity and deep earnestness. This proof has been given in the present case, since the priest, whatever he may have hoped, had no promise or even encouragement to believe that he would be taken up—indeed, just the contrary. I ought to add that Brother Mattei, the worker in Sassari and the towns near by, has the valuable co-operation of his wife and daughter, and all three of them, who went out from our Rome church, enjoy my entire confidence.

Cagliari.—Eleven villages and towns, most of them within easy distance of Cagliari, have been evangelized, as a pure labor of love, by two of the members of the Cagliari church, and four others by the evangelist and his son, who has since become a student in Florence. From this evangelistic work several new members are expected. The church is afflicted by the long illness of several brethren and the financial needs of others, and has found its best efforts to succor them insufficient. The statistics for the past year are as follows: Present number of members, twenty-six; (some of whom are away); baptized during the year, one; contributions for same period, one hundred and eighteen dollars.

The Iglesias Church, Sardinia, though not reporting any accessions by baptism during the past year, seems to have prospered internally, and a brother has been received for baptism, but has not yet been baptized. There has been much suffering among the widely scattered membership, owing to the closing of some of the great mines, and the evangelist is now shut out from one mine, which has passed from the hands of parties most friendly to the Gospel and to him, into the hands of those who are skeptical and hostile to both. Still the seed he long sowed and watered there cannot be lost, and the colporter, who can go where the preacher cannot, continues his unobtrusive but useful visits. The evangelist writes as follows:

“On account of my continued illness I have not been able to visit the out-stations, as hitherto, much to the grief of those brethren, but in compensation, I have been able to labor more in Iglesias, and it is with real satisfaction that I note the marked progress of the church in prayer, Bible study, assiduity in attending the night meetings, and in the matter of giving to the Lord. Number of members, thirty-one. The Sunday-school has varied from ten to thirty, with a medium of twenty. Contributions, forty-two dollars.”

Of the three persons baptized in our Rome church, two were the kin of our ever-constant deacon, and through his influence largely were led to the meetings and then to the Gospel. One of these, a retired officer, in asking for membership, rose and related a very clear experience, telling how he had been a skeptic, but never satisfied, and how he had now found peace trusting the Saviour of sinners. The third person referred to is connected with the Questura, which is the office responsible for public order in the entire kingdom. He is a very quiet man, and did not promise to be a specially valuable acquisition, but when he returned from a visit to his native place in the summer we found that he had not only carried high his colors there, but had announced the Gospel privately to many friends, and had addressed a company of at least fifty persons, testifying for Christ, even a priest concealing himself behind the scenes. His words were received with sympathy by most present. As to private conversations, he had not to seek them as he was stormed with questions from all his acquaintances and friends. An architect was not at first disposed to accept him or his words seriously, but, somewhat to our brother's surprise, he came next day and said that he would gladly read something on the subject of the conversation, and our brother gladly loaned him a New Testament and several tracts, which he was to return to a friend named. The lawyer Chiappini, a glorious relic of the war for Italian independence, has long possessed a large Bible of Diodati. His son, who owns the best and most centrally situated house in the place, would be proud to cede it, at moderate rent, for evangelical meetings. Our brother gives the names of sixteen men, in various conditions of life, and all heads of families, who would favor and help an evangelical work established in the town. In a neighboring village there are six "adherents" to the Gospel. The news of this spontaneous evangelization by one of our new converts cheered my heart, as doubtless it will the hearts of all Christians who may read this. When our brother takes another vacation we mean to send an evangelist with him to enter the door the Lord has thus opened.

Our Rome church has just lost three members, who have removed to London in search of work. One of them, small in body, has a great soul. He is a joyful Christian, with love, joy and peace shining out of his eyes. He has stood firm as a rock amid persecution at home, and has led several persons to the chapel and two or three to Christ. Our Sunday services are well attended, but, owing to the great distances in Rome and to the fact that several of our brethren have to work till very late, and also to the general indifference of the population unless there is some special attraction, the week-night meetings are thinly attended. Number of members, twenty-eight. Baptized during the year, three; scholars in Sunday-school, nine; contributions, one hundred and ninety-one dollars.

In conclusion, I beg permission to begin a work in Trieste, which need not cost much, and the field is promising. I cite a word or two from my last year's report, which fell so dead that the loving labor of writing a report seems only love's labor lost. There is a peculiarly strong call for a work in Trieste, where we have a little band of brethren whose zeal and great longing for a minister deeply impressed Brother Eager and me when we were there. "Send us a shepherd," said the worthy colporter of the Bible Society—a staunch Baptist—"send us a shepherd, and I will gladly be the shepherd's

dog to help gather the scattered sheep." There are many isolated Baptists there. Why is it that every Mission Board has discriminated against Austria?—Austria whose soil has been soaked with Baptist blood! Trieste, though partly German and Slav, is chiefly an Italian city, and everybody speaks Italian. With it could be combined another station. I ascertained the laws concerning public preaching and worship, and there need not be the slightest difficulty with the civil authorities.

I also ask that in addition to the minimum necessary for current expenses, an annual grant of not over one thousand dollars and not less than five hundred dollars be made for chapel building; thus little by little we could erect several much-needed chapels, and the work would be more solidly founded. I hold a letter of credit of the Board for chapels with an undrawn balance of eight hundred and ninety dollars and sixty-two cents, which I was formally authorized to draw, but have not on account of the Board's troubles. Now if the Board's debt be paid, may I not begin with using this balance?

I beg the attention and the response of the Board and of the Convention on these two subjects.

BRAZIL.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—(*P. O. Nova Friburgo*)—W. B. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, J. J. Alves.

Jus de Fora.—J. J. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor.

BAHIA.—Z. C. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Joao Baptista.

Valenca.—Antonio Marques.

CAMPOS.—S. L. Ginsburg, Mrs. Ginsburg, A. Campos.

San Fidelis—Joas Manhaes

PERNAMBUCO.—W. E. Entzminger, Mrs. Entzminger.

REPORT OF BAHIA MISSION.

BY Z. C. TAYLOR.

This year marks an era in this mission. For two years we were apprised of coming danger. I did all I could to prepare the native brethren for it, but failed. High-pressure had been used to keep the press going. With the reduction in the second quarter came the reduction in the press; in the third quarter, more reduction, and in the fourth quarter suspension entirely. This produced discontent with two of the discontinued printers to such an extent as to produce downright opposition to the church's sustaining its own pastor. In view of the growing trouble I had insisted on the church taking up John Baptist as pastor, thus relieving the Board. But the discontents, doubting the nature of the crisis, would do nothing themselves and kept the church from doing anything. Hence this has been the most trying year in all the history of Bahia church.

There has been a repetition of the ten spies and the rebellion of Dathan, Korah and Abiram. These three, not being able to find anything against my character, made several whimsical accusations. In order that I might not appear in the way I stepped aside three months, and told them if they would run the church I was only too willing; but, having given them time, they did nothing, and were allowing

the church to go to pieces. I reassumed direction of the church January 1, 1897, offering them pardon upon confession, but they did not accept; hence I declared non-fellowship for them. The three discontents have all been employed in the mission—one a deacon, one an ex-secretary, and the other an aspirant to the ministry. You can readily see the opposition is a formidable one.

Nearly all the baptisms put down to Bahia church are from her out-stations or the interior.

Two new churches, you see, were added this year.

Valenca and Amargosa churches are nearly ready to purchase buildings for their worship; also, in Vargem Grande a brother is constructing a house, mostly at his own expense, for this purpose. In San Antonio, where we have several members, a brother has fitted up a room in one of his own houses, and there we hope soon to have a church.

Brother John Baptist preached some months in Joazeiro, but the time was unfavorable, being a time of malignant fevers. Seven were baptized there, included in the Bahia church. Although we have some fourteen members there, we judged it prudent not to organize.

In the Valenca church a young brother has charge, and the church continues to flourish.

Brother Marques, living at San Antonio, has preached to the churches at Vargem Grande, Amargosa and Casca. I made two visits to them this year, and one to Valenca, Mrs Taylor accompanying me with her organ.

John Baptist, on returning from Joazeiro, has been working on the island of Itapirica, in a city of ten thousand inhabitants. He also helps me in Bahia, and was with me on a long journey up the San Francisco river.

I have made two most important journeys—one down the coast one hundred miles, where I baptized one, and am invited to return this month and baptize more. The other was a two-month's trip up the great San Francisco river, six hundred miles interior. John Baptist and a colporter accompanied me. We were received everywhere by the better class. We preached in several court-houses, as well as other houses, and on the streets. Two excellent men are to come to Bahia this month for the purpose of being baptized.

Some two thousand Bibles and portions of scripture have been put in circulation, as well as thousands of tracts and religious books.

Mrs. Taylor has pursued her studies in the Portuguese, gone out with me on two trips, and has been able to do some local work.

While we weep over the sad effects of the trouble in Bahia church, there are evident signs of progress in other parts, and the future invites us on with hope. Our health has been excellent this year, and, having secured a healthy location for residence, we hope to live so as maintain health.

REPORT OF RIO JANEIRO MISSION.

BY W. B. BAGBY.

The year just passed has been one of steady toil and many evidences of Divine favor. We have been blessed with the conversion of a goodly number of souls, and a work of grace has continued to manifest itself in our congregations throughout the year. A much larger number of persons than that reported as baptized might have been received, but we prefer to make haste slowly and receive candidates with much care.

Rio Janeiro.—In this great city of probably near eight hundred thousands souls our cause has made cheering progress. Congregations have uniformly been good, while often the house has been filled with earnest listeners. Many of these are persons who for the first time in life heard the message of salvation, and a number of them give evidence of having accepted the Saviour with glad hearts.

The new building dedicated a few months before the beginning of the year past has proven, as predicted in our last annual report, a source of untold blessing to our cause. It has been the means of attracting hundreds of persons to hear the Word, who never elsewhere listen to its wondrous invitation. Situated as it is, on one of the principal streets of the city, where crowds are continually passing, numbers come in, attracted at first by the singing and the lights, and stay to hear the story of the Cross. We trust that blessed fruit will through future years be reaped from the seed sown in these sin-burdened souls.

Nor has God left us without a present ingathering. Over thirty converts have been received and baptized during the year—the majority of these being grown men and women, some of them aged, and a number being heads of families. The church numbered one hundred and nine members at the close of December. The contributions for all purposes were eight hundred dollars. Other contributions by members raise the amount to nine hundred dollars.

Two other preaching places have been regularly occupied, one in the suburbs, and one across the bay in Nictheroy, where some of the believers live. Attendance at these places has been cheering. Outside of the city also, at a place called Palmeiras, we had weekly preaching and excellent attendance during a part of the year.

The Rio church pays all of its running expenses, contributes to missions, home and foreign, and partly supports a preacher, besides during the year having paid off the remainder due on furniture and fixtures for the new chapel, insurance on the same, and other incidental items. Henceforth we hope that it will bear a larger and larger proportion of pastoral support, and if it continues to grow as during this year past it will soon be able to support entirely its own pastor. Altogether the work in Rio appears to be most healthy and encouraging in every way, and we look for great things in the future.

Brother Bagby and Brother Alves have had charge of this field, aided by unpaid members of Rio church, notably by Brother L. C. Irvine and some other young men.

We regret to say that Dr. Ottoni, from whom we expected to receive great help, proved utterly unworthy and ceased to work with us in the beginning of the year. He has since shown such moral weakness that the church withdrew fellowship from him a short time ago. His defection did not affect the cause in Rio in the least, and since he ceased to work with us, congregations have continued the same as ever, and interest even greater.

The Work in Minas.—There are two churches in and near the State of Minas. Brother J. J. Taylor has the oversight of these, besides preaching at other points and looking after a depot for Bibles, Testaments, and other religious books and tracts. This Bible depot has been the means of widely scattering the printed Word and giving the knowledge of the truth to hundreds of souls. It will doubtless bear rich fruit in coming days.

The Work in Juiz de Fora has been faithfully prosecuted in the midst of peculiar difficulties. The church has suffered much from the removal of its members to other places, from sickness, and from the unfaithfulness of some. It has, however, been blessed by the conversion of sinners, and the addition of thirteen persons to its membership by baptism. It has contributed regularly towards its current expenses, toward a building fund, and toward Home and Foreign Missions.

The church at Parahyba do Sul is without a resident pastor, but it has been visited regularly by a native brother, a deacon of the church in Juiz de Fora, under Brother Taylor's direction. Five persons were baptized during the year. A native preacher who was pastor at this place formerly moved to another point, and is engaged in secular employment.

Brother Taylor has visited and preached at two other points in the State of Minas, one of these being the new capital, a city now building, and which bids fair to become a very important center for influence and work. A number of the members of the Juiz de Fora church are now living at this place, and we hope that during the year now commencing a church may be organized there, and regular work begun. This city is situated on an elevated plain at the headwaters of streams which flow into the great San Francisco river, whose populous valley is as yet untouched in its larger part by missionary labor. Brother Taylor hopes to make a tour down this valley during this year.

Santa Barbara (State of San Paulo)—This place was visited once during the year by Brother Bagby. The membership is about the same as last year (1895), the distance from Rio rendering it very difficult for us to reach it and do any effective work. Brother Thomas continues to conduct a Sunday-school and do some preaching, such as his age and health permit.

The Baptist Union Association.—This body, composed of our native churches in South Brazil, held its annual meeting at Juiz de Fora in August, and encouraging reports were received from all the churches. Each church reported a good number of baptisms during the Associational year. Self-support was vigorously urged, and it was resolved to lay upon the churches the necessity of regular foreign as well as domestic mission work. It was also unanimously resolved that we support a worker in Africa.

Conclusion.—We regard this whole field as remarkably prepared for the Gospel. The people everywhere show willingness, and often eagerness, to hear the truths of life. Many new places might be occupied to great advantage if we had a larger force of workers. We know that the finances of the Board do not at present allow the appointing of any new missionaries, but we devoutly long and pray for the time when the churches at home shall awaken and give us the men so sorely needed for this great and open field. May God speed that day.

REPORT OF PERNAMBUCO MISSION.

BY W. E. ENTZMINGER.

The year 1896 was for us both a busy and a prosperous one. Two new churches were organized. The first was at Nazareth, an interior town of the State of Pernambuco, on January 12th, with sixteen members.

The second was at Natal, port and capital of the State of Rio Grande do Norte, about two hundred miles north of Pernambuco, on December 3d, with thirteen members.

The Nazareth church began its career auspiciously, and has continued well. Thirty-four persons were baptized into its membership during the year, and many have heard the Word of Life. From the beginning it has been entirely self-supporting, contributing during the year, for different purposes, about two hundred and seventy-five dollars. The church has already secured a lot and laid the foundations of the new chapel. Fortunately two or three brethren own brick-yards, while some of the rest are brick-layers, while still others are carpenters, so that, in spite of being poor, they themselves can build their own chapel with comparatively little help from without.

The recently-organized church at Natal enters upon its existence with every promise of prosperity and usefulness. Its membership, though small, is composed of some of the best families in the place, which lends character and influence to the new organization. This church has its own native pastor—Joaquin Lourival—who has been a public school professor for twenty-five years. He was ordained to the ministry December 12th by the church in Pernambuco. We are glad to say that Professor Lourival was never a Romish priest (one of the most doubtful quantities in mission work), but a man well known and highly respected, and a faithful witness of the Gospel in Natal for several years.

In addition to our complement of evangelistic work we were forced to do an extraordinary amount of literary work during the year.

The priests always and everywhere sedulously teach their followers that Protestant Bibles are false and pernicious; but this year they became so aggressive as to "Beard the lion in his den," boldly attacking us and our Bibles through the public press. "If the foundations be destroyed what shall the righteous do?" asks David. And so we fully realized that unless we defended our cause before the people it would inevitably become a "lost cause." We began to answer the priests, which led to a long discussion in the newspapers, and afterwards to the publication of a book. The Lord enabled us to stop the mouths of these prophets of evil and to gain a decided victory for the truth. Our book has been well received by the Catholics.

We have also written a tract on "Immersion Essential to Baptism," which is still in manuscript. This will be the second chapter of a little book that we are preparing for our Brazilian work on the "Church and Its Ordinances; or, the Characteristics of the Baptists." The third chapter of the projected book, on the subject of baptism, was written and printed last year in a tract. This year we hope to finish the book.

Besides our own work we aided materially the American Bible Society by directing its colporters and managing its funds disbursed in this State. In this State, the past year, the society, through this channel, distributed from ten to twelve large boxes of Scriptures, representing a value of about two thousand dollars. The general agent of the society in Rio (Mr. Tucker), under date of November 17th, thus writes in appreciation of our services during the year:

"You have done us great service this year, for which I personally and the American Bible Society are deeply indebted to you."

Within four years the Pernambuco Mission has grown from one

little church of seventeen members to five churches, distributed among three States, to which were added during the year seventy-six members, two of which raised four hundred dollars, and all of which together have a membership of one hundred and eighty-nine.

REPORT OF THE CAMPOS MISSION.

BY S. L. GINSBURG.

Last year (1896) was one of trial to us. We have suffered, suffered much. Inundations, which destroyed millions of dollars of property; fevers and plagues, such as small-pox, etc., which destroyed many a precious life and home, taking away from our midst two young believers who promised much for the future. Lack of labor brought poverty to many a believer's home, and the financial crisis which still prevails, reduced life in Brazil to a great problem. But praised be the Lord, He was with us! He did not forsake us. All our churches have had their usual services, and many new places have been visited.

Campos.—The "Church of Christ" in Campos continues to be the most important centre of our mission field. This place continues to grow, both in population and importance commercially. A new railway has been constructed and inaugurated last year, connecting this city with San John de Barra, an important port on the Atlantic coast, thus connecting Campos with the whole civilized world.

The work continues as usual, the numbers of people attending our services never diminishing, in spite of the bad accommodation they receive in our old, unventilated store-room, turned into a house of worship. Every Wednesday and Sunday nights especially the hall is overcrowded, people climbing up on the stairs that lead into our private dwelling.

The believers are earnest, zealous and sincere. I have made it a rule to put every member to work, to do something for Jesus and the cause. For this purpose we have committees. Thus we have a Committee on Discipline, another on Invitations, whose duty is to go about the city or country and distribute tracts and invite people to the services. We have a Committee on Missions, Literature, Church Building, etc. Each member learns to do something for Him who has done so much for them.

Our young men keep up the work in the interior. Had it not been for them not half of the work could have been accomplished. They love to work and speak for Jesus, though unfortunately are not all prepared for such work. We have here in this church three or four young men willing and ready to attend the call of Jesus to go and preach, but have not the time and means necessary for preparation. Cannot the brethren help us educate these young men who feel themselves called to the work? We need native helpers to make our work permanent.

The brethren are bent upon having their house as soon as possible, and are doing mighty acts of self-sacrifice to attain their desire. The contributions last year reached the sum of seven hundred dollars. If you consider the bad times through which we are passing, and the poverty of all our members, you cannot help but admire them.

Girls' School.—Connected with the Campos work is our Girls' School, under the care of Mrs. Ginsburg. It was opened last

January. The need of such a school could no longer be ignored. Our believers' children grew up in public schools where they were taught all profane and superstitious things, being maltreated both by pupils and teachers on account of their fathers' faith. If the children were sent to private schools, they were taught all the nonsense of a Catholic faith. Seeing that the children of our churches were thus being lost for the future, Mrs. Ginsburg resolved to make a sacrifice and open a school, trusting in the Lord to send her a competent helper soon.

The school has been a success. It began with two pupils and before the year was finished forty-five names were on the list with an average attendance of twenty-seven. Not all the pupils can pay their monthly fee, but the school has not been of any expense to the Mission, nor to the Board. Mrs. Ginsburg continues to superintend this important work, though unable on account of her precarious state of health. Were it not necessary she would have given it up. Is there no teacher at home willing to come and help us?

Our Baptist Paper, "As Boas Novas."—It is in Campos that this Baptist journal is published, and it continues on its onward march prospering, blessed and blessing. The number of subscribers is not great, but many copies have been distributed all over Brazil. In 1896 twenty-four numbers were published, each time two thousand copies, all full of the glad tidings of joy, and of Christ the only Savior of mankind. In 1897 we are going to make it a weekly, printing it on better paper, and thus introduce it into many other places and houses. We attach great importance to this publication, considering it one of the best helpers in the spreading of the Word of God, and introducing the Gospel into many hearts and homes. Pastor A. Campos continues to help us in its editing, and many other brethren help with good articles.

Book Store and Bible Work.—Campos is also our center for the Bible work and printing of tracts for general distribution. We employ a colporter whose chief business it is to visit the neighboring cities, sell Bibles and books and open doors for future evangelization. Our brother J. Lesse in his report tells me that he has visited about fifty cities, selling religious literature to the amount of four hundred dollars.

The printing office published a new hymn-book for our churches and many evangelical tracts for general distribution amongst the unbelievers. Thus the Baptist cause in general is greatly benefited.

For the last three months we have had working with us our Association Missionary, brother M. Sowza e Silva. His work is selling books all over Brazil, preaching the Gospel. He works voluntarily, and the Association accepted him as their honorary missionary. According to his report he sold during 1896, five hundred and seventeen Bibles, seven hundred and ten testaments, ten psalms, two thousand and twenty-seven religious tracts; visited over fifty cities, preaching in all, and baptizing fourteen believers. He says, "I believe that a time has come for Brazil as never before. It is now about eighteen years that I am working in Brazil, and those times we had to contend with many difficulties, being stoned and beaten many a time. Now we suffer very little. Thanks be to God, the people are opening their eyes." This brother is worthy of our prayers. He hopes to remain in this mission and work with us for Jesus and His cause.

San Fidelis.—San Fidelis is one of the fields in this State where the Gospel has made rapid progress. Many will yet remember the savage persecutions with which we were received by the fiends of the priest, who had on his side the authority and principal citizens of this place. Several times we were stoned, and only two years ago the paper published injurious and false articles against me, and I had to undergo ten days of imprisonment in a horrible cell.

But the Gospel triumphed over its enemies. In July, 1894, we organized a church with only seven members, amidst great difficulties, our lives being in peril. In July, 1896, the church celebrated its second anniversary with an important meeting in the open air, hundreds of persons being present.

Pastor A. Campos took charge of this field in 1895, and has been doing a great and good work. He gained the sympathies of the people who, knowing his great talent for journalistic work, made him their editor-in-chief of their local paper. You can imagine the good accomplished through the paper where the Gospel was not left out.

By the end of 1896 a friend of the cause, a business man, offered to build us a little house of prayer, because the hall where we now meet is too small for that purpose, though it is the best the city has. The new house which will be ready in a few months will be a new blessing for the progress of the Gospel in San Fidelis.

Last year we began with fifty-five members. During 1896 forty-three were baptized, one reconciled, eleven left to join other churches, nine were excluded, thus making the present number of members seventy-nine. These contributed during 1896 about three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Guandu.—This is a little interior church, organized on a farm in 1895. To reach it on Sunday we have to walk two hours under a burning sun. It is a trying walk, but we do it gladly, because the brethren appreciate and need it so much. Every Sunday a preacher leaves Campos for Guandu, and at 11 A. M. finds all the believers, who sometimes come from twelve miles distant to hear the words of life. The brethren have suffered, and still suffer, much persecution, and their faith is being tried. But they are firm to a man, preferring rather to suffer hunger than deny their Lord. Unfortunately, they have to leave their homes to find work, as the Catholic farmers will not employ them. Pray for these poor but faithful few in the midst of the fire of persecution.

Santa Barbara.—Santa Barbara is the name of a little station on a line that leaves Campos, and is the centre of a rich agricultural district. Two years ago I visited this place by invitation of one of the farmers living there. The Gospel message was gladly received, and a church organized. The owner of the large farm is our deacon, and he is trying his utmost to bring all the members of his large family to Christ, in which he has nearly succeeded.

We hold meetings here every Sunday twice and on Wednesday once. This last meeting is conducted by one of the believers of the place. On Sunday a preacher from Campos visits them, and for this service they are very grateful. For 1897 they have called a young man from Campos, and propose to help him with something monthly if he will teach their children and preach on Sunday. Thus the work goes forward.

Preaching Places.—Besides the four churches under our care, we constantly receive calls to go and preach in many other places.

Conclusion.—We have not done much to boast of, and what has been done is at best only imperfect, still we are thankful that the good Lord blessed the means spent to some purpose. Some have been brought to a happy knowledge of Jesus and His love. Let us praise Him for it, and ask Him to continue to bless us with His presence and His love. Pray for the conversion of Brazil.

MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

TOLUCA, *State of Mexico.*—W. D. Powell, Mrs. Powell. *Villa Guerrero.*—S. Dominguez.

SALTILLO, *State of Coahuila.*—A. B. Rudd, Mrs. Rudd, Miss Addie Barton, Miss Ida Hayes, Jose M. Cardenas, Pablo Rodriguez.

TORREON, *State of Coahuila.*—A. C. Watkins, Mrs. Watkins, Florencio Trevino. *Patos.*—Felipe Jimenez. *Parras.*—Jose M. Gaitan. *Monclova and Nadadores.*—Felix Rominez. *Nava and Allende.*—Porfirio Rodriguez. *San Pedro.*—Ernesto Barocio. *Musquiz.*—Elizeo Recio.

DOCTOR ARROYO, *State of Nuevo Leon.*—J. G. Chastain, Mrs. Chastain, Reinaldo Martinez.

ZACATECAS AND COLOTLAN, *State of Zacatecas.*—Berj. Muller.

MORELIA, *State of Michoacan.*—H. P. McCormick, Mrs. McCormick.

GUADALAJARA, *State of Jalisco.*—D. A. Wilson, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Miss Sallie Hale. *Silao and Leon.*—Victor Godinez.

ORIZABA, *State of Vera Cruz.*—Moises Guajardo.

REPORT OF THE TOLUCA MISSION.

BY W. D. POWELL.

There has been no great movement during this year. We have had twelve baptisms. The churches, Sunday schools and Young People's Societies are in better condition, and we hope for an ingathering during the present year.

My health is now excellent for the first time in two years.

We trust God and go forward.

REPORT OF THE SALTILLO MISSION.

BY A. B. RUDD.

One of the three native ordained workers reported from this field has recently moved to Brother Watkins' field, though the greater part of the year he worked on the Saltillo field. The pastor of the Saltillo church, also reported as one of our unordained workers, is supported by the church, and is in no sense under the direction of the Mission or the Board. This field really has *four* churches, but by mistake of the native worker one of the churches will be reported as belonging to Brother Chastain's field.

SCHOOLS.

1. *Madero Institute* has seventy-one matriculates up to date, an increase of seven over the number of last session. The spiritual interest in the school this session is, I think, a little ahead of what I have seen it at any previous time. Six of our girls have been baptized during the year, and three others received as candidates. Misses Hayes and Barton have labored earnestly for the spiritual welfare of the school, and they are constantly seeing the fruits of these efforts. Several others of the girls have made profession of faith and indicated their purpose to be baptized. These two faithful workers have been greatly overtaxed during the present session. They are bearing a burden too heavy for their shoulders.

2. *Zaragoza Institute* is still sustained by a good Virginia brother, who is anxious to do the greatest possible good with what the Lord has given him. This is a small school, intended principally for young men whom God has called to preach the Gospel. One young man goes from us at the close of the present session to enter fully upon his chosen work.

In connection with this school there was held during the month of July of 1896 a Theological Institute, which was attended by some fifteen brethren, who left their fields for a season to prepare themselves better for their life work. Brethren Chastain and Watkins, of our Mission, and Brother Westrup, of the Northern Board, gave us a heloing hand in this extra work. The Mission requests that the experiment be repeated during the present year, and the programme of work is now being arranged. We hope to make it a season of spiritual and intellectual uplifting for all who may come to study with us.

REPORT OF THE TORREON MISSION.

BY A. C. WATKINS.

Our work is doing nicely here. We have finished our new church house in Nava. We have two new real self-supporting churches—Musquez commenced with her new pastor in January; and San Pedro commenced the support of her pastor in January also. Both of these churches are paying the entire salary of their pastors. Rev. Jose M. Gaitan supports himself at shoe-making, and yet preaches regularly. Torreon house is nearing completion. The total collection made by me in Mexico, together with my churches, not counting ordinary expenses, is one thousand and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents.

REPORT OF DOCTOR ARROYO MISSION.

BY J. G. CHASTAIN.

¶ The Lord has blessed our work during the past year. At no time since I came to Mexico have I been so much encouraged in my work as now. The field is white unto the harvest, but for lack of more workers it is impossible for us to enter all the open doors. The Lord direct and bless us in this great and responsible work.

REPORT OF THE ZACATECAS MISSION.

BY B. F. MULLER.

As can be seen from the report I baptized only eight last year, six at Colotlan and two here. This is not so good a report, I am sorry

to say. The year before last there were twenty-five baptisms (including Brother Gassaway's) on this field. The relaxation I attribute largely to myself. For I confess that the amount of work I did last year was less than that done the year preceding. Since my wife's death, fourteen months ago, I have had many discouragements.

When I asked you if the Board could help in buying the house at Colotlan, the money was needed right then, so I sold a sewing-machine of my own and paid the money, and hence I did not write you further.

REPORT OF THE MORELIA MISSION.

BY H. P. M'CORMICK.

The missionary's heart has been and is encouraged at marked and growing evidences of spirituality among the brethren, and especially at the growth in grace and power of a number of those who, though unordained and self-supporting, are preaching the Word. The members are as yet scattered over a wide territory, but in several places Sunday services are held, with more or less regularity, in private houses by these isolated Christian workers. There has been in several places a notable decrease of hostility to the Gospel, and many of the Lord's open enemies of a year ago are now reading the Scriptures and inquiring the way. The two churches have requested me to express to the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention their profoundest gratitude for their gracious labor of love, and to assure them of their most fraternal affection.

REPORT OF THE GUADALAJARA MISSION.

BY D. A. WILSON.

One of the most hopeful signs in the work in Guadalajara is the increase of attendance at the morning service, and especially in the number of children who attend. The morning service is now much better attended than the night service, and this in spite of the fact that one of our most difficult problems with the native church membership is, and always has been, the observance of the Lord's day.

In this church there have been seven baptisms. The work in Leon is peculiarly difficult, but has nevertheless been blessed under the ministry of our native Brother Godinez, and the periodical visits of the missionary. Six have been baptized, and one other received for baptism. In Silao the work has no more than held its own.

Several other places have been visited with more or less frequency, and with varying results. In one small town four persons announced their purpose to leave Romanism and follow Christ. Others receive literature and are learning the truth.

We are just now planning a wider and a more systematic campaign through the towns by two Mexican brethren. Yesterday I spent with them in the study of God's Word, conference, fasting and prayer, preparatory to their going forth on a tour.

We are determined, if God allows us to establish any more churches, to establish them on a self-supporting basis from the start.

It is a great grief to my heart that no more souls have been brought to Christ, and I am longing and looking for power from on high for wider and more efficient service.

PAGAN FIELDS.

AFRICA.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

LAGOS.—M. L. Stone, with three native assistants and teachers.

Abbeokuta.—W. T. Lumbley and L. O. Fadipe, John Agboola, native assistants.

Awyaw.—S. G. Pinnock, Mrs. Pinnock, and James Adetayo, native assistant.

Ogbomoshaw (Ibadan).—C. E. Smith, Mrs. Smith, W. P. Winn, Mrs. Winn, and one native teacher.

REPORT OF ABBEOKUTA MISSION.

BY W. T. LUMBLEY.

The first part of the year I spent closing up my work at Ogbomoshaw, preparatory to the return of Brother Smith. I baptized six candidates there. In the early part of April I was with Brother Pinnock, and preached the first sermon for him in his new chapel at Awyaw. From the middle of April to the middle of June was spent working in Abbeokuta, and then about six weeks was spent in Lagos at a meeting of our missionaries, and working in the churches there. I have had quite an interesting time with a Mohammedan priest, who shows some signs of turning to the truth as it is in Christ. I have had many conversations with him, and hope he will come out fully for the Lord.

In our work at Abbeokuta Brother L. O. Fadipe and Brother John Agboola have been assisting me. The former gets two dollars and forty cents a month, and works in other ways to get enough to sustain himself. The latter teaches school and preaches. The church pays part of his salary. About twenty-five is the general average of those present at our preaching services, morning and night, and about fifteen attend on Wednesday night prayer-meetings. The services at our Alabama Station had to be suspended for a long time for want of helpers, but since Brother Agboola has come to help, we are hoping to reopen services there.

Polygamy, rum, Mohammedism and the formal and superficial policy of the Church of England people have made this a hard field for Baptists, but evidently there are signs of promise.

REPORT OF OGBOMOSHAW MISSION.

BY C. E. SMITH.

Preaching.—I have preached in the church here Sunday mornings, except once when sick, and a few times that Brother Winn preached, but he is doing a separate work for the most part. I have directed most of my preaching to the native Christians, as they need special instruction. A young native preacher, paid by the church, preaches Sunday evenings.

Sunday-School.—We have quite a live Sunday-school, with an attendance of about one hundred (sometimes more). About eighty

are Christians, and the rest are heathen who drop in. The school is under native control, except that I examine it at the close. There are eight classes and eight teachers, not counting the missionaries.

Street Preaching.—I preach in the streets Sunday evenings, when able. I have had too much else on my hands to do so during the week. Generally two parties of native Christians preach in the streets Sunday evenings. Brother Winn preaches in the street near where he is finishing the building begun by Brother Lumbley. It is easy to get a crowd, and there has been much street preaching done since I came here, but I have never seen any results from it.

Prayer-Meetings.—There are two prayer-meetings a week—one for the church, under the control of the native preacher, and one for the women, led by Mrs. Smith. These meetings are fairly well attended and a good number take part.

Personal Influence of the Christians.—I think this is by far the largest human element in the conversion of people here. I believe that much more is done at first in this way than by public preaching, but the work having been begun in this way, it is carried on by public teaching.

School Work.—At present this is only our primary school, and a little instruction given by the missionaries to two girls and two young men. We have our building so that we can use it now, and we hope to make some little advancement in the school, and toward a training school. We need a trained native teacher, but have not the money (about ten dollars a month).

Industrial Work.—I have been anxious to do something in this line, and may yet do something, but we have neither money nor strength to do much.

Medical Work.—There have not been as many people for treatment as there used to be, but there are always some. Brother and Sister Winn have taken a part of this work off my hands.

Our new missionaries, Brother and Sister Winn, have spent much of their time and strength on the language, a task quite sufficient, but they cannot keep entirely out of active work, and so are doing something all the time.

Sickness.—Ill health is our great drawback. We are not only often quite sick in this climate, but are scarcely ever well. Since September there has been a great deal of fever among the older members of our family. Not the least evil in the case is the great quantity of quinine that we have to take, making a disease of itself, affecting the head, hearing, and the whole being. All this is discouraging, but the work is the Lord's.

Rumors of War.—We have had our war scares too. There is kept here a force of English (native) soldiers under white officers to watch a neighboring tribe, and also to keep the chiefs here straight.

There is a great deal of friction between the people because the government forces them to take silver, and at a rate of exchange that they do not like, for the native money is the basis of prices; and so they refuse to sell to the soldiers, and the soldiers take what they want by force, and pay their own prices for it. The white officers have punished the chief a few times for evil, or alleged evils, that he has done, and this is another cause of friction. Hence the white man and his soldiers are thoroughly hated, and we are white men, and they do not always distinguish between us and the government people; and the native Christians are considered to have turned against their own people.

Awyaw Station.—The work in Awyaw is carried on by James Adetayo, one of our best young natives. Though he has very limited training, he is earnest, faithful and trustworthy. The work is encouraging, but needs the pushing zeal of an earnest missionary. Brother and Sister Pinnock are greatly needed, and we hope they may soon be able to return.

Our Needs.—Perhaps our greatest need is trained native workers. This means considerable expense in their training, and then for their support in the work after they are trained. But this last opens up the whole question of foreign support of native workers with all its attendant evils. But as long as trained men are in demand in other departments at good pay, and as long as trade offers so many openings, it will be hard to get men to give themselves to the work without pay, or on small pay. We are trying to train the native Christians to support their own work, and Lagos church is fast becoming self-supporting, and Ogbomoshaw church is partly so. But we need work among the heathen, where no support can be expected.

We also need one or two well educated missionaries, to be learning the language and gaining experience, so as to take up the work as others may have to lay it down. We need such a one also to push the training work.

Baptisms.—Here in Ogbomoshaw we have had sixteen baptisms during the year. Though fewer than last year, still this is encouraging. There have been twenty-nine baptisms in all our mission—fewer than I hoped there would be, but it is not ours to give the increase. Only we need to ask ourselves if we have been as faithful in sowing and cultivating as we ought.

Deaths.—We have lost several by death, among them our native worker at Haussa Farm, near Lagos. Though he was not a trained man he had done good and faithful work, even when receiving little or no salary. His place cannot be filled at the same money that he was getting. A man is greatly needed there.

Finally.—Our field is a hard one, both as to the people and because of the climate, and we bespeak the prayers and active sympathy of our people at home. We have sometimes felt that there was not that interest in our work that there ought to be, especially when a brother could say to the writer, "Africa can wait," while men are dying here as elsewhere without the Gospel. "Hold the ropes," but do not hold them so tight that we cannot reach a little further.

REPORT OF LAGOS STATION, INCLUDING HAUSSA FARM
AND DEBARI.

BY M. L. STONE, NATIVE PREACHER.

Ebenezer Church.—This is the name of what was previously known as the "Native Baptist Church," which went out from us, and has been self-supporting since 1888. This church has been doing a good work in her own way. There have been twenty-five baptisms in this church during the year. They are working harmoniously with the Mission church.

Meeting of Missionaries.—All our missionaries have been together this year in Lagos for a short time, and their presence has been refreshing and encouraging to us. We have derived great benefit from their presence with us, and their helping us to do the work aright.

Sunday Services.—Our congregations have been good at both services, the evening congregation being the larger, being partly made up of members of other congregations. The average attendance at the evening service has been two hundred and sixty. I have preached nearly every Sunday.

Our School.—The day-school has been doing well under the management of Brother Laniyi. There are seventy names on the roll—an increase of ten during the year. Some of the older boys have left the school to go to schools for higher education. The average attendance the last quarter has been forty-three. Brother Allen (a trustee) and myself examined the school and found the work done highly satisfactory. The school fees go to pay incidentals and a part of the teachers' salary. There are two teachers.

Sunday-School.—The Sunday-school is doing well. There are four classes, viz., the English Bible, the Yoruba Bible, the children's scripture class, and the catechism class for men and women. We are using the Sunday-school helps kindly sent us by the Sunday-School Board. The attendance at Sunday-school has been about fifty.

Prayer-Meetings.—Our prayer-meetings have been very encouraging and spiritual, a means of leading souls to Christ, and blessings to ourselves and homes. At our last meeting one brother felt so much the goodness of God that he wept while talking. The average attendance has been seventy.

Young Men's Meeting.—Our young men are doing well. They attend their meetings well and study their Bibles prayerfully, and make talks on it at their meeting Thursday evenings. Some of them assist me in prayer-meetings and Sunday services. They collect funds monthly to help in the work. They are always ready to do their part. Average attendance, twenty.

Baptisms and Restorations.—Seven persons have been baptized, and one was restored to fellowship after an absence of many years. There were several other applications for baptism, but we thought best to delay them awhile until we can know more of their sincerity.

Pastoral Visits.—I have visited the homes of our members and of the sick, encouraging them and praying with them.

Sermons Preached.—There have been one hundred and four sermons preached; over three hundred talks at our prayer-meetings and other places. Brother Agbebi and the missionaries have assisted in this work. We have had the Lord's Supper regularly every month. The average attendance at the Lord's Supper has been seventy-six.

Finances.—Contributions, Sunday collections, thank-offerings, and donations received from all sources, amount to three hundred and sixty-one dollars and twenty-six cents. There has been expended on church expenses and pastor's salary two hundred and thirty dollars and forty cents. The church has a good sum of money in the bank drawing interest.

Out-Stations—Hausa Farm has suffered a great loss in the death of their teacher and preacher, Brother A. S. Eli. The present membership is twenty-two. The school had to stop when the teacher died. The church is building a new meeting-house. The mission promised them help on the roof, they to do the rest. All their contributions have been spent on their new building.

Debari Station.—The work here is not encouraging. The preacher (self-supporting) could not attend to the work regularly, on account of sickness in his family. There were nine members here, but at my last visit, in November, I could find only two. Others had moved away.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

SOUTH-CHINA MISSION :

CANTON.—R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, E. Z. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, T. McCloy, Mrs. McCloy (absent), G. W. Greene, Mrs. Greene, Miss L. F. Whilden, Miss C. J. White, Miss E. B. Sale.

SHIU HING.—Miss H. F. North, Miss M. McMinn.

NG CHAU.—R. E. Chambers, Mrs. Chambers.

Native Helpers—Seven ordained preachers, two physicians, twenty-four unordained preachers, three colporters, six Bible women.

CENTRAL CHINA.

SHANGHAI.—E. F. Tatum, Mrs. Tatum, R. T. Bryan, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Willie Kelly, Miss Lottie W. Price.

SOOCHOW (*P. O., Shanghai*)—T. C. Britton, Mrs. Britton.

CHINKIANG.—W. W. Lawton, Miss Julia K. Mackenzie.

^m YANG CHOW.—(*P. O., Chinkiang*).—L. W. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce.

NORTH-CHINA. (*P. O., Chefoo.*)

TUNG CHOW.—J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, Miss Anna B. Hartwell, Miss Lottie Moon.

st Hwang-Hien.—C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Pruitt, Peyton Stephens, Mrs. Stephens.

Pingtu.—W. H. Sears, Mrs. Sears, H. A. Randle, Mrs. Randle.

REPORT OF SOUTH CHINA MISSION.

In looking back over the past year we feel that our gratitude is due to God for his blessing on our work and his kind care in the midst of danger. Though the plague carried off many lives in Canton, and was on our premises, but few of our Chinese members died, and we as a mission were spared.

Two of our most valuable preachers left us during the year, but they have not left the Lord's work, but have only gone to other fields of labor. Brother Fung, pastor of the Shiu Hing church, went to Seattle, Wash., to engage in mission work among the Chinese there, while Brother Lee Tsai Leung has undertaken the same work in Chicago. Three of our Bible-women have died during the year. One was superannuated, and the other two were supported outside of the Mission.

Our missionary ranks have been reinforced by the arrival in February of Miss E. B. Sale, who has made noteworthy progress in the language, and has already begun work among the women in Kwong Sai province.

We rejoice to be able to report an increased number of baptisms and the opening of a new station at Ng Chau (Wu Chow) the chief trade center of Kwong Sai province. This port, soon to be formally opened to foreign trade, has been occupied by Brother and Sister Chambers, who have shown commendable zeal and enterprise in pushing forward into the interior and taking up their residence some two hundred miles from Canton.

Our Field—The field occupied by our Mission embraces a territory extending from one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Canton to two hundred miles northeast, from ninety miles southeast to three hundred miles northwest, and over three hundred miles west. To reach the more distant stations involves a trip of twelve to fifteen days by native conveyances, so the missionaries who visit and do work in these stations have to do a great deal of travelling. It has not been through our own planning, but through the guidance of God's providence that we have been led to take up work in these widely separated districts. The country to the southwest of Canton is that from which most of the emigrants to America go, and it is to look after our converts and take the Gospel to their friends that we have taken up the work here. The West river valley was the original seat of our country work, and our stations there are the natural extension of this work. The work to the northeast, among the Hakkas, is in like manner the growth of our work in Tsing Yuen on the North river.

Self-Help and Independent Work.—The sun illumines the earth not only by its direct rays by day, but also by its light reflected from the moon by night and the atmosphere at dawn and at dusk, so in reckoning up the Mission work of the Board we may include the results of co-operative mission work and self-help. One of our preachers—Brother Tsang Wai San—was called to the pastorate of the Shiu Hing church soon after the departure of Brother Fung Chak for America, and was ordained on November 15th. He receives but a small sum from the Mission. The Canton church provides for the entire support of their pastor, and the other native pastors are only partly paid by the Mission. Of the twenty-two unordained preachers only twelve

are supported from funds sent by the Board. The rest are sustained by friends in the United States (not in the South) or by the Chinese independently of the Mission. The native Women's Missionary Society supported a Bible-woman for half the year (until her death), and has aided in the support of others. Our Chinese brethren have carried on their Academy and Mission chapel during the year. Fifty were enrolled at the school, but owing to the outbreak of the plague the average attendance was only about thirty. Brother Chambers assisted in teaching English for two hours a week, and Dr. Graves gave weekly Bible lectures. The chapel has been well attended, and Brother Greene has assisted in preaching here. Thus this native work, though in the hands of our Chinese brethren and supported by them, is carried on in co-operation with the missionaries from America. One hundred and eight dollars and seventy-nine cents of the expense of the Girls' Boarding School has come from the pupils in China. Four of the day-schools have been carried on without expense to the Mission. The medical work at our two dispensaries is carried on free of cost to the Mission, as the two native doctors in charge also preach, and their medical expenses are defrayed by an appropriation from the Medical Missionary Society. The American Tract Society grants one hundred dollars in gold for our tract work, and the sales (\$96.74—silver) enable us to purchase other tracts and help to pay the travelling expenses of the colporters. Our Chinese Tract Society keeps us supplied with Gospel Hymns and some tracts at cost price. Four of the American missionaries are self-supporting. Thus all these subsidiary forces which have been set in motion by the work of the Board have contributed toward carrying out the great end of mission work, the giving of the Gospel to the perishing millions of China.

Medical Work.—We have had dispensaries at Kwong Ning and Shiu Hing. During the past year two thousand six hundred and forty-seven patients were attended to at Kwong Ning and two thousand six hundred and ninety-six at Shiu Hing, making a total of five thousand three hundred and forty-three. Of these two thousand three hundred and fifteen were women. Two hundred and twenty minor surgical operations were performed at Kwong Ning. Those at Shiu Hing were not reported. Some have been baptized as a result of this work at both places.

Colportage.—This has been in charge of Brother E. Z. Simmons. He reports as follows:

“Three men have been employed as colporters. They have done good work, but, having developed into preachers, they have done more preaching than selling books. We give our helpers considerable liberty, and in this way get more work, and better work, out of them than we would by confining them to one kind of work. These workers, with others, have sold five Old Testaments, one hundred and fifty-two New Testaments one thousand two hundred Gospels, and thirty-eight thousand two hundred and eighty-five tracts and books, making about four hundred and fifty one thousand nine hundred and forty pages. We have received ninety-six dollars and seventy-four cents for these. The money has been used for buying tracts and for travelling expenses of colporters. The sales have been made on fields where books have been sold before. Many of the people have bought because of interest in the truths contained in the books

and not from curiosity, as if buying for the first time. We are expecting this to be more and more the case as the people learn more about Christianity. Our thanks as a Mission are due and are hereby tendered to the American Tract Society, New York, for a grant of one hundred dollars in gold for the work. We ask for a like grant for 1897."

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES.

R. H. GRAVES reports :

Translation Work.—Most of my time in my study has been taken up with the revised translation of the Chinese Bible. Two months (July and August) were spent in Hong Kong working, with other members of the Revision Committee, on the New Testament, and Matthew and Mark have been prepared for publication. My first draft of my portion of the Old Testament has just been finished. As a member of the Committee on "Summaries, Headings and Brief Notes" I have spent some time on this department of Bible work.

Class Work—In accordance with the wish of the Mission, instead of my usual quarterly classes I have held two semi-annual classes of a month each (March and September) with an average attendance of thirty-four and thirty-nine respectively. We studied Exodus and Leviticus in connection with James and Hebrews. In the evening the meetings were held in the chapel, the girls' boarding school being also present. Brother Simmons preached for a week of each session, and for the rest of the time I lectured on the Ten Commandments, the Epistle of James and the miracles of our Lord. Brother Greene gave singing lessons.

Besides the semi-annual classes I have had twelve men studying with me in a training class of two sessions of four months each (including March and September). We have gone over the "History of the Apostolic Church" in the "Bible Study Union" lessons. Brother Yeung Hoi Fung has assisted me by giving lessons in homiletics, Bible geography and Chinese literature. In the evening I have explained the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Isaiah. I have also delivered a course of thirty-two weekly lectures at the Baptist Academy on the miracles of Christ. These also have been attended by the training class.

Station Work—Two of our out-stations have been under my charge for the year—Hong Kong and Kwong Ning. Two have been baptized at each of these places. In May I visited Kwong Ning, about one hundred and thirty miles from Canton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and Miss Whilden and Mrs. Graves. We went some twenty-five miles further into Kwong Sai province. We had good opportunities for preaching and talking to the people, and sold over four thousand cash worth of tracts and Scriptures. We enjoyed our trip and returned to Canton encouraged by the work and refreshed by the country air for more work in the sickly, plague-stricken city. During the two months spent in Hong Kong I preached on Sundays to the little church there. A Sunday-school was organized in connection with the church, chiefly through the exertions of Mrs. Graves. We also visited Long Island, about ten miles from Hong Kong, where I examined our school of sixteen boys.

Canton—Here we have had a good attendance at the Sunday-school and at the regular services of the church. Twenty-nine have been baptized in Canton, and twelve baptized at the country stations have their names on our church books; eleven have died and one has been excluded. As assistant pastor of the church I have preached on alternate Lord's days with pastor Fung; I have also preached regularly at least once a week to the heathen. The general attitude of the people towards the Gospel seems much improved, and we have many attentive hearers. Though we have still to say with the prophet, "Lord, who hath believed our report?" still some have joined themselves to us.

E. Z. SIMMONS reports for 1896:

My time has been about equally divided between work in Canton and the country. When in Canton I have preached three times a week to the heathen, with unusually good attention from large congregations. On Sundays I have preached at our home, Ng Sin Sai chapel. The Sunday school and congregation have averaged from ninety to one hundred. The collections have been larger than any former year—fifty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents.

Tsung Fa—This station is sixty miles north of Canton. Two chapels about five miles apart, owned by the members, supply places of meeting for members. Brother Chau 'Un is the preacher in charge, and he works from village to village and preaches at the market towns. Some interest has been manifested by the baptism of five men. I and Brother Chambers made a visit to the station in June, and a Bible class for the members was held for a week.

Shek Kok is on the North river, about seventy miles by water from Canton. Brother 'U Tak Fun is in charge here, and lives in the chapel, which belongs to the Tsing 'Un church. On market days (there are three market days in ten) many people have heard the Gospel. The other days he has given to the adjacent villages, and preached or gone to the shops in the market for religious conversation. I have made four visits to Shek Kok during the year. In the evenings we have had good congregations of the near neighbors. Many have shown marked interest, and two have been converted and joined the Tsing 'Un church.

Tsing 'Un is twelve miles further up the river. Pastor Fung Yat Pun is in charge. I have held two Bible classes of a week each with the church. We think this is a very important part of our work that the members may become well-grounded in Scripture knowledge. The inquirers are expected to attend these classes. The truth is taking root in some hearts, as shown by the baptism of seven during the year. Pastor Fung has done much preaching in the city and in the surrounding villages.

Yeung Shek is in the Cheung Ning district, about two hundred miles north of Canton. Pastor P'un Tak Chan has charge of the little church here. It is the only Christian work in this very large district. Brother P'un is in feeble health. He is a good man, as heathen and Christians that know him all testify. They have about finished their new chapel for their Christian congregation. The pastor works

in a quiet way from house to house and from village to village (he is widely and favorably known as a Christian). There were four baptisms here during the year.

Tsai Ha is in the Yung 'Un district and about twenty-five miles north of Yeung Shek. There is a church organized here with one hundred and sixty-five members, gathered about four centres. The work is in charge of Pastor Ho Kap Shi and Deacon Ho Lap Ching. They have a chapel near Tsai Ha market that is conveniently arranged for their work. They have four monthly appointments at Tsai Ha, Lung Tin, Lung Sin and Chau Pi, which are filled by the pastor or the deacon. They also do much preaching in the villages and market towns in the vicinity of these four places which are from five to sixteen miles apart. There are many inquirers and thirteen have been baptized. I have visited all of these places during the year and met with good opportunities for preaching. *I wish to renew my appeal for two unmarried missionaries for this Hak Ka work.* Are there not two or more churches which will send out two members for this work?

Sam Kong church is under the pastoral care of Brother Lau Shun Yau, with Chan Sam Kam and 'U Shung Kwang as helpers. This station is about three hundred miles northwest of Canton. The work here is supported independently of our Mission by friends in Baltimore and New York. They report twelve baptisms. They are taking much interest in the aborigines back in the mountains from Sam Kong, and several of them have been converted and baptized.

There has been unusual interest connected with our Kwong Sai work, owing to the prospect of a speedy opening of the West river to foreign steamers, with Ng Chau as the principal port, and owing to the changed attitude of the officials and literati from a state of pronounced opposition to one of friendliness and cordiality for the foreigner and his religion. This has been taken advantage of, and we have bought a lot at Ng Chau and built a chapel and a small dwelling. Brother and Sister Chambers moved into the new premises on January 7th. This is something that we have been hoping for, working for and praying for a long time.

Shek Tong is about one hundred and twenty-five miles further up the West river; there we have a church of more than a hundred members, presided over by Pastor Pan Man Wa. Deacon 'U Kiu P'un helps him in the work. About one hundred miles up a branch river at Tseung Chau we have several members, with Brother Chau Ut Tsing as preacher. He is supported by Miss Whilden. In Kwong Sai there was a very severe famine in the spring. This gave us an opportunity to show some of the practical fruits of Christianity. This opened many hearts to the influence of the Gospel. More than a hundred have been such inquirers, and thirty-five of these have been baptized.

Ping Lok is on the Fu or Cassia river about one hundred miles north of Ng Chau. We have more than twenty members in the district. Brother Lo Tsz Chan, one of our ordained preachers, has spent several months in this neighborhood, and there are quite a number of inquirers. He baptized three here. We have no preacher for this station, but hope someone will be ready and available for that work soon.

G. W. GREENE reports :

Mrs. Greene had a long spell of sickness during the summer, and has continued very feeble to the end of the year. We applied to the Board for permission for her to return home to recuperate and to put the children in school. The permission came with the end of the year, and they will probably sail early in the spring.

During the year I have worked mainly in the Sz Yap country and at Shiu Hing, but when I have been at home I have given instruction in singing to the members of the class, and preached frequently at the Missionary Society's chapel.

SAM SHUI DISTRICT.—At *Koo Tsing* market old Brother Fung Kam-lam has acted as chapel keeper and preacher. Many have heard the Gospel with seeming interest, Brother Ko Chau has been in charge of the work at this station, preaching there on Sundays and market days. Other days he has worked in the villages near his own home. Several from this field have come to Canton for baptism. In the spring Mrs. Greene accompanied me on a visit of ten days to this work. We also had the company of Mr. and Mrs. McBurney, Reformed Presbyterians, lately arrived. In the fall Mrs. Greene, Miss White and I started to spend a week at Koo Tsing in class-work with men and women, but we were caught in a typhoon and had to return home.

At *Lau Tsuen* Brother So On has secured a small chapel, for which the Mission pays a nominal rent. Here he has quietly told the way of salvation to any who would hear. There has also been a boys' school in his chapel since it was finished. One has been baptized in connection with this work.

HOI PING DISTRICT.—At *I Hing Market* the work supported by Warren-Avenue Sunday-school, Boston, has been less hopeful than heretofore. We failed to find a teacher for the school, and the people have seemed less willing to listen than formerly.

At *Pak Hop Market* a new chapel has been opened, to be in charge of Brother Wong Shan Cheung. This work is to be supported by the Young people of Clarendon-Street Church, Boston, Brother Wong being a member of that church. The work here has started out very hopefully. Large crowds hear the Gospel, and many return to hear again and again.

Between these two market towns are two others, which we are anxious to connect with the work at these two chapels, and we hope the recent return from America of two brethren who live near there will enable us to make a beginning.

SAN NING DISTRICT.—Brethren Mak Cheung and Lei Ying Pui have made frequent tours into this district, looking for brethren who have returned from America, or trying to carry the Gospel to relatives of men still in America. The money for their support has come from friends in Chicago and California. I have gone into this district occasionally, and made some efforts to open regular work; but other denominations have more work in this district than in any other in the province; so I have thought it unwise to press the matter.

HOK SHAN DISTRICT.—Brother Sin Shun having gone to America, the work in his chapel at Ping Ling has not been pressed vigorously. Brother So On and other brethren have made frequent visits to the few Christians here. There was a boys' school here part of the year. This work has never received any money from the Mission.

Except this little chapel, just on the border, this whole district is unoccupied. Brother Shi Shan Chi is very anxious to go to the village of his ancestors in this district with his wife and mother, and work there among his relatives. Arrangements to this end will probably be made at the beginning of the new year.

In the early summer I made an itinerating tour on my boat into San Wui, Hok Shan, Ko Ming, Nam Hoi, and Sam Shui districts, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Alf, of the American Scandinavian Mission. We found much unoccupied territory and many willing listeners.

SHIU HING.—In January I held an interesting class with the brethren at this place. Pastor Fung Chak resigned in the summer and went to America. After two months they called Brother Tsang Wai San; but he could not take charge until November, at which time he was ordained by Brother Simmons, Pastor Fung Poon and myself.

Dr. Cheung Wan Man has given two days in each week to free dispensary work, and one day in the week he has preached in the chapel.

Many in and around Shiu Hing are found ready to hear the Gospel because they or their friends have been treated by this Christian physician. Four have been baptized this year.

Sister Ip Tai Nai, one of our oldest Bible-women died at Shiu Hing in the fall. She was always full of zeal, but for some years she had been able to do but little.

At Hoh Tau, an out-station of the Shiu Hing church, the brethren have a chapel, and Brother Cheung Lap Tsoi has spent most of the year there. He has done much work in the markets and villages around. The brethren often accompany him and assist in preaching. They keep up a regular Sunday-school and prayer-meeting.

The work of Miss White in the Sz Yap country, and, Miss North and Miss McMinn in the Shiu Hing field, deserve special mention. They have labored much among the women and also have helped the native workers by their advice and encouragement. Details of this work will be found elsewhere.

R. E. CHAMBERS reports for 1896 :

During the past year I have commenced three things: (1) Learning the Chinese language; (2) Getting acquainted with the Chinese people; (3) Studying how to do mission work in this heathen Empire.

Most of my time and strength have been given to studying the language. I have read the New Testament, Pilgrim's Progress, Genesis and several smaller books, all, except one tract, being in the Cantonese colloquial.

For several months I gave an hour two days in each week to superintending the teaching of English in the Baptist Academy of Canton, which institution is owned and controlled by our native Christians. A portion of the year I made weekly visits to our city chapel, and during the preaching to the heathen I stood at the door to invite the people in and to sell tracts.

Three missionary tours, lasting from two to three weeks, including visits to several of our stations, have, together with what I have seen in Canton, given me some insight into how the work is being done.

The month of November was spent at Ng' Chau in superintending the erection of a chapel and temporary dwelling. At last a beginning has been made, with good prospects for permanent work in this heathen city, from which workers of our Mission have been driven three times. We have a lot on the principal street of the city. The chapel and dwelling are nearly completed, and here Mrs. Chambers and I hope soon to begin some active work.

I have realized all through the year how much I am indebted to those who have come here before me. "Others have labored" and I have "entered into their labor."

We wish to record our gratitude for continued good health and many other blessings received during the past year.

Mrs. R. H. GRAVES reports :

Girls' Boarding School.—I have spent about four hours daily in the school, and from two to three hours daily in preparation of lessons given. My teaching has been altogether in the line of Bible study. As the statistics will show the number enrolled this year has been larger than any previous year, and the average attendance has been good, though a few have studied only a few weeks, and others only two or three months. The girls have taken great interest in the weekly meetings of their Mission Band and their King's Daughters' Society; the Saturday night prayer-meeting for the conversion of pupils and relatives has enlisted the interest of the whole school; and the women have held two special meetings every Sunday for prayer and Bible study.

The *Day School* (at the Little North Gate)—the only one under my charge—has not yet regained its former size, but there has been most gratifying improvement in many respects—location, attendance, friendliness of the neighbors, etc. Some of the girls seem deeply interested in the Gospel, and give proof of earnest teaching and intelligent study of the Bible lessons. The outlook of the school for next year is very encouraging. One afternoon each week is given to this school and to house-to-house work in the vicinity. Pupils enrolled thirty-nine, average attendance twenty-seven.

Country Work.—In January I spent ten days in a trip with Miss White to some of the San Wui and Hok Shan stations, visiting five villages, where we have members. In May, in company with Dr. Graves and others, I made a trip of two weeks, of which the objective point was Kwong Ning, though we worked in many other cities and villages by the way. During our vacation in August I was glad to have an opportunity to do some work in connection with our station in Hong Kong.

Classes for the instruction of our native Christian women were held in the school building for ten days each in March and September. In March forty-three women were present; in September thirty-four. Most of the female members of the Mission took part in teaching these classes.

Women's Meetings.—Monthly prayer-meetings, workers' meetings and quarterly meetings of the Women's Missionary Society have been well attended by the sisters

Miss C. J. WHITE reports :

My work is divided as follows :

School Work (Canton).—One of the three day-schools in my charge this year has closed on account of small attendance, because of plague in the vicinity. The other two have shown the results of earnest, prayerful work on the part of the teachers. The pupils are praying at home, also taking part in the devotional exercises at school. Often five or six offer voluntary prayers for the forgiveness of sins and presence of the Holy Spirit. One selected a New Testament as her prize for good lessons for the year.

School Work (Country).—A girls' school at Tuk Chow, Sun Wooi district, supported by the Chinese Baptist Sunday-school, Chicago (through Miss Pickett), is the only country school in my charge this year.

Evangelistic Work (Canton).—During the last half of the year, when possible, one day of each week has been given to talking at the woman's entrance to the city chapel. Though some are interested, it is usually a labor of faith, for many come in for a single time only, and are never seen again. But we know the Word of our God is a living seed, and will bear fruit unto life eternal when sown in a Spirit-prepared soul. In the thirty-five villages visited during the five short trips to the districts of Sun Wooi, Sun Ning, Hok Shaan, Hoi Peng and Yan Peng I met but twelve Christian women among the nearly three thousand hearers. In twelve of the villages the women had never heard the Gospel before. Though the total distance travelled was three thousand eight hundred and eighty Chinese miles (about one thousand two hundred and ninety-three English miles), at no place were we further distant than two hundred miles from Canton. There is no foreign missionary or native Bible woman located in any of these places. We have no chapels rented here by the Mission, and the work in these southern districts is supported chiefly by Chinese in America and other friends. Many of the Chinese converted in foreign lands live and work here, so in many homes the idols are cast down. Prayers for the families of these men are requested, and that some one may be called to go and live among them in this part of the province, where the lack is not opportunities, but laborers.

With few exceptions the villages visited were on the waterways, and there are hundred of others, inland, where the Gospel message has never been spoken. In one plain I counted thirty-one large villages that had never been visited by a missionary. "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

Class Work (Canton).—Two women's classes have been held, in which I assisted or directed native assistants. Much help is given in these classes to women who are unable to attend school, because of family cares, or school work.

Bible-Women—I would add a word in closing, asking that special prayers may be made for the calling out of native Christian women

for evangelistic work ; for woman's work for women is a real necessity in China, where women can be reached by women only. During the past year Gcd has called home three of our Bible-women, Yip Taai Nai, Cheung Paak Neung and Yip Saam Koo, leaving but three native female workers, whose whole time is given. One other gives half her time. Vast is the field, but the laborers are few ; " Pray ye therefore," " Go ye therefore."

Miss L. F. WHILDEN reports :

Work in Canton and on the Island of Honam.—Five or six hours of one day in each week have been given to work in three villages and in other places on Honam. The same length of time has been given to the Manchus, in the Tartar city. This work two or three hours one day in each week at the women's entrance of the city chapel, and the same length of time at the village of Lung To Mi (Homam), has enabled me to tell the Gospel story to about sixty women each week. In all these places I have found women who listened as if it did their hearts good. So earnestly have many of the Manchu women listened that I have felt hungry for the time to come when I could go to them again. It has been pathetic, this blindly feeling after an unseen God and their desire to worship Him.

School Work.—Weekly visits for the purpose of listening to review recitations and for the explanation of the Scripture recitations have been made to my three day schools.

During the early part of the year there was a religious awakening in one of the day-schools. The children, without any suggestion from others, held a daily noon prayer-meeting, which was continued for several months. Very earnest prayers were offered for themselves and their heathen parents. Many of these children took a firm stand against idolatry, not only refusing themselves to worship, but protesting against it in their homes. Many seemed convicted of sin, and two, I think, were converted. Their heathen parents were bitterly opposed to their uniting with the church. One pupil connected with this school was baptized the early part of the year. The teacher (one who was faithful to the souls of those committed to her care) has been called to her heavenly rest and reward.

About twenty children from my city school attended my Sunday-school class.

Country Work.—A visit, all too brief for the needs of the work, was made to Kwong Ning, a station about one hundred and thirty miles from Canton. During five days spent at the chapel there about seven hundred women listened, for a longer or shorter time, as we tried to tell them of Jesus. Several hundred others heard in the surrounding country and in the villages. Their parting words still touch my heart—" Come back to us soon, for there is no one to tell us about Jesus."

Miss H. F. NORTH reports :

Shiu Hing.—The past year has been spent at this station and in the adjacent villages.

City Work.—Have visited in the homes as opportunity offered, and assisted in talking to the women patients on dispensary days at the

chapel. Sometimes there have been as many as thirty or forty of them, and much interest has been manifested as we taught them how to worship the true God, who alone can heal the sin-sick soul.

Class Work.—This work has not been so encouraging as last year, as only a few inquirers have been induced to attend. Ten different women have studied for a longer or shorter time. One of the number has been baptized during this year. Nearly all of the others were already Christians.

Day School.—The Girl's School has been held on the Mission premises, thus giving me an opportunity of spending more time with the pupils than heretofore. Though the number enrolled is not large, and a change of teachers was necessitated about the middle of the year by the removal of the former teacher to America, the attendance has been good. Some of the pupils seem really interested in religion, and all who are at present attending come to Sunday-school and church services more or less regularly. This fact gives us much encouragement, for it shows there is less suspicion on the part of the people than formerly. Several have removed during the year, making the average attendance only nine. Two other girls have studied temporarily, and the class women have attended the school.

Village Work.—This is in some respects the most enjoyable of any kind of work, though attended with so many difficulties to the foreigner. It is with much gratitude that I recall the fact that I have been permitted to visit so many places during this year that I had never visited before—a large number of them in a district some thirty miles from here, where we have a few members living. The opportunities have been for the most part excellent. The total number of villages visited was seventy. God grant that the seed sown may bring a speedy harvest.

Miss M. McMINN reports :

Work in Canton.—Am thankful to have been able to devote nearly the whole of this year to work in the interior; the only time it was necessary for me to help with the work in Canton being at the time of the women's semi-annual class.

During the first class lessons were given on various practical subjects, and the second from the characters of Jacob and Joseph. To one who is much of the time in the interior, where the believers are so few and so widely scattered, it is a source of inspiration and encouragement to speak to the large congregation of Christian women who usually gather at the classes in Canton. So this work has been one of pleasure to me and, I trust, of profit to the women.

Work at Shiu Hing.—Have helped Miss North during two of the quarterly classes for Christian women and inquirers, giving daily oral lessons from the books of Acts and Genesis. Among the many discouragements it has cheered us to see that the Christian women are increasing somewhat in numbers, and growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. One day each week was given to work among the women who came to the dispensary for medical treatment. Many were indifferent, but some manifested interest, and a few, we trust, are sincere seekers after the truth. In the homes, too, we found

some attentive listeners, among their number being some who had received treatment at the dispensary, and one, the wife of a military mandarin.

Tung On.—One country trip was made from Shiu Hing into the Tung On district, at the invitation of a native brother, who received us into his home. Seven villages were visited, the people in all but one receiving us freely and listening attentively to the message.

Work in the Kwong Sai Province.—Am glad to report more than two months of work among the women of this long-neglected province, and our hearts are full of praise for all the ways in which the Lord has led us and what He has permitted us to see of His own working in the hearts of these people.

Kwei Peng.—This district city, which is as yet unoccupied by any Christian worker, was visited in April, with Miss Glover of the International Missionary Alliance. Many of the women who had listened with seeming interest on my former visits proved to be indifferent, while others declared that to become Christians would mean being driven from the city. But two old women, after being disabused of the belief that our purpose was to kidnap and carry them off to foreign countries and take possession of the city, again listened with interest and expressed their purpose to worship the true God.

Ng Chow.—Several days were spent during the month of November at Ng Chow city, living on board our boat and going ashore to work with Miss Sale and the Bible women. As it was the first attempt of foreign ladies to work among the people of that city, who have been so long and so strongly opposed to Christianity, we felt it necessary to advance with much caution. But God had answered prayer by going before and preparing the way, so we found many of the women ready to receive and hear us. As soon as a suitable native house can be secured Miss Sale and I are ready to settle and work permanently in this most important city of this great dark province. Please pray with us that a suitable house may be soon found, if this be God's plan for us.

Peng Naam.—In this district work has been conducted at two different points—Shek Tong village, where we have a chapel and an organized church, and the Pang Fa mountains, a day's journey from Shek Tong. In both places our work has been first (though not exclusively) among the female relatives of our Christian brethren, as we find them much more accessible and receptive than rank strangers. In no work in China have we felt more conscious of the power of God's Spirit working in our midst than when speaking to the women of Shek Tong during our visit in the spring. Since then eight of them have put on Christ in baptism. At present we are holding a class, to continue one month, for the special benefit of women from a distance. The attendance is small, but in the evening the women of Shek Tong have leisure to join us, and it is a joy to give Bible lessons to the twenty or more Christian women and inquirers who usually attend our meetings.

Three women in the mountains have been baptized. One of these secured a Christian primer from a neighboring village, had a Chris-

tian brother, in another village near teach it to her, and she in turn has taught nearly all the women and girls of her village to read it. We do praise God for all he has wrought.

Miss E. B. SALE reports :

My report for the year can be given in very few words—in fact it might be almost included in one—*Chinese*. Arriving in Canton February 27th, I immediately began the study of the language, to which I devoted myself for the next few months. In the fall I was glad to be able to make some beginnings in other work, teaching a class of boys Sunday afternoons, assisting a little in the Boarding School, and going out once a week to talk at the women's entrance to the chapel.

On November 11th I left Canton, and joining Miss McMinn at Shiu Hing, came to Kwong Sai. A few days were spent in Ng Chaw, where we had encouraging opportunities. Reaching Shek Tong on December 4th, we left on the 7th for a visit to some Christians in the Pang Fa mountains.

About two weeks were consumed in this trip, for the fatigue of which we felt fully rewarded by the help that we trust has been given to the women in the homes where we were entertained, and by the opportunities for witnessing to those still in darkness. Though not able to do much talking, on account of the dialect spoken in the mountains, I gained much helpful experience from this journey. At present we are engaged in class work with the women of Shek Tong and the vicinity. I give three hours a day to instruction in the Bible, and in the Romanised Colloquial, besides continuing my own study of the language. We are being blessed in this work, and hope to continue it for some weeks longer.

I would record in closing a note of praise to Him who has kept me in perfect peace during the trying experiences of the initiatory stage of missionary life, and has permitted me to begin work in the province where His Spirit seemed to point out my life work.

REPORT OF CENTRAL CHINA MISSION.

SHANGHAI MISSION.

We come to the writing of our report this year with courage and gratitude for the way in which the Lord has led us. We have been made sorry during the year on account of the long illness of our dear Sister Tatum, and because they were compelled to leave us for a time. We sorrowed with them too in the loss of their little baby boy. But our hearts are made glad by hearing that Sister Tatum is regaining her strength. We are looking forward to the time when they will come back to the work they love, and to the people who love them.

Studying the Language.—We are still students, and fear that we will have to be to the end of our missionary life. We try to give a part of the morning to the study of the language. Some study is to prepare us for special work—that is, for the teaching or preaching of that day; all of it, to make us more efficient workers. We hope that 1896, in leaving us, leaves us better prepared to be "Witnesses of these things."

Church Work.—We feel that the members of the church have made a real advance in spiritual life. They show it in the spirit of unity, attending the services more regularly, and by taking more part in the work.

Brother Bryan has appointed a number of committees to assist him in his pastoral work. These have already done good work, and we feel that they will be a still greater blessing. Other denominations have organized many societies in their churches, but we have thought it wiser to exalt the church of Jesus Christ by simply appointing committees and having them to report directly to the church.

We have had eight additions, five by baptism and three by letter. This small increase does not at all represent all that has been accomplished. We have tried to sow faithfully, and believe that there is a great harvest in store for us.

Sunday-School Work.—The progress of the Sunday-school has been fully equal to that of the church. The attendance has increased, and the singing and teaching have greatly improved. We have had a meeting every Friday night for studying the lesson and practicing the hymns. More of the pupils read the daily home readings and repeat the golden texts and important truths of the lessons than ever before.

The Sunday-school has been better organized. Formerly the superintendent filled all the offices, but recently a secretary and treasurer has been elected to assist him.

We have made an advance also in the number of Sunday-schools, having organized one at the East Gate and one at the West Gate, which meet in the afternoon.

A collection is taken every Sunday, and after the Sunday-school literature has been paid for, the balance is given to the Native Home Mission Board, appointed by the Native Association.

We had a very interesting and impressive service on Christmas day. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, scrolls and large gilt characters, telling of the birth of Jesus and what He came to do for us. The Chinese did all the work of decorating, not even letting us have a peep until Christmas day. There were about one hundred and twenty children, besides grown people, present. After the services in the church they were brought over to Brother and Sister Bryan's home, allowed to play for awhile, then Sister Bryan took the Associational School boys through a calisthenics drill, which was very much enjoyed by the spectators. They went home very happy, each one carrying a new handkerchief filled with candy, peanuts and oranges. The cost of the entertainment, about twenty dollars, was met by a special collection in the church.

Preaching.—Brethren Tatum and Bryan have been greatly assisted by some of the native brethren in preaching the Gospel. Preaching has been done at the following places: Three times a week at the church; three times at the East Gate Chapel; three times at the West Gate Chapel; twice a week at the New Street Chapel (Sing Ka); every morning before breakfast to the cloth sellers in a little chapel opening on the cloth market; occasionally in the little country chapel, and in the surrounding villages. A few visits have been made to the out-stations Soochow and Quinsan. These two places have sorely needed Brother and Sister Britton. We all rejoice to hear

that they are now on their way. Many people have had an opportunity of hearing the Gospel, and we know that some seed have fallen in good soil.

Theological Class.—Brother Bryan started a class to meet once a week to study the life of Christ from Dr. Broadus' Harmony of the Gospels. There are eight in this class, who meet after their day's work is done. They are so much interested in this work that they have agreed to have two lessons a week this year. Brother Bryan is hoping that God will use him in this work to prepare some God-called men to be preachers and pastors. This work has been on his heart for a long while, and we all feel that it is one of great importance. Soon after starting this Bible study there sprang up in the church a spirit of voluntary work which resulted in the organization of two bands of volunteer workers, one among the men and one among the women. It seems that the Lord raised them up to help fill the vacancy made by the absence of Brother and Sister Tatum.

These voluntary workers have assisted us in all of our work, and have agreed to help us even more this year. The men's voluntary band of workers held protracted meetings of several weeks during the summer at the East and West Gate Chapels.

Work Among the Women.—This is Miss Kelly's special work. She is well fitted for it. Mrs. Tatum took the lead in this work until she left, and it has been going on without interruption ever since. Among other things she organized a Woman's Missionary Society, which has been a successful and helpful work. The society has a native president, secretary and treasurer. The money collected is used for the spread of the Gospel among their sisters in China. At the last meeting they decided to buy a number of New Testaments, and to give one to each one who will attend the meeting, and also to any woman who is able and willing to read. This will give an opportunity to many to learn to read God's Word. The outlook of this work is very encouraging.

The women's class of voluntary workers meets once a week to talk over what they have tried to do, and to be encouraged to try again. Any one or two of the members who will go into the surrounding country to teach the women will have their wheelbarrow or boat hire paid by this society. Very little has been done in this way so far, but we hope that now, a beginning having been made, much will be done. They have the work of spreading the truth on their hearts. We heard them talking in the meeting a few weeks ago. One of them said: "I wish that I could go out and work for the Lord, but I have my children at home to take care of." The leader, also the mother of little children, said: "Never mind; speak to your next-door neighbor, or some one you meet when you go to market, or some one who comes to your house, and that will be work for the Lord." We felt that the Spirit was teaching them.

The women also meet twice a month to study Pilgrim's Progress; once a month for prayer and testimony. Some of the above work was begun in the latter part of the year. Then there are meetings for the heathen women at the house, at the East Gate, in the native city, at the West Gate, and in the country.

Miss Kelly and her Bible-woman made a two-weeks' visit to Quinsan just before Christmas. There are no foreigners in this city. She was the only one among the crowds of Chinese. They received her

kindly. Hundreds came every day to hear the Gospel. Many of them came, of course, just to see the foreigner, but they remained and listened with interest to the message. Many of them came again and again. This is one of God's ways of spreading the truth. Would it be pleasing to Him not to believe that some souls will be saved as a result of that visit?

Schools—We have seven schools, one of them the Associational School. This is a new feature in our work. The Shanghai, Quinsan and Soochow churches united to form an Association, and appointed a school committee, composed of the following members: Brother Bryan as chairman, Mrs. Seaman as treasurer, Brother Britton and three native brethren. This committee opened a boarding and day school combined on the self-support basis. The school has succeeded beyond our most sanguine hopes. It had an average attendance of twenty five pupils, whose tuition was sufficient to pay the salaries of the two native teachers and the incidental expenses. Mrs. Seaman has recently given the school a good two-story building, conveniently located and well suited to the purpose. She has also given a liberal contribution for repairs and furniture. Old Deacon Wong has also given a contribution to help on the furnishing. We are preparing for and hoping for forty pupils this year. The natives are very proud of this school, take a great interest in it, and are looking forward to its being the Baptist University for this part of China. We have already seen good results from this school, and we believe that it will be a great blessing to our work. All the other denominations have had for a long while large schools, both male and female, supported with mission money. We have lost some of our church members' children because we had no school for them. This school is a necessity as well as a blessing, and we all rejoice in being able to begin it without the use of mission money.

The committee have been so encouraged by the success of the boys' school that they have decided to start one for girls on the same plan. Arrangements have been made, and the school will be opened after the China New-Year vacation, about the fifteenth of February.

Brother Bryan and Miss Price each give an hour a day teaching English in the boys' school. Brother and Sister Bryan have the supervision of the boys' school, and Miss Price of the girls' school. These schools are always opened with prayer and singing and the study of the Scriptures. The Scripture also forms a large part of the course of study.

Day Schools.—Our day schools cost about four dollars a month each, and only two of them are supported with Mission money. Before Brother and Sister Tatum left we all had a share in the school work, but when the work was rearranged, the care of the day schools fell to Miss Price. She considers this the most interesting part of the work. It does not keep her from taking part in the work among the women in Shanghai, but rather gives good opportunities, for Chinese mothers, like mothers in all lands, kindly receive those who are interested in their children.

The great object of these schools is to get near to the people to teach them the Gospel. The children have wonderfully retentive memories. After they have learned some characters it does not take much time for them to learn to repeat chapter after chapter of the Words of Life. The meaning is also carefully explained every day

as they recite their lessons. We are adopting some new plans of work, which we hope will be of great advantage to both teachers and pupils.

Outlook.—We feel like saying with Judson, "As bright as the promises of God." Our little corner seems to us very bright. When we recall what God has been doing for China, our hearts are filled with praise and hope. In the Fuhkien province, where the nine missionaries were murdered a year and a half ago, twenty thousand inquirers have made application to join the churches, and five thousand have already been received. We are told that hundreds of families have given up their idols, and are asking for teachers to instruct them. This good news is not confined to one place. In other provinces also hundreds have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, and we are looking forward to a great blessing in our own midst. Brothers and sisters, you need not be discouraged about the work in China. God has done great things for her.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

REPORT OF THE YANG CHOW MISSION.

BY L. W. PIERCE.

The first two months of the year were spent in building in Yang Chow. In March Brother Lawton and myself were taken ill with typhus fever, and were compelled to go to Chinkiang to secure medical aid. The work was left in the hands of the few native Christians. Recovering from my illness the physician advised me not to return to Yang Chow to live until the fall, and Mrs. Pierce and myself stayed in Chinkiang and made occasional trips of a day or two to Yang Chow. While in Chinkiang two services a week were held for the native Christians. The Sunday morning services were well attended. Quite a number, who were employed by foreigners in this port, came regularly. As they have the Sabbaths to themselves they spend part of the time attending the morning service, although they have not made any profession of religion. The attendance at Sunday-school was about forty, twenty of whom were boys from the day-school. Mrs. Pierce for a time taught the woman's class. Later, she took charge of the boys' class.

Part of the summer services were held every night for the unconverted. These meetings were well attended—the hotter the weather, the larger the congregations. The people seemed interested in the preaching, and often at the close of a meeting would inquire the time of next meeting. What Dr. Pentecost said of some of the people of India may well be applied to many of the Chinese, that is, that there are many who in their hearts believe the Gospel, but they have not the courage to make a public confession.

One boy has been received into the church from the school supported by Miss Mackenzie.

In October we moved back to the Yang Chow station, leaving Brother Lawton in Chinkiang in charge of that work. In Yang Chow we held three services a week for the Christians. During our absence from this station the Christians had met together for worship at the

usual hours on Sunday. The average attendance at Sunday-school was twenty-five regularly, also a number of outsiders would drop in during the recitation. A native Christian and his wife assist in teaching the Sunday-school.

In connection with our Yang Chow work we have had the past year a day school containing sixteen boys and girls. It is taught by a native Christian.

Mrs. Pierce's work among the women has been by no means satisfactory, as we have had to move about so much during the year. Since our return to Yang Chow she has been kept busy receiving Chinese visitors and in looking after the day-school.

One encouraging feature of our work since returning to Yang Chow is the numerous visitors who come to our home to hear the Gospel. Some of these have asked for baptism, and a number have manifested much interest in the Gospel. No regular country work has been carried on, but some by-way preaching has been done on the road from Chinkiang to Yang Chow. A few trips have been made to the villages around Yang Chow. Our Scripture and tract distribution has been less than heretofore. Besides what I have done, two native brethren have distributed several hundred copies in the country around Yang Chow.

We in this station feel that we are just prepared to begin to do good work. We have a moderate knowledge of the language, and, as far as we can see, nothing to keep us from using it for the conversion of this people. But we beg that you will not forget that we are in great need of missionaries at this place.

REPORT OF THE CHINKIANG MISSION.

BY W. W. LAWTON.

This port is the point that two of the seminary boys put their fingers on three years ago as a strategic position for work in Central China. Coming out to the place makes the impression stronger.

Chinkiang is at the crossing of China's Grand Canal and her Yangtse river. Why should it not be an important position on these the two greatest thoroughfares for traffic in the Celestial Empire?

At this place the American Methodist Episcopal Church North, the Southern Presbyterians, the China Inland Mission, the National Bible Society of Scotland, the Plymouth Brethren of England, and we Southern Baptists have work. The Catholics here are perhaps stronger than all the Protestants combined.

We Baptists have a nice property, which we hope is testifying for Christ. At present one of our houses is rented to Mr. M. J. Walker, agent of the National Bible Society of Scotland. Mr. Walker has made tours into various sections of this province. This last year more than eleven thousand portions of God's Word were distributed by him and his native helpers. He always charges a small price, knowing that the natives take more interest in reading what has cost them something than what is simply given.

Our chapel is the place where the foreign services are held every Sabbath afternoon. This will perhaps suggest to you that we are situated in a very convenient part of the city. Our location is considered by some as being decidedly the best and most convenient in or out of the city for chapel preaching.

We praise the Lord that He has brought us to Chinkiang; and although the field is a hard one in which to win converts, yet we rest in His promises, and we feel that the day is not far hence when these who have been hearing of Christ will turn unto Him.

REPORT OF THE NORTH-CHINA MISSION.

Grateful to Almighty God for the mercies we have received, the North-China Mission reports that the year has been one of many blessings and of very hopeful progress in many directions. All the missionaries have been able to keep steadily at work, and have had tokens of the Divine favor in the conversion of souls, in the upbuilding of the churches, in the success of the schools and in the cheerful attention given by the heathen to the Gospel as it has been preached.

Special attention is called to the schools that have been opened, managed and supported by the native Christians, to the erection of one house of worship, and the organization of one new church, more particular mention of which will be found in the individual reports below.

Pingtu.—Justice can be done to the very encouraging reports of Dr. and Mrs. Randle only by inserting them in full, as follows:

REPORT OF PINGTU CITY MISSION.

BY DR. H. A. RANDLE.

Pingtu City.—During the past year we have had the joy of seeing our work settle down into a much more satisfactory condition than heretofore. We have seen steady progress in the medical work, and increasing interest in our preaching services. Up to June 30th last we were still treating men and women in one dispensary, which is always inconvenient and unsatisfactory where the customs of the people forbid any public intermixing of the sexes. Since July 1st we have been able to transfer all women's work to their proper place, viz., their own special compound. For a review of the *whole* year, however, it will be more simple to quote the numbers treated in both dispensaries together. We have, then, dealt with a grand total of six thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight patients during 1896, which is one thousand five hundred and forty-five more than the number seen in the previous year. The most common diseases treated have been as follows:

Malarial fevers,	2,834 cases, or about	42	per cent.
Intestinal parasites,	722 cases, or about	10½	per cent.
Dyspepsia,	508 cases, or about	7½	per cent.
Inflammation of cornea,	291 cases, or about	4	per cent.
Ulcers,	257 cases, or about	3½	per cent.
Blepharitis,	211 cases, or about	3	per cent.
Eczema,	150 cases, or about	2½	per cent.
Conjunctivitis,	123 cases, or about	2	per cent.
	5,096 cases, or about	75	per cent.

Six would-be suicides have taken opium, five have shown preference for phosphorus, two for arsenic, and one for kerosene oil—fourteen cases in all.

May, June and July were our busiest months ; the number seen during these months were one thousand and seven, nine hundred and ninety-nine, one thousand one hundred and ninety-five, respectively.

We have performed one hundred and twenty-eight operations during the year (of twenty-five different varieties), thirty-three of which were done under chloroform, forty with the aid of cocaine, and the rest without *anæsthesia*. The most important operations of the year have been the removal of two tumors (*fibromata*) from the neck, the first weighing ten and a half ounces, taken from beneath the platysma, with somewhat deep roots, involving some of the large vessels of the neck ; the second weighing twenty-one ounces, taken from the paratoid region ; a third tumor (*lipoma*) of forty-three ounces, taken from the thigh of another patient ; and a deformed leg (*webbed*) in a boy of thirteen years old, who had been badly burned when an infant. We were able to give this boy a nearly straight limb, there still remaining a slight permanent bending at the knee.

We have certainly succeeded in making many friendly to us and the work, who previously were hostile or indifferent, and some have shown a genuine interest in the truth. The number of in-patients received into hospital has been seventy-nine—fifty-nine men and twenty women. We have extracted seventy six teeth and made twelve dental plates for Chinese. Amongst our dental patients we have had two mandarins, and other wealthy folk. One of the former, a well-informed and friendly man, had read the Old and New Testaments through—a very rare thing, I venture to say, in this country. He attended some of our services, and admitted that there was much that was good in Christian teaching, but he said : “ I do not believe in any resurrection from the dead ; that’s a simple impossibility.”

My financial report shows receipts from patients—native and foreign—amounting to taels eight hundred and twenty-four (about six hundred and thirty dollars), of which amount nearly seven hundred taels have been received from the Chinese. We have had nine foreigners under our medical care during the year.

In August we baptized five—two men, two women, and our eldest daughter, Elsie. These have all united with the Pingtu City church, making the membership now sixteen. Our Sunday services and Wednesday evening prayer-meetings have continued to be well attended, with but few exceptions.

During the year I have delivered one hundred and fifty sermons or addresses. The Association meetings were held in Pingtu chapel last October. They continued for three days and were very profitable, the Sunday services especially, conducted by Brethren Hartwell and Pruitt, and a native brother at night, were even enthusiastic.

The boys’ school has been continued through the year at our own expense. I have not been able to give this branch of the work much of my time, and propose giving it up at the close of the Chinese year.

The health of the missionaries at this station has been good ; no case of sickness has occurred to interfere with the work.

The extremes of temperature have been eight degrees and ninety-nine degrees Fahrenheit, and the year’s rainfall has amounted to 27.72 inches in sixty-five days.

MRS. RANDLE reports :

During the first six months of this year my medical work was, as previously, principally helping in the general dispensary in any capacity I could, but since the men's and women's departments have been divided I have seen the women by myself, falling back on my husband for occasional advice and assistance. This plan of treating the women in a separate compound is much more satisfactory; they are less suspicious and more friendly. Since July I have seen four hundred and forty-four out patients, and some twenty in-patients have been received at different times in the one only ward we have, varying in time from two days to two months. I have a young woman as an assistant who was baptized last August. She is always ready to speak with the patients, of the good news of salvation. She often takes her needle work into the ward and talks with the women, or teaches them hymns or prayers. She frequently has little prayer-meetings with them at night, or when she is free, and we trust the fruit may be seen after many days, or in that land where the inhabitant shall not say, "I am sick."

Throughout the year we have held our regular meetings twice a week, with the few Christian women, on Sunday and Thursday afternoons, and any patients who are in the hospital and are able, always come to these services.

W. H. SEARS reports :

The Country Work Around Pingtu.—It will be a pleasure to report on this work for the year 1896. The Lord has graciously blessed us in it. With the aid of my teacher, and a helper supported by the Saling church, I have worked my way into a great many new villages with very encouraging results. Mrs. Sears has made several visits into the country, and has been heartily welcomed. This field seems to be ripe unto harvest.

There are four centers of work, in each of which weekly services are held. I visit them as often as I can, but when I cannot go in person some one is usually there to take the lead. The first baptism in Pingtu occurred seven years ago. Since that time seventy-one have been baptized in the country. This year I have baptized eighteen.

November 15th the Pingtu and Saling churches helped to organize a church at Chang Kia K'in. This station being so far from the other churches it was thought best to organize a new church. The church, representing four villages, was organized with fifteen members, all of whom were from the Saling church. Dr. Randle kindly helped in the organization. They have rented a little house to worship in, and take a great deal of interest in working in and around their station.

We have more than twenty villages in which there are Christians. Seven of this number have been added this year. There are a great many other villages where there are persons interested in the Gospel. By reference to my list of the hopeful inquirers I find I have fifty-two names to begin next year with. This list does not include a great many doubtful ones.

Two classes for Christians have been conducted by Dr. Randle and myself this year—one in January and the other in December. During the last two weeks of December I visited some large markets and sold eight hundred and eighty-four Bibles, portions of the Bible,

tracts, etc. I had never sold any before, but as there seems to be such an eagerness for the Book, I think I will do more of this work in the future.

REPORT OF THE HWANG-HIEN MISSION.

BY REV. C. W. PRUITT.

1. *Church Work.*—Regular Sunday services have been kept up, with Wednesday evening prayer-meetings. Nine have been baptized. At the beginning of January Dr. Hartwell joined me in a week of Bible study, when the days were spent in the study of the Acts of the Apostles and the evenings in most heart-searching prayer-meetings.

2. *Street Chapel and Street Work.*—It is my plan to spend the forenoons in my study and the afternoons either in the street chapel, at the markets, or visiting from shop to shop. This work has been kept up, but with necessary interruptions. It has been the best year for street chapel work we have had in Hwang-Hien.

3. *Literary Work.*—The hymn-book which I was asked by the Mission to compile was completed and given to the printer in the autumn. We now have a hymn book in Mandarin, containing one hundred and sixty-two hymns, a large majority of them being a translation of the very best English hymns. My work as compiler has been not so much translation as selection and revision. In this I have been largely aided by my co-laborers.

4. *School Work.*—This has fallen almost wholly to the lot of Mrs. Pruitt. She has kept very busy with the boys' school on our place here. The school has had forty-seven pupils, and being boarding pupils they must be looked after in many directions day and night. I think good work has been done. In the school we are working towards self-support as rapidly as possible. In 1896 half our pupils have paid their own board; in 1897 all will do so. We have also had very liberal contributions from native brethren towards the expenses of the school.

Mrs. Pruitt has also given aid and sympathy to a girls' school in the community. This school is the enterprise of some Christian families living in this city. It is a sight to make angels rejoice—Christian parents in China looking after the Christian education of their daughters!

The statistics of the church in Hwang Hien are as follows: Church members, forty-seven; baptisms during the year, nine; contributions to church treasury, thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents, There have been other liberal contributions,

Brother and Mrs. Stephens have been somewhat retarded in their work by sickness, yet they have maintained their work steadily; have six villages as centers which they visit regularly. Mrs. Stephens has made fifty trips to the country during the year, on one of which she remained for days at Pe Wa, a village of fifteen thousand inhabitants, she held personal conversation with and gave personal instruction to more than two hundred different women. Brother Stephens reports six baptisms.

Tung-Chau and Shang Tswang.—Miss Moon has been untiring and persistent in the prosecution of her work, which is directed chiefly to the villages within a radius of thirty miles of Tung-Chau, though some of her journeys have taken her much farther. God has blessed her in her work, and some of those baptized are, under God, directly the result of her labors. Her report is as follows :

I have worked mostly in the country this year, though visiting occasionally in the city and teaching a class regularly in Sunday-school. I have visited sixty-two towns and villages. Where the work seemed to demand it I have repeatedly visited the same villages two, three or four times during the year. In a few of these villages there are inquirers in various stages of advancement. In others there are people willing to be taught hymns, prayers and religious books, but who could hardly be classed as inquirers. In any given community my work is not confined to any class, but includes men, women, schoolboys, girls and little children. In some towns and villages I spend several days at a time ; to others, as those near the city, I go out only for an afternoon. The urgent calls are far more than I can possibly meet.

REPORT OF TUNG-CHOW MISSION.

Miss HARTWELL reports :

Most of my work for the year has been done in Tung-Chow city. My general programme has been : Two hours' study of the language daily ; one hour spent in teaching in the church boys' school ; one half-hour given to a Bible lesson in one of the little day schools, and visiting in the afternoon ; attendance on and assisting some in my mother's weekly prayer-meeting for women and girls ; the conducting of our Sunday-school teachers' meeting every Saturday afternoon, and the teaching of my Sunday-school class. One of the day schools had to be closed on account of small attendance. During the latter part of the year I have had to leave the other mostly to the care of its excellent teacher, visiting it myself only once a week. Teacher and pupils have done good work. During the year it has grown in enrollment from fifteen to twenty-three, and in average attendance from nine to fifteen.

My Sunday-school class of ragged street-boys, numbering seventy to one hundred weekly, are the apple of mine eye. Begun with a mere handful of little boys and girls, it soon grew so large that my little sister, Janie (herself then only eight years old), agreed to take the smallest tots and teach them, using Bible pictures and little children's hymns as helps. Thus began the class for outside girls, now often numbering thirty or more, and taught by my mother and little Janie.

The visiting in the homes has often been very encouraging. If time and space permitted I might tell of certain cases of interest. Not long ago my Bible-woman remarked : " Koo Niang, we seldom come home without feeling that the Lord had that day purposely led us to some particular person or place, with a special message for us to give to a prepared and waiting one." An so it has truly seemed.

My Country Work has been done in five trips away from the city, the shortest being for one day (thirty-eight li away), and others for three weeks. The trip to Koo Hien with Miss Moon was especially

encouraging. My father was with us part of the time, and preached to large, attentive crowds. A fall in a shentsz, and consequent injury, prevented my engaging in country work as much as I had hoped for this year. I have visited in all twenty-one villages. The appalling need of more workers everywhere makes one's heart ache. *When* can we hope for help? The Lord grant that the day be not far off, for we of North China are sorely in need of helpers. Work, work opening up in all directions, pressing on us from all directions, and so few to do it!

The little day-schools referred to in the above report have been maintained at Miss Hartwell's personal expense, there having been no appropriation for them by the Board.

Mrs. HARTWELL reports :

This has been a year of steady growth in our girls' school. Our faithful Chinese principal, Mrs. Kwoa, though suffering from repeated serious illness, has managed the girls, directed the assistants, and taught her own classes. There have been two baptisms, and seven girls have unbound their feet. Several of our pupils were withdrawn in the fall to enter the Christian school opened by the native brethren in Hwang-Hien, but their places have been taken by others, and we still have thirty-seven pupils, of whom twenty-eight have unbound feet and twelve are Christians. Since September I have had an industrial class in which we teach the girls foreign needle-work, knitting, crocheting, lace-making, and Chinese needle-work, hoping in this way to enable the girls hereafter to pay, or at least help pay, their way through school. This it will take time to do, if, indeed, it can ever be accomplished.

I have had two classes in English every day in the girls' school since September, and three classes in English in the boy's school each day the whole year.

We have a weekly prayer-meeting in the school, which the teachers and the Christian girls take turns in leading. During the early part of the year the Christian girls, of their own accord, held for months a special prayer-meeting every week to pray for the unconverted in the school.

I will add a list of the societies and churches that have written to me asking that I give them each a girl in our school to support. Some of these girls have been supported for two years or more, others not so long. In all cases I have asked that the money (fifteen dollars) should be sent to Secretary Willingham. In one case twenty dollars was sent, of which five dollars was intended to clothe the child, who was destitute. We do not approve this, and have stated the fact to the donors. I give English names to the girls assigned to churches, societies or individuals to support :

Gertrude, First Church, Lynchburg, Va.; Lillie Chase, Mill Creek Church, near Hollins, Va.; Virginia, Hollins Institute, Va.; Belle, a lady in Texas; Kate, First Church, Roanoke, Va.; Genevieve, Skinquarter, Va. (Sunbeams); Gold, Saltville, Va. (Sunbeams); Lillie Pearl, Enon Church, Hollins Post-Office, Va.; Alice, Vinton, Va., Woman's Missionary Society.

Dr. HARTWELL reports :

This has not been my most prosperous year apparently, yet it has been far from a year barren of results and devoid of blessing. By the blessing of God I have been able to maintain my regular services as pastor of the churches at Tung Chow and Shang Tswong, and of the branch churches of Tsung Kia, Tan Te'n and Tu' Wu, as well as my regular appointments at Shin Tien and Be Ken. I have visited the cities of Pingtu, Hwang-Hien, Kian Chen, Chan Yuen, besides sundry market-town, villages, etc. I have conducted an unusually large number of funerals—among them that of an old sister of seventy-six, who had served the church and mission, as a helper, for years, and whose first knowledge of the Gospel came from her serving as a nurse to one of my infant children who died about thirty years ago. Who shall say that that infant, whose earthly life reached only to seven months, lived and died in vain? All unconscious, she was the occasion of bringing under Gospel influences one, at least, who after about a quarter of a century of service on earth has entered into eternal rest.

I have opened at my own and Miss Moon's expense, for this year, a chapel at Shiu Tien, the largest market town in this district, where I used to have a station twenty five or more years ago, and in whose vicinity reside some of our oldest and most valued members. It is a nice new building, admirably located and admirably adapted for use as a chapel.

The church at Shang Tswong, with the aid liberally extended her by the sister churches of our Mission and by the missionaries, has erected a house of worship in which I should be happy to invite any minister in the Southern Baptist Convention to preach—brick outside, *foo chi* within, nicely plastered in Chinese style, glass windows. We have used the building with the earth floor for some months, but arrangements have been made for cementing the floor and seating the house in the early spring. And this, without one cent from the Mission Board.

I have baptized in Tung Chau six persons, two of them pupils in the girls' school, and one a son of the notorious Wong Chin Foo, now of New York. This young man's mother, while a pupil in Mrs. Hartwell's school twenty-five or twenty-eight years ago, was converted and baptized; and is still an earnest, intelligent Christian worker. Ten or twelve years ago she found it necessary, on account of peculiar circumstances, to go South to seek employment. She found it as a teacher in a Methodist Mission school. While there her son was converted and joined the Methodist church, and for two years he has been a candidate for the ministry in that denomination. He has now cast in his lot with us, and we hope for the best results. His support for the next year is to come entirely from native sources.

The boys' school of the Tung-Chau native church, proposed in last year's report, has been opened and successfully run for one year. The progress of the pupils in English and in Chinese has been good. Every cent of the interest on the endowment has been collected. Every cent of obligation has been met, including house rent, salary of two Chinese teachers, purchase of desks, benches, blackboards, and all incidentals, and there is a good balance in the treasury with which to begin the next year. Twenty pupils have been enrolled—every one paying a half year in advance. Thirty pupils have been

engaged for the next year—the full number that the school can now accommodate.

The Tung-Chau church has maintained the last year's standard of liberality. Besides paying its own current expenses it has contributed fifty thousand cash to the Shang Tswong church building and thirty-five thousand cash towards meeting the deficiency there was in Mrs. Hartwell's girls' school appropriation. It paid the travelling expenses of all its delegates to the annual meeting of the Association.

The church has had during the whole year two helpers at work—one man and one woman—paid from the contribution of Brother Wong Yi Pin for this purpose. The same Brother Wong contributed fifty thousand cash (besides the church contribution) to the Shang Tswong church, and one hundred Mexican dollars to the deficiency in the girls' school. Besides these amounts there have been personal contributions to the fund of the boys' school, etc.

In connection with the Tung-Chau church there has been organized a Woman's Missionary Society, which meets monthly for prayer and the study of missionary subjects. It has a membership of eighteen, one having died since the organization. The collections have amounted to eleven dollars.

Encouraged by what God is accomplishing through us, and hoping for larger and more blessed results in the future, we give ourselves for another year of toil and trust, and beg the prayers on our behalf of the members of the Board and of the churches that they represent.

JAPAN.

MISSIONARIES AND LOCATIONS.

FUKUOKA.—J. W. McCollum, Mrs. McCollum, 37 Hama, No. Machi.

NAGASAKI.—E. N. Walne, Mrs. Walne, 7 Higashi Yamate.

KOKURA.—N. Maynard, Mrs. Maynard, 62 Saka's Machi.

REPORT OF THE JAPAN MISSION.

BY J. W. M'COLLUM.

Work was opened in Kokura, an island of Kyushiu, January, 1892, by Messrs. Brunson and McCollum, with their wives. In the fall of 1892 Brunson resigned and returned to America. The same fall Rev. E. N. Walne came to join McCollum in the work. During the year 1892 work was begun and prosecuted at Moji, Wakamatsu and Ashiya. In the spring of 1893 McCollum moved to Moji and Walne to Fukuoka. In the fall of 1893 a church was organized at Moji, into which the Christians of all our stations entered.

Beginning with Moji, our eastern point and going westward, taking each central station and its related work with working force, we have the following, viz :

Moji.—Here there are only *six* resident Christians, several who have been received into the church there having moved away. This is a town of more than twenty thousand inhabitants. Mr. Maynard, with the help of an evangelist, is working this point.

Kokura is the home of Rev. and Mrs. Maynard. Brother Maynard is a native of Maryland, and his wife is a Virginian. They came to Japan in the fall of 1894 from Covington, Tenn. At Kokura there are eleven Christians, including the evangelist, Mr. Mizaki. The inhabitants number twenty thousand. There are two other out-stations connected with this work.

At Wakamatsu our work is in charge of Pastor Kawakatsu. This is a town of some thirty thousand inhabitants with only sixteen Baptists. (There is work in all these towns by other denominations.) From here Pastor Kawakatsu has one other regular station, and is gradually, as he is able, going into other towns.

At Ashiya there are four Christians, though we have been unable to visit the town regularly.

Fukuoka is a town of about fifty thousand inhabitants. McCollum and wife are the missionaries here. Both are from Alabama, and were appointed to Japan in the fall of 1889. There have been gathered together a company of *ten* Christians, including evangelist Sato and wife, during the three and a half years' work here.

Mr. Aoto and wife are to work Hakata, the largest commercial center in this part of Kyushiu. There are in Hakata more than sixty thousand people. The Hakata and Fukuoka work, with the out-stations (three in number) belong to the territory that Brother McCollum is trying to work.

In Nagasaki Mr. Walne, a native of Clinton, Miss., and Mrs. Walne, a native of Kentucky, with one evangelist, have been working since last May. Mr. Walne has *three out-stations* connected with his Nagasaki work. The native evangelist is the only Baptist native in the town. No baptisms as yet in the field of this new work, though the signs are very hopeful.

There is only one organized church in our mission, but we hope that our members will increase soon, so as to make organizations at Wakamatsu, Fukuoka and Nagasaki advisable.

The contributions for the year 1896 were four hundred and eighty dollars.

We are all well, and are hard at work. Good average attendance at all our services, but nothing very special to report.

CONCLUSION.

And now we turn our faces to the future. Great are the opportunities which lie out before us. Our God by His word and providences commands us to go forward. We earnestly call upon our pastors, men whom God has honored in making teachers and leaders in Zion, to lead forth the hosts of Israel to greater conquests for the Master. With grateful hearts for God's mercies and blessings in the past let us all see to it that the next year shall be one in which the parting command of our Saviour will be carried out by us as never before. We need for each church and each member to realize that we are a

part of God's life-saving service. Souls are sinking in death to whom God sends us that they may be saved. We and our churches are efficient only as under God we are saving the lost and helping souls to heaven. The great work of Christians is to win this lost world to God. The powers of darkness are trying to hinder and thwart this work. Satan cares not how fine our sermons, how elaborate and exquisite our music, how superb our church houses, if only the leaders and the hosts of Israel are fast asleep doing nothing in God's work. No church can sleep while deeply interested in Foreign Missions. Any church fully alive to this great work can be depended on for other duties and obligations. Our great trouble in the past has been that so many churches have done nothing, and where the churches gave, so many of the members gave nothing. How are we to get more people to give? We are fully persuaded that this must come from continued training. It has been truly said that our people need information, organization and agitation. But who is to do the work of informing, organizing and agitating the people? The pastors and deacons, the Sunday-school officers and teachers, our religious papers, and those appointed especially to look after the work. While each one who loves God and souls can help to increase the interest, the leaders must lead in the work. We need line upon line to train our people until all will gladly help.

God loves this work for which He gave His Son and to which He called not only Paul, the greatest of all preachers, but to which He calls every one who loves Him.

We have made only a beginning. Southern Baptists, by united effort, can easily give five hundred thousand dollars a year for Foreign Missions. If any one thinks this too much let him remember it is less than three cents a month for each of our members. There is no church in our bounds which cannot and ought not to give, on an average, that much to send the Gospel of the love of God to the millions who are dying without Christ. God help us to hear His command, "Go ye into all the world," and in spirit and in truth to pray as Christ taught us, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as in heaven." And when we sing every Sabbath, "Praise Him all creatures here below," let each give something to send the Gospel, that the nations in darkness may know of our God and His love in Christ our Saviour.

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

	Gross.	Less State Expenses.	Net.
1896.			
May 1—Balance per report.....			\$ 952 18
1897.			
April 30—Alabama.....	\$ 6,563 29	\$ 455 66	6,107 63
Arkansas.....	1,827 96		1,827 96
West. Ark. and Ind. Ter....	259 47		259 47
District of Columbia.....	1,081 78		1,081 78
Florida.....	1,047 00	68 15	978 85
Georgia.....	20,275 29	1,044 07	19,231 22
Kentucky.....	12,214 62	600 00	11,614 62
Louisiana.....	1,971 64		1,971 64
Maryland.....	7,707 71		7,707 71
Missouri.....	7,069 34	1,300 00	5,769 34
Mississippi.....	8,528 22	300 00	8,228 22
North Carolina.....	7,303 44	800 00	6,503 44
West. N. C. Convention....	536 19		536 19
South Carolina.....	11,352 50		11,352 50
Tennessee.....	6,058 06		6,058 06
Texas.....	8,483 46	1,158 92	7,324 54
Virginia.....	21,565 18	376 33	21,188 85
West Virginia.....	19 56		19 56
Pennsylvania.....	1 20		1 20
Connecticut.....	20 65		20 65
Massachusetts.....	26 00		26 00
Maine.....	1 00		1 00
Ohio.....	10 40		10 40
Oregon.....	36 31		36 31
Oklahoma.....	29 91		29 91
Washington.....	23 00		23 00
South Dakota.....	5 66		5 66
Kansas.....	10 46		10 46
Nebraska.....	3 05		3 05
California.....	10 00		10 00
Mexico.....	590 22		590 22
Brazil.....	47 40		47 40
Central America.....	65		65
Southern Baptist Convent'n	45 00		45 00
FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL	200 00		200 00
Maryland Fund—Interest..	70 00		70 00
Isaac Davis Fund—Interest	182 00		182 00
John Smith Fund—Interest	16 87		16 87
Woman's Missionary So-			
ciety, Woman's College—			
Interest.....	37 50		37 50
American Baptist Publica-			
tion Society.....	450 00		450 00
	<u>\$125,681 99</u>	<u>\$6,103 13</u>	<u>\$120,531 04</u>
Time loans obtained this year.....		\$97,500 00	
Call loans obtained this year.....		12,594 76	
			<u>110,094 76</u>
			<u>\$230 625 80</u>
Time loans brought over from last year.....		18,000 00	
Call loans brought over from last year.....		8,092 89	
Centennial Fund brought over from last year.....		6,760 00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOR MISSIONS.

1897.			
May 1—African.....		\$ 4,534 84	
China—Canton.....	\$ 8,217 84		
North China.....	8,770 97		
Shanghai.....	5,423 30		
Chinkiang.....	3,037 37		
			25,449 48
Japan.....			6,354 48
European.....			17,726 65
Mexican.....			19,628 09
Brazilian.....			18,626 91
Total for Missions.....			\$ 92,320 45

EXPENSES.

Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	\$ 2,500 00	
Assistant Secretary (since Aug. 20, 1896).....	833 35	
Clerks.....	431 00	
Treasurer.....	500 00	
Office expenses of Corresponding Secretary, Postage, Stationery, &c.....	630 36	
Exchange on uncurrent checks.....	105 65	
Rent of mission rooms.....	350 00	
Travelling expenses.....	477 00	
Printing tracts, &c.....	971 10	
Vice-Presidents' expenses.....	98 30	
Southern Baptist Convention.....	262 96	
Woman's work.....	930 43	
Interest on borrowed money.....	2,160 34	
		10,250 49
Time loans paid (brought over from last year \$18,000)		115,500 00
Call loans paid (brought over from last year \$8,092.89).....		12,554 86
		<u>\$230 625 80</u>

LIABILITIES.

Call loans.....	\$ 8,132 79
Centennial Fund.....	5,400 00
Total indebtedness.....	<u>\$13,532 79</u>

JOHN C. WILLIAMS, TREASURER.

RICHMOND, VA., May 1, 1897.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the account of John C. Williams, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, commencing May 1, 1896, and ending this day, and that I find it correct and sustained by proper vouchers. I find in his hands \$1,000 Atlanta and Charlotte Railway Company's 7 per cent. bonds belonging to the "Maryland Fund," and \$9,100 Virginia Century bonds belonging to the "Isaac Davis Fund."

H. C. BURNETT, AUDITOR

Foreign Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1896.

LOCATION.	Date.	No. Churches.	Out-Station.	MISSIONARIES.		Ordained Natives.	UNORDAINED NATIVES.		INCREASE.			DIMINUTION.			Membership.	S. S. Scholars.	Houses of Worship.	DAY SCHOOLS.		Contributions.
				Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Death.	Expulsion.	Letter.				No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	
CHINA.....	1847	20	37	15	24	7	29	7	107	3	20	4	1,364	380	6	29	675	\$1,783 00		
AFRICA.....	1850	6	2	4	3	1	5	1	29	4	5	4	284	172	5	2	107	383 00		
ITALY.....	1870	21	56	2	1	14	14	93	93	.....	.....	.....	490	210	3	.....	186	800 00
MEXICO.....	1880	29	24	6	9	9	7	1	112	4	13	23	1,116	333	14	3	90	614 00		
BRAZIL.....	1882	18	17	5	5	6	4	1	251	40	11	54	1,022	30	3	1	45	3,010 00		
JAPAN.....	1880	1	5	3	3	1	3	8	8	.....	.....	.....	48	150	.....	.....	.....	48 00
Totals.....	.....	95	141	35	45	38	62	10	660	51	49	85	4,324	1,275	31	35	1,103	6,658 00	

APPENDIX B.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Home Mission Board OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1897.

The Home Mission Board may well feel at home to-day.

Throughout this good old State of North Carolina stand many monuments of the Board's work in former years. In nearly all her cities from Weldon to Charlotte and from Newberne to Asheville—among her country churches from the Atlantic to where the impetuous Hiawassee sweeps over the line into Tennessee, her missionaries have gone forth bearing precious seed, scattering it over mountain and plain, until now nearly three thousand churches, with two hundred and twenty thousand Baptists, throng the sanctuaries in which her people worship God. We who have succeeded to the work of our fathers, lift wondering eyes and grateful hearts upon these fields crowned with such a harvest, and thank God that we are permitted to share in this glorious work, and to meet upon her soil with this Convention to-day.

The hardest year ever experienced by the Home Mission Board has passed into history.

We began it with a debt of \$8,000, and an obligation to pay \$5,700 on the house of worship purchased for the First Church in New Orleans, making a total of \$13,700 over and above the support of our missionaries required to meet our financial needs for the year.

The Board found itself unable to reduce to any great extent its appropriation of the previous year without impairing the efficiency of its work.

The great financial pressure which embarrassed all our Mission Boards served to increase the needs of our Home Mission field, and made numerous and earnest the cries for help that came from nearly every quarter.

The Convention at its last session instructed its Foreign Mission Board to make vigorous efforts to liquidate the debt that for several years had embarrassed not only its own operations, but, to some extent, all the mission work within the bounds of the Convention. It instructed that Board to ascertain what churches contributed as much as one hundred dollars, and what individuals as much as fifty dollars to Foreign Missions, and to persistently endeavor to induce these churches and individuals to make their contributions during the first quarter of the financial year. The Convention recognized the fact that such action involved the interest of the Home Board and State Boards, and expressed its earnest desire that there might be no unfortunate collision with these interests.

Anxious that its sister Board of Foreign Missions might be relieved of a burden which was weighing upon all our denominational mission work, and respecting the express desire of the Convention that unfortunate collision might be avoided, though itself so heavily involved, the Home Mission Board for the first part of the year made no effort to increase its contributions. Not until the first of January did it begin to make any vigorous effort to secure the means needed to meet its annual expenditure. At that time its debt had grown to be twenty-three thousand dollars, without counting the five thousand which would fall due on the New Orleans house of worship. The success of our efforts is to be seen in the report of our Treasurer.

The Board must be allowed to express its grateful acknowledgment to the Women's Mission Societies of the South who, under the leadership of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union, did invaluable service for us in the generous contributions they made and in the interest they created in behalf of the work of the Board.

SUMMARY.

Summary of work for the past conventional year is as follows:

Missionaries.....	372
Weeks of labor.....	11,075
Churches and stations.....	1,963
Sermons and addresses.....	48,508
Prayer-meetings.....	11,237
Religious visits.....	62,175
Baptisms.....	4,709
Received by letter.....	4,746
Total additions.....	9,455
Churches constituted.....	139
Houses of worship built.....	57
Houses of worship improved.....	129
Amount expended on houses of worship.....	\$ 52,040
Sunday-schools organized.....	313
Teachers and pupils.....	10,725
Bibles and Testaments.....	2,837
Tracts distributed (pages).....	645,346

The State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Arkansas and Indian Territory and Western North Carolina are in co-operation with us in part or the whole of their work.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

In some States our Vice-Presidents are able to do little, while in others the opportunity to work for the Board is greater.

Many of these brethren have done us valuable service, for which our heartiest thanks are due to them.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Number of Mis- sionaries	Weeks of Labor...	Churches and Sta- tions	Sermons and Ad- dresses	Prayer Meetings	Religious Visits	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Total Additions...	Churches Consti- tuted	Houses of Worship Built	Houses of Worship Improved	Amount Expended on Houses of Worship	Sunday-schools or- ganized	Teachers and Pu- pils	Bibles and Testa- ments	Tracts Distributed. (Pages)
Alabama	3	156	43	763	122	126	19	189	19	5	8	7	\$12000	24	632	287	13712
Arkansas	20	666	43	1615	498	2208	283	189	472	5	8	7	\$12000	24	632	287	29500
Cuba	6	312	5	349	961	1871	28	25	53	4	3	3	108	3	108	95	5962
Cuban work in Florida	4	204	4	613	349	1785	28	25	53	4	3	3	108	3	108	95	5438
District of Columbia	4	204	4	613	349	1785	28	25	53	4	3	3	108	3	108	95	5438
Florida	35	966	105	3193	1460	2906	391	307	701	12	3	47	3420	22	800	190	10509
Georgia	33	156	66	218	111	111	111	111	701	12	3	47	3420	22	800	190	10509
Indian Territory	4	182	66	683	298	414	113	142	256	4	2	2	700	7	205	15	3040
Kentucky	19	623	51	2449	82	685	203	294	413	4	1	5	2991	10	1723	96	73118
Louisiana	23	575	35	2285	569	584	269	196	465	2	3	4	4292	61	1840	262	51500
Maryland	4	193	16	783	447	1397	13	43	56	1	1	1	2513	2	483	360	39325
Missouri	4	163	10	457	195	2064	19	26	45	1	1	1	2513	2	238	47	25013
Mississippi	12	309	26	1150	600	1535	102	109	211	3	3	3	1820	4	49	127	2000
North Carolina	4	165	182	693	131	617	18	35	53	7	15	6	2335	4	49	127	2000
Oklahoma Territory	30	1116	62	5019	702	1454	331	289	623	6	2	2	880	21	757	139	1000
South Carolina	3	171	138	591	120	1881	32	125	157	7	1	1	560	3	215	20150	20150
Tennessee	53	1280	250	7286	1340	12456	845	1374	2219	40	12	23	13060	43	1740	113	129722
Texas	66	2281	695	11181	1025	15367	898	776	1674	19	6	10	4339	53	1065	425	118165
Virginia	45	173	74	681	255	662	58	11	69	6	2	2	912	29	870	181	5090
Western Arkansas and Indian Territory	56	729	215	6263	1068	2266	827	745	1572	27	2	2	912	29	870	181	5090
Western North Carolina	10	271	7	1886	233	2248	240	149	380	2	1	4	77	29	29	595	3630
West Virginia	2	104	9	340	12	562	8	10	18	1	1	2	50	1	1	1	1
Total	372	11075	1963	48508	11237	62175	4709	4746	9455	139	57	129	52040	313	10725	2837	645346

*The work in Alabama was among the negroes, under the co-operation plan, and cannot be fully stated in this table. See special reference to this work elsewhere in this report.

†Conditions in Cuba are such that the only regular work maintained is teaching, and such religious work as can properly be done by the women and laymen.

CHURCH BUILDING.

The Board has paid during the year Five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-One Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents on houses of worship. The greater part of this was paid on contracts made previous to the beginning of the financial year. It is perhaps needless to remind the Convention that this is investment, not expenditure. If to this we add the amount \$51,540 collected on the fields by our missionaries, and expended in the construction and improvement of houses of worship, we have a total of \$57,081.69 added to the value of the property of the denomination as part of the work of the Board.

INDIAN CLAIM.

The Board is gratified to state that after long delay the Creek Nation has appropriated \$3,000 to pay the remainder due on the Levering School. A warrant for this sum is in the hands of our Treasurer. Had this amount been paid in cash, the Board could have come to the Convention with a cash balance.

DENOMINATIONAL PAPERS.

The Board, having no organ of its own, has been dependent more largely than ever before, in its efforts to reach the people, upon our denominational papers. Nearly all of them have rendered us efficient service, and the thanks of the Board are tendered to them for their kindly aid.

MISSION DAY IN SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The collections made at the time selected for the Sunday-schools to make their annual contribution to missions, realized to our Board above \$2,000.

The Sunday-school Board generously undertook the work of raising this money, and the entire work was done without a dollar's expense to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, who were the recipients of the entire contribution, which was equally divided between them.

Our hearty thanks are due to our brethren of the Sunday-school Board for their generous labors in our behalf.

THE MARYLAND BAPTIST MISSION ROOMS

have been doing a work of great value to our Board and the cause of missions.

Their mission card presents monthly for study one of the mission fields of our Convention, alternating between the two Boards of Home and Foreign Missions. It furnishes tracts and literature in other forms, giving the latest information from these fields. These tracts, written chiefly by the ablest ministers in the South, are of an unusually high order of merit.

This systematic arrangement of mission topics, originating in these rooms, has already won its way to recognition, and promises to accomplish much in widening and increasing the knowledge of our missions and systematizing the efforts of our people in promoting them. We commend the publications emanating from these rooms to all who are desirous of advancing our mission work.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILLIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, APRIL, 1896, TO APRIL, 1897.

Rejoicing in the knowledge that Woman's Missionary Union is a part of the great Baptist host striving to exert an influence for Christ in this land, its Annual Report, as desired, is presented to the Home Board. Also thanks to the Heavenly Father are recorded for the encouragement He has given and for the generous co-operation of brethren and sisters.

STATISTICS.

Letters written.....	9,309
Postals written.....	230
Leaflets, pamphlets, etc., distributed.....	124,962
Mission cards (prayer).....	22,253
Mite barrels or boxes.....	4,032
Papers.....	3,040

More strongly than ever before the need of money for the salaries of missionaries has been urged upon the attention of societies. Boxes have not only been sent to frontier missionaries, but to those who are now Cuban refugees. The most appreciative letters attest their value. Many applications from those who desire aid are received, but no name is presented to societies unless sent by the Secretary of the Home Board, State Secretaries, or Superintendents, at the request of Home Board.

Believing that all true progress among the colored people is dependent upon their ability to help themselves, with that object in view, many Baptist women are working among them with encouraging results. It is reported with pleasure that they are now issuing their own Sunday-school publications. Effort is making by Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board of National Baptist Convention, towards interesting the colored women in forming missionary organizations. He has made two visits to Baltimore during the year.

Baltimore now has five Industrial Schools and Mothers' Meetings, one having been organized this year. From one of these schools, thirty-five regular attendants on the Sunday-school have been gained.

The importance to Christ's cause, not only in our own land, but to the world, of winning the foreign population has been urged. Miss Buhlmaier, the consecrated missionary to the Germans, is doing a noble work in Baltimore and Washington. Three Sewing Schools in Baltimore conducted by her, are taught by ladies from the churches. Basted work for use in the schools is largely supplied by Young Ladies' Societies. Washington has one Sewing School from which has grown a Sunday-school. Louisville, also, has two German Industrial Schools, from which several conversions have been reported. Work is also being carried on in different places among Chinese, Mexicans, Cubans and other nationalities. An Italian Mission is about to be started in Baltimore.

Appeals have been made for united, persevering prayer for Cuba, and for continued contributions.

Central Committees, as well as general officers, have made earnest efforts for the observance of Self-denial Week. Literature bearing on the subject has been freely distributed.

Interesting missionary information on Home and Foreign work, is sent monthly to thirty persons, for publication in as many State papers.

Sunday-school Missionary Day was observed as usual, the Sunday-school Board and Woman's Missionary Union uniting in efforts to contribute to the treasuries of the Home and Foreign Boards. Its yearly repetition cannot fail to advance Christ's kingdom. Throughout the South during the first week in January, united prayer was offered for God's blessings on the work and workers.

The expenses of Woman's Missionary Union are \$1,855.66 for this year, of which the Home Board defrays \$750.00. W. M. U. officers receive no salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF AMOUNTS REPORTED THROUGH STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES FROM WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

State.	Cash	Value of Boxes.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 502 47	\$ 1,595 88	\$ 2,098 35
Arkansas.....	620 05	350 55	970 60
District of Columbia.....	8 00	259 86	267 86
Florida.....	141 90	387 97	529 87
Georgia.....	813 61	2,780 71	3,594 32
Kentucky.....	999 46	1,866 13	2,865 59
Louisiana.....	430 65	579 00	1,009 65
Maryland.....	1,511 46	2,490 15	
" Contributions to German work.....		162 98	4,164 59
Mississippi.....	540 12	1,179 35	1,719 47
Missouri.....	249 48	1,103 46	1,352 94
North Carolina.....	762 68	946 39	1,709 07
South Carolina.....	1,207 59	611 35	1,818 94
Tennessee.....	1,031 97	1,623 35	2,655 32
" Young South".....	3 00		3 00
Texas.....	774 60	609 90	1,384 50
Virginia.....	1,109 96	2,296 52	3,406 48
Western North Carolina.....	134 05	131 50	265 55
	<u>\$10,841 05</u>	<u>\$18,975 05</u>	<u>\$29,816 10</u>
Additional receipts:			
Connecticut.....		100 00	100 00
West Virginia.....		15 21	15 21
	<u>\$10,841 05</u>	<u>\$19,090 26</u>	<u>\$29,931 31</u>
Grand total.....			\$29,931 31

WORK AMONG NEGROES.

The work under the plan of co-operation with State Conventions, both white and colored, the Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board, is in operation in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Fourteen missionaries are in the joint employ of these Boards, three in Alabama, three in South Carolina, four in North Carolina and four in Virginia.

These men are chosen on account of their piety, their intelligence, their Christian integrity and their ability to instruct the rank and file of our colored ministry in the doctrines of the gospel and the duties of the pastoral relation. Thus far the work has been an eminent success, highly gratifying to all concerned. Many letters coming from these missionaries show the high appreciation the colored people have of the interest taken in them by their white brethren of the South.

The following paragraph, which we copy from a letter of one of these missionaries, is a fair specimen of the spirit manifested by them all:

"I need hardly mention to you the great need of our pastors for this character of work, for of a truth the majority of them are but blind leaders of the blind. In every single instance I find the white pastors ready and willing collaborators, and they express themselves as highly pleased with the eagerness of their 'Brother in Black' to learn 'the more perfect way.'

"The colored Baptists are the spiritual children of the white Baptists, for we must concede we are what we are only by reason of their labors of sacrifice and love, and we greatly rejoice that the children so long left to wander in darkness are to again have the ministrations, if not of the Master, yet of the Master's children. Who will dare prophesy the result of their teachings?

"Upon the foundations already laid we have erected a superstructure of nearly two million colored Baptists. Give us light. Open to us the scriptures. Acquaint us with Him whom to know is life eternal, and we promise that naught but death shall separate us."

The Board repeats what it said last year, its profound gratification that the plan of work adopted by it years ago as the best that could be selected to uplift the colored people, has outlived the opposition it inspired, and is now recognized by brethren of both races, North and South, as the wisest method of meeting the spiritual wants of this race.

We congratulate our brethren of Georgia and Alabama and Mississippi and Tennessee who united with us in this work long before the present co-operation was begun, upon the success that has crowned their labors, and if we could stretch our hands across the dark river we would grasp those reached out to us from the other shore, and rejoice with McIntosh and McCall and Durham that their labors for these people had not been in vain.

This year the Board made a small appropriation for a course of lectures to be delivered at the Atlanta Baptist Seminary. Four brethren, Dr. W. H. Young, of Athens, Dr. M. McGregor, of Atlanta, Dr. B. D. Ragsdale and Dr. Henry McDonald were selected by the President, Dr. George Sale, for this service.

In addition to the forty young men studying for the ministry, these lectures were heard by all the students of the Seminary. The President says: "The greatest attention has been manifested, and it is safe to say that all those who attended have a clearer and better knowledge of the way of salvation than ever before."

The success which has attended this effort has encouraged us to believe that the inauguration of similar courses of instruction in other schools in the South would be a wise expenditure of the small amounts required to support them.

The Board is gratified to see the progress made by this race. The schools provided for them by the several States, those which have

been established by the various denominations and by private liberality, and the constant contact with the white race among whom they live, afford powerful stimulants to their moral and intellectual development, while the churches and Sunday-schools which they maintain by their own contributions, are grand agents in their evangelization.

We are gratified to see that they have recently established a series of Sunday-school publications which do credit to their religious enterprise, intelligence and their literary taste. We are sure they deserve the hearty support of all their Sunday-schools, and we are confident they will receive it.

REPORT OF MOTHERS' MEETINGS AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS OF COLORED WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HELD IN BALTIMORE, MAY, 1896, TO MAY, 1897.

During the past year in the spirit of Him, "whose we are and whom we serve," we have continued to lend a helping hand to the colored people in our midst. We believe quietly, but effectively, good is being done. In a locality where there is no Colored Baptist church, God opened the way, and we now have one more Industrial school, making a total of five schools. Ladies from the white churches have faithfully, willingly and gratuitously given time and labor. The expenses to the Home Board of the five schools have been but \$50.

Pastors of the colored churches seem appreciative of the work. Believing the number of scholars in attendance is largely dependent on the number of teachers, we trust the God of all nations will incline the hearts of more of our white people to teach and labor among the Africans, whom he has placed among us, and for whom we believe we are responsible.

REPORTS OF SCHOOLS.

MACEDONIA CHURCH (Rev. A. B. Callis, Pastor).

Number on roll, 70; average attendance, 55. Children are being taught to give. Donations, (including a ton of coal) amounting to \$29.47, have been sent to the Colored Orphanage. Earnest effort is making to instill temperance principles. Pastor Callis is very appreciative of the work; believes the great interest of his church in the Orphanage was started in the school. He also testifies that children who attend the Industrial School know more about the Sunday-school lesson which is taught at every session, than those who only attend Sunday-school.

MARY E. PLATT, Leader.

ANTIOCH CHURCH (Rev. W. J. Scott, Pastor).

We are not weary in well doing. School was reopened November 5; 41 scholars on roll; average attendance, 3 teachers and 30 scholars. 80 garments have been made. We have a kindergarten class for young children. The lesson of the following Sunday is taught each week. Papers and tracts are distributed.

Mrs. A. F. COLTON, Leader.

TRINITY CHURCH (Rev. G. R. Waller, Pastor).

Thankfulness fills our hearts because we have been permitted to see some results of our labors. 35 regular attendants of the Sunday-school have been gained through the Industrial School. Average

attendance, 71: 11 officers and teachers, including 3 colored women. Memorizing Scripture and teaching the Sunday-school lesson from the desk are important features. The Colored Orphanage has been remembered. Mr. Waller is sympathetic and helpful.

ELIZABETH WEST, Leader.

FIRST CHURCH (Rev. J. C. Allen, Pastor).

Believing that in due season a harvest shall be reaped, those connected with this school are faithfully persevering. Some visitor makes a short address at every session. Several conversions have been reported. Special attention given to memorizing Scripture texts. Eighty scholars enrolled. Average attendance, 49. Four white and three colored teachers.

MRS. JENNIE FOSTER, Leader.

HAMPDEN SCHOOL.

This school is young, but healthy and thriving. No colored Baptist church is in the vicinity: meetings are held in a borrowed building. Organized on a most inclement day in February with six present. The perseverance of those who conquered snow-drifts, hills, and other obstacles at the first meeting, has been rewarded. There is now an average attendance of thirty-five scholars and three teachers.

MRS. M. J. SUTER, Leader.

In submitting the report of the work among the colored people in Baltimore, after an experience of five years, during which time we believe much good has been accomplished, we would most cordially recommend this plan of work to others who are seeking a wider field of usefulness. Submitted by

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
President W. B. H. M. Soc. of Md.

WORK AMONG THE FOREIGN POPULATION

needs to be greatly extended.

There are tens of thousands of these people in Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis and Kansas City, where we are now working. Missouri alone has about 900,000. The French population of Louisiana, the Germans of Oklahoma and Texas and the Mexicans along the Rio Grande from El Paso to the Gulf, make at least as many more to whom we ought to send the word of life.

This is a hard and difficult field. Minds that have been imbued with the erroneous doctrines and superstitions of a corrupt Christianity, unfold themselves slowly under the Sun of Righteousness, but the impressions they receive are enduring, and their religion, when matured by experience, is of sturdy growth, and the fruit of their godly lives is cheering to behold. The liberality of our German churches is not less than fourfold greater than that of our English speaking people.

The work we are doing now is but preparatory to that greater work which will be demanded of us when the tide of immigration shall turn Southward to the mines and factories and fields of our Southern land.

CUBA.

The enforced removal of all our pastors from that Island more than a year ago, left the work in the hands of the body of the mem-

bership. Many have removed to this country. Some have joined the contending armies, and the conditions have been extremely adverse to our cause.

But such has been the diligence and faithfulness, especially of the women, that the schools have been continued, the prayer-meetings and religious services on the Sabbath day observed, and quite a number who have professed their faith in Christ are awaiting baptism. With the return of peace we may confidently expect the renewal of a prosperity not surpassed by the brightest days in the history of our work in Havana.

Rev. J. V. Cova has been laboring during the year among the Cuban population in Tampa. He encountered difficulty and delay in procuring a suitable house for holding worship. This obstacle, by the aid of brethren in that city, has been removed, and his congregation now meet in a most comfortable place in a good location. His family has suffered a great affliction during the year.

Brother Bueno was located in West Tampa, and had begun his work with his usual earnestness and persistence, when his faithful wife sickened and died. It was deemed best, on account of his own health and that of his daughter, to remove to Key West, where he is now laboring with good results.

Brother O'Halloran on leaving Cuba began his work in Key West. He found there quite a number of Baptists who had fled from Havana. The Cuban Chapel, built some years ago by the Board, he has used for a daily school as well as for a place of worship. He writes very encouragingly about his work.

LATEST FROM CUBA.

Under date of April 6, Dr. Belot, a prominent member of the church, who has charge of our property in Havana, writes:

"There is no reason to be discouraged about the schools and religious matters; on the contrary, considering the absence of pastor and ministers to guide the mission, the deacons and ladies in charge of the spiritual progress of the people are doing much better than could be expected. The meetings are well attended and there is a gradual increase of numbers who want to join the church, others waiting to be baptized. The religious work is not interfered with either by Catholic clergy or by police; this body protects when needed.

"The schools are doing well. The work has been interrupted a short time on account of epidemics, but has resumed now. The number of scholars attending increases gradually."

OUR CITIES.

While the past work of the Board has been largely in the country, the growing towns and cities have not been neglected.

Churches have been aided in not less than ninety per cent. of our most important centers of population. The changing conditions of our civilization are carrying larger numbers to our cities than ever before. It is a surprising fact that some of the cities of Europe supposed to have attained their full growth, have recently taken on new life and are increasing as rapidly as the great cities of the Northwest. The growth of Berlin has been almost as great as that of Chicago. This impetus of city growth is reaching our section of the country, and is beginning to make itself felt in our commercial centers. Trade is moving southward in its efforts to reach foreign lands.

The exportation of corn from Baltimore, Hampton Roads and New Orleans is nearly three times as great as from Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Pig iron, which, within the last two years, has for the first time been exported from this country, is seeking a market through the ports of Savannah and Pensacola. The manufacture of ten millions of bales of cotton within sight of the fields where it is grown will reach its consummation within the lifetime of another generation. The natural trade center of the Western Hemisphere is the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and to that point all commerce is tending as rapidly as human enterprise can build the railways to convey it or supply the cities with facilities to receive it.

Such facts make these rapidly-growing centers of trade perhaps the most important part of the mission work of this Convention. The religious destiny of the world will be shaped by the influences that emanate from this country within the lifetime of the next generation, and those influences will flow out from our cities along the highways of commerce. The snowy fiber that grows upon our fields woven into forms suited to the wants of every kindred and tribe will be borne by vehicles of commerce to every shore, and wherever it goes will go along with it the moral influence dominating that people who have grown it upon our fields, transformed it in our factories and carried it to them in our great leviathans of the deep.

It is painful to see how vast is this department of our work, and how inadequate are our resources to perform it.

From where the great Father of Waters enters the northern confines of the territory of our Convention to where it mingles with the sea, there is not a city that is even half supplied with the religious facilities the Baptist denomination should furnish. St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, are living evidences of this painful fact. In our strongest Baptist States we are weaker in the cities than in the country. Few, indeed, are the cities in the whole South in which Baptists are numerically the strongest denomination.

Mission work in cities is costly. It requires houses of worship in keeping with the surrounding architecture, pastors of culture and ability whose mode of living must not be below that of the average of the people to whom they minister. How with our scanty income we are to meet the demands of this great work is an unsolved problem.

FRONTIER MISSIONS.

There are other departments of our work which vie with this in the strength of their appeal to our sympathy and our support.

West of the Mississippi river lies a vast field, the fabulous wealth of whose undeveloped resources science has failed to grasp. In the dim light of the civilization now advancing upon it, it seems a new world hanging upon the outskirts of our own, and destined one day to be filled with a population whose wealth and culture will equal, if they do not surpass, those of the Atlantic States.

From it there has come for years the cry for greater help than the Board has been able to give, until it has been almost hushed in the hopelessness of despair.

What ought we to do for these people and for the millions pressing upon their footsteps in their onward march to wealth and power?

THE INDIANS.

Living within this territory is a race to whom we owe an obligation we can never fully repay.

The Indians living on our frontier, whose lands are now narrowed to such meager confines, once owned from the Atlantic to the Mississippi. The Cherokee, with his seat of power on the mountains of Georgia and North Carolina, disputed with the Shawnee the possession of the dark and bloody ground. The warlike Creek, with his powerful confederation, planted his wigwams by the bright waters that flow seaward from the Savannah to the Tombigbee. The Seminole made the sunny plain of Florida his home and her everglades a refuge from his foes.

The Choctaws roamed from the Alabama to the Mississippi, and the Chickasaw planted his capital on the bluffs at Memphis and swept over the land to the Tennessee and the Ohio.

Of all these fertile lands they own not an acre to-day. Transported as captives beyond the Mississippi, they are shriveling and dying under the pestilential influence of an unchristian civilization that environs them.

The white people have grown rich and powerful upon the fields they once possessed. Their broad plantations, their growing cities, their huge factories, their long extended railroads, their schools and colleges, their houses and temples where they worship God are all builded upon the land the red man possessed and of which he was deprived by the bloody and unsparing hand of war.

We cannot return him the land of which our fathers deprived him. That is lost to him forever. But we can turn his eye and heart to that better land, and lead him to that Redeemer who will give him an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled whose fadeless beauties shall be his forever.

MOUNTAIN REGION.

Our mountain region, comprising the ridges and valleys of the Appalachian system, extending from Pennsylvania to Central Alabama, and from the Piedmont region of the southeast to the blue grass fields of Kentucky and Tennessee, is one of the most wonderful regions of the globe. It embraces an area of about one hundred and forty thousand square miles, about twice the size of England. Its valleys and many of its mountain slopes and plateaus are among the richest lands of the continent. At their southern end these lands produce the cotton and peach, while the greater elevation of the northern part gives it the temperature and products of Northern Ohio. Such a variety of valuable production springs from the soil of no section of equal area on this or any other continent. There are embosomed in these mountains such quantities of coal, iron ore, limestone, marble, sandstone, granite, and minerals and metals of every class as are a wonder to the scientist and are the admiration of the enterprising capitalist. The forests that for centuries have stood as sentinels about these treasures comprise the finest timbers in America, and compose the great body of the hard woods of our country. From the fountains that spring up beneath their shade are born the Potomac, the James, the Savannah, the Chattahoochee, the Alabama, the Tennessee, the Cumberland and the Monongahela. From where their swelling waters grow strong enough to turn machinery, down to where they enter the plains below, they have

an average fall of five hundred feet. They will one day be harnessed to machinery, and streams that have run unimpeded to the sea ever since the continent lifted itself above the dripping flood, will furnish power for the grandest workshop of the world.

These are not idle words or dreams of fancy. Already the iron products of this region have taken the front rank in this country. Birmingham lays down the product of her furnaces in Pittsburg and dictates its price in the market. More than that, she lays it down in the cities that glass themselves in the blue Mediterranean, and defies England, so long the mistress of the iron trade of the world, to compete with her there. With an unheard of audacity she sends steamers whose cargoes were smelted in furnaces 300 miles from the sea, into the port of Liverpool and challenges there the ironmasters of England to compete with her in quality or in price.

A few years ago the capitol of the State of Georgia was built with stone brought from the State of Indiana. To-day magnificent structures are being built of Georgia marble in St. Louis, Boston and other Northern cities.

The sturdy, enterprising race to which we belong has achieved many a noble victory in arts as well as in arms. Her mighty power girdles the globe. With her commerce she crowds the highways of the nations. Her temples of justice, her institutions of learning, and her sanctuaries that stand thick amid the homes where freemen dwell are the admiration of the world.

But in the development of this area of our country there will come the crowning splendors of a day of prosperity such as has never before been dreamed of by the driving, impatient Anglo-Saxon.

The people who live in much of this area are strongly inclined to our Baptist faith, but there is among them a marked absence of the spirit of progress in things both material and spiritual. Many of them are poor, and their intellectual advancement is in keeping with their physical condition.

Other denominations are realizing the importance of this field, and are exerting every effort to possess themselves of its advantages. The Mormons have sent to the Southeastern section of our country four hundred missionaries with headquarters at Chattanooga. Many of these are laboring among these mountain people. What a shame it will be to us, as Baptists, if we lose this most promising field and allow others to take our crown of glory.

We rejoice in the progress of the Gospel in foreign lands—in every triumph of the truth of God in Japan or China, or Hindostan or among the benighted tribes that dwell in the jungles of Africa, but we cannot forget that it is the triumph of Christianity over the civilization, the enlightenment, the moral, the intellectual and material forces that are concentrated in this great nation that will constitute its highest earthly glory and insure the fulfillment of the Lord's command to give His gospel to every creature. If the intelligence of our churches should ask, how can we most surely and most speedily accomplish the divine purpose of subduing the earth to Messiah's reign, the answer would be, We must evangelize America and so imbue all our people with the spirit of the Gospel that "Holiness to the Lord" shall be written upon every heart and brain and every earthly possession.

With such consecration of our people, from our land, swift as the morning light to the ends of the earth, righteousness would go forth as brightness and salvation as a lamp that burneth.

ENLARGED BENEFICENCE.

The experience of the last three years demonstrates the necessity of increasing the number of our people who contribute to missions, and systematizing our work that our Boards will receive a steady income through the entire year.

The number of those who contribute to mission work does not equal one-third of our membership, and about two-fifths of the amounts given to our Home and Foreign Boards is received in the month of April, the last month of the financial year.

The fact that a denomination whose churches all lie in the area of our Convention, and whose membership though not more than one-seventh of our own, contributes without special effort more money to Foreign Missions than Southern Baptists can be made to give under whip and spur, shows a condition which demands a speedy remedy.

The churches of Georgia have proved themselves to be fully equal in their enterprise and liberality to those of other States of the Convention. The following facts will show how little is being done by them in comparison with their numbers and ability, and how wide is the field for improvement in mission work:

Out of 1,748 churches, aggregating 156,575 members, 452 churches, more than one-fourth, gave absolutely nothing to missions. These churches had an aggregate membership of 32,862, more than one-fifth of the entire membership of the churches in the State.

There were 176 churches, with a membership of 11,019, that gave less than \$2 per church, and whose aggregate contribution was \$192.16, or one and six-tenths cents per member.

There were 241 churches, having a membership of 17,848, that gave less than \$5 per church. The total contribution of these 241 churches was \$737.59. Half the churches gave practically nothing to missions, while the remaining 879 churches, with an aggregate membership of 95,000, are reported as giving but \$52,247.48, about fifty cents per member.

These figures, taken from the last report of the Mission Board of the Georgia Baptist Convention, were compiled by Dr. J. G. Gibson, the painstaking Corresponding Secretary of that body, and are as nearly accurate as present information will allow. Possibly some States might show a better condition, but we are sure this exhibit made for Georgia is better than that of the great majority of the States, and certainly better than the average of the churches in the bounds of the Convention. If this be so, the half of our churches, comprising four-tenths of our membership, do practically nothing for missions, while the contributions of the remaining churches do not exceed fifty cents per member. This means that not more than half the male members of these churches contribute to missions, and that three-fourths of our entire membership give nothing.

These facts justify the assertion that of the one million five hundred thousand upon our church rolls, not less than one million have no interest in mission work, and never make any contribution to it.

In view of the importance of the evangelization of our country and of these wide and widening fields, the Board realizes how inadequate are its present resources for the work committed to its hands. Five times its present income would not fully meet the demand made upon it.

The Board asks the Convention to lend its moral support to an earnest effort to raise next year for its work not less than One Hun-

dred Thousand Dollars. It is perfectly in the power of our people to raise one dollar per capita for mission work. They would do it if they were informed as to the needs that are pressing upon us, and had pastors who would lead them in this work for the Master.

If the Convention will sanction the measure and give the Board its moral support, it will, in connection with State Boards and other Boards of the Convention, enter upon a vigorous effort to so develop our churches and people as to make their liberality commensurate with the needs of the entire work of the Convention, both at home and abroad.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

1896.			
May 1—	By cash received from May 1, 1895.	\$	83,184 31
	Bills payable	\$28,614 08	
	Less amount paid back.....	28,414 08—	200 00
	Amount raised and expended on field for mission work as per report.....		45,671 82
	Amount for houses of worship...		51,540 00
	Total receipts, cash and vouch'rs		<u>180,596 13</u>
	To cash expenditures	\$3,164 28	
	To expenditures on field.....	97,211 82	
	To cash on hand.....	220 03—	180,596 13

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

ASSETS OF THE BOARD.

Valence Street Church and lot, New Orleans	\$	7,500 00
Key West Chapel.....		2,000 00
*Cuban Cemetery (same as reported 1896).....		5,000 00
*House of Worship, Havana (same as reported 1896)..		75,000 00
Insurance policy, Miss Snow.....		430 00
First Church, New Orleans.....		18,000 00
Lot, El Paso, Texas (paid in full).....		1,800 00
Creek Nation warrant (claim adjusted).....		3,000 00
Total.....	\$	<u>112,730 00</u>
Less balance to be paid on First Church, New Orleans (due, but extended).....	\$	4,500 00—
Net assets.....		<u>108,230 00</u>
Net assets last report		104,580 00
Increase during year		3,650 00
Net assets same as above.....		<u>108,230 00</u>

Atlanta, Ga., May 1, 1897.

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

* Actual value not known on account of Cuban affairs.

ANNUAL

Of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

RECEIPTS.

	Value of Mdse.	Cash.	Totals.
1896.			
April 30. Balance per report to Convention			112 71
1897.			
May 1. Received during the year from—			
Alabama	1,595 88	2,964 58	4,560 46
Arkansas	350 55	743 24	1,093 79
District of Columbia	259 86	540 41	800 27
Florida	387 97	716 18	1,104 15
Georgia	2,780 71	12,392 04	15,172 75
Indian Territory and Oklahoma		54 02	54 02
Kentucky	1,866 13	7,305 68	9,171 81
Louisiana	579 00	986 17	1,565 17
Maryland	2,490 15		
Maryland W. B. H. M. Society, \$4,164 59 ...	162 98	4,384 50	7,037 63
Mississippi	1,179 35	3,191 36	4,370 71
Missouri	1,103 46	3,697 03	4,800 49
North Carolina	946 39	3,021 60	3,967 99
Western North Carolina	131 50	164 30	295 80
North Pacific Coast Convention		109 68	109 68
South Carolina	611 35	5,101 37	5,712 72
Tennessee	1,623 35	2,907 16	4,530 51
Texas	609 90	3,743 09	4,352 99
Virginia	2,296 52	7,125 26	9,421 78
Connecticut	100 00		100 00
California, \$2.00; Brazil, \$5 00; Kansas, 46; Massachusetts, \$1.00; Ohio, \$7.90; S. Da- kota, \$5.66; Vermont, \$7.40; Indiana, \$2.00.		31 42	31 42
West Virginia	15 21	5 00	20 21
Total cash from the States		\$59,184 09	78,274 35
Total value of mdse. from the States ...	\$19,090 26		
Supplemental receipts (or statements)—			
From Mission Journal		22 00	67 00
G. W. Norton, Treasurer S. B. C		45 00	
Cuban Cemetery May 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897		2,723 02	4,730 25
Cuban Store Rents, May 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897		2,007 23	
Total			83 184 31
From bills payable (loans obtained)		20,664 08	20,664 08
Due from last year		7,950 00	
Total loans obtained		28,614 08	
Less loans paid		28,414 08	
Difference Board owes		200 00	
Amount Board owes more than covered by cash ...		220 03	\$103,848 39

Respectfully submitted,

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing account of Walker Dunson, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, from May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897, and find the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of \$220.03.

ATLANTA, GA., May 3, 1897.

B. F. ABBOTT, Auditor.

REPORT

Of the Southern Baptist Convention.

1897.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid—		Missionaries.
May 1.	Alabama—Agency expenses.....	\$ 284 28 }
	" Missionaries.....	1,023 01 }
	Arkansas.....	1,307 29
	Cuba, including Cubans in Florida.....	1,000 00
	Florida.....	4,772 72
	District of Columbia.....	3,400 00
	Georgia—Agency expenses.....	500 00
	" Missionaries.....	1,044 00 }
	Indian Territory and Oklahoma.....	450 00 }
	Kentucky—Agency expenses.....	400 00 }
	" Missionaries.....	1,603 01 }
	Louisiana.....	3,850 00
	Maryland.....	1,228 51 }
	Maryland German work contributions.....	162 98 }
	Mississippi.....	1,391 49
	Missouri.....	1,125 00
	North Carolina (see West N. C.).....	1,500 00
	South Carolina.....	748 13
	Tennessee.....	437 35
	Texas—Agency expenses.....	2,250 00
	" Missionaries.....	682 33 }
	Virginia.....	4,254 00 }
	West Virginia.....	713 17
	Western North Carolina.....	600 00
	West Arkansas and Indian Territory.....	600 00
		1,920 00
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	Boxes or merchandise sent to Arkansas, \$2,505.05; Florida, \$1,979.90; Indian Territory, \$6,223.18; Oklahoma Territory, \$4,609.31; Missouri, \$210.00; Louisiana, \$807.69; Texas, \$1,580.17; States not given, \$868.48; West North Carolina, \$131.50; West Virginia, \$12.00.	36,945 84
	Church building.....	4,340 19
	Church building, 1st N. Orleans, Int. to May 1, 1897....	1,201 50 }
	Total.....	61,414 81
	By amount paid—	
	Cuban church tax, repairs, etc.....	2,886 83 }
	Cuban cemetery, schools, etc., including cash, \$4.46 in hands of Dr. Belot.....	1,843 42 }
	Corresponding Secretary's salary.....	2,500 00 }
	Office assistant.....	1,200 00 }
	Treasurer, \$500.00; Clerk, \$600.00; Recording Secretary, \$150.00.....	1,250 00 }
	Traveling expenses.....	609 45 }
	W. M. Union.....	750 00 }
	Minutes Southern Baptist Convention.....	247 76 }
	Rent of rooms.....	216 00 }
	Stationery, literature, printing, etc.....	697 43 }
	Office expenses.....	225 52 }
	Postage.....	387 84 }
	Incidentals.....	59 27 }
	Interest on borrowed money.....	925 95
	Bills payable (loans paid).....	28,414 08
	Cash on deposit, Neal Loan & Banking Co.....	220 03
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		\$ 103,848 39

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

MAY 1, 1897. Amounts received for the Home Mission Board and expended in Home Mission work upon their fields of labor by co-operative bodies as per vouchers forwarded to the Treasurer:

MISSIONS.

Arkansas	\$ 2,296 92
Cuba (no report)	
District of Columbia ..	2,462 99
Florida	5,251 40
Kentucky.....	1,497 92
Louisiana	8,059 62
Mississippi.....	2,943 26
Tennessee.....	5,162 00
Texas.....	14,622 39
Western Arkansas and Indian Territory.....	2,232 30
Western North Carolina	1,143 02
	\$ 45,671 82

CHURCH BUILDING.

Arkansas	\$12,000 00
Florida	3,420 00
Georgia	840 00
Indian Territory.....	700 00
Kentucky	2,991 00
Louisiana	4,292 00
Maryland	2,543 00
Missouri.....	1,341 00
Mississippi	1,820 00
North Carolina	2,335 00
Oklahoma Territory.....	880 00
Tennessee.....	13,000 00
Texas.....	4,339 00
Western Arkansas and Indian Territory.....	912 00
Western North Carolian.....	77 00
West Virginia.....	50 00
	\$ 51,540 00
Grand Total.....	\$ 97,211 82

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

May 1, 1897.

APPENDIX C.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Our sixth annual report is the record of another prosperous year in the affairs entrusted to us. The great depression in financial circles that has crippled many commercial and religious interests, together with other untoward circumstances, led us to expect a falling off in our returns. On the contrary, however, our issue of periodicals has been larger than ever before, while there has been a corresponding increase in the volume of business and in the cash receipts and in our appropriations, as well as a general enlargement in all our plans. The business of the Board is in a thoroughly healthy condition. The work is so organized as to be as economical as is consistent with efficiency. We fill all orders the day they are received, and settle all bills on the fifteenth or last day of each month. There are practically no liabilities, absolutely none except such as are mentioned in the report herewith submitted, while our assets over and above these liabilities make a handsome showing.

OUR PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Thirty years ago or more the Southern Baptist Convention made its first Sunday-school publication in the issuing of *Kind Words* under the auspices of its former Sunday-school Board, with Dr. Basil Manly, Jr., as President, and Dr. John A. Broadus as Corresponding Secretary. This paper had its origin with these two honored men, was given its name by the honored and lamented C. J. Elford, of South Carolina, and has played a great part in the history of the Convention. In 1886 the Convention added to this paper, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, a full line of Sunday-school periodicals, now published as the Convention Series, as follows:

PRICE-LIST PER QUARTER.

The Teacher.....	12½ cents	Kind Words, Weekly....	12½ cents
Advanced Quarterly.....	2½ cents	Kind Words, Semi-month-	
Intermediate Quarterly..	2¼ cents	ly	6½ cents
Primary Quarterly.....	2¼ cents	Kind Words, monthly....	4 cents
The Lesson Leaf.....	1 cent	Child's Gem.....	6½ cents
The Primary Leaf... ..	1 cent	Bible Lesson Pictures....	\$1.00
		Picture Lesson Cards.....	3 cents

These periodicals, from the first, were heartily received by our churches, and their circulation has rapidly increased until they make the immense business which the Convention is now conducting through its Sunday-school Board. Besides these we carry a full line of everything necessary for the equipment of a Sunday-school.

CHANGE OF PRINTERS.

As was proposed in the report one year ago and approved by the Convention, the Board has made a change in its printers and is now having its work done by three firms, Messrs. Marshall & Bruce, Brandon Printing Company and the University Press, being divided about equally between them. The work was let out in each case to the lowest bidder, and the periodicals are delivered by contract to our own mailing room and handled by our own force. The change has proven entirely satisfactory, and while requiring some outlay of money at the start, has reduced the cost of production, so much so indeed, as to justify another reduction in the prices of periodicals if the Convention so advises. Of course this will reduce our income and appropriations, but will yield advantages in other ways. Our former printers, Messrs. Barbee & Smith, have been most generous in their dealings with us, furnishing us excellent offices without cost and doing many things in many ways to facilitate our work and to bring the remarkable success which it has attained.

THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY.

Change of printers made it necessary to secure a new home for the Board. This was found to be quite difficult as rents were very high, and so the Board took up the idea of purchasing property and locating in a house of its own, provided this could be done in a way that would be a good business venture. This resulted in the purchase of an excellent piece of property. The building with some few changes is almost as well adapted to our work as if it had been built for the purpose. It was built in former years for a residence, and is one of the best built houses in Nashville. It occupies less than two-thirds of the lot, which is 42x121 feet with an alley on one side and at the rear. It is located in the very heart of the city, near the intersection of two of the most prominent streets. Indeed, a better location could hardly have been found, and the purchase is considered by every one acquainted with the property to have been a very wise investment. The purchase was made January 8th, and the Board moved into it February 27th. The price paid was \$10,000, the Board also agreeing to pay the commissions of sale, which, together with the improvements and equipments, make the total cost something over \$11,000. Of this amount we have paid all except a balance on the house of \$2,000, held in two six-per-cent. notes, due January 1898 and 1899. The First Baptist church of Nashville furnished the Secretary's office, and the other Baptist churches in the city furnished the Assembly Room, the room where the Board holds its sessions and where the other Baptist Boards of the city and the Pastor's Conference have their meetings. The property is held by the Corresponding Secretary as trustee for the Convention. The members of the Board have been incorporated as the "Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention," subject to the rules and regulations of the Convention. This was done in order to better business arrangements under the laws in this State, and for the same reason it would be well if the property could be transferred to the Board as a corporate body. The purchase of this property has given us very many advantages, and has met with almost universal favor throughout the denomination.

CHANGE OF POLICY.

Notwithstanding the outlay for the purchase of the house and its equipment, the Board has not fallen off in its appropriations. We have thought it wise, however, to make a change in our policy, and, instead of giving cash as heretofore, to make our appropriations largely in the gift of Bibles, books and tracts, and to make them for the most part either directly to State Boards or under their supervision and endorsement. The cash which has been given this year to Sunday-school Missions was for the most part given to complete the appropriations which came over from the previous Convention year.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

In carrying out this policy, our appropriations for the year have touched every State within the precincts of the Convention and given a helping hand to all our denominational interests. As may be seen by referring to the table of appropriations, we have sent to the Home and Foreign Boards, as the result of Missionary Day collections, nearly four thousand dollars; have given in cash to Sunday-school Missions in the different States nearly three thousand dollars; in cash also to other denominational interests nearly fourteen hundred dollars; in periodicals to mission schools over seventeen hundred dollars; have given away over four thousand Bibles and Testaments, over two thousand books, nearly nine thousand pages of tracts, with a money value of nearly fifteen hundred dollars, aggregating for the year the handsome amount of nearly twelve thousand dollars for missions. We have received many letters, some of which give thrilling accounts as to the result of this distribution. We are fully persuaded that this policy, followed out, will greatly increase the Board's power for usefulness.

A RECORD OF SIX YEARS.

Adding these figures to the summary made in the report of last year, we may see the money record which the Board has made in its six years of existence. Beginning in May six years ago and running until the following December without income, even having to borrow money to cover expenses, the Board were yet able to come to the Convention with all obligations met and over a thousand dollars cash in hand with which to begin a new year. Since that time no bill has been presented to the Board that has been delayed a single day for the want of money with which to pay it. Indeed there have been but a few times in the last five years that the Board's balance in bank fell below a thousand dollars. This statement is made simply as indicating the Board's financial condition, and also its methods of conducting its affairs. The following statement will show, as well as figures can show, what the Board has done for the furtherance of our denominational interests in the way of financial help:

Gifts of Bibles, books, tracts and periodicals to mission schools.	\$ 8,707 90
Cash for Home and Foreign Boards	13,211 74
Cash to Sunday-school Missions in the different States	17,277 78
Expended for other denominational interests	2,892 46
Purchase and equipment of house	9,101 29
Cash balance on hand	2,126 10
Other assets	11,384 86
Summary for six years	\$64,703 13

Now let it be borne in mind that through these six years the country has been in fearful financial straits; that the Board have not encroached upon any other denominational interest with collections; that in addition to putting fifty thousand dollars into our denominational life, and without the investment of any money capital on the part of the denomination, they have established a business which, measured by its income-making power, is easily worth a hundred thousand dollars; and while showing this immense money value, it is even far greater as an educational force and as a factor for the furtherance of our denominational affairs. As was said by the honored president of the Convention, in an article recently published in the *Christian Index*, when relating the achievements of the Board, "what it may grow to be, if some untoward happening does not overtake it, we may not without seeming exaggeration venture to predict"; and the following words of cheer come from another honored member of this body, who is himself a great and successful financier, when writing of the Board, "it is certainly refreshing in these times to hear of any organization, commercial or religious, which can make a satisfactory showing of the year's results, and especially such as yours."

THE COLORED BRETHERN AND THEIR PERIODICALS.

It is but just to our colored brethren and also to ourselves and our constituency to say a word in regard to the venture which the colored brethren are making in the publication of Sunday-school periodicals. Here are two letters which, as will be seen from their dates, were written prior to anything that appeared in the papers criticizing the Board in regard to the matter:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 1, 1896.

Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.:

DEAR BROTHER—

Dr. E. C. Morris, of Helena, Ark., one of the leaders amongst our colored brethren, writes me that Mr. Boyd, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, is in Nashville seeking to make arrangements for the publication of your quarterlies and *Teacher* with the negro imprint. I think probably I ought to say to you that the same proposition was made to us, but we declined on the ground that it was not honest for us to take off our own imprint and put an entirely different one on our quarterlies and *Teacher*. The purpose of our colored brethren, as we understand the matter, is to represent the literature which bears their imprint as their own literature. This would be a palpable deceit, and our brethren here have not felt that they could be a party to any such concession. We offered to furnish the Home Mission Board with our quarterlies and *Teacher*, bearing our own imprint, at a discount which would be satisfactory to them, but this they declined to do, which only confirms us in our opinion that their project was not an open and fair one. I think it my duty to say these things to you, though I do not wish in any way to influence your transactions with the colored people. I may add, however, that in case these colored brethren go into any such arrangement with your Board or any other publishing house, we may issue a circular detailing to our colored brethren throughout the South the relation of the Society to this movement and our reasons for not acceding to the wishes of Dr. Morris, Mr. Boyd and others. If necessary, we may offer very special terms to our colored brethren. As we understand the matter here, this whole business is due to a race feeling which has been excited and fostered by certain brethren,

and which we cannot but think disastrous upon the future relations of the two races in this country.

Very truly yours,

A. J. ROWLAND.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 8, 1896.

Rev. A. J. Rowland, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.:

DEAR BROTHER—Your favor of the 1st has been received. I regret the tone and spirit which it manifests concerning the movement of our colored brethren to publish Sunday-school literature. If you knew the facts in the case I am sure you would feel and speak differently. If they were doing the very thing which you think they are, it would only be in keeping with what is common among publishers, namely, the putting of their imprint on work which is done for them. But they are not doing what you think, and I am sure a better acquaintance with the facts in the case would change your view of the situation. Our Board has no other relation to this movement than simply that of bidding God-speed to their venture, and rendering whatever help may be in our power without remuneration, and giving to them the same bearing which we would have been glad to have in our undertaking, and such indeed as was shown us by several publishing houses. No fair-minded man could censure us in this procedure for making an honest, honorable and timely contribution to the cause and welfare of our colored brethren throughout the whole country. The Baptists of the South who are ever ready to help the colored brethren, will certainly and most cordially indorse this procedure.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. FROST.

We have heretofore given no public recognition of the charges which have been made against the Sunday-school Board in regard to this matter, being content to lay before the Convention a simple statement of the facts as they are.

In the early fall of 1895 a number of colored Baptists called on Dr. T. P. Bell, then our Secretary, and talked with him about publishing Sunday-school periodicals. While sympathizing with their movements, he told them nothing could be done until their National Convention had acted, and that even then they should obtain bids from different publishers, and suggested that they might make arrangements for the use of the expositions of the lessons at the mere cost of printing, either from the Publication Society or our Board.

In the early fall of 1896, their National Convention in session at St. Louis appointed a committee and instructed them to proceed with the publications. This committee wrote a letter to the present Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, asking him to submit a bid for their printing, using the plates of the expositions of our lessons. The reply was made that we could not bid on the work as we did not do our own printing. We referred them however to our printers, assuring them of our sympathy with their undertaking. We were then asked the privilege of using the plates of our expositions in their Teacher and Quarterlies, with the offer to pay for their use. We readily complied with their request, but would receive no pay, being willing to make this contribution to an undertaking which we considered in every way honorable and helpful to their race. And so we instructed the printers, saying that whatever advantage came from having the matter already in plates must go to the colored brethren. They made their own contract with their own printers, indicating the work that came from our periodicals so far as this is shown in our periodicals. Having contracted with Nashville printers, the colored brethren determined to locate in Nashville

with their Board of Publication. This is all—absolutely all—that the Sunday-school Board had to do with the matter either directly or indirectly. We were glad to see them undertake so momentous an enterprise, and earnestly wish for them the greatest possible success. In their issue for the second quarter they have printed their periodicals without the use of our plates as relates to the Teacher and Advance Quarterly, and the issue is in every way most creditable as the undertaking is most praiseworthy.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

Soon after Dr. Bell became Secretary, and under his wise administration of the affairs of the Board, five hundred dollars were set aside as a Bible fund for Bible distribution. This was the beginning of our Bible Department, and was done to meet a necessity which showed itself by the many requests which came to us for the Word of God. At each successive session since that time the Convention has approved and encouraged this department of our work. Indeed the Convention from the beginning of its history until the present day has conducted its Bible work through its own agencies, supporting its own Bible cause as it supported its own mission work. Since we began this department, many hundreds and even thousands of Bibles and Testaments have been given away. Apart from a few occasional contributions this benevolence has been supported by our Periodical Department. We have not pressed the question of raising money, although we saw it could be used wisely, simply because we desired not to stand in the way of the needs of the Home and Foreign and State Boards. We believe, however, without interfering with either of these interests, our people would give five thousand dollars to this object were it brought to their attention. The Baptists of the South have here an open door for usefulness, and the Southern Baptist Convention can accomplish this work through the Sunday-school Board as its own agency.

In our benevolent work we are using an edition of the Bible and Testament printed especially for us, 6 x 4½ inches in size, good Emerald type, self-pronouncing and bearing the imprint of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is admirably adapted in every way to our purpose. They are sold at the remarkably low price of twenty-five and six cents respectively, single copies, and twenty cents and five cents in quantities. We have had them only for a little while and yet find great demand for them, and hope to put many of them into our Sunday-schools by way of sale, and many of them into destitute homes in the way of gifts through State Boards.

MISSIONARY DAY.

Again last fall the Sunday-schools throughout the South had a regular missionary service known as the Missionary Day, in the interest of missions. More schools observed the day than at any time before, and many proofs come to us of the high educational value of this service. Programs and mite boxes were furnished by the Sunday-school Board without charge. The money collected was sent to the Sunday-school Board, but forwarded by them to the Home and Foreign Boards, realizing nearly four thousand dollars this year. This does not represent the full amount of collections, as in several instances the money was sent through other channels amounting to several hundred dollars more. If all the schools would forward the money to us, either directly or through the State Treasurer, it would greatly facilitate matters and better enable us to tell what the day yields in the way of money. Quite a number of schools,

though not observing the day generally set apart, yet took collections and sent them on at such a time as seemed to them best. Judging from the indications which come to us after some year's experience, we consider this day of great educational force for the training of the membership in our churches in missionary faith and spirit and life.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

For the past year the effort has been made to introduce the Home Department in the Sunday-schools of the South, and with some degree of success. This may be briefly described as an effort to carry the work of the Sunday-school, as to its lessons and missionary study, into the home, so as to reach those who do not attend its sessions. All the reports which come to us from those who are trying it are very favorable indeed. The universal testimony is that it increases the attendance of the school, awakens interest in the study of the Scriptures, becomes indeed a kind of re-enthronement in the home of the Word of God. Literature is prepared especially for this department, and samples will be sent upon application. It is very simple and inexpensive, and while very helpful is yet not absolutely necessary for carrying on the work.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AND MARYLAND BAPTIST MISSION ROOMS.

This represents two of our most effective denominational agencies, separate in name and closely allied in operation. The Maryland Baptist Rooms has provided one of the finest collections of missionary tracts that can be found anywhere, and is proving a great power for good. The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has been very helpful in every way to the work of the Sunday-school Board, as indeed to all of our denominational interests. We present herewith a report which they furnish of their year's doings in behalf of the Sunday-school Board:

ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK IN CONNECTION WITH SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD BY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

As requested by the Convention, Woman's Missionary Union submits the following report to the Sunday-school Board:

Cause for rejoicing has been found in the work connected with the Sunday-school Board. Endeavoring to carry out its recommendations, it is believed much good has been accomplished. With the realization that this is a time of retrospect as well as of prospect, the conviction grows that the *has been* of the past is but a token of the *will be* of the future. Therefore, bidding farewell to the work of the old year, that of the new is gladly welcomed.

Earnest effort has been made to increase the circulation of *Kind Words* by calling attention to the paper in correspondence with all workers among young people and by sowing sample copies in various fields. The fourth page is edited by Miss Alice Armstrong in the interest of Southern Baptist Convention Missions. The first week in every month a program and catechism on the monthly missionary topics are printed; interesting articles are contributed by different ladies during the month. Two blackboard illustrations are also given monthly.

The *Young People's Scripture Union*, or Daily Bible Course, in connection with Sunday-school lesson, is in charge of Woman's Mission Union, and manuscripts have been secured from some of the most prominent ministers of the denomination. The department has been found beneficial not only to children, but to men and women seeking greater light on God's truth.

In the Home Department of Sunday-school work, the co-operation of superintendents and workers has been earnestly sought. Large numbers of explanatory circulars have been distributed. Where adopted, the plan has been most successful. One school reports seventy-two members in the Home Department. The pastor being absent, the church was kept in closer sympathy because of visits made by those engaged in this work. The school gave a reception to the Home Department with most gratifying results.

The Bible Department for distribution of God's Word has been enlarged during the year, and by request of Woman's Missionary Union frontier missionaries have been cheerfully supplied with Bibles. Miss Buhlmaier, the German missionary, is deeply grateful because of the aid given her, both in emigrant and mission work. The outlook for an Italian Mission in Baltimore is bright, and encouragement has been given by the willingness of the Sunday-school Board to grant the necessary Testaments and tracts.

As in years past, time, brain, influence and prayer have been used in making Sunday-school Missionary Day a success. Woman's Mission Union prepared the program entitled "First Fruits," and designed the mite box. Increased collections are one beneficent result of this work, but even greater is the knowledge and love of missions which is inspiring the hearts of the children.

The total expenses of the Woman's Missionary Union have been \$1,855 66 for the year; of this amount the Sunday-school Board has paid \$200 for work done in its interest. Officers of the Woman's Missionary Union receive no salaries.

Believing prayer to be the "pivot on which God's almighty enterprises swing," during the first week of January special united petitions to God were made for the work of the Sunday-school Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE IN THE SOUTH.

While the Baptist Sunday-schools of the South compare most favorably with those of other denominations, and while their condition presents much to awaken gratitude and encouragement, yet manifestly a great deal remains to be done. Even in the best schools there is need for better equipment, better teaching, better methods, and better results. Whatever the Southern Baptist Convention can do to foster its Sunday-school interests, will be only the fostering of power for future usefulness in the enlargement of all its work. In the united support of the Sunday-school Board, in undertaking these great and lofty ends, the Convention can make for itself an agency of tremendous scope. We have tried to administer the trust with which we have been charged in a way to deserve the approval of our brethren, and so as to meet the ends for which the Convention brought the Board into existence. The only way, rather the main method, of helping the Board in their work, is in supplying the Sunday-schools with the periodicals which are owned and controlled by the Convention, and which, besides other things, make prominent the missionary interests of the Convention. Here we are laying the foundations of the future, not only in the way of Baptist doctrine, but also in missionary training. This can be made an immense power and surely is worthy the kindly consideration of the Convention. Helping at this point and in this way is helping every other interest.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash Receipts.

April 30, 1897.		
Balance on hand May 1, 1896.....	\$ 1,774 76	
Periodicals, merchandise, advertising space	61,928 47	
Missionary Day collections.....	3,921 53	
From invested reserve fund	2,500 00	
Interest on invested reserve fund	171 00	
Contributions to Bible fund	87 84	
Contributions to book and tract fund	3 67	
Special contributions from Nashville churches	168 50	\$70,555 77

Disbursements.

Denominational work :

Printing minutes 1896 (S. B. C.)	\$ 247 76	
Expense fund Woman's Missionary Union	200 00	
Expense Missionary Day	516 82	
Southern Baptist Young People's Union.....	400 00	
Home Board (Missionary Day collections).....	1,966 32	
Foreign Board (Missionary Day collections)	1,955 21	
Sunday-school mission work	2,981 00	8,267 11

Periodicals :

Paper, composition, press work, binding.....	25,820 18	
Editors and writers	4,107 50	
Lesson pictures, lesson cards, electros	4,807 16	
Mailing department, with postage (five months).....	1,522 40	
Additional stock from other houses.....	51 57	36,308 81

Merchandise :

Books, Bibles, Testaments, song books, records, tracts, reward cards, catechisms, etc.....	3,618 81	
Furniture and fixtures	150 00	
Payments on house	8,131 00	
House improvements and equipments	821 29	12,721 10

Operating expenses :

Bookkeeper, typewriter, three clerks	3,081 00	
Salary corresponding secretary	2,500 60	
Postage on mdse., circulars, order blanks, etc.....	2,229 92	
Advertising in denominational papers	1,632 84	
General expenses (sundry items).....	517 95	
Traveling expenses	550 00	
Circulars and order blanks	225 30	
Freight and express	168 17	
Stationery	125 35	
Printing report, 1896.....	55 50	
Money refunded or forwarded.....	28 39	
Fuel, gas and water (two months)	18 23	11,132 65— 68,429 67

Balance on hand to date \$ 2,126 10

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account of J. M. Frost Treasurer of the Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, from May 1, 1896, to April 30, 1897, and find the same correct.

ROGER EASTMAN, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Business Committee.

ASSETS.

April 30, 1897.

Merchandise on hand per invoice.....	\$ 2,107 24	
Furniture and fixtures	565 60	
Catechism of Bible Teaching (copyright and plates).....	300 00	
Bills receivable (accounts settled by notes).....	163 98	
Due from agents.....	3,301 07	
Unpaid subscriptions.....	5,512 57	
Real estate (house and lot)	10,821 29	
Cash on hand	2,126 10	
		\$ 24,897 85

LIABILITIES.

Advanced payments on periodicals	308 25	
Due other houses (sundry accounts made in April).....	77 97	
Bills payable (balance due on house).....	2,000 00—	\$ 2,386 22
Balance (net assets)	\$	22,511 63

A. B. HILL,

Chairman of Business Committee.

MISSION ACCOUNT.

Appropriations in Cash, Periodicals, Bibles and Testaments, Books and Tracts, from May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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STATES AND TERRITORIES.	CASH.	PERIODICALS		BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.		BOOKS AND TRACTS.			TOTAL VALUE.
		Value.	Copies.	Value.	Pages Tracts.	Copies Books.		Value.	
						Value.	Copies.		
Arkansas	\$ 406 00	\$ 69 69	161	\$ 23 19	200	250	\$127 90	\$ 626 78	
Alabama	300 00	57 16	13	217 00	.....	.....	.....	359 33
Florida	150 00	31 27	950	55 00	1600	21	11 20	247 47	
Georgia	600 00	177 49	465	60 85	.....	44	20 95	859 29
Kentucky .....	.....	243 85	222	25 08	1000	.....	10 00	278 43
Louisiana	225 00	32 00	243	42 06	100	313	140 95	440 01	
Maryland	100 00	51 86	639	71 33	5500	.....	2 75	225 94
Mississippi	125 00	36 85	41	8 18	.....	25	22 50	192 53
Missouri .....	.....	82 01	3	75	.....	.....	.....	82 76
North Carolina	500 00	79 71	178	21 09	100	38	18 00	618 80	
South Carolina .....	.....	47 95	26	2 75	.....	180	45 35	96 05
Tennessee	250 00	213 68	35	6 31	.....	168	81 45	551 44
Texas	100 00	237 06	1012	136 47	100	836	406 40	879 93	
Virginia	225 00	98 84	283	61 61	100	237	78 27	463 72	
Oklahoma Territory .....	.....	4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 90
Indian Territory .....	.....	18 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 51
Miscellaneous .....	.....	27 70	3	4 98	.....	.....	.....	32 68
Home missionaries .....	.....	132 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132 30
Foreign missionaries .....	.....	80 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 11
Home board	1,966 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,966 32
Foreign board	1,955 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,955 21
Other denominational interests	1,364 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,364 58
Totals	\$8,267 11	\$1,722 44	4274	\$521 82	8700	2112	\$965 72	\$11,477 09	

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT.

*Southern Baptist Convention in Account with G. W. Norton,
Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
June 24.	By cash for June, 1896, dividend on \$1,500 (60 shares) Nashville & Decatur R. R. Co. stock.....	\$ 45 00
Dec. 1.	By cash for December, 1896, dividend same as above.....	45 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
April 19.	Remitted J. C. Williams, Treasurer For- eign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, at Richmond, Va.....	\$ 45 00
“ “	Remitted Walter Dunson, Treasurer Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, at Atlanta, Ga.....	45 00
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		\$ 90 00—\$ 90 00

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. NORTON, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
W. P. HARVEY, Auditor.
Louisville, Ky.

APPENDIX E.

General Statistics.

COMPILED BY LANSING BURROWS, ONE OF THE SECRETARIES.

ALABAMA.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches	Baptisms	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.	Enrollment ..		Home Uses.	Missions and Education ...
1 Alabama	18	85	1120	5	209	\$ 5,200	\$ 1,268 00	\$ 188 50
2 Antioch	27	85	1186	7	342	7,000	736 80	188 02
3 Arbacoochee	18	65	1156	5	225	5,400	9,800 00	142 68
4 Bethel	20	65	1269	9	379	11,000	.....	281 42
5 Bethlehem	23	70	1584	12	382	8,000	.....	199 43
6 Big Bear Creek	32	110	1923	8	276	6,000	284 35	144 73
7 Bigbee	24	76	1189	9	341	25,000	1,000 00	703 55
8 Birmingham	36	228	4070	29	2550	109,077	21,808 86	5,419 14
9 Boiling Springs	17	62	1289	1	.....	.....	.....	28 00
10 Cahaba	32	.....	2137	16	882	25,720	2,000 00	600 00
11 Cahaba Valley	33	154	2438	6	342	10,000	.....	59 06
12 Calhoun	39	161	3853	24	1772	101,650	4,689 20	787 17
13 Carey	39	145	2871	15	857	8,550	1,000 00	344 14
14 Cedar Bluff	16	61	1002	7	361	4,500	.....	145 23
15 Cedar Creek	12	38	635	3	60	1,675	.....	24 54
16 Centennial	15	54	1027	9	457	12,000	2,525 00	282 54
17 Central	38	175	3196	23	1382	9,500	.....	355 94
18 Cherokee	36	145	2358	11	825	6,200	324 12	205 71
19 Cherokee Co.	22	89	1385	2	80	14,775	.....	54 84
20 Clear Creek	34	117	1355	5	240	4,750	.....	29 66
21 Columbia†	31	.....	2000	22	.....	30,000	.....	233 56
22 Conecuh	31	166	2656	22	1320	23,250	4,639 02	1,111 49
23 Coosa River	36	182	3088	20	1283	41,700	2,828 86	898 71
24 Cullman	36	64	1517	10	.....	4,500	.....	64 32
25 Elim†	9	56	522	7	263	4,000	535 67	100 43
26 Etowah*	23	.....	2361	12	886	30,000	15,000 00	200 00
27 Eufaula	20	58	1537	10	750	44,000	3,157 57	1,566 10
28 Florence	10	63	426	4	238	3,000	845 09	43 65
29 Geneva	19	203	1381	8	414	6,000	960 85	154 90

GENERAL STATISTICS—ALABAMA—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
30 Gilliam Springs.....	14	61	960	4	210	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 26 06
31 Harmony, East†.....	17	72	908	1	.....	.....	610 00	18 79
32 Harmony, West.....	15	77	881	10	240	2,810	525 00	35 30
33 Harmony Grove.....	14	52	775	2	172	4,525	620 00	654 55
34 Harris.....	14	138	1438	13	855	17,110	3,529 03	67 17
35 Haw Ridge.....	12	42	1182	.....	.....	3,000	979 83	234 69
36 Judson.....	25	123	1824	6	328	4,500	1,900	50 00
37 Liberty, Central.....	9	42	719	6	330	1,900	.....	1,825 97
38 Liberty, East.....	35	183	3838	25	1715	40,000	10,000 00	474 19
39 Liberty, North.....	20	186	1627	11	748	17,800	1,500 00	3 00
40 Macedonia.....	18	98	735	.....	.....	2,000	.....	127 22
41 Marshall.....	30	112	1818	17	1112	5,000	400 00	71 91
42 Mineral Springs.....	15	69	794	9	466	1,950	407 27	8,163 55
43 Mobile.....	15	107	1718	15	1602	77,075	6,339 92	4,486 63
44 Montgomery.....	22	200	2835	14	1702	74,025	11,975 96	.....
45 Mount Carmel*.....	10	.....	596	.....	.....	4,500	.....	.....
46 Mount Moriah*.....	8	.....	415	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47 Mud Creek.....	16	66	800	.....	.....	3,600	16 70	.....
48 Mulberry.....	16	101	1503	7	285	5,500	166 00	22 96
49 Muscle Shoals.....	57	194	3468	30	1200	32,150	2,201 35	693 47
50 New Providence.....	11	51	694	9	.....	1,350	.....	96 58
51 New River.....	19	53	1205	.....	.....	5,000	.....	45 21
52 Newton.....	22	116	2133	16	600	11,175	2,500 00	485 20
53 North Alabama.....	10	28	399	.....	.....	1,000	.....	.....
54 North River.....	28	147	1727	6	.....	8,400	1,700 56	446 27
55 Pea River*.....	22	.....	1229	9	.....	8,000	.....	.....
56 Pine Barren.....	28	114	2129	18	990	17,575	3,435 03	530 60
57 Rock Mills.....	10	25	374	.....	.....	1,800	.....	39 93
58 Salem.....	20	169	1337	14	356	6,000	2,650 00	128 75
59 Sardis*.....	7	.....	226	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
60 Selma.....	17	39	1120	15	817	48,750	4,609 41	1,426 12
61 Shelby.....	25	106	1718	14	817	14,136	1,560 11	302 87
62 Sipsey.....	17	36	926	7	.....	3,200	700 00	59 45
63 South Bethel.....	41	168	3296	35	1650	25,250	3,700 00	1,956 77
64 Southeastern.....	9	3	284	3	.....	3,500	.....	.....
65 Sulphur Springs.....	21	77	1025	3	95	7,500	65 00	15 40
66 Tallapoosa River.....	7	73	295	.....	.....	3,000	.....	23 54
67 Tennessee River.....	25	100	1585	13	560	38,000	1,334 22	303 79
68 Town Creek*.....	9	.....	341	.....	.....	1,725	.....	.....
69 Troy.....	8	12	1076	3	330	15,000	3,120 00	575 81
70 Tuscaloosa.....	32	121	2263	16	1088	34,700	3,162 82	438 89
71 Tuskegee.....	22	86	1409	12	522	32,450	3,057 33	397 89
72 Union.....	35	86	2289	12	490	12,000	.....	394 14
73 Unity.....	35	170	2423	19	832	16,400	1,576 40	440 01
74 Warrior River.....	25	128	1896	8	450	20,000	.....	133 45
75 Weogufka.....	30	105	1248	3	95	2,500	.....	46 93
76 Yellow Creek.....	27	67	1173	4	.....	5,000	.....	61 20
77 Zion.....	29	221	1929	4	113	5,080	493 46	188 85
	1722	6929	118876	736	37956	1,185,883	152,196 69	40,055 79

*No Minutes received; last reported figures.

†Churches in adjoining States not included.

‡No statistics in Minutes.

GENERAL STATISTICS—ARKANSAS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.....	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
1 Bartholomew.....	44	228	2777	15	1092	\$ 18,825	\$ 8,898 62	\$ 815 27
2 Benton Co.....	33	286	2394	14	750	10,000	1,768 75	264 88
3 Big Creek.....	17	89	792	2	60	2,000	150 00	35 75
4 Big Fork.....	6	19	235	.....	.....	500	70 90	.....
5 Blue Mountain.....	14	28	508	.....	.....	2,500	.....	4 80
6 Buckner.....	42	145	2103	.....	304	.....	.....	57 88
7 Buckville.....	20	101	701	.....	359	2,000	98 25	55 09
8 Caddo River.....	26	54	836	5	285	5,150	.....	2 25
9 Caroline.....	62	353	4580	23	2375	52,000	5,356 21	6 72
10 Carroll Co.....	20	95	1172	10	741	8,851	1,875 96	136 12
11 Clear Creek.....	34	156	1898	10	462	9,400	1,923 71	128 45
12 Columbia.....	35	162	2240	15	415	24,600	5,768 08	482 60
13 Concord.....	42	108	2357	9	620	23,000	2,718 05	428 29
14 Crooked Creek.....	23	64	931	5	44	3,250	335 75	58 25
15 Current River.....	18	62	737	.....	.....	2,000	.....	.....
16 Dardanelle.....	50	277	2255	8	727	17,500	.....	120 67
17 Fayetteville.....	31	29	1599	10	1280	10,000	2,117 90	37 40
18 Fourche Valley.....	20	182	682	13	270	1,200	400 75	415 20
19 Friendship.....	29	239	2015	14	515	15,825	2,616 81	35 66
20 Gainesville.....	30	133	1864	3	221	6,500	.....	21 00
21 Grand Prairie.....	24	172	1015	.....	339	6,500	2,130 00	405 00
22 Greenbrier.....	62	165	1688	.....	685	8,050	1,215 44	98 32
23 Howard County.....	30	178	1810	.....	420	5,000	1,833 05	215 66
24 Independence.....	21	82	1239	.....	.....	6,400	.....	.....
25 Judson.....	34	136	1883	11	525	9,000	1,871 00	170 50
26 Liberty.....	32	200	1006	11	627	11,900	2,746 40	822 40
27 Little Red River.....	25	102	1285	13	565	8,855	1,904 74	63 50
28 Madison County.....	23	124	505	.....	.....	.....	98 95	14 37
29 Mount Vernon.....	47	267	2090	14	732	28,950	3,764 00	451 93
30 Mount Zion.....	33	271	2501	9	600	22,500	3,233 44	725 11
31 Osceola.....	12	57	820	4	180	2,500	1,035 00	21 00
32 Ouachita.....	28	42	672	.....	.....	1,100	92 95	31 65
33 Pee Dee.....	9	43	285	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 50
34 Pine Bluff.....	48	157	2988	.....	.....	11,960	8,237 85	61 20
35 Red River.....	47	225	2627	21	1457	16,871	4,196 70	503 35
36 Rocky Bayou.....	21	112	1135	4	.....	3,475	600 00	210 00
37 Russellville.....	30	132	1432	12	811	12,000	.....	71 28
38 Saline.....	47	254	2958	.....	.....	36,600	2,311 45	285 36
39 Southwestern.....	27	116	1100	3	80	2,850	233 46	102 19
40 Spring River.....	42	70	1930	12	555	7,600	810 67	91 46
41 State Line.....	13	30	408	1	72	2,150	241 00	7 00
42 Stevens Creek.....	17	45	577	4	145	.....	.....	.....
43 Texarkana†.....	6	10	191	.....	.....	.....	105 75	50
44 Trace Ridge.....	23	76	806	.....	.....	1,200	169 09	44 75
45 Union.....	38	359	2399	.....	424	5,000	959 10	183 95
46 Union 2.....	17	46	550	2	.....	5,450	.....	10 70
47 United.....	26	68	1194	6	156	4,000	.....	75 30
48 White River.....	23	85	1494	4	350	5,000	720 02	54 61
49 White River Valley.....	7	44	414	.....	.....	3,700	.....	5 10
	1372	6534	72560	338	19190	426,832	61,301 72	8,000 30

† Churches in Texas not included. Macedonia has dissolved.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

1 Columbia.....	13	291	4951	19	5574	697,000	46,869 11	10,852 35
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GENERAL STATISTICS—FLORIDA.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....		Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	Baptisms.....	No.....		Enrollment..	Home Uses.....		Missions and Education.....	
1 Alachua.....	21	53	887	13	475	\$ 18,700	\$ 1,760 57	\$ 151 81
2 Beulah.....	13	24	974	5	176	13,100	3,752 61	29 55
3 Elim†.....	8	35	396	5	274	1,400	351 81	122 09
4 Florida.....	47	163	2,296	7	254	15,000	1,192 75	83 40
5 Graves †.....	15	.....	685	14	.....	1,300	.....	11 71
6 Hamilton.....	13	40	680	1	32	9,100	.....	4 00
7 Harmony †.....	23	.....	351	12	440	8,000	491 00	62 04
8 Indian River.....	11	4	212	6	137	9,875	591 71	293 22
9 LaFayette*.....	14	.....	662	3	118	.....	100 00	.....
10 Manatee.....	24	59	1,134	.....	.....	6,455	1,014 92	111 98
11 Manatee River*.....	12	.....	418	2	111	4,380	350 00	.....
12 Marion.....	28	96	1,593	20	944	29,285	2,959 89	318 18
13 New River.....	21	76	1,046	9	345	5,100	709 69	113 10
14 Pasco.....	21	48	847	9	339	13,921	998 31	250 40
15 Pensacola Bay.....	24	31	1,195	7	355	25,575	1,766 65	340 67
16 Rocky Creek.....	15	18	610	.....	.....	4,950	.....	11 75
17 Santa Fe River.....	11	26	943	12	581	8,200	1,930 01	158 52
18 South Florida.....	31	108	1,992	21	835	35,695	4,026 80	882 02
19 St. John's River.....	23	89	1,095	12	543	13,750	674 53	108 08
20 St. Mary's River †.....	14	63	777	9	419	49,447	2,562 55	91 93
21 Suwannee.....	21	96	977	7	299	8,260	476 57	39 83
22 Wekiva.....	34	124	1,720	20	1,198	40,830	5,595 55	827 89
23 West Florida.....	38	163	1,463	19	678	8,350	143 86
	481	1,306	23,583	213	8,643	330,673	36,346 42	4,293 33

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GEORGIA.

1 Appalachee.....	21	113	1,868	14	1,027	20,800	1,047 51	1,027 64
2 Baptist Union.....	19	62	1,078	9	398	8,000	600 00
3 Bethel.....	37	115	3,235	27	575	30,000	6,000 00	1,501 65
4 Bethlehem.....	17	46	1,337	7	.....	3,650	238 77	8 25
5 Bowen.....	26	60	1,415	12	351	32,050	.....	129 09
6 Carrollton.....	36	210	3,423	18	948	10,000	156 52	576 48
7 Centennial.....	24	151	1,958	15	560	20,000	2,650 00	421 56
8 Central.....	26	141	1,699	24	1,169	30,143	4,205 61	753 63
9 Central Western.....	12	39	861	1	.....	2,800	.....	34 82
10 Chattahoochee.....	42	234	5,316	23	1,450	25,000	1,950 00	261 19
11 Chattooga.....	14	182	1,890	13	1,031	2,000	563 17	361 81
12 Chestatee.....	17	89	981	2	.....	1,600	.....	.....
13 Clarksville.....	15	154	1,294	6	.....	6,800	266 00	22 30
14 Columbus.....	24	133	2,422	13	873	78,850	5,565 26	752 74
15 Concord.....	20	138	1,585	18	957	5,000	.....	129 07
16 Consolation.....	13	34	506	9	357	3,000	1,475 60	151 29
17 Coosa.....	27	173	2,477	13	785	20,000	.....	198 97
18 Coosawattie.....	18	148	1,604	5	270	2,850	.....	140 66
19 Daniell.....	27	92	1,210	18	437	7,020	1,477 17	155 22
20 Ebenezer.....	33	234	3,063	19	900	15,000	3,000 00	531 23
21 Ellijay.....	24	98	1,464	.....	.....	3,000	.....	.....
22 Fairburn.....	24	152	2,369	12	846	14,000	.....	226 28
23 Flint River.....	53	355	5,620	35	1,650	35,000	2,000 00	554 47
24 Floyd Co.....	32	140	3,076	22	1,370	25,000	3,000 00	1,282 92
25 Friendship.....	40	174	3,327	25	1,320	100,000	5,000 00	1,019 40
26 Georgia.....	58	478	6,044	54	3,218	70,000	5,000 00	3,276 54
27 Georgia, 2d.....	9	13	593	.....	.....	10,000	.....	8 35
28 Harmony†.....	10	81	911	3	.....	.....	.....	69 25

GENERAL STATISTICS—GEORGIA—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
29 Hebron.....	36	262	4359	26	1333	\$ 14,750	\$ 929 06	\$ 629 68
30 Hephzibah.....	54	327	6364	37	2762	119,150	12,590 44	2,549 91
31 Hiawasee.....	12	62	1267	15	740	2,850	424 00	52 38
32 Hightower.....	49	432	6312	10	436	26,550	522 44	91 77
33 Homerville.....	9	18	409	3				97 00
34 Houston.....	35	251	2877	17	1193	15,900	4,910 75	1,278 76
35 Jasper.....	35	159	3131			7,300		11 00
36 Lawrenceville.....	26	81	1618	10	570	4,750		2,590 00
37 Liberty.....	37	190	3118	9		8,000		5 60
38 Little River.....	30	122	1688	15	552	11,500	957 40	130 04
39 Mallary.....	13	53	1306	18	1375	13,850		98 44
40 Mell.....	19	73	1038	24	1168	10,000	1,575 00	223 24
41 Mercer.....	54	269	4062	26	1680	27,750	6,656 80	1,462 10
42 Middle.....	30	87	2858	22	1082	28,750	3,496 10	433 07
43 Middle Cherokee.....	33	218	3861	29		19,800		786 67
44 Miller.....	25	92	1601	4		10,000	1,911 34	306 44
45 Morganton.....	6	27	229					9 75
46 Mountain.....	29	98	2049	14		7,750	165 80	3 85
47 Mountaintown.....	13	107	850	9	380	2,500	159 70	17 45
48 Mount Vernon.....	28	122	2315	20	1427	15,310	1,834 57	230 13
49 Mulberry.....	22	126	2284	14		7,025		42 69
50 New Ebenezer.....	57	222	3812	35	1935	30,000	2,000 00	1,197 00
51 New Hope.....	19	47	1252					
52 New Sunbury.....	18	84	2106	14	1380	90,135	11,494 11	988 74
53 New Union.....	7	9	427	2		2,000		37 23
54 Noonday.....	24	180	2457	14	800	55,000	3,282 07	62 50
55 North Georgia.....	34	206	3225	18		10,000		68 23
56 Notla River.....	19	59	1172	9	393	2,500	175 35	6 79
57 Piedmont.....	25	93	1349	10	689	9,013	2,071 47	273 52
58 Pine Mountain.....	21	91	1518	8	407	15,000	2,205 10	315 63
59 Pleasant Valley.....	11	35	910			3,000		
60 Polk County.....	8	49	1001	8	435	22,540		310 48
61 Rehoboth.....	34	211	3227	19	1832	79,130	15,451 16	3,155 81
62 Roswell.....	11	26	695	7	350	8,400		67 19
63 Salem.....	11	47	639	3				
64 Sarepta.....	43	345	5149	52	3234	49,800	299 18	2,861 01
65 Smyrna.....	27	211	1388	11	544	4,970	393 60	295 73
66 South River.....	18	69	1563	11	681	7,500	1,650 00	250 01
67 Southwestern.....	16	25	642	6		3,600		9 00
68 St. Mary's River.....	5	21	197	3		1,300	159 70	
69 Stone Mountain.....	32	300	6913	26	3525	285,200	17,583 80	6,628 50
70 Summer Hill.....	32	63	1216	9	390	7,450	2,710 00	401 45
71 Tallapoosa.....	14	128	1578	8		6,500		39 46
72 Tucker.....	15	116	1452	10				164 75
73 Tugalo.....	30	320	4081	20	1398	12,920	2,604 25	287 73
74 Washington.....	29	225	3744	12	750	12,000	573 38	1,093 31
75 Western.....	40	271	4628	32	2062	48,800	319 05	2,106 30
	1903	10593	172605	1074	45995	1,804,656	143,291 23	42,701 05

†Churches in adjoining States not included.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1 Arkansas Valley.....	16	.....	541	2	156	2,650	495 00	52 40
2 Banner.....	23	.....	667	5	112	500	.....	50 00
3 Bethel.....	33	119	934	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 Canadian River.....	14	44	754	5	.....	1,000	300 00	200 00
Cherokee.....	16	.....	1423	15	402	11,000	800 00	300 00

GENERAL STATISTICS—INDIAN TERRITORY—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment..		Home Uses...	Missions and Education.....
6 Chickasaw	6	19	158	1	.....	\$ 71 75	\$ 7 85	
7 Choctaw-Chickasaw	24	102	959	17	638	12,500	2,126 92	1,511 60
8 Delaware.....	26	108	800	11	571	12,350	2,145 14	334 44
9 Enon.....	41	188	2032	5	470	4,775	1,660 90	414 00
10 Frisco.....	11	.....	305	3	170	2,400	.....	.....
11 Illinois River.....	6	22	161	2	65	.....	.....	.....
12 Longtown.....	14	.....	470	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Mullins.....	24	.....	911	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 Muscogee.....	18	.....	628	.....	.....	.....	500 00	250 00
15 Salim.....	37	134	1453	.....	.....	600	.....	178 15
16 Short Mountain.....	19	221	1076	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 95
17 Southwestern.....	6	.....	207	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Washita.....	8	.....	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 Washita-Caddo.....	14	244	801	.....	.....	4,400	.....	13 15
20 Wayland.....	24	249	1079	5	.....	.....	.....	16 61
21 Zion.....	15	89	503	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 55
	395	1539	16038	71	2584	52,175	8,099 71	3,415 20

KENTUCKY.

1 Baptist.....	13	75	1964	8	504	13,000	1,067 11	126 31
2 Barren River.....	39	170	4165	12	380	17,500	572 05	59 70
3 Bay's Fork.....	29	93	2526	13	683	11,225	2,197 13	89 67
4 Bethel.....	50	276	5568	46	2822	126,930	19,993 51	2,572 99
5 Blackford.....	32	154	3097	13	412	15,750	1,538 00	250 84
6 Blood River.....	32	144	3269	9	1160	9,000	.....	216 30
7 Boone's Creek.....	13	66	1703	8	514	33,330	2,164 88	393 71
8 Booneville.....	19	.....	975	6	.....	1,000	.....	.....
9 Bracken.....	26	249	3046	25	1605	102,350	8,977 32	1,573 60
10 Campbell County.....	14	111	2205	13	1212	60,900	5,000 00	201 98
11 Central.....	11	130	1897	9	647	26,450	3,258 08	363 88
12 Clear Fork.....	25	65	2205	18	584	11,835	1,114 88	142 72
13 Concord.....	35	185	4889	25	1610	45,150	5,811 18	984 40
14 Crittenden.....	19	129	2020	18	630	20,000	.....	49 37
15 Cumberland River.....	17	138	2176	14	770	5,905	392 74	11 41
16 Davless County.....	50	244	7789	37	3548	115,745	13,847 33	4,037 05
17 East Lynn.....	13	45	1545	4	215	6,150	469 00	90 69
18 East Union.....	14	115	1543	11	809	8,638	1,212 64	87 62
19 Edmonson.....	10	51	700	6	268	4,000	19 64	45 10
20 Elkhorn.....	27	324	5474	25	2524	190,200	18,288 30	3,721 81
21 Enterprise.....	13	46	768	9	395	4,500	136 86	54 72
22 Franklin.....	17	129	3350	15	986	35,825	4,114 42	462 79
23 Freedom.....	17	100	969	5	225	5,000	1,000 00	23 00
24 Gasper River.....	36	188	3865	17	1037	15,320	2,062 63	357 41
25 Goshen.....	27	62	2480	14	1027	18,000	2,625 00	376 00
26 Graves County.....	30	210	3265	12	738	19,100	3,425 00	768 25
27 Green River.....	15	122	1284	9	495	8,000	800 00	400 00
28 Greenup.....	28	312	2128	19	1120	21,995	2,852 08	72 71
29 Greenville.....	11	74	438	.....	.....	3,750	.....	.....
30 Irvine.....	28	136	2063	.....	.....	5,060	.....	5 02
31 Laurel River.....	32	158	2448	10	635	10,000	.....	37 98
32 Liberty.....	40	203	4218	10	678	76,000	3,072 85	236 81
33 Little Bethel.....	42	167	3862	16	1153	31,525	2,277 90	330 52
34 Little River.....	37	163	3844	22	1242	33,325	4,199 89	438 50
35 Long Run.....	32	660	9817	44	4942	573,900	32,060 40	9,298 91
36 Lynn.....	29	115	3392	11	766	20,000	2,600 00	1,125 74
37 Lynn Camp.....	21	118	1532	2	117	26,000	.....	.....
38 Mount Zion.....	27	173	2552	13	1061	21,775	2,221 80	321 23

GENERAL STATISTICS—KENTUCKY—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms	Total Membership.....	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
39 Nelson.....	22	143	2738	30	1829	92,700	6,098 10	1,085 54
40 North Bend.....	19	107	2903	21	1900	124,888	10,694 62	759 77
41 North Concord.....	21	239	1921	16	897	8,125	174 89	6 98
42 North Concord 2.....	10	33	833			12,000		
43 Ohio River.....	34	128	3150	28	1931	29,755	2,263 84	269 29
44 Ohio Valley.....	35	365	3909	26	2227	69,790		563 18
45 Owen.....	11	102	1705	7	450	7,575	500 00	11 35
46 Panther Creek.....	11	10	505			3,325		17 80
47 Rockcastle.....	21	94	1848	6		4,000		
48 Russells Creek.....	38	188	3313	13	788	20,500	2,846 61	361 97
49 Salem.....	47	355	4921	27	1520	35,600	3,253 83	810 82
50 Shelby.....	21	126	3374	21	1557	48,000	6,894 45	1,203 12
51 South Concord.....	21	72	1757	5		10,000		32 50
52 South Cumberland.....	35	143	2807	5	344	8,950		37 78
53 South District.....	25	368	3865	20	1496	57,450	8,141 66	605 38
54 South Kentucky.....	23	144	2167	12	873	16,545	2,165 12	146 86
55 South Union.....	28	127	2144	21	737	2,000		3 96
56 Stockton's Valley.....	8	36	1003			2,500		
57 Sulphur Fork.....	26	138	3194	22	1458	33,900	382 34	941 25
58 Tate's Creek.....	23	200	3197	14	810	30,000	3,725 99	371 24
59 Ten Mile.....	35	197	2196	13	975	30,000	3,150 00	37 50
60 Union.....	19	78	1822	10	666	31,500	2,702 67	237 40
61 Upper Cumberland*.....	11		564	8		3,000		
62 Warren.....	18	58	2207	13	978	28,425	4,485 84	1,111 63
63 West Kentucky.....	33	126	3099	19	1135	31,250	5,967 00	616 35
64 West Union.....	23	138	2268	12	817	28,300	3,000 00	193 10
	1580	9598	174425	916	60857	2,464,241	217,729 08	38,628 71

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1 Bayou Macon.....	22	228	1212	14	547	17,450	3,527 92	431 04
2 Bethlehem.....	31	176	2296	11		10,375	800 00	267 80
3 Big Creek.....	22	121	1278	5		5,650		19 91
4 Caddo.....	8	43	283					86 50
5 Calcasieu.....	22	48	808	4	179	13,290		172 75
6 Carey.....	9	147	693	6	416	11,925	3,247 09	320 00
7 Central.....	37	180	2014	6	250	33,000	205 25	12 35
8 Concord.....	28	194	2583	15	915	6,400	1,166 90	224 45
9 Eastern*.....	15		1175	14	214	2,000		150 00
10 Everett*.....	20		1339	6		6,400		100 00
11 Grand Cane.....	28	94	1958	16	937	37,275	2,512 51	1,955 33
12 Judson.....	10	47	795	6	650	20,000		103 83
13 Liberty.....	18	92	1435	9	342	8,850	1,625 67	771 21
14 Louisiana.....	22	132	1208	13	561	18,265	2,410 48	1,144 29
15 Mississippi River.....	17	74	1347	20	1169	36,500	3,944 60	711 95
16 Mount Olive.....	23	124	944	6	227	4,200	500 00	28 81
17 North Louisiana.....	15	23	726	7	293	5,750	389 70	105 80
18 Ouachita.....	37	65	1291	17	575	3,500	400 00	34 25
19 Palestine.....	12	57	482	3		1,000		13 00
20 Paxton.....	10	108	529	6	320	5,900	1,230 00	172 35
21 Red River.....	28	167	2161	10	246	13,000	1,338 38	155 54
22 Sabine*.....	39		2142	5	201	3,000		
23 Shady Grove.....	10	16	474	3		2,600		16 75
24 Tangipthoa.....	14	29	520			2,000		94 35
25 Union*.....	7		556	4	211			100 00
26 Vernon.....	25	113	1116	2		2,000		
27 West Pearl River.....	18	98	1253	8	254	6,000	86 35	36 65
	542	2376	32618	216	8557	271,330	23,385 45	7,158 83

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GENERAL STATISTICS—MARYLAND.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
1 Baptist Union.....	56	761	10029	65	10965	\$ 677,696	\$64,632 99	\$18,317 26

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1 Aberdeen.....	25	86	1660	12	678	28,575	2,807 17	925 55
2 Bethel.....	7	18	438	1 30
3 Bethlehem.....	20	93	1161	11	520	18,000	101 58
4 Bogue-chitto.....	20	149	2374	24	1328	10,000	2,625 00	615 00
5 Calhoun.....	32	121	2354	9	458	9,300	.....	85 70
6 Carey.....	15	26	1032	7	.....	6,050	425 00	40 30
7 Central.....	34	183	2802	27	1513	48,200	11,243 46	2,058 24
8 Chester.....	31	137	2456	12	430	6,700	1,220 00	128 88
9 Chickasahay.....	32	105	2539	20	1336	43,316	8,466 85	785 76
10 Chickasaw.....	40	164	2947	11	512	20,000	1,990 22	431 87
11 Choctaw.....	19	73	1169	10	660	6,000	.....	82 80
12 Coldwater.....	47	262	3472	27	.....	28,000	519 41	1,648 74
13 Columbus.....	29	106	2299	18	1237	56,950	8,620 58	2,166 27
14 Copiah.....	12	95	2423	9	931	36,550	6,366 52	1,526 19
15 Deer Creek ^o	31	.....	1099	14	397	34,400	4,000 00	400 00
16 Ebenezer.....	19	88	1166	.....	.....	8,000	.....	11 15
17 Fair River.....	23	147	2429	15	852	2,200	2,938 45	527 33
18 Gulf Coast.....	11	74	804	9	525	88,700	4,365 31	694 42
19 Harmony.....	25	61	1583	14	58	7,200	1,685 00	220 00
20 Hobolo-chitto.....	20	135	1293	4	104	6,000	225 25	132 20
21 Judson.....	18	41	1177	16	.....	4,390	.....	49 34
22 Kosciusko.....	35	173	2671	7	339	18,000	1,421 02	180 33
23 Leaf River ^o	6	.....	258	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Lebanon.....	15	61	1356	9	851	13,500	3,614 14	407 57
25 Liberty.....	16	43	1298	8	345	4,700	37 10	94 54
26 Louisville.....	25	156	1565	15	345	6,600	2,620 00	285 00
27 Magee's Creek.....	16	101	2037	4	.....	5,000	.....	.....
28 Mississippi.....	31	281	3578	11	673	17,500	2,767 80	645 95
29 Mount Pisgah.....	48	140	2762	.....	.....	16,600	.....	53 35
30 New Liberty.....	37	147	2441	.....	.....	7,500	.....	114 70
31 Oktibbeha.....	21	107	1388	16	455	7,500	2,000 00	1,030 15
32 Oxford.....	23	135	1768	9	518	24,000	4,051 85	697 10
33 Pearl Leaf.....	21	85	1752	15	532	6,300	1,348 05	222 15
34 Pearl River.....	20	122	2064	15	1054	5,475	1,519 90	194 14
35 Rankin County.....	22	70	1427	11	349	13,000	1,325 02	271 70
36 Red Creek.....	25	65	1193	1	40	4,800	.....	64 48
37 Salem.....	17	57	1236	7	453	8,400	1,175 00	469 00
38 Scott County.....	12	40	535	2	10	2,400	.....	60 85
39 Sipsey.....	12	29	484	2	.....	3,200	.....	.....
40 Springfield.....	6	20	281	3	164	11,000	320 05	104 60
41 Strong River.....	29	204	3331	19	670	30,000	4,190 00	315 30
42 Sunflower.....	12	73	464	6	.....	8,000	.....	93 90
43 Tallahala.....	18	57	1039	.....	.....	4,000	.....	8 25
44 Tippah.....	36	176	1407	6	790	4,500	1,210 57	524 86
45 Tishomingo.....	43	275	2808	17	867	25,000	7,700 00	603 45
46 Tombigbee.....	21	80	994	5	.....	3,600	202 65	20 15
47 Trinity.....	18	151	1256	.....	.....	.....	112 00	32 96
48 Union.....	22	82	1604	11	457	13,805	2,789 70	313 30
49 West Judson.....	21	156	2200	4	338	6,400	612 75	382 87
50 Yazobusha.....	27	186	1948	27	938	25,700	3,965 40	333 25
51 Yazoo.....	45	135	3150	19	1040	34,173	5,885 22	1,223 72
52 Zion.....	37	192	3308	3	239	8,900	1,131 89	183 90
	1247	5763	93280	511	23009	847,884	107,488 34	21,594 14

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GENERAL STATISTICS—MISSOURI.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.	Enrollment.		Home Uses..	Missions and Education.....
1 Audrain	23	191	2204	19	2518	\$ 43,870	\$ 7,212 97	\$ 850 34
2 Barry County	36	264	1875	8	431	10,229	1,725 03	248 23
3 Barton County	15	112	925	8	512	10,800	205 14	137 28
4 Bear Creek	20	76	1381	9	499	17,250	974 04	414 20
5 Benton County	19	83	1059	9	289	4,500	700 00	146 58
6 Bethel, N. E.	35	287	3950	31	2819	99,000	13,937 14	1,618 02
7 Bethel, S. E.	17	46	904	.....	.....	4,600	.....	.....
8 Black River	18	108	1039	5	296	5,200	.....	10 10
9 Blue River	44	552	7090	42	5096	358,500	36,622 63	10,293 70
10 Bourbois*	9	.....	360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 Butler.....	30	238	2132	26	192	27,900	6,213 19	284 52
12 Camden Co.	22	160	1085	2	144	1,900	293 38	34 62
13 Cane Creek	28	128	1288	8	678	12,000	281 28	10 00
14 Cape Girardeau	14	76	1184	9	629	16,280	2,251 35	479 54
15 Cedar Co.	20	75	830	7	.....	4,500	565 00	184 94
16 Central*	14	.....	530	.....	.....	2,700	.....	.....
17 Charleston	23	66	1105	10	650	13,600	2,899 42	158 22
18 Christian Co.	20	37	1293	11	633	6,300	495 63	69 44
19 Concord.....	32	234	3617	18	1687	58,922	7,880 16	1,855 49
20 County Line	18	164	797	4	64	1,910	186 00	77 16
21 Cuivre.....	21	98	1370	14	715	10,000	2,027 42	281 01
22 Dade Co.	14	58	854	8	626	7,325	736 26	49 73
23 Dallas Co.	21	60	1480	21	.....	12,225	1,020 00	100 63
24 Dixon	20	102	1214	18	650	9,000	1,650 00	219 90
25 Dry Fork	29	112	1434	4	.....	9,830	447 25	113 92
26 Eleven Point River	21	33	800	8	305	5,200	2,000 00	249 00
27 Franklin	20	.....	1360	9	400	15,000	1,916 74	107 55
28 Franklin Co.	17	80	962	10	.....	.....	.....	74 36
29 Gentry	22	39	1789	14	1108	14,000	3,073 08	474 55
30 Greene Co.	36	197	2659	22	1489	48,500	5,756 73	450 55
31 Harmony	23	106	1887	18	1602	57,850	6,169 08	563 20
32 Jefferson Co.	23	85	1490	8	400	12,000	1,357 18	97 68
33 Laclede Co.	20	52	1142	.....	.....	4,950	.....	34 15
34 Lafayette-Johnson	35	237	3676	31	2425	77,360	11,572 99	2,179 55
35 Lamine	27	148	2141	17	1050	32,460	3,711 43	654 08
36 Lawrence Co.	22	110	1693	13	1073	4,700	3,172 14	369 05
37 Linn Co.	18	48	1686	12	982	27,500	3,582 17	610 21
38 Little Bonne Femme.....	37	129	4245	26	1349	74,700	9,367 71	2,025 47
39 Livingston Co.	16	55	1237	11	937	16,865	2,093 85	214 48
40 Macon	29	167	2610	15	1343	28,800	4,631 62	553 85
41 Meramec.....	20	79	1082	6	.....	11,000	396 00	100 22
42 Miller Co.	20	163	1453	8	431	7,750	1,281 81	121 84
43 Missouri Valley.....	26	70	2560	24	2020	44,600	5,704 43	930 11
44 Mount Moriah	14	43	1027	1	529	12,480	101 09	43 75
45 Mount Pleasant.....	39	127	3107	17	1230	35,000	4,730 59	1,081 39
46 Mount Salem.....	14	65	1031	11	500	8,200	.....	.....
47 Mount Zion.....	27	154	2319	17	868	26,000	5,948 83	795 35
48 Nevada	24	197	1722	19	1406	20,000	4,037 17	462 02
49 New Madrid	15	64	611	10	648	2,500	.....	110 75
50 North Central	8	18	323	6	210	3,200	536 95	140 63
51 North Grand River	34	207	2416	22	1904	25,860	5,321 74	835 44
52 North Liberty	65	502	5900	52	3405	100,000	17,858 58	2,873 09
53 North Missouri.....	12	68	603	8	.....	4,000	.....	78 87
54 Northwest.....	29	76	1787	24	1372	33,100	6,440 00	1,163 32
55 Old Path	23	88	1282	9	509	6,000	631 70	179 00
56 Pleasant Grove.....	21	148	1438	16	941	14,300	2,688 36	374 62
57 Polk Co.	28	160	3090	26	2961	20,000	2,905 99	1,194 70
58 Pulaski Co.	16	74	732	7	313	4,200	377 40	32 05
59 Reynolds Co.	15	102	1022	10	474	.....	549 89	140 42
60 Saline	29	208	3027	27	2048	61,700	9,144 96	1,504 37
61 Salt River.....	33	95	2783	20	1315	53,350	7,920 75	964 85
62 Shoal Creek.....	28	123	2031	22	1389	15,000	3,202 50	284 27

GENERAL STATISTICS—MISSOURI—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.	Enrollment.		Home Uses...	Missions and Education.....
63 Spring River	33	256	2208	16	1425	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,044 96	\$ 466 51
64 St. Clair.....	16	139	1129	11	794	10,300	1,070 30	217 55
65 St. Francois.....	25	125	1735	17	731	15,000	1,738 72	299 88
66 St. Joseph.....	32	222	3457	26	2514	91,400	11,992 43	2,854 74
67 St. Louis.....	26	184	4624	21	6036	392,900	50,672 60	12,674 88
68 Stoddard Co.....	19	23	863	8	453	6,800	887 00	30 00
69 Taney.....	21	19	274	4				108 10
70 Tebo.....	30	234	2801	21	1891	33,250	7,231 51	870 54
71 Texas Co.	38	188	1831	6	200	1,500	276 34	192 64
72 Union.....	27	188	1453	8	673	13,900	2,509 26	271 95
73 Wayne Co.....	22	119	1429	11	768	7,000	867 98	295 36
74 Webster.....	21	119	1153	11	750	5,400	865 00	81 27
75 West Fork.....	26	126	2335	24	1824	35,000	4,160 62	315 75
76 Wright Co.....	23	139	1142	10	360	2,800	293 35	113 49
77 Wyaconda.....	28	175	3174	21	1925	15,400	7,171 17	766 08
	1845	9960	141341	1060	79415	2,320,386	320,171 03	59,425 13

*No Minutes received; probably dissolved.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1 Alexander.....	16	154	2335	8	579	6,000	1,271 60	199 69
2 Ashe-Allegheny.....	31	147	1351	4	200	7,500	288 95	135 28
3 Atlantic.....	40	170	2572	30	2520	22,500	6,684 60	1,005 07
4 Beulah.....	10	44	835	8	357	10,000	1,372 31	374 72
5 Bladen.....	33	79	2290	20	1001	5,000	909 23	264 21
6 Brier Creek.....	31	205	3124	16	1358	15,225		35 20
7 Brushy Mountain.....	19	67	1480	12	707	10,000	619 63	318 39
8 Buncombe County.....	28	150	3253	9	1048	70,000	19,173 45	
9 Caldwell.....	25	234	1890	22	1101	25,715	1,333 87	219 14
10 Cape Fear.....	43	44	2514	21	851	10,000	1,153 81	51 40
11 Carolina.....	40	186	3954	22	1463	11,054	1,218 12	263 25
12 Catawba River.....	28	107	2244	24	1557	15,000	1,554 67	230 32
13 Cedar Creek.....	16	39	1788			8,000	1,277 43	163 26
14 Central.....	25	151	3111	23	2138	40,000	6,370 76	2,469 83
15 Chowan.....	50	421	8082	44	4131	50,000	9,805 85	1,539 02
16 Columbus.....	18	62	1867	13	860	5,000	1,038 24	135 98
17 Eastern.....	60	294	5231	55	3068	70,000	9,126 69	1,682 87
18 Elkin.....	25	94	1499	22	1689	5,000	360 00	91 34
19 Flat River.....	33	154	4258	27	1497	13,200	7,537 95	1,376 30
20 French Broad.....	29	160	3171	20		11,150	903 00	100 75
21 Green River.....	39	178	4222	37	2163	12,000	1,952 14	708 44
22 Haywood County.....	16	145	1764	8	871	10,000	1,886 53	215 20
23 Hiwassee.....	4	20	270	4	210	1,500	125 00	2 80
24 King's Mountain.....	31	277	5053	27	2276	10,735	4,556 09	645 07
25 Liberty.....	24	86	2161	22	1500	18,900	2,484 52	392 01
26 Liberty-Ducktown }.....	19	67	1468	14	286	3,175	282 71	108 96
27 Little River.....	23	133	2228	19	1200	19,335	1,000 00	270 89
28 Mecklenburg-Cabarrus.....	19	166	1776	24	1323	25,000	6,125 98	1,066 73
29 Mitchell County.....	29	130	2443	25	979	10,700		50 17
30 Montgomery.....	14	47	997	9	376	4,200	868 34	124 33
31 Mount Zion.....	43	311	5325	47	3404	75,000	9,497 23	1,322 73
32 New Found *.....	22		1401	8		15,850	275 00	
33 Pee Dee.....	30	154	2423	25	1596	30,000	4,456 22	1,022 44
34 Piedmont.....	15	56	1194	20	936	20,000	4,252 81	671 74
35 Pilot Mountain.....	38	225	3698	31	3116	48,037	4,111 09	1,233 64
36 Raleigh.....	49	226	5253	46	4134	75,000	6,977 71	1,243 60
37 Robeson.....	37	129	4513	33	2396	50,000	6,262 22	1,316 47
38 Sandy Creek.....	40	167	3314	40	1000	20,000	2,018 23	848 38

GENERAL STATISTICS—NORTH CAROLINA—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.....	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
39 Sandy Run.....	24	226	3921	21	1695	13,925	1,921 33	415 32
40 South Fork.....	34	195	3064	20	1267	26,120	2,925 77	706 31
41 South River.....	31	153	3073	23	1563	21,500	3,227 00	407 11
42 South Yadkin.....	24	106	1964	16	1075	20,003	3,402 31	467 61
43 Stanly.....	22	90	1447	14	803	5,000	1,017 88	129 11
44 Stony Fork.....	15	70	1193	8	725	.....	30 03	13 41
45 Tar River.....	77	460	7084	62	4112	30,000	12,470 90	2,016 10
46 Tennessee River.....	33	257	2050	27	1446	5,500	788 00	75 02
47 Three Forks.....	32	114	2585	25	1363	10,000	796 97	141 27
48 Transylvania*.....	24	.....	1796	18	1250	6,050	1,000 00	.....
49 Tuckaseige.....	42	218	3540	46	2426	14,675	1,959 81	126 98
50 Union.....	26	208	3077	30	2235	15,600	7,632 00	271 01
51 West Chowan.....	47	461	8817	45	3132	50,000	10,044 86	2,130 27
52 Western.....	21	131	1638	24	898	7,425	963 94	253 08
53 Yadkin.....	34	148	2915	25	2168	15,000	1,480 46	513 30
54 Yancey Co.....	23	147	2341	11	.....	6,700	340 50	44 84
	1602	8463	157196	1234	85151	1,108,267	179,163 89	30,020 36

*No Minutes received; last reported figures. †Churches in Tenn. not included.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1 Abbeville.....	21	62	1730	18	1139	35,750	6,162 97	1,226 37
2 Aiken.....	29	105	2806	17	1154	25,347	4,599 96	422 45
3 Barnwell.....	36	223	4268	21	1185	30,025	5,166 77	720 59
4 Beaverdam.....	35	113	2622	22	1558	14,925	2,647 78	624 81
5 Broad River.....	30	230	4245	24	1769	16,900	3,659 68	433 19
6 Charleston.....	31	73	2465	24	1510	128,800	9,933 59	1,093 08
7 Chester.....	13	72	1854	12	610	42,850	3,986 46	1,254 94
8 Chesterfield.....	20	147	1625	12	673	6,000	396 04	58 85
9 Colleton.....	24	103	2122	11	435	6,525	1,269 15	149 11
10 Dorchester.....	8	12	432	2	74	2,585	136 86	24 14
11 Edgefield.....	18	63	2174	26	846	28,425	2,907 22	775 07
12 Edisto.....	14	51	1540	17	714	9,450	1,568 85	279 39
13 Fairfield.....	30	81	1993	20	1282	57,125	4,808 96	652 88
14 Florence.....	16	35	1573	9	630	23,800	2,259 46	460 62
15 Greenville.....	29	239	5013	29	2507	61,445	9,644 65	2,010 42
16 Lake Swamp.....	6	.....	358	6	150	1,500	143 76	12 00
17 Laurens†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Lexington.....	21	74	1344	10	585	12,600	1,241 97	115 44
19 Moriah.....	22	236	3006	20	1654	15,750	4,102 37	323 79
20 North Greenville.....	31	121	4086	28	2428	16,735	1,888 69	370 38
21 Orangeburg.....	31	109	1881	24	1709	56,000	5,686 45	1,046 52
22 Pee Dee.....	36	107	3281	33	1932	4,300	1,030 94	848 74
23 Piedmont.....	21	75	1999	16	1067	19,355	1,088 03	139 25
24 Reedy River.....	38	148	3758	30	1929	53,300	5,807 34	1,504 69
25 Ridge.....	20	128	2624	20	1310	32,432	5,373 65	1,172 21
26 Saluda.....	37	203	5712	35	3199	60,550	9,477 66	2,407 90
27 Santee.....	27	125	2577	23	1435	38,050	5,800 73	989 77
28 Savannah River.....	43	168	2457	27	1318	38,000	4,094 35	952 32
29 Southeast.....	32	50	1868	17	789	15,000	1,574 33	394 55
30 Spartanburg.....	41	261	6410	38	3503	60,495	10,983 91	2,742 94
31 Twelve Mile River.....	33	117	2722	22	1129	8,525	861 23	40 81
32 Union Co.....	18	167	1613	17	1054	12,975	2,551 76	339 33
33 Waccamaw.....	42	.....	2040	12	500	12,000	600 00	50 00
34 Welch Neck.....	20	90	2576	21	1483	35,000	7,992 01	1,530 08
35 York.....	16	136	2346	17	1133	16,000	3,797 52	611 57
	589	3924	89720	680	44303	998,519	132,636 20	25,778 20

*No Minutes received; last reported figures. †New Association whose statistics are included in parent body.

GENERAL STATISTICS—TENNESSEE.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.		Home Uses.	Missions and Education.....
1 Beech River.....	28	188	1751	8	.....	\$ 9,650	\$ 585 35	\$ 128 25
2 Beulah.....	41	202	3148	.....	.....	22,175	3,785 00	611 19
3 Big Emory.....	32	132	2002	.....	.....	18,900	2,273 53	312 99
4 Big Hatchie.....	25	219	2899	09	1527	120,250	10,780 86	1,343 58
5 Central.....	40	183	4829	21	2183	80,000	8,322 17	2,206 48
6 Chilhowie.....	34	205	3593	28	2364	29,950	3,380 44	275 04
7 Clinton.....	39	327	3603	20	1409	30,150	2,077 02	281 17
8 Concord.....	28	128	4370	30	2733	67,550	9,405 51	1,310 68
9 Cumberland.....	52	420	6664	35	3265	185,000	28,669 50	5,620 05
10 Cumberland Gap.....	39	194	3185	18	315	21,700	.....	355 90
11 Dover Furnace.....	9	15	550	3	100	1,200	.....	25 46
12 Duck River.....	35	174	2900	23	1084	35,000	3,944 42	545 27
13 Eastanollee.....	36	146	2870	19	.....	10,000	305 00	85 97
14 East Tennessee*.....	19	.....	2073	10	.....	16,200	.....	.....
15 Ebenezer.....	19	211	1135	12	546	13,500	1,750 18	332 02
16 Enon.....	20	62	1940	3	40	7,500	.....	41 35
17 Friendship.....	39	194	3614	17	886	24,000	.....	470 85
18 Holston.....	42	281	4452	35	2857	47,200	6,266 19	490 36
19 Holston Valley.....	29	79	1675	13	664	11,055	891 62	70 38
20 Indian Creek.....	31	223	1733	10	550	7,500	2,600 00	270 00
21 Judson*.....	9	.....	404	4	.....	6,500	50 00	.....
22 Liberty-Ducktown†.....	7	23	545	3	60	.....	.....	92 56
23 Memphis.....	40	358	3726	31	1988	99,600	.....	1,454 10
24 Midland.....	12	82	1231	8	.....	6,400	207 41	59 06
25 Mulberry Gap.....	44	186	3058	.....	.....	15,002	2,000 00	38 08
26 New River.....	37	168	1427	5	209	3,985	66 98	116 12
27 New Salem.....	27	206	2624	12	863	20,900	2,896 93	762 51
28 Nolachucky.....	49	256	4948	26	2008	53,995	5,702 83	959 37
29 Northern.....	35	246	3157	22	.....	11,700	.....	36 43
30 Ocoee.....	51	261	4372	28	2231	102,550	7,285 78	1,075 48
31 Providence.....	22	92	1729	12	.....	8,100	419 00	6 63
32 Riverside.....	17	24	984	5	300	5,100	.....	76 14
33 Salem.....	25	132	3272	13	1051	17,850	1,661 05	382 70
34 Sequatchie Valley.....	21	96	893	7	300	2,370	345 00	40 27
35 Sevier.....	31	195	3376	30	1265	16,000	1,758 39	292 41
36 Southwestern*.....	38	.....	2856	5	285	21,000	.....	.....
37 Stockton's Valley†.....	21	40	941	.....	.....	7,500	.....	.....
38 Sweetwater.....	40	150	2946	29	1848	27,865	2,208 80	271 82
39 Tennessee.....	71	589	6197	42	4797	102,250	18,469 49	1,531 12
40 Tennessee Valley.....	11	46	749	10	803	7,400	1,249 16	46 22
41 Union.....	16	63	1272	5	300	9,000	690 10	39 84
42 Unity.....	36	146	2589	11	430	17,000	1,998 88	409 58
43 Walnut Grove.....	7	21	546	5	245	1,700	61 33	.....
44 Watauga.....	29	271	3297	27	2667	23,550	1,679 79	60 02
45 Weakley County.....	29	135	1728	8	448	8,000	1,500 00	169 41
46 Western.....	20	167	1865	9	535	9,985	1,641 22	202 32
47 West Union*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48 Wiseman.....	21	52	1574	3	153	13,050	691 00	140 94
49 William Carey.....	25	204	1761	12	536	18,625	1,698 13	110 95
	1440	7792	125093	696	43785	1,402,180	139,318 06	23,446 07

*No Minutes received; last reported figures.

† Churches in adjoining States not included.

GENERAL STATISTICS—TEXAS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.....	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
1 Alvarado.....	37	266	3505	13	1021	\$ 21,900	\$ 6,838 09	\$ 1,462 27
2 Anderson Co.....	17	32	609	1	.....	2,000	.....	24 35
3 Angelina.....	24	67	1179	.....	.....	6,000	.....	41 35
4 Austin.....	32	240	2662	18	1756	63,672	9,794 05	2,155 15
5 Bethlehem.....	18	61	899	5	290	5,000	700 00	64 95
6 Blanco.....	18	83	1050	4	315	7,150	2,400 97	213 47
7 Bryan.....	22	97	1489	19	.....	5,300	.....	110 98
8 Callahan Co.....	16	67	1080	.....	.....	4,256	.....	178 66
9 Central.....	24	139	1261	4	206	6,000	1,230 00	14 25
10 Cherokee.....	58	262	4607	30	1500	47,600	.....	514 84
11 Cisco.....	25	96	1486	10	400	19 000	1,000 00	219 50
12 Clay Co.....	16	99	932	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Collin Co.....	42	574	4813	19	1663	32,000	5,592 65	809 89
14 Colorado.....	37	159	1794	20	1000	20,000	8,000 00	850 00
15 Comanche.....	44	399	3330	22	1634	21,125	3,023 25	213 62
16 Concho Valley.....	15	83	512	6	187	3,691	1,395 20	152 05
17 Content.....	27	77	907	4	225	3,000	.....	167 05
18 Dallas Co.....	32	410	4513	28	2436	113,800	14,487 72	831 55
19 Delta Co.....	17	154	1060	6	300	3,800	835 00	48 60
20 Denton Co.....	32	390	2848	13	845	15,000	3,447 23	629 46
21 East Fork.....	30	344	2959	10	726	8,100	.....	79 40
22 Ellis Co.....	33	253	3237	13	745	19,400	.....	220 55
23 Enon.....	25	141	1988	16	264	10,000	571 30	10 20
24 Erath Co.....	46	299	2750	2	.....	4,650	599 90	99 60
25 Evergreen*.....	32	.....	1763	16	800	8,850	.....	200 00
26 Falls Co.....	17	139	1328	10	216	10,000	2,129 75	272 79
27 Fannin Co.....	50	519	4149	23	1998	31,195	5,862 45	1,241 82
28 Freestone Co.....	22	36	1041	11	176	7,050	.....	109 50
29 Grayson Co.....	47	455	4546	20	1377	60,000	3,881 38	770 90
30 Greer Co.....	17	69	570	3	111	1,000	413 15	106 20
31 Hamilton Co.....	26	137	1523	6	280	7,600	.....	23 25
32 Harmony.....	30	180	2015	5	293	11,400	.....	61 23
33 Hillsboro.....	34	219	2835	13	1045	21,000	3,107 58	118 50
34 Hopewell.....	19	89	1523	5	.....	2,200	.....	83 70
35 Hubbard City.....	19	108	1353	4	230	9,650	800 00	78 40
36 Hunt Co.....	47	416	4224	20	1360	34,250	5,520 00	464 51
37 Jacksboro.....	25	140	1086	2	.....	4,100	1,586 89	193 95
38 Lake Creek.....	8	.....	204	2	.....	.....	.....	193 27
39 Lamar Co.....	33	241	2214	11	1076	30,850	3,088 85	97 40
40 Lavaca River.....	19	135	1125	9	581	15,650	3,939 35	723 97
41 Leon River.....	40	358	2842	20	800	12,100	.....	360 21
42 Liberty*.....	26	.....	1647	2	100	.....	.....	.....
43 Limestone Co.....	31	278	2849	12	908	14,000	1,589 86	838 90
44 Little Brazos*.....	11	.....	1371	8	700	17,900	.....	75 00
45 Little River.....	34	174	2696	13	829	25,630	11,346 75	775 35
46 Little Wichita.....	14	96	354	3	90	2,600	474 30	5 50
47 Llano Estacado, 1.....	14	35	394	.....	.....	2,500	.....	111 15
48 Llano Estacado, 2.....	9	26	194	6	115	2,500	.....	141 75
49 Llano River.....	20	40	663	5	.....	3,000	334 00	73 20
50 Macedonia.....	16	104	728	3	160	6,800	1,000 00	141 35
51 Medina River.....	21	88	771	5	318	4,652	794 10	222 30
52 Meridian.....	21	138	1329	8	540	11,275	3,032 36	282 45
53 Mills Co.....	15	51	653	4	272	1,450	250 00	57 95
54 Montague.....	35	.....	3700	26	1744	20,432	5,682 18	248 94
55 Mount Zion.....	46	186	2985	14	817	11,240	2,460 44	348 65
56 Nacogdoches.....	31	65	1975	8	.....	7,925	1,500 00	217 85
57 Navarro Co.....	38	194	2997	19	1436	18,200	3,853 01	389 96
58 Navasota River.....	25	163	1797	12	506	4,600	1,300 00	353 43
59 Neches River.....	42	234	2657	16	.....	10,000	750 00	138 05
60 New Bethel.....	54	127	2182	35	.....	3,400	.....	73 45
61 New Bethlehem.....	31	142	1930	7	273	8,000	1,375 00	411 55
62 North Colorado.....	13	44	399	5	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS—TEXAS—Continued.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Total Membership.....	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		Value of Church Property.....	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.	
				No.....	Enrollment.....		Home Uses.....	Missions and Education.....
63 Palo Duro Canon.....	11	.....	548	3	.....	\$ 7,000	\$ 521 30	\$ 124 90
64 Palo Pinto.....	19	118	1070	8	305	8,400	.....	7 15
65 Paluxy.....	22	78	1040	5	340	5,300	1,406 00	143 35
66 Parker Co.....	35	.....	2900	19	1393	16,250	240 77	61 20
67 Pecan Valley.....	40	206	2262	12	722	17,000	4,463 50	5,417 69
68 Pedernales.....	20	133	1010	8	169	2,900	401 20	151 90
69 Red Fork.....	28	168	1187	15	736	12,250	3,910	411 90
70 Red River.....	32	208	1848	3	165	6,550	1,097 00	95 35
71 Rehoboth.....	45	205	3853	38	3266	28,150	4,575 37	648 30
72 Rio Grande.....	31	122	1279	27	.....	17,350	2,298 92	549 90
73 Salado.....	66	532	5936	33	2333	59,750	1,066 32	880 90
74 Salem.....	20	120	1501	4	.....	7,175	.....	34 15
75 Saline.....	37	65	1498	1	89	9,350	974 15	113 90
76 San Antonio.....	45	269	3328	24	1402	82,995	8,422 48	1,403 55
77 San Marcos.....	31	173	2215	15	1120	9,000	4,458 97	872 90
78 San Saba.....	29	86	1520	15	500	12,000	400 00	43 35
79 Shelby Co.....	40	200	2001	8	325	5,600	750 00	245 82
80 Shiloh.....	33	253	1983	9	366	22,000	185 50	432 85
81 Smyrna.....	15	37	691	4	261	2,600	315 00	17 95
82 Soda Lake.....	20	76	1321	7	345	9,700	.....	143 60
83 Southeast.....	16	135	1174	16	782	23,600	3,197 61	747 45
84 Stephens Co.....	17	35	579	.....	.....	.....	.....	91 30
85 Stonewall.....	23	61	819	3	.....	3,500	1,022 10	385 10
86 Sweetwater.....	28	110	1915	.....	1101	21,500	6,043 60	778 81
87 Tarrant Co.....	30	303	2864	14	1050	78,700	183 04	80 60
88 Texarkana†.....	19	113	1020	4	302	7,700	1,088 89	29 25
89 Trinity River.....	25	68	1133	4	.....	4,800	1,000 00	216 68
90 Tryon.....	27	80	1223	9	318	4,860	.....	111 85
91 Union.....	40	157	2514	19	1292	111,051	8,237 41	958 82
92 Waco.....	41	509	5549	21	2063	73,750	13,544 73	6,119 06
93 Wellington*.....	6	.....	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
94 Western Branch.....	20	87	1029	10	412	7,000	1,593 40	521 40
95 Wise Co.....	46	244	3281	36	1760	15,000	4,860 00	281 75
German churches.....	16	.....	657	.....	.....	17,300	.....	.....
	2676	15059	183051	1049	57586	1,603,524	202,264 02	41,338 99

*No Minutes received; last reported figures.

†Churches in adjoining State not included.

VIRGINIA.

1 Accomac.....	23	190	3069	27	3433	85,900	15,820 85	1,884 67
2 Albemarle.....	48	348	6525	59	4139	52,000	7,945 74	2,077 47
3 Appomattox.....	31	305	4217	41	2964	43,400	3,551 13	1,553 48
4 Augusta.....	33	239	3242	35	2819	77,550	15,054 82	1,141 40
5 Blue Ridge.....	25	68	1695	13	818	19,525	1,975 68	248 33
6 Clinch Valley*.....	24	.....	840	3	213	4,000	500 00	40 00
7 Concord.....	36	197	3254	31	1726	32,150	3,948 18	1,163 47
8 Dan River.....	23	193	3492	26	1565	20,000	318 04	973 36
9 Dover.....	63	807	13803	71	10177	388,150	79,511 90	14,045 06
10 Goshen.....	52	377	7848	49	4291	94,400	9,033 98	2,160 21
11 James River.....	22	88	1739	21	932	20,498	1,327 40	412 04
12 Lebanon.....	34	112	2709	27	2479	46,940	12,620 14	679 64
13 Middle.....	26	186	3264	24	2228	30,000	7,411 58	1,086 82
14 New Lebanon.....	26	139	1612	14	1026	18,350	1,259 25	209 28
15 New River.....	24	147	1251	15	549	4,500	487 86	57 55
16 Portsmouth.....	76	739	13515	76	8921	450,100	43,643 11	6,253 90
17 Potomac.....	50	343	5351	48	3898	98,016	12,060 87	1,617 96
18 Powells River.....	21	59	1004	14	1128	5,600	1,000 00	81 58
19 Rappahannock.....	69	622	10822	83	7438	179,450	14,637 00	3,367 70
20 Roanoke.....	40	232	5407	38	4006	151,050	9,936 32	1,577 33
21 Shenandoah.....	23	142	2347	20	1902	63,625	8,508 74	1,357 96
22 Shiloh.....	39	182	4512	35	2173	70,050	9,308 34	1,613 22
23 Strawberry.....	46	438	5824	44	4411	126,650	14,666 35	3,226 12
24 Valley.....	61	597	6483	43	4425	131,805	12,554 47	3,986 00
	915	6729	113825	869	77661	2,259,709	287,081 75	50,848 55

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SUMMARY OF DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS, 1896.

STATE.	Associations.....	Ordained Ministers	Churches.....	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Total Membership.	Col'd Baptists.		Aggregate Mem- bership.....
				Baptism	Letter	Experience...	Restoration.	Letter	Exclusion ...	Erasure	Death.....		Churches	Membership.	
Alabama	77	1,087	1,722	6,929	5,430	183	812	5,950	1,569	590	1,188	118,876	1,436	145,989	264,845
Arkansas	48	880	1,372	6,584	3,817	.....	871	3,563	1,695	.....	1,079	72,560	768	50,302	122,862
District of Columbia	1	24	13	291	204	27	3	132	10	55	66	4,951	47	13,342	18,293
Florida.....	22	282	481	1,306	1,040	61	228	1,015	367	143	214	23,583	424	26,491	50,074
Georgia.....	73	1,075	1,903	10,593	8,369	.....	1,185	9,305	2,427	.....	1,846	172,605	1,956	205,855	378,460
Indian Territory.....	20	213	395	1,589	1,007	42	251	911	395	33	129	16,038	.....	.....	16,038
Kentucky.....	63	1,238	1,580	9,598	5,017	576	753	5,160	2,406	439	1,932	174,425	386	62,447	236,872
Louisiana	27	293	542	2,376	1,287	13	397	1,301	490	8	279	82,618	945	71,845	104,463
Maryland	1	57	56	761	296	.....	88	286	313	.....	118	10,029	23	5,795	15,824
Mississippi	53	439	1,247	5,763	3,968	30	674	4,366	1,180	285	982	93,280	1,397	112,764	206,094
Missouri.....	76	1,591	1,845	9,900	5,232	778	764	5,620	2,651	701	1,519	141,341	306	23,254	164,595
North Carolina.....	53	824	1,602	8,463	4,358	7	1,216	4,826	2,530	14	1,708	157,196	1,151	110,986	268,182
South Carolina.....	35	523	889	3,924	3,006	1	621	3,083	1,672	.....	1,114	89,730	931	129,101	218,821
Tennessee.....	48	884	1,440	7,792	3,684	265	694	4,366	1,938	533	1,941	125,093	579	46,577	171,670
Texas.....	95	1,800	2,676	15,059	13,847	694	1,455	11,445	3,730	554	1,457	183,051	1,659	132,596	315,647
Virginia	24	461	915	6,729	2,325	592	666	3,469	1,371	1,193	1,248	113,825	1,236	218,616	332,441
	716	11,701	18,678	97,557	63,487	3,269	10,678	64,738	24,744	4,548	16,219	1,529,191	13,244	1,355,940	2,885,131

SUNDRY STATISTICS—1896.

ASSOCIATIONS.	STATE MISSION WORK.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS.		
	Missionaries....	Baptisms	Contributions....	Superintendents.	Number.	Enrollment.		Home Uses.	Missions and Education	All Purposes.
Alabama.....	23	491	\$ 9,739 14	W. C. Bledsoe, D.D., Montgomery.	736	37,956	\$ 1,185,883	\$ 152,196 03	\$ 40,055 79	\$ 201,599 05
Arkansas.....	20	253	2,119 23	W. A. Clark, D.D., Little Rock.	338	19,190	425,832	61,391 72	8,000 30	76,528 73
District of Columbia....	5	50	1,415 29	S. M. Yeatman, Washington.....	19	5,874	697,900	46,369 11	10,832 35	109,579 96
Florida.....	36	394	1,850 72	W. N. Chaudoin, D.D., LaGrange.	213	8,643	330,673	36,346 42	4,290 33	43,107 68
Georgia.....	606	606	18,005 95	J. G. Gibson, D.D., Atlanta.....	1074	45,905	1,894,656	144,291 23	42,701 05	216,333 85
Indian Territory.....					71	2,584	52,175	8,099 71	3,415 20	13,869 51
Kentucky.....	73	950	6,786 28	J. W. Warder, D.D., Louisville.....	916	60,857	2,464,241	217,729 08	38,628 71	311,756 56
Louisiana.....	23	269	4,448 45	Rev. E. O. Ware, Pineville.....	216	8,557	271,330	23,385 45	7,158 83	33,838 47
Maryland.....	26	276	5,931 79	O. F. Gregory, D.D., Baltimore.....	65	10,965	677,896	64,632 99	18,317 26	113,519 93
Mississippi.....	73	877	7,173 54	Rev. A. V. Rowe, Winona.....	511	23,006	847,884	107,488 34	21,534 14	134,211 00
General Association.....	5		1,008 07	Wm. Thigpen, Lake Como.....						
Missouri.....	64	1576	12,480 55	Rev. W. T. Campbell, Kansas City	1050	79,415	2,320,386	320,171 03	59,425 13	455,329 34
North Carolina.....	98	1036	9,461 44	Rev. Jno. E. White, Raleigh.....	1234	85,151	1,108,267	179,163 89	30,020 36	272,313 07
Western Convention.....	10	240	1,330 66	Rev. S. C. Owen, Candler.....						
South Carolina.....	69	508	11,779 52	T. M. Bailey, D.D., Greenville.....	680	44,303	998,519	132,636 20	25,778 29	209,743 42
Tennessee.....	53	845	10,830 53	A. J. Holt, D.D., Nashville.....	696	43,785	1,402,180	139,318 06	23,446 07	198,207 30
Texas.....	66	898	11,389 89	J. B. Gambrell, D.D., Waco.....	869	57,586	1,603,524	202,264 02	41,338 99	305,053 23
Virginia.....	86	1,142	16,599 57	Wm. Ellyson, Richmond.....	1010	77,661	2,159,709	287,081 75	50,848 55	453,437 49
	730	10,411	\$ 132,620 82		9738	611,828	\$ 18,351,855	\$ 2,121,475 69	\$ 425,871 26	\$ 3,168,478 59

STATE ORGANIZATIONS, CONSTITUENTS OF THE CONVENTION.

STATE BODIES.	PRESIDING OFFICER.	SECRETARY.	NEXT MEETING.
Alabama State Convention	W. C. Cleveland, D. D.	Wm. A. Davis	Eastlake, November 12, 1897.
Arkansas State Convention	Rev. J. P. Eagle	Jno. G. B. Sims	Pinebluff, November 12, 1897.
Florida State Convention	W. N. Chaudoin, D. D.	Rev. N. A. Bailey	Tampa, January 5, 1898.
Georgia State Convention	Hon. Wm. J. Norrhen	B. D. Ragsdale, D. D.	Augusta, March 31, 1898.
Kentucky General Association	J. S. Goeman, D. D.	Rev. J. K. Nunnally	Georgetown.
Louisiana State Convention	D. I. Purser, D. D.	Rev. M. T. Andrews	Clinton.
Maryland Union Association	Rev. J. C. Davidson	Rev. Howard W. Smith	Baltimore, August 12, 1897.
Mississippi State Convention	Rev. A. A. Lomax	Rev. T. J. Bailey	Baltimore, October 26, 1897.
Missouri General Association	Rev. N. L. Clarke	B. F. Roper	Grenada, July 15, 1897.
North Carolina State Convention	W. P. Yeargan, S. T. D.	A. W. Payne	Mexico, October 18, 1897.
Western Convention	R. H. Marsh, D. D.	N. E. Broughton	Oxford, December 9, 1897.
South Carolina State Convention	Rev. E. J. Morgan	Rev. R. A. Scull	Waynesville, October 20, 1897.
Tennessee State Convention	J. H. Hudson	Rev. G. T. Gresham	Rockhill, December 1, 1897.
Texas State Convention	J. T. Henderson	Mossy Creek	Waynettsville, October 15, 1897.
Virginia General Association	R. C. Buckner, D. D.	Rev. A. E. Baten	Weatherford, October 8, 1897.
West Arkansas and Indian Ter'y G. A.	T. S. Dunaway, D. D.	Rev. Hugh C. Smith	Roanoke, November 19, 1897.
		Amnistion	
		Conway	
		Leesburg	
		Conyers	
		Georgetown	
		Clinton	
		Baltimore	
		Winona	
		Lake Como	
		St. Louis	
		Raleigh	
		Clyde	
		Tindal	
		Memphis	
		Brownwood	
		Martinsville	

HISTORICAL TABLE

Of the Southern Baptist Convention since its Organization.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	PREACHERS.
1845	Augusta, Ga.	William B. Johnson, S. C.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia.	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1846	Richmond, Va.	William B. Johnson, S. C.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia.	W. B. Johnson, South Carolina.
1847	Charleston, S. C.	William B. Johnson, S. C.	James C. Crane, Virginia; Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama	J. B. Jeter, Virginia; J. L. Reynolds, S. C.
1851	Nashville, Tenn.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	James C. Crane, Virginia; William Carey Crane, Miss.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia; S. Baker, Ky.
1853	Baltimore, Md.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	H. K. Ellyson, Virginia; William Carey Crane, Miss.	William Carey Crane, Mississippi.
1855	Montgomery, Ala.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Maryland.	Duncan R. Campbell, Kentucky.
1857	Louisville, Ky.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Virginia.	William H. McIntosh, Alabama.
1859	Richmond, Va.	Richard Fuller, Maryland	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Virginia.	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1861	Savannah, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	George B. Taylor, Virginia; Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia.	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1863	Augusta, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	George B. Taylor, Virginia; W. Pope Yeaman, Ky.	W. T. Brantley, Maryland.
1866	Russellville, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. Fuller Crane, Maryland; A. P. Abell, Virginia.	E. T. Skinner, Tennessee.
1867	Memphis, Tenn.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.	E. T. Winkler, South Carolina.
1868	Baltimore, Md.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1869	Macon, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	J. Russell Hawkins, Kentucky; E. C. Williams, Maryland.	William Williams, South Carolina.
1870	Louisville, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Alabama.	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1871	St. Louis, Mo.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Alabama.	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1872	Raleigh, N. C.	James P. Boyce, S. C.	M. B. Wharton, Kentucky; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	T. G. Jones, Tennessee.
1873	Mobile, Ala.	James P. Boyce, S. C.	G. R. McCall, Georgia; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	E. G. Taylor, Louisiana.
1874	Jefferson, Texas	James P. Boyce, Ky.	W. O. Tuggle, Georgia; G. R. McCall, Georgia.	T. H. Pritchard, North Carolina.
1875	Charleston, S. C.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. C. Biting, Virginia; E. Calvin Williams, Maryland.	George C. Lorimer, Massachusetts.
1876	Richmond, Va.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	O. F. Gregory, Alabama; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	Henry McDonald, Kentucky.
1877	New Orleans, La.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	B. H. Carroll, Texas.
1878	Nashville, Tenn.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	J. C. Furman, South Carolina.
1879	Atlanta, Ga.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.
1880	Lexington, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; Lansing Burrows, Kentucky.	Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia.
1881	Columbus, Miss.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina.	T. T. Eaton, Kentucky.
1882	Greenville, S. C.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina.	John A. Broadus, Kentucky.
1883	Waco, Texas.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia.
1884	Baltimore, Md.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Louisiana.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia.
1885	Augusta, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	J. L. H. Curry, Va.; J. L. Burrows, Va.
1886	Montgomery, Ala.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	J. B. Hawthorne, Georgia.
1887	Louisville, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	George Cooper, Virginia.
1888	Richmond, Va.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	Francis M. Ellis, Maryland.
1889	Memphis, Tenn.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	J. P. Greene, Missouri.
1890	Fort Worth, Texas	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	J. W. Carter, North Carolina.
1891	Birmingham, Ala.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	Carter H. Jones, Tennessee.
1892	Atlanta, Ga.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	J. B. Gambrell, Mississippi.
1893	Nashville, Tenn.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	W. E. Hatcher, Virginia.
1894	Dallas, Texas.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	F. H. Kerfoot, Kentucky.
1895	Washington, D. C.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	Geo. B. Eager, Ala.; W. H. Whitsett, Ky.
1896	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	Chas. A. Stakeley, District of Columbia.
1897	Wilmington, N. C.	Jonathan Haralson, Ala.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland.	R. A. Venable, Mississippi.