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*Report of Rev. W. M. Alexander, D. D., Corresponding Secretary*

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS :

I submit my fourteenth annual report with feelings of deep gratitude to God and more thanks to the officers and delegates of the Convention and all who have helped me, than words can express.

### History.

When the Convention organized in the Shiloh Church of Washington, D. C., 1897, the colored Baptists of the United States had a very poor record for giving the "Gospel of Christ" to the heathen world. Delegates came at the call of the Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and after much deliberation and a full explanation of the work the Convention decided to organize and support the work begun by Lott Carey in Africa in 1822 and to encourage the few friends of Foreign Missions in some of our churches.

The organizers of the Convention came from North Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and the New England States. At this meeting a subsequent session was arranged for the first week in September 1898 to be held at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, D. C., Rev. W. P. Gibbons, Ph. D., pastor. When the date came the delegates who organized the new Convention were on hand promptly and reported \$512.98 to begin the work. Since that first meeting \$35,000 have been given our Board for the work, and seventy-five per cent of it has been spent to pay the Missionaries their salary and transport them to Africa and back to this country, and 2,089 persons have been converted and baptized by our Missionaries.

### Employers of Our Board.

Rev. John Tule, Mrs. M. B. Tule, Rev. J. O. Hayes, Rev. C. C. Boone, B. D., Mrs. Eva Boone, Rev. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. Cora A. Thomas, Rev. D. G. Gayle, Rev. F. B. Mdoona, Mrs. F. B. Mdoona.

Rev. Tule and Mrs. Eva Boone finished their work and passed to rest and eternal reward. Rev. C. C. Boone, B. D., who spent five years under our Board in the Congo, is a student of the Medical School of Shaw University, N. C., and says his plan is to return to Africa. It cost us fully \$8,000 to send him and Mrs. Boone to Africa and support them, and every dollar



was paid. The American Baptist Missionary Union by a co-operative system gave them mission quarters and we paid their traveling expenses and salary. The Convention has also donated small sums to Rev. Boone to help him in his studies.

Mrs. F. B. Mdodona was compelled to leave her husband and two children in South Africa and come home for her health. She is at her former home Union Springs, Ala., with her father Rev. J. J. Washington, and says she will return to Africa as soon as her health allows her to do so.

Mrs. M. Branton Tule, who worked in South Africa ten years, arrived in New York city, August 1910. She came home by advice of her doctor who said the change was necessary for her health. Our sister entered into her husband's labors when he died and worked independently. At annual meetings of our Convention collections were taken for her. Last annual meeting the Board voted that the Secretary make arrangements with her to work under our Board on salary. This she agreed to do and the Secretary accepted her terms and registered her as our Missionary. Salary to begin September 1909. January 1910 a letter from Sister Tule stated she was practically paralyzed in her throat. A certificate from her doctor also stated that her health demanded a change. This information was published in the Herald and the Baptist Sentinel of North Carolina. Letters were also sent out which appealed for money to bring our sister home. From liberal responses \$210.45 was sent to the Corresponding Secretary, which he forwarded to Mrs. Tule. She received the money and came home. At Cape Town she taught a school of children. She says the work is the hope of saving the people; as the best way to reach them and evangelize them is to teach the children in the Sunday School the Word of God and to train them in the day school. She is with us after a long stay in Africa the most heathen nation in the world and will, I am sure, be given a hearty reception as she goes in and out of the churches and the homes of members of our Convention.

#### At Work on the Field.

Rev. J. O. Hayes is located at Brewerville, Liberia, about fifteen miles from Monrovia, the capital of the Liberian Republic, where he serves a church of 150 members. He organized the church and built the house of worship. For years he was Moderator of a Baptist State Convention, and is highly respected by the officers of the Republic and the people. An Industrial School has been attached to his church work many years. He is a native of North Carolina and has been in Liberia more than twenty-five years. Our Board appointed him in 1897, and he has been re-appointed each year. He reports the church growing and that he baptized 15 persons this year.

Rev. F. B. Mdodona is pastor of a church at Idutywa, South Africa. He is a native and came to America after he was baptized by the late Rev. John Tule, and studied for the ministry at

a Home Mission Baptist School where he graduated. Later he was ordained and sent to Africa to serve by appointment of our Board. After two years' work or more during which time he returned to the U. S., to give information of the difficulties on the field which prevented his progress. He was in this country more than a year, during which time he visited many of the churches and created a sentiment for Foreign Missions which made hosts of friends for our work. He also married and returned to the foreign field with his wife, where she remained until 1910 when she returned to this country because of ill health. She expresses the hope to go back to her husband and children as soon as she is well enough. He reports he is kept traveling hundreds of miles and preaching and organizing Mission Stations. He also reports converts are usually waiting for him and that he has baptized 58 candidates this year. The South African Baptist Association admitted him and the new relation gives him free course in his work. A communication was received during the year by our President and the President of the N. B. C. from an influential member of the South African Association relative to a misunderstanding between Rev. F. B. Mdodona and Rev. D. N. Murff, Missionary of the National Baptist Convention. Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President of the N. B. C. at a conference assured me he would make a reply to the communication which will settle the matter satisfactorily to all.

Reports from persons who have been on the field at Idutywa say the church is a substantial growing christian institution.

Rev. W. H. Thomas and his wife Mrs. Cora Thomas are at Brewerville, Liberia, where they make their home, but they are at work in "settlements" among the natives who have been neglected. They felt from the time they began work on the field their duty was to minister to the people outside of Brewerville and open up a permanent Mission Station. This feeling led them to do as they desired. Soon they were greatly encouraged by the brother of a chief, an old man about sixty years old who accepted Christ and was baptized by Rev. Thomas. Sunday School and day school were opened to carry out the new plan and in a short time ninety-nine (99) pupils were enrolled. The old people are much pleased with the work of the Missionaries, and they say they believe the teaching of the children the letter and spirit of the Bible, and training them in the day school is the best way to win the people to Christ, and do substantial permanent missionary work.

Rev. G. D. Gayle is in full accord with the "new plan." He is at work in an out settlement with great success. The old and young people talk with him on the subject of Christ. He baptized a man who told of his conversion and hope in Christ before all the people he met with. Rev. Gayle also has a growing school of boys. He is kept busy preaching and visiting many miles out from his "Settlement" among the people.



### **The Present Need.**

A Mission Station on the "Settlements," with room for the Missionaries, school rooms and chapel are what the Missionaries say are absolutely needed. They can be built for not more than \$1,000 each and if the work is done now they will attract and win the people and our self-sacrificing Missionaries can do a work that otherwise cannot be done for many years to come. We are obligated by vote of the Convention to build a large modern station at Brewerville. But as the "Settlement" stations are more needed than the large station at this time: it can wait. Let us at once do the work and set up a standard for the people. God has set his seal of approval on our work in the past and we cannot better express our gratitude and love to Him than to go forward.

### **The Women at Work.**

The Woman's Auxiliary has done a work of inspiration and organizing this year which has done much to open the eyes of many people in our churches to foreign missions who gave the Board little or no help before. The President of the Auxiliary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and ladies of local church circles have made the work so plain that a sentiment to give Africa and other heathen nations the Word of God is now a standing financial system in many of our churches. The Auxiliary also deserves much credit for informing the churches and other affiliating organizations that the obligation of our Board to pay the Missionaries quarterly makes it imperative that they send in the money they collect quarterly. The ladies of the Educational and Missionary Society of N. C. promised to pay the salary of Mrs. Cora A. Thomas. This they have done, and paid the money promptly quarterly. The Women's Convention of Va., Md., and circles in many of the churches have sent words of cheer and money to carry on the work through the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. L. McGuinn.

### **Our Paper.**

The Herald has been published regularly because readers demand it. They say they want it because through it they read what the Missionaries say that they are doing in the field. The paper in each issue gives a full and correct account of the work and keeps the pastors and churches informed. One pastor paid in for our work \$48 from churches he served and he said the Herald was the visitor which informed him and the churches of our work. Subscribers who pay are not enough to pay the expense of the paper, but it is the most efficient foreign mission agent and more than pays the money it costs to publish it. The expense would be greatly lessened if members of the Convention at each session subscribe to it and sign the subscription blank. This is required to get it through the mail and it would

not cost a cent each as it does now. With the privilege of the mail many thousand copies can be sent for the postage of two or three hundred at the cost of a cent each. Sign the blanks at this meeting.

### **Our Schools.**

A demand for an educated Baptist Ministry is now almost universal. This is as it should be. But the churches are yet slow to give the schools and students for the ministry proper financial support. Churches which recommend men to go to school and study for the ministry ought to provide the money for their tuition and other school term expenses. They ought also to give as far as they are able, support to the schools, whether they are colleges or academies. In all parts of the country a sentiment is growing in opposition to higher education for the colored people. This sentiment is dominant in the South and the pastors and members of our churches will confess they are really in favor of ignorance if they do not give all the support they can to establish and run all the schools we have. Many of the best friends of the American Baptist Home Mission School have gone to their eternal rest and from published statements the Society wants the Southern Baptist Convention to take them. This offer was refused at the last meeting of the Convention. The schools were established for us and have made our ministers and churches largely what we are. They belong to us and we need them more than ever and always will need them. They are centres of christianity and material progress to our people. With a proper financial system and cooperation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and Southern Baptist Convention, we can support them and our own local schools. This we are fully able to do and the time to act is now.

In the meantime we must be grateful for the public schools and all the advantages of education we have in the South and in the North and use them as an evidence that we want all that the word educate means. As to Dr. Booker T. Washington and Prof. W. E. DuBois they are acknowledged by the classic educators of the world and we must be proud of them. They both believe in the root and whole system of education and any person who understands either of their educational policies and desires a complete education and works to that end, will in due time know the system from Alpha to Omega.

### **The So Called Race Problem.**

Reports of the Associated Press of mobbing and lynching men of our race during the past year have been horrifying and distressing to any person who has human feelings. Lynching is a crime against civil society and the men who do the lynching dishonor the governors and judges and all the officers of the States. They also disregard the laws of the nation and states and stain the flag of our country with shame, disgrace and dis-



honor. No honest man can apologize for criminals. In the eyes of the law all persons are innocent until they are proved guilty at the bar of civil justice and all we as a convention of law abiding citizens ask, is that the majesty of the law shall be honored and that every criminal in the land be tried in the courts and punished according to his crime. We take our position in defence of humanity and the common laws of our country. We also call upon and urge every colored citizen to assist the officers of the State in every way they can to execute the law.

#### Civil Advancement.

It is more than a pleasure to record for publication the onward march of our people. In all the cities and townships where members of the race reside they are taking advantage of the public schools and civil benefits given them by the State. Possibly the race in Baltimore, Maryland has moved forward faster than in other States. Twenty-five years ago not a single colored person taught in the Baltimore public schools. White teachers taught the colored children and the school houses were as a rule a reflection on the system of public education. Now in that city, school houses built on the modern plan are located in each section of the city. The children attend the schools and more than two hundred and fifty teachers are employed, who draw fully one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually from the city and the people pay taxes regardless of color for the schools without a word of complaint. Night schools are also a part of the public school system. This condition is the result of wise and prudent agitation of colored citizens and it is what must be done in all the States to get the rulers of the state to help us to lift up the masses of our people and lead them forward.

In home getting, in professional and business enterprises and in all the essentials for the uplift and manhood character of the race a substantial foothold is secured. On the foundation we can safely build and it is the duty of us all to persevere and do our part. The best way for parents to help the young people is to urge them to be true and faithful to duty to serve as best they can in whatever occupation they find opportunity to work and to give loyal support to our own worthy professional and business men. Self help is the law of the permanent progress of all people and it must be applied by us as a race to hold a place as good citizens and members of society.

All honor to public officers and other citizens who contend for justice for the colored race. They have our heartfelt gratitude. Let us pray and work that they may multiply and control the State and National governments.

#### Liquor Saloons.

The liquor traffic, especially the open saloon, is a cancer on local society and to the nation. Its corrupting influence finds its way to the home and the church. Christians must speak against

it, organize to prohibit it and vote to put the saloons out of business when they have opportunity. The serpent's head can be crushed by first breaking his back and so the liquor traffic can be finally prohibited by the rigid enforcement of laws which circumscribe it. Some States have made it a crime for the liquor business in its bounds and the question is the issue in other States. The indications are that it will in the near future be the paramount issue in State and National elections and it is the duty of every man and woman who loves the church, the home and the state, to hasten the day when the people will say by sentiment and the ballot there shall not be a liquor saloon in the United States.

#### Drift From The Church.

In large cities the masses of our people do not attend the churches and the same condition is making the congregations in country churches smaller. The cause of the drift is so many people have not the knowledge of God and the benefits of the church. It is the duty of christians who have the light in them to give their light and life to the people who have not tasted and seen that the Lord is precious. A good way to stop the drift and give the "Word of Life" to the unchristian masses is a united visitation system of all the churches in communities; a continual "house to house" canvass. This was the method of the apostolic church and the Lord added to the church daily. Acts 2: 42-47. The same method is for every age until the end of the world. It will turn the drifting tide and fill the churches and cause those who come in by invitation to exclaim "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord."

#### Next Year's Work.

While we are bound by the law of Christ to give the heathen world the Word of God and must obey the law in letter and spirit, Africa is naturally our field. Doors to this most heathen country in the world are wide open to messengers of the Christ. They can enter at Liberia on the west, the Congo on the southwest and Cape Town on the south, and find their way to the people in the interior. Many of the natives have open hearts to receive the Word of the Lord and when they receive it and feel its power they tell their experience to their neighbors. The "fields are white already to harvest" and qualified laborers are pleading to us to send them to serve on the field. Those we have there are calling to us for helpers. The eyes of civilized people of the world are fixed on Liberia, and its inhabitants have recently begun a better state of life. Liberia as a nation has always made the Bible the standard of the Republic. These evidences of God's approval of the work of his people in the past, command us who have entered into their labors to go forward. To do the work, 10 thousand dollars will be needed next



year. We have members in the churches this Convention represents who can give the money the work calls for. If it is given our Board will lift up Christ higher than they have been able to do in the past and He will draw the people in all the fields in Africa unto Him. The chapel fund for Liberia is one of its greatest needs and the fact that our Convention started the plan will always be an inspiring chapter in the history of foreign missions. Build chapels in Native Settlements and support men and women who have a heart's desire to honor Christ, and the Holy Spirit will work through them and regenerate the people.

An itemised report of money received and spent by the Corresponding Secretary this year will be published in the Convention's Minutes when approved by the Auditor and adopted by the Convention.

#### Railroad Rates.

The matter of arranging annual transportation for the delegates to the Convention and to provide for their entertainment is the most wearisome of the Corresponding Secretary year's work. The Railroad Agents to grant reduced fare require this year 200 persons to hold certificates at the meeting signed by the local Station Agent. To get the grant the Secretary must also state in the application the number of delegates elected to attend the meeting. The church and pastor where the Convention meets also usually ask to be informed the number of delegates that they can be assigned to homes and comfortably entertained. This information the Secretary cannot give because it is not in hand. In the future the whole matter can be made a standing rule by delegates and all persons who plan to attend the meeting sending their names to the Corresponding Secretary's office not later than July 31st. This date is necessary because it requires the greater part of August to get Railroad permits.

The pastors can also greatly help the laymen by traveling on the Convention certificate plan. The ticket is very little more than clergymen's rates and if it is used by pastors it will largely increase the attendance of laymen at the Convention. This matter is urged because it has more than once happened that delegates had to pay full fare to return home, because a few certificates were needed to have the required number, when ministers who were present at the meeting who traveled on their permits, were many more than the reduced rate Convention ticket required.

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