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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 for 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 or 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 of members who contribute funds, or are delegated by religious bodies contributing funds, on the basis of one delegate for every hundred dollars contributed to our funds at any time within the twelve months preceding the meeting of the body; and of representatives, on the terms hereinafter specified, from any of the following bodies, viz: the Maryland Union Baptist Association, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist General Association of West Virginia, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Convention of Western North Carolina, the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, the Florida Baptist State Convention, the Alabama Baptist State Convention, the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Southeastern Mississippi, the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, the Baptist State Convention of Texas, the Baptist General Association of Texas, the Baptist Convention of Eastern Texas, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, the Tennessee Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Kentucky, the Missouri Baptist General Association, the Southwest Missouri Baptist Convention, which bodies shall be allowed one representative in this Convention for every five hundred dollars which, during the twelve months ending December 31, previous to the session of this Convention, may have been expended by them for objects similar to those in the prosecution of which this Convention may be actively engaged, which objects are at present those of Foreign

Missions, Home Missions, Indian Missions and Sunday-school work; *provided*, that the official organs of such State Convention or General Association shall, by the first day of March preceding the annual session of this Convention, have communicated to the Home Mission Board of this Convention the amount expended by the body in question as above indicated; *provided*, also, that the representatives of these bodies shall be formally appointed by the organs thereof in the manner which may by the said bodies be hereafter directed, and that their appointment shall be duly certified to this Convention.

ART. IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice-presidents, a Treasurer and two Secretaries, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and hold their office 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 which Boards may continue in office until a new election. Each Board shall consist of a President, Vice-president, 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. To each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the object 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 body, 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 his 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 one of the Boards of Managers. A majority of the attending delegates shall not be necessary to form 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 the 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 obligation 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 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 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 masses of the people.

3. That the Committee on the Nomination of New Boards be instructed to nominate, as Vice-presidents of the 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 effort 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 the 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-presidents 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 so to do; 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 objects of these By-laws.

5. That so much of the second day of the Convention as may be necessary shall be set apart for consideration of these reports, and of questions connected with them.

6. That these By-laws may be altered at any time by a majority vote, except on the last day of the Convention.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 7, 1884.

1. The Southern Baptist Convention assembled in the meeting-house of the Seventh Baptist Church, of Baltimore, Maryland, and at 10 A. M. was called to order by the President, P. H. Mell, of Georgia.

2. After the singing of the hymn "While my Redeemer's near," and the reading of the 23rd Psalm, the Convention was led in prayer by J. B. Thomas, New York.

3. On call of States, the names of delegates were reported, and subsequently enrolled by the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

ALABAMA.

Entitled to 169. Present 11.

W. M. Blackwelder, George E. Brewer, J. E. Chambliss, W. G. Curry, J. B. Hamberlin, J. A. Howard, B. F. Riley, B. T. Smith, Jr., T. H. Stout, M. Wimberley, J. C. Wright.

ARKANSAS.

Entitled to 34. Present 6.

W. A. Clark, M. D. Early, A. J. Faucett, J. D. Jameson, J. T. Jelks, G. W. Reeves

FLORIDA.

Entitled to 35. Present 1.

T. E. Langley.

GEORGIA.

Entitled to 151. Present 35.

R. T. Asberry, J. T. Baker, J. C. C. Black, J. T. Bothwell, S. Boykin, A. C. Briscoe, C. L. Brown, Elijah A Brown, Joseph E. Brown, T. M. Bryan, R. L. Burner, Lansing Burrows, C. D. Campbell, D. W. Gwin, Robert H. Harris, Edgar Jewell, Julius C. Johnston, W. M. Jordan, J. S. Lawton, J. R. Lloyd, F. T. Lockhart, Henry McDonald, P. H. Mell, W. A. Montgomery, G. A. Nunnelly, W. A. Overton, S. M. Provence, John D Stewart, H. D. D. Straton, I. T. Tichenor, Thomas Walker, M. B. Wharton, J. Stainback Wilson, R. L. Willingham, J. C. Wingo.

KENTUCKY.

Entitled to 158. Present 77.

Samuel Adams, J. W. Appleton, W. B. Arvin, A. F. Baker, W. S. Barnett, T. Warn Beagle, J. J. Bond, J. A. Booth, J. P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, J. M. Bruce, J. W. Bruner, J. C. Burkholder, A. C. Caperton, H. T. Daniel, G. Dockery, R. M. Dudley, T. T. Eaton, J. S. Felix, W. H. Felix, J. C. Freeman, J. A. French, W. H. Fritts, J. H. Fullilove, J. S. Gatton, B. D. Gray, F. D. Hale, P. T. Hale, W. P. Harvey, W. Payne Harvey, R. S. Henderson, J. C. Hiden,

S. C. Humphries, Thomas J. Humphries, O. M. Huey, Geo. Hunt, J. A. Ireland, L. Johnson, J. M. Jolly, T. W. Kennedy, R. H. Kilgore, J. A. Kirtley, J. S. Kirtley, R. E Kirtley, J. M. Lewis, C. J. Moody, R. W. Morehead, J. K. Nunnelly, Thomas D. Osbourne, A. S. Pettie, G. W. Perryman, Frank B. Powers, J. Pike Powers, S. T. Powers, W. M. Pratt, W. G. Reeves, C. T. Rice, M. M. Riley, N. Sebree, W. A. Simmons, C. G. Skillman, J. T. Slade, R. H. Sparks, R. S. Sprake, T. C. Stackhouse, J. J. Taylor, T. B. Thames, J. B. Tharpe H. A. Tupper, Jr., A. M. Vardeman, J. W. Warder, J. M. Wells, Warren Wheeler, Thomas Williams, W. H. Williams, W. N. Williams, A. S. Woodruff.

LOUISIANA.

Entitled to 32. Present 2.

J. A. Hackett, C. W. Tomkies.

MARYLAND.

Entitled to 91. Present 88.

T. D. Anderson, A. C. Barron, Patterson Bayne, Wm. Bayne, Wm. H. Bayne, C. C. Bitting, S. C. Boston, T. J. Boykin, Geo. Bradford, J. Henry Brittain, J. Frank Brown, W. Judson Brown, F. S. Bullock, Alex. Butcher, D. C. Chapman, Henry R. Crane, R. C. Davidson, A. C. Dixon, Jos. R. Edmunds, R. H. Edmunds, T. S. Eigelburner, D. J. Emick, Jno. A. English J. B. English, A. S. Flock, W. B. Graves, S. M. Hamilton, M. Hammond, G. S. Howser, A. J. Keller, W. L. Keller, H. S. Kendall, F. H. Kerfoot, Chas. A. Keyser, C. M. Keyser, F. W. King, W. F. Kone, J. C. Kraft, Edward W. Levering, Eugene Levering, Joshua Levering, L. M. Levering, A. J. Lowndes Geo. O. Manning, W E. Mason, G. W. McCulloch, Wm. S. McDowell, Thos. J. McGuire, W. M. Mentzell, H. C Mettam, H. F. Miller, E. B. Morris, G. P. Nice, W. J. Nicoll, M. J. Nolley, G. W. Norris, T. N. Patterson, W. S. Penick, L. J. Pierce, Jas. Pollard, R. W. Prentiss, J. F. Pullen, H. L. Quarles, Jos. Reilly, J. J. G. Riley, A. J. Rowland, Jefferson Shultz, L. R. Steele, D. G. Stevens, J. G. Suman, Geo. G. Taylor, Henry Taylor, Jno. B. Thomas, W. S. O. Thomas, G. K. Tyler, J. Harry Tyler, F. R. Underwood, J. B. Vail, J. F. Weishampel, Christopher West, H. M. Wharton, S. R. White, E. Calvin Williams, J. W. M. Williams, Franklin Wilson, Hiram Woods, H. Woods, Jr. J. A. Woolf.

MISSISSIPPI.

Entitled to 45. Present 6.

J. G. Chastain, J. Hartwell Edwards, J. B. Gambrell, E. W. Henderson, S. Frank Taylor, T. S. Wright.

MISSOURI.

Entitled to 92. Present 25.

C. F. D. Arnold, F. W. Barcafer, Manly J. Breaker, R. B. Bristow, H. W. Dodge, R. S. Duncan, L. B. Ely, S. G. Givens, W. B. Glover, W. F. Harris, S. T. Hudson, G. W. Hyde, T. M. James, T. M. S. Kenny, T. M. Kilby, F. J. Leavitt, R. K. Maiden, J. M. P. Martin, F. Menefee, W. J. Patrick, A. F. Pearson, T. M. Reavis, H. C. Wallace, J. T. Williams, W. H. Williams.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Entitled to 85. Present 85.

A. B. Adkins, T. W. Babb, C. T. Bailey, E. F. Baldwin, H W. Battle, T. J. Bostick. B. W. Bussy, Thomas Carrick, A. D. Cohen, S. F. Conrad, R. A. P. Cooley, A. E. Covington, J. M. Currin, S. Dean, G. J. Dowell. G. M. Duke. C. Durham, C. S. Farriss. J. K. Faulkner. T. S. Franklin, Geo. R French, W. A. French, E. Frost, W. J. Fulford, D. A. Glenn, O. F. Gregory, W. R. Gwaltney. J. S. Hardaway. C. C. Haymore, F. P. Hobgood, A. D. Hunter. M. D. Jeffries. F. H. Jones, J. E. Jones, W. P. Jordan, C. B. Justice, D. F. King. W. B. Knight, S. S. Lea. T. L. Lea C. E. Lee, J. J. Lansdell. R. H. Marsh. M. V. McDuffie. A. G. McManaway. J. M. McManaway. D. T. Millard. C. W. Mitchell. John Mitchell. D M. Moore W. H. Pace, J. N. Page. P. H. Pernell, B. H. Phillips. L. L. Polk. W. A. Pool, W. C. Powell. T. H. Pritchard. J. G. Pulliam, F. M Purefoy, J. S. Purefoy, E. C. Purvis, Jno. E Ray. J. B Richardson. Jas. D. Roberts, C. A. Rominger. T. J. Rooke. W. B. Rovall, G. W. Sanderlin. W. B. Shaw, J. A. Smith. J. A. Stradley. C E. Taylor. W. P. Taylor. C. A. G. Thomas. R. P. Thomas. R. Van Deventer. R. T. Vann. T. Whitfield. J. Williams. M. J. Willoughby, J. C. C. Wilson. T. G. Wood, C. A. Woodson, D. A Woodson. W. L. Wright.

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Entitled to 123. Present 88.

M. S. Aimar, E. S. Allen, J. V. Barden, L. D. Bass. T. H. Bethea, P. Blackwell. S. W. Bookhart. C. G. Bradford. L. Broadus. J. N. Brown. C. C. Burriss. N. N. Burton. B. W. Bussy. Perry Chapman, J. E. Covington. J. S. Croxton, F. O. S. Curtis. L. Cuthbert. M L. Davis. W. L. Durst. T. J. Earle, B. W. Edwards. L. C. Ezell. J. K. Fant. E. J. Forrester. S. T. Fuller. R. H. Furgerson. G. W. Gardner. T. M. Golphin. J. J. Goodale. G. T. Gresham. R. H. Griffith, W. I. Harris. D. P. Hartley. F. C. Hickson. D. W. Hiott. J. A. Hoyt. W. T. Hundley. John Jackson, S. Y. Jameson. F. C. Jeter. J. S. Jordan, C. H. Judson. W. H. Kennedy. D. W. Key. M. M. Landrum. J. A. Lawton, R. W. Lide. W. C. Lindsay. W. B. Mack. J. D. Mahon, R. B. Mahoney. B. E. Martin. C. W. McFadden. H. P. McGee. J. M. McGee. M. McGee. O. M. Miller. S. E. Miller. G. B. Moore. J. A. Munday. A. M. Noble. J. K. Pace. G. W. Perryman. J. D. Pitts. R. N. Pratt. A. W. Price. J. T. Price. A. P. Pugh. T. N. Rhodes, R. W Sanders. C. T. Scaife. W. B. Shaw. B. P. Smith. J. S. M. Smith. W. P. Smith. W. J. Snider. C. A. Stakely. John Stout. W. F. Thackston. A. J S. Thomas. J. A. W. Thomas. J. L. Vass. A. C. Wilkins. G. F. Williams. N. B. Williams. I. W. Wingo. A. B. Woodruff.

TENNESSEE.

Entitled to 25. Present 15.

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TEXAS.

Entitled to 295. Present 45.

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Entitled to 164. Present 129.

R. R. Acree, A. Bagby, John R. Bagby, J. H. Barnes, F. B. Beale, R. L. T. Beale, Jas. T. Borum, L. C. Brickhouse, S. S. Bridgers, A. Broaddus, A. Broaddus, Jr., Julian Broaddus, J. L. Burrows, J. H. Burruss, J. L. Carroll, E. B. Chaney, T. D. Clarke, S. C. Clopton, Chas. H. Corey, J. G. Councill, R. W. Cridlin, J. L. M. Curry, Eli Cuthriell, E. C. Dargan, J. C. Davidson, A. J. Derieux, W. T. Derieux, A. E. Dickenson, John A. Doll, C. N. Donaldson, A. B. Dunaway, T. S. Dunaway, W. F. Dunaway, C. S. Dunton, E. L. East, T. H. Ellett, H. K. Ellyson, J. T. Ellyson, Wm. Ellyson, Alex. Eubank, W. Eubank, A. B. Evans, R. A. Folkes, W. H. George, S. A. Goodwin, A. W. Graves, S. S. Gresham, T. C. Grove, F. H. Hall, H. H. Harris, J. W. Hart, C. E. Hartman, Wm. E. Hatcher, J. B. Hawthorne, R. D. Haymore, Chas. T. Herndon, O. T. Herndon, E. B. Hill, M. F. Hudnall, S. P. Huff, P. T. Hume, Thos. Hume, L. J. Hundley, F. H. James, Jos. A. Jeffries, J. Wm. Jones, M. Jones, R. Jones, T. G. Jones, J. O. Kirk, I. B. Lake, W. W. Landrum, J. A. Leslie, J. T. Massey, Hugh P. McCormick, J. W. McCown, I. M. Mercer, L. R. Milbow, L. R. Milbourne, W. R. D. Moncure, Wm. H. Morris, C. H. Nash, J. H. Newbill, R. C. Newby, John E. Nottingham, Thos. J. Nottingham, A. E. Owen, N. Penick, T. L. Perry, J. M. Pilcher, R. H. Pitt, H. R. Pollard, Jos. G. Porter, J. G. Powell, H. N. Quisenberry, Miles S. Read, M. W. Read, A. J. Reamy, C. H. Ryland, M. F. Sanford, S. Saunders, A. F. Scott, Simon Seward, T. B. Shepherd, W. J. Shipman, W. R. L. Smith, J. R. Sowers, J. A. Spilman, Geo. B. Steel, Thos. W. Sydnor, J. B. Taylor, W. D. Thomas, D. A. Timberlake, T. J. Todd, J. T. Tucker, H. A. Tupper, J. B. Turpin, W. A. Tyree, Thos. Webb, W. E. Wiatt, J. W. Wildman, A. J. Willis, Geo. D. Wiltshire, J. B. Winston, J. B. Wood, A. B. Woodfin, P. T. Woodward, A. Woodyard, H. H. Wyer.

WEST ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Entitled to 3 Present 2.

J. W. Duckworth, D. B. Ray.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Entitled to 1. Present 1.

E. J. Willis.

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Whole No. entitled to seats, 1503.

No. Members present, 616.

No. Visitors, 21.

4. The Convention proceeded to the election of officers. W. A. Overton, Ga.; A. D. Cohen, N. C.; S. J. Anderson, Texas, were appointed tellers to count the votes cast for President. J. G. Porter, Va.; C S. Farris, N. C.; J. T. Bothwell, Ga.; S. W. Bookhart, S. C.; B. F. Riley, Ala.; W. P. Harvey, Ky., were appointed tellers to ascertain the votes cast for Vice Presidents. J. M. Wells, Ky.; T. S. Franklin, N. C.; R. W. Lide, S. C.; W. M. Jordan, Ga.; S. R. White, Md.; John H. Boyet, Tex., were appointed to ascertain the votes cast for Secretaries.

5. On motion of T. S. Dunaway, Va., it was

Ordered, That the four brethren receiving the highest number of votes for Vice-Presidents of the Convention be declared elected.

6. And then the Convention, on motion of Joshua Levering, Md., adjourned until 2 P. M.; prayer being offered by A. G. Lawson, N. Y.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

7. The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and was led in prayer by C. T. Bailey, N. C.

8. The tellers appointed to ascertain the vote cast for President of the Convention, reported the election of P. H. MELL, Georgia.

9. The tellers appointed to ascertain the votes cast for Secretaries of the Convention reported the election of LANSING BURROWS, Georgia, and OLIVER F. GREGORY, North Carolina.

10. On motion of J. B. Link, Texas, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed on "Order of Business," which committee shall have leave to retire and bring in at once at least a partial report.

The committee was made to consist of J. B. Link, Texas; J. Wm. Jones, Va., J. P. Boyce, Ky.; T. H. Pritchard, N. C.; G. A. Nunnelly, Ga.

11. An address of welcome upon the part of the Baptists of the city of Baltimore, was made by T. D. Anderson, pastor of the Church in which the Convention was assembled, which was responded to in behalf of the Convention by Henry McDonald, Ga.

12. On motion of J. P. Boyce, Ky., the hour of 10 A. M. on Thursday was made the special order for the consideration of the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

13. A partial report from the Committee on Order of Business was presented, providing that the reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards be read at once.

14. Whereupon I. T. Tichenor, Ga., presented the Report of the Home Mission Board, and H. A. Tupper, Va., presented the report of the Foreign Mission Board.

15. On motion of H. K. Ellyson, Va., it was

Resolved, That the reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be referred to the Committee on Order of Business, with instructions to confer with the Secretaries of these Boards and report the order in which the topics of the reports shall be considered by the Convention.

16. The tellers appointed to count the votes cast for the Vice Presidents reported the election of the following:

JOSEPH E. BROWN, of Georgia.
W. CAREY CRANE, of Texas.
THOMAS H. PRITCHARD, of North Carolina.
F. H. KERFOOT, of Maryland.

17. The report of G. W. Norton, Treasurer of the Convention, was presented and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

18. On motion of J. P. Boyce, Ky., it was

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention, G. W. Norton, Esq., as refers to the possession of eleven shares of Georgia Railroad and Banking Company, be referred to a committee of three, to inquire as to the propriety of the sale of this stock, and if deemed proper to report a resolution giving such authority.

The committee was subsequently made to consist of J. P. Boyce, Ky.; J. D. Stewart, Ga.; H. K. Ellyson, Va.

19. On motion of Joshua Levering, Md., it was

Resolved, That the Convention meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12.30 P. M., meet at 2.30 P. M., adjourn at 4.30 P. M., meet at 8 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

20. Visiting brethren being invited to seats, a large number of such brethren was introduced to the Convention, and remarks were made by J. B. Thomas, N. Y.; J. C. Stockbridge, R. I.; A. G. Lawson, N. Y.; A. H. Burlingham, N. Y., and J. G. Walker, Pa.

21. On motion of H. A. Tupper, Va.:

Resolved, That T. D. Anderson, with the other pastors of the city churches, be appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

22. The Convention adjourned, with prayer by G. W. Lasher, O.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

23. In connection with devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Thomas, N. Y., and A. W. Lamar, Tenn., the Convention sermon was preached by Lansing Burrows, Ga., from the text, Philippians iii, 10: "That I may know him."

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8, 1884.

24. The Convention re-assembled and was led in prayer by J. C. Stockbridge, R. I.

25. The roll was called and additional members reported.

26. The Journal was read and approved.

27. The usual Committees on Time and Place of Next Meeting, on Nominations, and on Credentials, were ordered to be appointed.

28. The Committee on Order of Business, reported through its chairman, J. B. Link, Texas, recommending the following programme:

Thursday. From 9.30 to 10 A. M., order the appointment of committees and other miscellaneous business; 10 to 12.30, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: 2.30 to 3.30 P. M. Home Mission Work among the colored people; 3.30 to 4.30 P. M., Indian Missions; 8 P. M., mass meeting in the interests of the Church Building Fund.

Friday. From 9.30 to 10.30 A. M., destitution among the white population; 10.30 to 12.30, best plan for the development of benevolence in our churches; afternoon and evening and Saturday morning, Foreign Mission Work, for which the special hours for special topics to be reported hereafter.

29. On motion of H. A. Tupper, Va., committees were ordered to be appointed on Treasurer's report of the Foreign Board and on the work in Mexico.

30. On motion of F. H. Kerfoot, Md., a committee was ordered to whom the reports of the Vice Presidents of the Boards should be referred to be digested and reported to the Convention.

31. On motion of I. T. Tichenor, Ga., a Committee on Systematic Benevolence was ordered to be appointed.

32. The hour of 10 having arrived, the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary were discussed by J. P. Boyce, Ky., and J. A. Broadus, Ky., and a collection amounting to $4,500 was taken for the Building Fund of Seminary.

33. The President appointed the following committees:

On Plans of Systematic Benevolence: H. H. Harris, Va.; W. H. Pace, N. C.; J. W. Warder, Ky.; G. E. Brewer, Ala.; W. H. Williams, Mo.

On Reports of Vice Presidents of Boards: F. H. Kerfoot Md.; T. T. Eaton, Ky.; John Stout, S. C.

On Treasurer's Report For. Mission Board: B. W. Edwards, S. C.; J. S. Felix, Ky.; G. W. Hyde, Mo.

On Work in Mexico: T. H. Pritchard, N. C.; J. A. Broadus, Ky.; O. C. Pope, Texas; C. D. Campbell, Ga.; W. H. Strickland, Tenn.; W. E. Hatcher, Va.; M. J. Breaker, Mo.

On Credentials: T. S. Dunaway, Va.; Franklin Wilson, Md.; C. T. Bailey, N. C.; L. Cuthbert, S. C.; J. S. Lawton, Ga.; B. F. Riley, Ala.; S. F. Taylor, Miss.; C. W. Tomkies, La.; C. C. Chaplin, Texas; J. A. Kirtley, Ky.; J. M. Robertson, Tenn.; A. J. Faucett, Ark.; J. T. Williams, Mo.; G. W. Duckworth, Ind. Ter.

On Nominations: J. C. C. Black, Ga.; W. B. Selvidge, Texas; T. M. James, Mo.; T. B. Osborne, Ky.; E. Frost, N. C.; R. T. L. Beale, Va.; J. W. Justice, Tenn.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting: J. L. Carroll, Va.; J. W. M. Williams, Md.; E. J. Willis, W. Va.; A. D. Cohen, N. C.; R. H. Griffith, S. C.; F. T. Lockhart, Ga.; T. E. Langley, Fla.; J. E. Chambliss, Ala.; J. G. Chastain, Miss.; J. A. Hackett, La.; R. C. Burleson, Texas; Geo. Hunt, Ky.; R. A. Venable, Tenn.; M. D. Early, Ark.; H. C. Wallace, Mo.; D. B. Ray, Ind. Ter.

34. A cable message was received at this point from M. T. Yates, Missionary at Shanghai, and read as follows:

"President Convention—Greenland's Icy—Yates."

The Convention arose and sang the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." H. A. Tupper, Va., by order of the Convention, replied as follows:

"Yates—The joyful sound proclaim—Mell."

35. The names of additional visiting brethren were announced, and the hour of 10 A. M., Friday, was set apart for the reception of messengers from the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

36. The Convention adjourned, after prayer by A. H. Burlingham, N. Y.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

37. The Convention was called to order at 2 P. M., and prayer was offered by T. W. Sydnor, Va.

38 The special order being the work of the Home Mission Board among the Colored People, the following was offered by J. L. M. Curry, Va.

Resolved, That the seven millions of colored people within the bounds of this Convention have peculiar claims upon us for whatever of religious instruction be needed for their evanglization, and their proper instruction in the truths and duties of the Gospel.

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board is hereby recommended to prosecute its work already begun of holding Institutes under the direction of suitable men, for the purpose of furnishing to colored preachers and deacons instruction in the doctrines of the Gospel, and in the practices of the New Testament Churches, and that this Board be encouraged to secure for this purpose pastors of our churches and others who may be possessed of such gifts as qualify them for this work.

The resolutions were spoken to by J. C. Hiden, Ky.; R. T. L. Beale, Va., and J. L. M. Curry, Va., and were then adopted.

39. The regular order being the work of the Home Mission Board among the Indians, the following was offered by T. T. Eaton, Ky.

Resolved, That the Divine Blessing which has for so many years attended the work of this Convention among the Indian tribes calls for devout expression of our gratitude to God—that the present condition and prospects of the Levering Manual Labor School promise to be of great benefit in civilizing and elevating the Creek Nation and the adjoining tribes.

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board be instructed to continue its work in this field, paying special attention to those agencies which tend to develop the piety and benevolence of the churches already established, encouraging them to build for themselves neat houses of worship and to carry the Gospel into the tribes beyond.

The resolutions were discussed by T. T. Eaton, Ky., and were then adopted.

40. The Convention was addressed, by invitation, by A. G. Lawson, N. Y., in the interest of the work of the National Temperance Society among the colored population.

41. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Convention was adjourned, with prayer by W. M. Pratt, Ky.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

42. The Convention met at 8 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Edw. Bright, N. Y.

43. The special order being the consideration of the Church Building Fund of the Home Mission Board, the Convention was addressed by G. A. Nunnelly, Ga.; T. E. Langley, Fla.; C. C. Chaplin, Texas, and W. E. Hatcher, Va.

44. And then the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1884.

45. The Convention re-assembled at 9 o'clock, and after singing, prayer was offered by A. E. Owen, Va.

46. The Journal was read and approved.

47. MR. G. W. NORTON, Ky., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Convention.

48. MR. NIMROD LONG, Ky., was unanimously elected Auditor of the Convention.

49. On motion of I. T. Tichenor, Ga., a committee was ordered to be appointed to consider what changes are advisable in the Constitution and By-Laws.

The committee was subsequently made to consist of I. T. Tichenor, Ga.; Hiram Woods, Md.; E. J. Willis, W. Va.; A Broadus, Va.; C. Durham, N. C.; J. A. Munday, S. C.; T. E. Langley, Fla.; W. M. Blackwelder, Ala.; J. G. Chastain, Miss.; J. A. Hackett, La.; J. W. Garnett, Texas; R. M. Dudley, Ky.; E. A. Taylor, Tenn.; J. T. Jelks, Ark.; R. S. Duncan, Mo.

50. J. W. Thomas, S. C., presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Changes.

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution of this Convention be so amended as to read in the third line two hundred and fifty instead of one hundred dollars, and in the twenty-first and twenty-second lines, to read one thousand, instead of five hundred dollars.

51. M. B. Anderson, N. Y., was recognized as a distinguished visitor, and, on invitation, addressed the Convention.

52. Corresponding messengers from the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society were received as follows: Edward Bright, D. D.; John E. Clough, Edward Lathrop, D. D.; A. H. Burlingham, D. D.; D. Downie, Hon. Robert O. Fuller, Wm. Bucknell, Esq., J. L. Howard, J. B Thomas, D. D.; A. G. Lawson, D. D.; H. L. Morehouse, D. D.; E. T. Hiscox, D. D.; S. S. Constant, Benj. Griffith, D. D.; Geo. Callahan, Hon. H. K. Ellyson.

The Convention was addressed by J. B. Thomas, N. Y.; Edward Bright, N. Y.; Robert O. Fuller, Mass., and J. L. Howard, Conn.

53. The special order being the consideration of the work of the Home Mission Board among the destitute white population, J. L. Burrows, Va., presented the following:

Resolved, That the great destitution existing among the white people in the States of Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, including foreign immigration, and in various parts of other States, demands of us an enlarged liberality and increased activity that it may be speedily supplied.

Resolved, That for this purpose the Home Mission Board should receive from our churches during the coming year, not less than one hundred thousand dollars for its mission work.

The resolutions were discussed by J. L. Burrows, Va.; J. C. C. Black, Ga.; D. B. Ray, Ind. Ter., and Joshua Levering, Md., pending which the Convention adjourned; prayer by M. B. Anderson, N. Y.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

54. The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock and was led in prayer by H. D. D. Straton, Ga.

55. The pending resolution at the adjournment of the morning session was further discussed by J. Wm. Jones, C. D. Campbell, Ga.; J. W. Willmarth, Pa., J. B. Gambrell, Miss.; J. W. M. Williams, Md.; Edward Bright, N, Y., and amendments offered as follows:

By Joshua Levering, Md.:

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board be and are hereby authorized and requested to appoint at as early a day as possible, under such rules as it may see fit to adopt, a competent woman as superintendent of Woman's Work for Home Missions, whose duty shall be to visit the various cities in the bounds of the Convention, organize societies where they do not exist, collect and disseminate information, and in every way possible stimulate and strengthen the work of women for Home Missions.

By C. D. Campbell, Ga.:

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board be further requested to appoint some suitable sister, under the conditions herein before mentioned, to superintend the collection and dissemination of information in regard to the work among the colored population of the South.

On motion of J. W. M. Williams, Md., the resolutions were referred to the Home Mission Board.

56. Lansing Burrows, Ga., one of the Secretaries presented certain statistical tables, which were ordered to be referred to a committee to report upon the advisibility of their publication. The committee consisted of J. B. Gambrell, Miss.; H. M. Wharton, Md.; A. E. Owen, Va.; J. B. Richardson, N. C.; L. Broadus, S. C.; A. C. Briscoe, Ga.; J. E. Chambliss, Ala.; R. Andrews, Texas: J. T. Slade, Ky.; J. T. Christian, Tenn.; J. D. Jameson, Ark.; J. T. Williams, Mo.

57. J. B. Link, Texas, presented a further report on Order of Business, which was adopted.

58. The order being the consideration of African Missions, J. L. Burrows, Va., offered the following:

Resolved That the outpourings of God's spirit upon our mission at Lagos, bids us go forward in hope in our work in Africa, and the touching appeal for reinforcements should constrain us to send help promptly and as ample as possible.

Discussion was had by J. L. Burrows, Va.; Frederick Howard, Tenn., and the resolution was adopted.

59. The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by T. A. Reid, N. C.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

60. The Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock, and prayer was offered by C. C. Bitting, Md.

61. The following resolution was offered by C. C. Bitting, Md.:

Resolved, That the good news from Bahia of many conversions, cheers our hearts; and that the Convention bids our brethren in Brazil God-speed in the blessed work of giving to the land of the Southern Cross the glorious Gospel of the ever-blessed God.

The Convention was addressed by C. A. Stakely, S. C., and the resolution was adopted.

62. The following resolution was offered by A. E. Owen, Va.:

Resolved, That the condolence of the Convention is hereby extended to our brother, George B. Taylor, in the hour of his sore bereavement, with the earnest prayer that the gloom that has settled upon his heart and home, may be blessed of God to the giving of greater light to the people of Italy, sitting in the region of darkness and the shadow of death.

J. L. M. Curry, Va., addressed the Convention and the resolution was adopted.

63. On motion of M. J. Breaker, Mo., the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board was referred to the committee to which was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Board.

64. A collection amounting to $155.07 was taken in behalf of the work in Florida.

65. The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by J. A. Broadus, Ky.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 10, 1884.

66. The Convention met at 9 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, and W. W. Landrum, Va., led in prayer.

67. The Journal was read and approved.

68. A further report from the Committee on Order of Business was made by J. B. Link, Texas, and adopted.

69. J. C. C. Black Ga., from the Committee on Nominations, reported, recommending that the Boards be composed as found on page 7 of these proceedings. The report was adopted.

70. J. D. Stewart, Ga., from the committee to which was referred the resolution contained in item 18, reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention as relates to the sale or disposition of eleven shares of the stock of the Georgia R. R. and Banking Co., beg leave to report. We find that under a bequest contained in the will of John Borders, deceased, late of Alabama, the Treasurer of this Convention received eleven shares of the capital stock of the Georgia R. R. and Banking Co. We recommend that G. W. Norton, Treasurer of this Convention, sell said stock

and pay over the proceeds of the same to the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board, as provided for in the third item of the will of said John Borders, deceased. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. BOYCE.
J. D. STEWART.
H. K. ELLYSON.

71. T. H. Pritchard, N. C., from the Committee reported as follows, on the

WORK IN MEXICO.

The Committee on work in Mexico, beg leave to report that the school enterprise entered upon by our Board in that country, has been carefully investigated and is heartily approved. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the work in Mexico bids us thank God and take courage.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. A. BROADUS,
W. H. STRICKLAND.
W. E. HATCHER.
C. D. CAMPBELL.

The report was discussed by W. W. Landrum, Va.. O. C. Pope, Texas, W. D. Thomas, Va., J. D. Stewart, Ga. and W. D. Powell, Texas, and adopted.

72. H. H. Harris, Va , offered the following:

Resolved, That the Rev. E. F. Baldwin, of N. C., who has just returned from Kabylia, be requested to address the Convention, and give such information as may aid the Board of Foreign Missions to decide as to the wisdom of entering this country as a missionary field.

It was adopted, and Bro. Baldwin addressed the Convention.

73. The following resolution offered by J. L. Carroll, Va., was made the special order at 8 P. M.

Resolved, That China, the grandest foreign field entered by missionaries of this Convention, should elicit sympathy, men and means, for its evangelization, proportionate to the magnitude and grandeur, and the far-reaching consequences of the work contemplated in this country.

74. H. H. Harris, Va., presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Convention has heard with pleasure of the large amount of money raised for Foreign Missions by the Woman's Societies working with our Board, and of the entire harmony in plans and purposes between the Board and these Societies.

75. B. W. Edwards, S. C., presented the Report of Committee on the

TREASURER'S REPORT, F. M. BOARD.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report of the Foreign Mission Board, have examined the report and find that its statements are correct and duly audited. The receipts for the year exceed the receipts of the preceding year, in the sum of $23,561.16, and a balance of $9,566.36 is in the Treasurer's hands.

While this exhibit shows an increase in receipts of a little more than forty per cent., it has fallen $20,000 short of the amount asked for by the Board, and is not equal to the increased demands of the work.

B. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*
G. W. HYDE.
J. S. FELIX.

The report was adopted.

76. J. A. Hoyt, S. C., offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily endorses the Foreign Mission Journal, and commends to pastors throughout the South the extensive circulation of this Journal among the members of our churches, as furnishing valuable and stimulating information.

77. H. H. Harris, Va., presented the report of the Committee on

PLANS OF SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee on Plans of Systematic Benevolence are profoundly impressed with the importance of educating our people in the habit of giving regularly and on principle. The million of white Baptists in these Southern States have been entrusted as God's stewards with immense resources for the spread of a pure Gospel in their own and in other lands. Their contributions for these objects amounted, according to statistics in your last minutes, to only about $350,000, or an average of thirty-five cents per member; for the year just closed, if we may judge by the reports of the two boards of the Convention, the funds given for missions will reach perhaps $400,000, or forty cents per member. The gradual improvement for several years past has been marked. It has been gained as your committee has reason to believe, mainly by the introduction and extension of plans for regular, systematic, frequent giving to the cause of Christ.

While we thus congratulate the Convention on what has been done, it is a fact patent to us all that a very small portion of the real strength of Southern Baptists has been made available. Less than half of our churches make regular contributions for missions; less than half the members of these come up to the measure of their ability. In the eloquent words of the report of the Home Board: "A system of contributions in our churches, by which every member might be reached and induced to give something for the world's conversion, is the paramount necessity of our work."

In the little time between the appointment of this committee and the hour set for its report, we have been unable to mature the details of any plan that we are willing to submit for adoption by the Convention. Indeed we hold that in the absence of specific instructions in the New Testament there may be and ought to be freedom and flexibility in our plans of work. No one plan is always and everywhere the best. The committee desire, however, to emphasize these points as necessary in our judgment to any good plan, viz:

1. It must involve stated and frequent contributions, and must bring the cause to the personal attention of every member of the church.

2. It must, without neglecting lower motives, emphasize and appeal to the strongest and purest Christian love, the claims of humanity and the promotion of the glory of God.

3. It must recognize and provide for the right of each and every one of the Lord's stewards to administer, according to his own judgment, the portion of goods committed to him.

4. It must be adapted to the habits and circumstances of those by whom it is to be worked. No plan will work itself; any plan vigorously pushed is better than any other, let alone.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Vice Presidents of the same be and are hereby directed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Convention to urge in State Conventions, in District Associations and in separate churches the adoption and execution of plans for systematic giving.

H. H. HARRIS,
W. H. PACE,
WM. H. WILLIAMS,

The report was adopted.

78. J. L. Carroll, Va., presented the report of Committee on Next Time and Place of the Convention, which was adopted as follows:

The committtee recommend that the Convention meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, before the second Sunday in May, 1885, with the *First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga.;* that J. L. M. Curry of Virginia, preach the introductory sermon, and J. C. Hiden, of Kentucky, be the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

79. B. W. Edwards, S. C., offered the following, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report of the Home Mission Board, report that they have examined the Report and find it correct, according to the statement submitted, and properly vouched for by the Auditor of the Board.

80. The Convention adjourned, with prayer by T. J. Earle, S. C.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

81. The Convention being called to order, prayer was offered by F. H. Kerfoot, Md.

82. On motion of J. L. Carroll, Va., it was

Moved, That the Secretaries be instructed to send a copy of the resolutions of condolence with Rev. G. B. Taylor, to him.

83. On motion of J. L. Carroll, Va., a committee of three was appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the feeling of this Convention with reference to the deaths of the beloved and gifted brethren. E. T. WINKLER and MARTIN T SUMNER. The committee was made to consist of B. W. Edwards, S. C.; J. L. Carroll, Va.; J. A. Howard, Ala.

84. C. C. Bitting, Secretary of the Bible Department of the American Baptist Publication Society, addressed the Convention.

85. F. H. Kerfoot, Md., presented the report of Committee on

REPORTS OF VICE PRESIDENTS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Vice Presidents, with instructions to make a digest of the said reports and present the same to the Convention, would respectfully report, that, so far as the Vice Presidents have been heard from, the following approximates the tangible results of their labors:

ARKANSAS. M. D. Early reports:—

The plan of working in Arkansas through the Vice Presidents is progressing satisfactorily.

FLORIDA. W. N. Chadoin reports:—

The State Board of Missions collects through the Secretary for all objects of the Convention. The Ladies Missionary Societies divide their funds pretty equally between the Home and Foreign work. The plan is working well in educating the people to give to missions as *missions*, and not to pet causes. The number of churches contributing to every branch is increasing. This year there is a gain of from thirty-three to fifty per cent. Much literature has been distributed and the roll of the churches has been nearly completed.

GEORGIA. W. L. Kilpatrick reports:—

Have not raised as much money for Foreign Missions as we had hoped. Is due more to a number of new enterprises than lack of interest. Has no change to suggest in plan of raising funds. Only need to press the plan we have more vigorously. Has attended to the best of his ability to all matters placed in his hand by the Secretary of the Board.

LOUISIANA. J. A. Hackett reports:—

There is a State Board of Foreign Missions. Its members reside in different parts of the State. Also a prominent brother in each association represented by said State Board, who can be relied on for pushing the work. Brother Hackett reports also that he has sent out many personal appeals at his own charge. There are about twenty Ladies' Missionary Societies, most of them organized this past year, under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Robards. Many tracts and copies of the Foreign Missionary Journal have been distributed. The enrollment of the churches is delayed. Baptists are growing in numbers and making progress in benevolence. The quota asked for by the Foreign Mission Board for the State has been more than met. The increase in contributions this year is larger by twenty or thirty per cent. than ever before.

MARYLAND. Dr. J. W. M. Williams reports:—

The churches of Maryland are organized for Home Mission Work. Have done more than in any year previous. Some churches have contributed for the first time.

Joshua Levering reports:—

The Maryland Baptist Union has a Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. Appeals have been made to all the churches, in some cases several times. Twenty out of thirty-five white churches, and four out of the fifteen colored churches contribute. All literature received from the Board has been properly distributed. All of the churches have been properly enrolled.

MISSOURI. Manly J. Breaker reports:—

He visited several associations, wrote one hu dred letters and twenty-five postals and forwa ded seventy-five circulars. He collected one hundred and seventy-five dollars. An active agent is imperatively needed to visit the churches, to arouse and organize the churches for benevolence.

R. S. Duncan reports:—

No organic connection whatever with State Association, and the auxiliary connections repealed. As agent, he nas made efforts for regular contributions, until three hundred and fifty churches now contribute. Realized this year $6,229.70, an advance of forty per cent. Have done everything in the way of distributing literature that the Board has asked. Has distributed one hundred and fifty copies of Foreign Missionary Journal. Also had the use of a column a week in *Central Baptist*. Much permanent good done through these agencies. Missouri falls below her quota because a portion of her funds goes to the Missionary Union at Boston. She can, and, he thinks, will soon give much more.

MISSISSIPPI. Dr. Geo. W. Whitfield reports:—

Foreign Mission and State Organizations are independent and entirely harmonious. He has, as Vice President for the Board, travelled 1,750 miles, visited eight associations and one State Convention and thirteen churches, delivered twenty-four speeches and sermons on Foreign Missions, and obtained $1,75) in pledges, and $245 in cash; also 105 subscriptions to Foreign Missionary Journal. He has distributed five hundred copies of the Journal and 8,000 pages of tracts. He has revised the roll for five hundred churches, of which one fourth appears as contributors. All this at a cost to the Board of $100.98. He recommends that the Board give an itemized statement of all moneys paid to missionaries, so that the people may be shown just how the money goes.

Rev. H. F. Sproles reports:—

He has received up to this time $565.30. Other remittances have been probably sent directly to Dr. Tichenor. The claims of the Home Board were presented at nearly all of the associations. The promise of help was almost universal. The results of these appeals cannot be fully known until fall.

Less is given in to the Home Board inasmuch as the State Mission Board is doing special work in New Orleans.

NORTH CAROLINA. A. G. McManaway reports:—

He found the work in North Carolina entirely unorganized. The lamented Dodson had done it all. He, Dodson, made no reports to State or District Association, and only made an annual round of a few churches. Has put forth best efforts to effect organization. Has attended nine District Associations and six by proxy. Sent out seven hundred postals written by himself Has, as result, received contributions from two hundred and ten churches, as against one hundred and thirty-six last year. Has the names and addresses of three hundred brethren who have agreed to represent us in their respective churches.

Rev. O. F. Gregory reports:—

The Foreign Mission Board receives contributions through the State Organization. Progress has been made in securing contributions from the churches. He has distributed 1,200 Foreign Mission Journals, 14,000 Missionary tracts, one hundred "Heathen Helpers." The new roll of the churches and Sunday-schools is not yet complete, but contains the record of thirty-eight out of forty-eight Associations, prepared that at a glance can be seen the names of churches, pastors, Post-offices and contributions to Foreign Missions for five years. He has personally visited eight associations, two churches, two general conventions, and travelled 1,800 miles in discharge of his duties. He acknowledges valuable aid from Jno. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board. The Central Committee of Women's Missionary Society has been re-organized and located in Charlotte. Since August last forty societies report over $600.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Charles Manly reports—

The State Mission Board is in heartiest practical sympathy with the Foreign Mission Board. Its employees are directed to collect and forward funds to Richmond without charge. He attended in person fourteen associational meetings and had a representative at all the rest, to urge the adoption by the churches of systematic contributions Has also done much by personal visits and by printed and written appeals to keep the subject before the churches. Has distributed 1,200 copies of the Journal, one hundred and fifty copies of the Convention Minutes, and a large number of Missionary tracts. The roll of Sunday-schools and churches is complete. There is a gradual increase in interest in Foreign Missions throughout the State.

Luther Broadus reports:

State Mission Board in heartiest co-operation. It collects and forwards funds without charge. Some brother was requested in each association to represent the Board. Report adopted at State Convention, directing Central Committee of Woman's Missionary Societies to so re-adjust their work as to include Home and State work, as well as the Foreign Mission work; this has been done. Has distributed a large number of circulars. The State Convention has a pretty accurate roll of churches and their contributions. All collections in the State have been made without any expense for agency work.

KENTUCKY. T. T. Eaton reports:—

R. L. Thurman is agent for Foreign Missions. One hundred more churches reached this year than last. About three-fifths of the churches are contributing now; $10,500 collected this year, against $6,000 last year. Has distributed 50,000 pages of missionary literature.

Earnest efforts made to enlist every pastor in the State. All the literature furnished by the two boards placed in hands of pastors throughout the State. Many associations visited specially in the interest of the two Boards, either by the Vice President or some brother who has the work at heart. A large number of churches tabulated, showing those that contribute, and those that do not. Not much work done, but all that is done is without expense to the Boards.

TEXAS. C. C. Chaplin reports:—

Has endeavored by pen and tongue to kindle enthusiasm for the Board. Has been greatly aided by the *Texas Baptist Herald* and the *Texas Baptist*.

VIRGINIA. W. R. L. Smith reports:—

Is getting the people informed on Home Mission Work. Has assistants in the District Associations. He tries to secure an agent in each church to represent the Board and take up collections. Has done almost nothing in the organization of Women's Societies. Is working with increasing success each year.

J. L. Burrows reports:—

Virginia is fortunate in having the Foreign Mission Board located in Richmond. The State General Association has a Foreign Mission Board which gives valuable assistance. Its Prsident is also Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention. He has written for the papers and has sent out monthly one hundred copies of the Foreign Missionary Journal to pastors, also a large number of tracts.

The State Association is securing the proper enrollment of all the churches, with the effort to enlist every church and Sunday-school in the work. Misssionary Societies have been organized in many of the Sunday-schools and have accomplished great good. Large amounts of money have been raised and the children have been instructed in the knowledge of missions and the spirit of liberality. Frequent reference is made in the foregoing reports to the valuable help of the Foreign Missionary Journal.

In conclusion, your committee would respectfully call attention to the fact that some of the foregoing reports illustrate what is possible to do by means of this system of Vice Presidents, and to the further fact that almost everything in the successful working of this plan, adopted by the Convention, depends upon the selection of suitable Vice Presidents for the Boards, and the way in which the Boards will avail themselves of the willing services of these Vice Presidents. It is recommended that the utmost possible regard be paid to the third By-Law of the Convention, and that the Convention give itself ample time each year to consider this great hemisphere of its work —the matter that the Constitution declares to be one of the two great ends of its existence, viz.: "To organize a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination, in one sacred effort for the propagation of the Gospel."

F. H. KERFOOT.
T. T. EATON.
JOHN STOUT.

The report was discussed by F. H. Kerfoot, Md., and J. A. Hackett, La., and was adopted.

86. The Convention adjourned, after prayer by A. C. Caperton, Ky

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

87. The Convention met at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair, and after singing, prayer was offered by R. J. Willingham, Ga.

88. The special order being the consideration of the resolution on China missions, item seventy-three, the Convention was addressed by T. H. Pritchard, N. C., and the resolution was then adopted.

89. The report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted, as appears in item 3.

90. The Committee appointed to consider what changes were advisable to be made in the Constitution and By-Laws, reported through T. E. Langley, Fla., that they had nothing to suggest.

91. J. B. Gambrell, Miss., presented the report on

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Secretaries' Statistics, report that they have duly examined them and find that they contain a vast amount of useful information, admirably arranged, and we recommend their publication in these proceedings.

Your Committee cannot refrain from saying that a service so valuable to all our interests, and involving so much labor, with no little expense, should not go unremunerated by this body.

J. B. GAMBRELL, *Chairman.*

H. M. WHARTON, A. E. OWEN,
J. B. RICHARDSON, L. BROADDUS.
A. C. BRISCOE, J. E. CHAMBLISS.
REDDIN ANDREWS, J. T. SLADE,
J. T. CHRISTIAN, J. D. JAMISON,
J. T. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted.

92. The following were reported from the Committee on Memorials to E. T. Winkler and M. T. Summer, by J. L. Carroll, Va.

The Committee appointed to report resolutions expressing the feelings of this Convention, in regard to the death of Rev. E. T. Winkler, D.D., and Rev. M. T. Sumner, D.D., mournfully submit the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That we have heard with real and profound sorrow of the demise of these gifted and devoted brethren, who were for so many years connected with this body, and whose presence and counsels were always so warmly welcomed by their brethren.

2d, *Resolved*, That we tender to their bereaved families our sincere sympathy in the day of their great trial, humbly praying that the God whom our brethren served, may attend their loved ones through all their earthly pilgrimage.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to these stricken families.

J. L. CARROLL, *for Committee.*

93. The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Convention be tendered to the editors of the *Baltimore Baptist*, brethren Wharton & Barron, for their excellent reports and their kind christain courtesy, in the free and liberal distribution of "daily" copies of their wide-awake and most excellent paper, during the sessions of the Convention.

94. On motion of J. W. M. Williams, Md., it was

Resolved, That we hereby extend our thanks to Col. Adreon, the postmaster of Baltimore, for his courtesy in opening a post office in the lecture-room of this Church, for the accommodation of the delegates of this Convention.

95. A communication by the hands of A. J. Holt, Texas, from the Home Mission Board of the General Association, of Texas, was read and referred to the Home Mission Board.

96. A communication offered by T. E. Langley, Fla., was referred to the Home Mission Board.

97. On motion of E. C. Williams, Md., it was

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the railroad and steamboat lines that have kindly extended courtesies in reduced rates to delegates and visitors attending the Convention; and to the representatives of the daily press of the city, for their reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

98. On motion of C. A. Woodson, N. C., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the various evangelical denominations of this city, for the use of their houses of worship for the Sabbath services.

99. On motion of R. T. Hanks, Texas, the Chair appointed W. H. Williams, Mo., A. E. Dickinson, Va., O. C. Pope, Texas, A. C. Dixon, Md., and J. P. Boyce, Ky., Corresponding Messengers to the aniversaries of the Northern Societies.

100. On motion of J. A. French, Ky., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates to this Convention are hereby tendered to the Baptists and other friends of Baltimore, for their generous hospitality.

101. On motion of W. C. Crane, Texas, it was

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this Convention print and distribute in the usual way, five thousand copies of the minutes of this session of the body; that the expense be borne by our Boards; and that the Secretaries of the Convention be allowed fifty dollars each for their services.

102. The following offered by J. W. Jones, Va., was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be authorized to draw on the Boards for any extra expense incurred in the preparation of the statistical tables.

103. E. C. Williams, Md., presented the following which was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Convention has decided to meet in Augusta, Georgia, in 1885; and whereas, the first meeting of this Convention was held in Augusta, Georgia, in 1845, it is highly proper an historical sermon should be preached.

Therefore resolved, That Rev. J. L. Burrows, D.D., who was present at the organization of the Convention, be requested to preach an historical sermon before the Convention, at such time during the Convention as may be best.

104. On motion of W. E. Hatcher, Va., it was

Resolved, That we tender to the pages our thanks for their polite and faithful services during the sitting of this body.

105 The Journal was read and confirmed, and the Convention, on motion of J. A. W. Thomas, S. C., adjourned *sine die*, with singing the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and prayer by J. W. M. Williams, Md.

P. H. MELL, Athens, Georgia, *President*.

LANSING BURROWS, Augusta, Georgia.

OLIVER F. GREGORY, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Secretaries.

THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1885.

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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board submits to the Convention its 39th Annual Report, with gratitude to God for His blessings.

Never, in all its history, has the labor of its Missionaries been more effective in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, than during the past year. There have been received into the churches to which they ministered 2,665 by baptism and 1,525 by letter, making a total addition of 4,190.

The work of the Board has never been better organized, nor if the means were furnished it, has it ever been better prepared to push forward into unoccupied places, and to attempt new conquests for our King. The fields of its labors were never broader nor more inviting, nor the outlook for a grand work more promising.

During the year there have been in its employ for the whole or part of the time 144 Missionaries.

Of these there have labored in

Alabama 2.	Louisiana 8.	Arkansas 12.
Missouri 1.	California 4.	Mississippi 1.
Florida 28.	Tennessee 1.	Georgia 6.
Texas 59.	Indian Territory 19.	Virginia 3.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Number of Missionaries	144
Nnmber of Churches and Stations	338
Weeks of labor	3,540
Sermons and addresses	14,818
Prayer-meetings attended	2,779
Baptisms	2,665

Received by Letter	1,525
Total Additions	4,190
Sunday Schools	141
Teachers and Pupils	5,387
Miles Traveled	139,929
Religious Visits	20,512
Pages of Tracts Distributed	165,499

INCREASE.

The increase this year over last has been

In Laborers	50 per cent
In Weeks of Labor	95 "
In Sermons and Addresses	150 "
In Sunday Schools	250 "
In Teachers and Pupils	100 "
In Religious Visits	100 "
In Tracts Distributed	100 "
In Additions to Churches	500 "
In Baptisms	1,000 "

COST OF OUR WORK.

By reference to the Report of the Treasurer, it will be seen that there has been expended for Mission work, including incidental expenses, salaries of officers, the sum of about $48,000.

The remaining part of receipts have been expended in support of schools, in building houses of worship, and in other work not designed to increase, directly, the membership of our churches.

Dividing the amount spent for Missions proper by the number of additions, and we find that it has cost less than $12 for every one brought into the fellowship of our churches.

This is an average much below that of our most efficient churches, and far less than that of other great Missionary Societies.

The Report of the Home Mission Society of New York shows but one addition for every $28.55 expended, and that of the Congregational Society, one for every $54.

The money spent by our Board on Mission work is more than twice as effective as that expended by the Home Mission Society of New York, and more than four times as effective as that expended by the Congregationalists.

This result is due not to our superior management, nor to the greater efficiency of our Missionaries, but to the fact that so large a proportion of the population of the Southern States is under Baptist influence.

This Report further shows that the incidental expenses of the Board have been less than ever before. There have been no paid agents sent out, and the only agency work done has been either by the Secretaries or the volunteer representatives of the Board.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1883-4.

GEORGIA.

I. T. Tichenor, *Corresponding Secretary*.....Atlanta.
G. A. Nunnally, *Secretary C. B. D.*.....Rome.
S. Boykin, *Editor Kind Words*.....Macon.
W. H. McIntosh, *Theological Instructor*.....Atlanta.
J. H. Campbell, *Missionary*.....Columbus.

ALABAMA.

H. C. Saunders.....Ta'lapoosa Association.
J. W. Stewart.....North River Association.

TENNESSEE.

J. W. Lipsey.....Memphis.

VIRGINIA.

James B. Taylor.....Lexington.
J. H. Boldridge.....Evangelist.
J. R. Moffett.....Evangelist.

ARKANSAS.

A. J. Fawcett.....Pine Bluff.
I. M. Wise.....Camden.
T. E. Jasper.....Helena.
G. C. Harris.....Bentonville.
J. B. Barry.....Russellville Association.
R. E. Lee.....Warren.
O. M. Lucas.....Alma.
R. T. Yates.....Friendship Association.
J. D. Jameson.....Prescott.
M. D. Early.....Morrellton.
G. W. Reaves.....Fayetteville.
E. L. Compere.....General Association.

MISSISSIPPI.

J. G. Chastain.....S. E. Mississippi.

CALIFORNIA.

J. B. Hartwell.....San Francisco.
Mrs. J. B. Hartwell.....San Francisco.
Mrs. J. E. Sanford.....San Francisco.
Mrs. T. M. Potter.....Fresno.

MISSOURI.

J. B. Hardwick.....Carthage.

LOUISIANA.

A. P. Scofield.....Opelousas.
A. J. Terry.....Lake Charles.
C. B. Freeman.....Alexandria.
L. S. Piker.....Baton Rouge.
S. Landrum.....New Orleans.
M. C. Cole.....New Orleans.
Miss E. J. Gardner.....New Orleans.
Miss Maitie Cole.....New Orleans.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

W. P. Blake.....Eufaula.
Mrs. H. F. Buckner.....Eufaula.
Wm. McCombs.....Eufaula.
A. Frank Ross.....McAllister.
R. J. Hogue.....New Boggy Depot.
Willis Burns.....Stonewall.
M. Lambright.....Chickasaws.
W. Smith.....Wild Tribes.
Berry Baker.....Atoka.
Wm. Edwards.....Interpreter.
*J. A. Trenchard.....Principal Levering School.
†Mrs. J. A. Trenchard.....Teacher Levering School.
James O. Wright.....Teacher Levering School.
*Miss C. Baker.....Teacher Levering School.
*Mrs. R. Rodman.....Teacher Levering School.
Major J. G. Vore.....Superintendent Levering School.
Mrs. Adaline Drake.....Teacher Levering School.
Mrs. Lydia Sixkiller.....Teacher Levering School.
Mrs. Mary L. Herrod.....Matron Levering School.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS.

A. J. Holt, General Agent.....Dallas.
J. M. Archer.....Belden.
S. A. Beauchamp.....Denton.
G. W. Black.....Graham.
R. M. Billups.....Sulphur Bluff.
John Clabaugh.....Jewett.
J. H. Cason.....Seymour.
L. J. Cretcher.....Breckenridge.
J. F. Duncan.....Baird.
Z. T. Eaton.....Annona.
J. H. Floyd.....LaFayette.
J. M. Glass.....Whitney.
A. B. Goode.....Hallville.
G. T. Harris.....Harmony Hill.
E. B. Hardee.....Whitesboro.
W. H. Huff.....Waco.
R. S. Hurt.....Jonesboro.
J. H. Johnson.....Meridian.
J. R. Kelly.....Putnam.
L. S. Knight.....Cisco.
Wm. Lee.....Brownwood.
Moss Martin.....Farmer.
T. B. McComb.....Alstyne.
J. F. McClung.....Bright Star.
J. H. McLeroy.....Caledonia.
W. H. Parks.....Morgan.
T. E. Muse.....Hillsboro.
G. W. Pickett.....Denison.
H. B. Pender.....Texarkana.
R. C. Pender.....Gilmer.
J. D. Robenett.....Brownwood.
J. L. Simpson.....Mineola.
Levi Shackelford.....Erwin.
J. C. Ward.....Montague.
L. R. Scruggs.....Nacogdoches.
J. L. McCord.....Henrietta.

*Resigned. †Dead.

TEXAS CONVENTION.

O. C. Pope, D. D., ... General Agent
M. T. Martin..... General Evangelist.
H. C. Weymouth..... Beaumont and Orange.
Geo. Cook..... Bethlehem Association.
P. Harris, D. D., ... Goliad.
L. R. Millican ..... Burnet.
J. H. Rowland..... Bartlett.
G. B. Douglas..... Mason.
J. S. Evans..... Brady City.
A. T. Ford..... Junction City.
W. T. Sanders..... Trinity River Association.
B. H. Beall..... Little Brazos Association.
D. W. Jackson..... Tryon Association.
W. H. Wallace..... Palestine.
S. G Mullens..... Corsicana.
T. H. Lydston..... Kerr and Bandara Counties.
J. Beall..... Pastor Kerrville.
T. E. King..... Chambers County.
T. M. Medlin ..... San Saba Association.
Z. N. Wells..... Frontier.
S. C. Harl..... San Marcos Association.
G. W. Green..... Salado Association.

FLORIDA.

W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, etc..... Lake City.
S. S. Proctor..... Luraville.
W. T. Gordon..... Tampa.
S. F. Gove..... Longwood.
N. A. Bailey..... Micanopy.
W. B. Hare..... Sumterville.
W. F. Wood..... Key West.
W. M. Davis..... Lake City.
S. Sheffield ..... Trentor.
A. H. Robinson ..... Lake Como.
H. M. King..... Gainsville.
G. W. Hall..... Melrose.
A. C. McCants ..... Tallahassee.
T. E. Langley..... Greenwood.
W. S. Perry..... Gruelle.
W. J. Martin..... Old Town.
C. H. Nash..... Ocala.
B. M. Pack..... Cedar Keys.
R. F. Rogers. ..... Little River.
Paul Willis..... Monticello.
J. H. Hayman..... Umatilla.
James Hickey..... Green Cove Spring.
J. N. Reid..... Jasper.
L. W. Kicklighter..... Stark.
G. T. Leitner..... Fort White.
J. W. Butts..... Orlando.
D. W. Glisson..... Green Cove Spring.
A. A. Andrews..... St. Mary's, Ga.

But these inspiring facts are not unmingled with thoughts of sadness Within the year, two of our Missionaries have been called from the scene of their earthly labors to the Heavenly rest.

In May last, Mrs. Trenchard, wife of Rev. J. A. Trenchard, principal of the Levering Manual Labor School, in the Creek Nation, leaving a

bereaved husband and a hundred weeping pupils, went up from her wilderness home to the city of the Great King.

In October, Brother A. J. Terry, pastor of the Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., finished his course, and at his Savior's call joined the ranks of the triumphal throng above.

Far better known to this Convention than these, two others, who for long years were connected with this Board have ceased their walks among men, to become citizens of that better country. Dr. Martin T. Sumner, for seventeen years Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. Edwin Theodore Winkler, for eight years President of the Home Mission Board, meet us no more, when, on these occasions, we come from distant parts of our Master's vineyard to greet each other in the fellowship of the gospel. It is rarely the case that this body is called upon to record, in a single year, the death of two brethren so long and intimately identified with its history and its work.

This report is not the place for eulogies upon these noble men. That sad and yet pleasing duty belongs to others. Ours is the privilege of making mention of the mournful facts, and of mingling our tears with those who weep,

Dr. Sumner died at Verbena, Ala., August 22d, and Dr. Winkler in Marion, Ala., November 10th, 1883.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Board is under great obligations to the brethren who are its vice-presidents. Many of them have labored zealously and faithfully in its behalf, receiving no other compensation than that which comes to those who willingly make sacrifices for the Master's cause.

Nor can we forbear to say that the uniform kindness and active co-operation of the Baptist press of the South deserves our warmest expressions of gratitude. Without an exception, the editors of our papers have shown themselves the earnest friends of the Board, and have contributed no little to whatever of success has attended its efforts.

KIND WORDS

Is doing well. J. W. Burke & Co. are faithfully complying with their contract as publishers of the paper. Through its instrumentality the Board is reaching and educating in the tenets and practices of our denomination, a great number of the children of Southern Baptists. The paper aims to lead the young to the Savior, to instruct them in correct knowledge of the Bible, to inform them of the work of Missions among our people, and to interest them in it.

It has become an active agent to secure funds for both the Home and Foreign Boards, besides earning a royalty of $1,000 per annum, which will hereafter be paid in cash into the Treasury of the Board. Rev. Samuel Boykin, who has so ably conducted it for so many years, is still retained as editor.

CHURCH BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

In the report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention at Waco, Texas, one year ago, the following occurs concerning church building:

"The new and ever-forming communities in Florida and Texas, and in other States, demand houses of worship. The Missionary can do little permanent work without such a house for the church he gathers. The new settlers often exhaust their means in constructing houses for themselves and preparing for the business of life, and have little they can give for a structure in which to worship God. A few hundred dollars given or loaned would often stimulate them to successful exertions, and a fund from which they could be aided is matter of first importance to the largest success of our Home Mission work.

"A church building fund, if it can be secured, will greatly increase our facilities for establishing permanent and self-supporting churches in many destitute places. With a house of worship a church will soon care for its own wants; without it, the effort at permanent establishment is prolonged into years of toil. In many places more can be accomplished by money to build houses than to support Missionaries."

The Special Committee to whom was referred the work mentioned above, made the following report which was unanimously adopted by the Convention:

"We earnestly recommend that the Board be instructed to raise a fund for church building purposes, from which, either by gift or loan, as in their judgment may seem good, they shall assist in the construction of houses of worship in destitute places.

"We further recommend that the said Board be instructed to avail themselves of all favorable opportunities for obtaining possession, either free of cost, or at small expense, of eligible lots in any place suitable for the establishment of Baptist Churches."

ORGANIZATION.

In pursuance of the instructions given by the adoption of the Report, the Home Mission Board proceeded to the organization of the Church Building Department. Knowing the extent of the territory covered by this Convention, and the difficulties to be encountered in introducing a new enterprise, we divided the field into two sections, viz.:

The Southern States lying East of the Mississippi River constituting one Division and those West of the river constituting the other. We secured the services of Rev. G. A. Nunnally as Secretary of the Eastern Division, but as yet have placed no one in charge of the Western Division. Bro. Nunnally entered upon the duties of his office the first day of November last. The history of church extension schemes as prosecuted by other denominations did not authorize expectations for the first year beyond the simple organization of the work and the presentation of the plan and purpose to the churches, associations and conventions represented in this body. Our work has therefore been of a formative and preparatory nature.

PROSECUTION AND PROSPECTS.

The Secretary has visited all the State Conventions and many of the District Associations which have been held since November last. He has also presented the work to a number of churches located in

several of the States. At all these meetings the movement was fully endorsed and enthusiastically sustained. Strong resolutions commending the cause to the denomination and promising support were adopted and many pledges of definite amounts were made by individuals and churches which are now being redeemed. Circulars setting forth the nature and demands of the work have been distributed freely, and the columns of our newspapers have been liberally used in bringing it to the attention of our people, and we here record our grateful acknowledgements to the editorial brethren for the great assistance and many courtesies which they have shown us in this respect. The main object of the Secretary so far has been to place the work before the churches and to induce them to accept it as an enterprise to which they will make annual contributions. How well he has succeeded in this effort may be seen from the patronage which this Department has received from Charleston to El Paso and from Baltimore to Mobile.

We have investigated the methods practiced by other denominations in their church extension schemes and have adopted such of their measures as seemed wise to us and consistent with our polity and tried to avoid what appeared to be their mistakes. The great success which has accompanied their efforts strengthens our conviction of the vast importance of making this a strong arm of our denominational service.

So far the uniform demonstrations of sympathy and appreciation encourage the hope and belief that this work of the Board will meet with universal co-operation and a generous support from the churches when its merits and claims are fairly and fully presented. If the brethren will be patient in their expectations, and constant and liberal in their contributions, we will under God be able to do great things for His people and largely promote His Kingdom in the world. For in building a house of worship in a destitute section, or in stimulating the community to build, we give prominence and dignity to the cause of Christ, we contribute to the efficiency of the laborer, we insure permanency to the results and we practice a wise economy in handling the Lord's money; for generally when an organized church gets into a house of worship it ceases to be a missionary station and becomes self-supporting, and if properly instructed, at an early day becomes a contributor to the cause of missions.

DESTITUTION.

We have sought information concerning the destitution that exists in our bounds, by personal inquiry, correspondence and circulars addressed to discreet and well-informed brethren in every Association. Among the questions propounded were the following:

1. How many organized churches in your Association need houses of worship?

2. How many other communities ought to be occupied by Baptist and provided with houses of worship?

3. How many county towns in your Association have no Baptist churches?

4. How many of the houses that are needed would be built if the *local* effort were supplemented by the Home Board, (1.) with a loan of $100? (2.) with a loan of $200? (3.) with a loan of $400?

While it is to be regretted that many of the brethren failed to reply to these questions and some gave vague and indefinite answers, yet a destitution that is really alarming was discovered. But this destitution is not without its hopeful aspects. For we learn that many feeble churches are struggling heroically, trying to build and hundreds of other places only ask for a small gift or a very reasonable loan in order to be stimulated to erect suitable houses of worship. In many towns and growing centres lots have been secured, sometimes by the generosity of the land-owner as gifts, and sometimes for a small money consideration, and the Baptist people are taking steps preparatory to building. While in other communities valuable sites have been tendered upon condition that neat churches be erected upon them within a given time. There would be but little delay or difficulty in complying with these terms if the Board had the means to encourage the local interest by the offer of a small loan or gift.

ALABAMA.

Number of Associations heard from	18
Number of county towns without Baptist churches	10
Number of organized churches needing houses of worship	35
Number of other important places which Baptists ought to occupy	24
Number of houses that could be built with a loan of $100	0
Number of houses that could be built with a loan of $200	2
Number of houses that could be built with a loan of $400	3

ARKANSAS.

Number of Associations heard from	11
County towns without Baptist churches	7
Organized churches needing houses of worship	43
Other places Baptists ought to occupy	24
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100	9
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200	12
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400	15

FLORIDA.

Number of Associations heard from	7
County towns without Baptist churches	23
Organized churches needing houses of worship	35
Other places that Baptists ought to occupy	28
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100	12
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200	17
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400	9

GEORGIA.

Number of Associations heard from	20
County towns without Baptist churches	13
Organized churches needing houses of worship	49
Other places Baptists ought to occupy	20
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100	14
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200	14
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400	8

KENTUCKY.

Number of Associations heard from	24
County towns without Baptist churches	10

Organized churches needing houses of worship.....71
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....23
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100..... 6
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200..... 3
Houses that ceuld be built with a loan of $400.....10

MARYLAND.

Number of Associations heard from..... 1
County towns without Baptist churches.....16
Organized churches needing houses of worship..... 7
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100.....
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200.....
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400.....

MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA.

Number of Associations heard from.....15
County towns without Baptist churches.....10
Organized churches needing houses of worship 42
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....25
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100.....18
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200.....13
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400.....13

MISSOURI.

Number of Associations heard from..... 8
County towns without Baptist churches..... 8
Organized churches needing houses of worship.....38
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....21
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100..... 6
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200..... 5
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400 6

NORTH CAROLINA.

Number of Associations heard from.....13
County towns without Baptist churches..... 9
Organized churches needing houses of worship.....68
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....31
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100..... 9
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200.....10
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400..... 7

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Number of Associations heard from..... 9
County towns without Baptist churches..... 5
Organized churches needing houses of worship.....13
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....11
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100..... 3
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200..... 2
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400..... 2

TENNESSEE.

Number of Associations heard from.....10
County towns without Baptist churches.....13
Organized churches needing houres of worship.....27
Other places Baptists ought to occupy.....37
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100.....14
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200.....12
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400.....20

TEXAS.

Number of Associations heard from	18
County towns without Baptist churches	34
Organized churches needing houses of worship	148
Other places Baptists ought to occupy	63
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100	29
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200	37
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400	65

VIRGINIA.

Number of Associations heard from	10
County towns without Baptist churches	12
Organized churches needing houses of worship	36
Other places Baptists ought to occupy	22
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100	4
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200	9
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400	18

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

Whole number of Associations in the Southern States	533
Whole number of Associations heard from	164
Whole number of county towns without Baptist churches	173
Organized churches needing houses of worship	612
Other places that ought to be occupied by Baptists	329
Houses that could be built with a loan of $100 each	124
Houses that could be built with a loan of $200 each	136
Houses that could be built with a loan of $400 each	176

REMARKS.

Owing to the frequent overlapping of our associational territories it is probable that in some instances the same destitution has been reported twice. But after making due allowance for this probable error—if we consider the fact that not more than one-third of the Associations have been heard from—there are at least 1,000 Baptist Churches in the South needing houses of worship; there are 300 county towns with no organized Baptist representatives in them; and at least 700 important and growing centers which should be occupied by us at the earliest day possible.

To afford the relief required, and to insure the building of these 2,000 houses of worship within one year, the Board would need at least $500,000. But to make the burden easier, we propose to extend this work over several years, and ask for $200,000, an amount which, while it greatly relieves the present destitution, may be perpetually employed in meeting the necessities that must annually grow as the unsettled and undeveloped sections of our country are reclaimed and occupied by the citizens, natives and foreign-born, who are in such numbers seeking homes among us.

CONDITIONS OF GRANTING AID.

The principles which we have adopted to control us in extending aid, and the conditions which must be observed by the applicants, are as follows;

1. The Board must have satisfactory proof that the applicant, if a

church, is in good standing with other Baptist Churches in the neighborhood.

2. That there is need of an edifice, such as aid is asked for, in order to the proper moral and spiritual welfare of the community.

3. That the membership and local friends are not able to build a house of worship, such as the best interests of our denomination and the Redeemer's kingdom demand in that locality.

4. All applications for aid must have the official endorsement of their respective State Boards of Missions, and be accompanied with a certified copy of the charter of the church asking aid, and a copy of the resolution of the church authorizing the Trustees to obtain the loan, then the Board may offer aid in one of three ways: 1. In the form of a loan, with or without interest as may be agreed upon, properly secured by a lien or mortgage on the church property. 2. In the form of a gift fully protected against alienation. 3. In the form of gift and loan combined, secured as above.

5. As there are so many houseless Baptist Churches in the South, the Board will grant only the smallest sum absolutely needed to any single applicant in order that the largest possible number of Churches may be aided.

To the present time this feature of our work has been in a formative state, and the Board has entertained and considered applications and granted aid to a few places without exercising the caution or requiring the formality set forth above; but their claims and merits were well known to the Board, or they were the beneficiaries of special gifts from the donors. Many meritorious applications have been placed on file for future consideration, and to some we have promised aid as soon as our funds will enable us to give the help desired. In all we have had 83 applications for aid, either for a loan or a gift, but generally the former. We have assisted 23 Churches, and their houses to-day are completed and occupied, or they are in process of erection.*

CALIFORNIA MISSION.

The intelligence has already gone forth to the denomination; that the Board has discontinued its Mission to the Chinese in Calafornia.

The interest felt by many of our people in this work, makes it proper that the Board should give to the Convention the reason for its action.

When it became certain that the receipts of the Board would not meet its expenditures, and that curtailment was a necessity, a committee, composed of the President of the Board, the Treasurer, and the Corresponding-Secretary, were instructed to make careful examination of the entire work of the Board, and recommend in what departments these retrenchments should be made. After dilligent consideration of the whole question, among other things, the Committee rec-

* The Board has received from all sources for this specific work $15,110.94, all of which has been expended in accordance with the plans of the Board or the specific wishes of the contributors. G. A. NUNNALLY, *Secretary.*

ommended the discontinuance of the Mission in California. The reasons influencing it in making this selection were:

1. This Mission lay beyond the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in the territory of a sister organization having ample means to supply this destitution.

2. The Mission was of necessity an expensive one, costing us more to sustain it than it would have done to support the same work in Shanghai, or Canton.

3. The facilities we have been able to supply our Missionaries were so poor as to place them in defeating contrast with other Missions on the same field.

4. To have supplied them with such buildings and appliances as would have put them upon an equality with others, would have cost the Board not less than $20,000—a sum which it was impossible to furnish.

5. The Missionaries, themselves, advised us that unless they could be better supplied and brought nearer to an equality with other Missions, that further expenditures would be unwise, and that it would be better to withdraw from the field.

6. Notwithstanding the diligent and faithful labors of Missionaries, whose ability and qualifications for the wotk cannot be questioned, such were the adverse influences against which they struggled, arising from the migratory character of the people, from the absence of family ties and home restraints, from the continual persecutions of the white people, and from other demoralizing causes, that no great good had been accomplished by years of toil and the expenditure of thousands of dollars.

The fact that after five years of unremitting labor, but six members of the church could be found present for duty, permitted us no longer to indulge the hope of establishing a permanent Baptist organization among the Chinese in San Francisco.

The Board carefully considered every means of overcoming the obstacles to success. Among other things, it contemplated the removal of the Mission to some other point in the State where proper facilities would be less expensive, and where the Chinese, if fewer in number, might be more accessible to the truth. But this policy was vigorously opposed by the Missionaries.

Finding no way of surmounting these difficulties, and threatened with a financial embarrassment which might prove disastrous to every interest of the Board, it sadly accepted the conclusion that the discontinuance of this Mission was the dictate of duty, and unanimously passed the resolution to withdraw from the field.

Dr. Hartwell, in his reply to the letter of the Board notifying him of its determination to discontinue the Mission, says: "We are not disposed to criticise, or find fault with the Board. On the contrary, we feel assured that you are better judges of the ability of the Board than we are, and that the step has not been taken without a great deal of deliberation and prayer. Indeed, if the financial condi-

tion of the Board demanded that any important one of its Mission should be discontinued, this one, from its character, and location, and surroundings is probably the one *we* should have deemed it wise to surrender."

COLORED PEOPLE.

Rev. Dr. W. H. McIntosh has labored during the entire year as Theological instructor of the colored people in Georgia, and Dr. W. H. Parks has, since July last, been engaged in a similar work in Texas.

Dr. S. Landrum of New Orleans has, voluntarily and without compensation, taught a large class of colored preachers and others, meeting them every Monday morning, and giving them instruction in the doctrines and practices of the New Testament Churches. The good accomplished by these brethren never can be fully known on earth. It is one of those blessed revelations which will be made in that day when the Lord shall say, "come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

It is a glorious work to prepare others to preach Jesus. Its influence reduplicates itself like the springing grain and will continue the multiplication of its blessed effects until

> "The angel reapers shall descend
> And Heaven cry Harvest home."

The consideration which the Board has given to this subject of the religious instruction of the colored people has led it to the conclusion, that in no way can it more largely benefit them than by furnishing to their preachers and leading men that knowledge of Scriptural truth which they so much need.

It earnestly desires to utilize the ability and influence of our pastors in this good work. We are sure that many of them will find opportunity to do great good in this open field. While its limited resources will allow the Board to give but a small remuneration for such services it hopes to be able during the coming year to make such arrangements as will secure the active co-operation of many of them in the instruction of these people.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

This mission has been attended with more than usual prosperity notwithstanding the disturbed condition of one of the tribes, now happily adjusted.

Bro. Blake, who succeeded the lamented Buckner is doing well. The churches are much pleased with the instructive character of his preaching, and we entertain strong hopes of his continued and increasing usefulness.

A change has been made in the management of the Levering Manual Labor School. Last June Mrs. Trenchard, wife of Rev. J. A. Trenchard, principal of the school having died, he resigned his position and removed from the Territory.

Major I. G. Vore was elected by the Board to succeed him. Bro. Vore has lived in the Indian Territory for many years; is thoroughly acquainted with Indian character, manners and customs, is devoted to

the welfare of the tribes among whom he has so long resided, and is deeply impressed with the necessity of education to save them from the danger of extinction that threatens them. He has the confidence of all the Indians, is in every way competent to the position to which he was elected, and his management of the Institution thus far has resulted in a most gratifying success.

IN FLORIDA

We have had, in connection with the State Board, 28 missionaries. In proportion to numbers and ability there is no body of Baptists in the South more active or liberal than the Baptists of Florida. They are struggling nobly to meet the great and increasing demands for missionary labor, and we only regret that we cannot double the aid we have heretofore extended to them. The rapid increase of population, the influx of capital, the extension of railroads and the multiplication of new centres of influence are throwing upon them burdens to which their strength is unequal. Aid, to be most effective, must be speedy. One hundred churches and stations ought to be occupied by the Board, and as many houses of worship erected within the next year. We cannot shut our eyes to this great need, though we may despair of fully supplying it.

TEXAS

Is rapidly coming forward as one of our strongest Baptist States. This year she leads them all in her contributions to Foreign Missions, while her efforts to supply the wide destitution in her own bounds have been attended with grand results. In connection with the

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION,

We have supported 22 Missionaries, and in connection with the

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

37 have been in the employ of the Board.

In her vast extent, Texas is an empire rather than a State. She is larger than all the territory south of the Southern lines of Tennessee and North Carolina, and east of the Mississippi River. So that though we have within its borders 58 missionaries, and other Baptist bodies have perhaps half as many more, they are by no means able to supply the wants of that field. We are told that there are eighty county towns in Texas where there is no preaching by any denomination, and a hundred where there is no Baptist preaching. An immigration of more than one hundred thousand pours its annual flood into the State, and this, together with the natural increase, swells the population one hundred and fifty thousand every year. To supply the destitution already existing, and that which is created annually, our Board ought to have in Texas not less than one hundred missionaries. Nor will this be considered an exaggerated estimate if we remember that two of the great missionary societies of the North have in Wisconsin 108, in Iowa 122, and in Kansas 152 missionaries.

It is gratifying to know that the rank Texas is taking among the

States that support this Convention, is due in no small degree to the past and present work of our Home Mission Board.

It was men like Huckins, and Tryon, and Morrill, and others whose record is on high, who went out from the bosom of our churches in the older States, some of them under direct appointment of the Home Mission Board, and all of them in hearty co-operation with it, who laid the foundations of our denominational prosperity there, and it is no less the cordial co-operation now existing between the Home Mission Board and the two great Baptist bodies of that State, which has quickened their energies and brought them into stronger sympathy and closer alliance with all the work of this Convention, both at home and abroad.

It is from the vantage ground of her broad plains that the Convention can successfully push forward its enterprises westward into New Mexico and Arizona, and southward into the very heart of our neighboring Republic.

NEW ORLEANS.

It affords us much pleasure to report that the entire debt of the Coliseum Place Church has been paid and the mortgage cancelled. This church will no longer require aid from the Board. Under its efficient pastor, Dr. S. Landrum, it has already taken active steps for an aggressive and vigorous campaign in that city. A lot in that part of the city called Carrollton, having been donated to the church, Dr. Landrum has secured the erection of a small house upon it, and on the 23d of March a Sunday-school of 4 teachers and 40 pupils was opened there. An Industrial School has also been established here. Another Industrial School was opened in February, on Clio street, in a rented building, which has already proved too small for the numbers who attend.

FIRST CHURCH.

At the last session of the Convention, the Board was instructed to purchase a house of worship for this church. In compliance with these instructions, the property on the corner of Second and Magazine streets was bought for $4,800; one-third of which was paid in cash, one-third to be paid January 1, 1885, and the other January 1, 1886.

This property is well located in a part of the city which is rapidly improving. About $250 have been spent in improving it. It presents a neat and attractive appearance, and is well suited to the wants of the congregation.

The title to this property is vested in the Convention.

This church, under the pastoral care of Bro. M. C. Cole, is an active and efficient body of Christians. They are having a steady and healthy growth. Baptisms are reported almost every month. Those who have attended their social meetings have been struck with the devotional spirit of the membership.

The Valance Street Mission is the outgrowth of their efforts. This mission is located near Valance and Magazine streets, about a mile from the First Church. An Industrial School, a Sunday-school and a prayer-meeting have been established here. Another Industrial School has been established in connection with the church. These

two Industrial Schools number about 500 pupils, who are gathered together every week and taught how to do useful work. They are opened with prayer, and are interspersed with singing and lessons in Bible truths.

They have been found a most efficient means of opening the houses of many families to our Missionaries and of bringing the children, and in many cases, the adult members of the household, into the Sunday-school and to the services of the church.

Miss Emma J. Gardner and Miss Maitie Cole, are in the employ of the Board as Missionaries in this field. Their reports are most gratifying, both on account of their evident devotion to their work and the success which has attended their efforts.

A lot 90x130 feet has been purchased at the corner of Valance and Magazine streets on which to erect a house of worship. This house is greatly needed. The rented rooms occupied by the Sunday-school are filled to overflowing. With a good house, we could gather a large congregation. There are already Baptists enough in the vicinity to constitute a church, and there is every indication that, with a house of worship, we could soon establish another centre of permanent influence in that great city.

The Baptist cause in New Orleans was never so encouraging as it is to-day. Our obligations to push forward the work there are stronger than ever, and, if our brethren will supply the needed help, in a few years the Board in connection with the churches there under the Divine blessing, will do a work in that city which will grow into such proportions, as to be a joy for all coming time.

IN GENERAL.

It would expand this report beyond all proper limits to speak in detail of our work in every locality.

What we have done we submit to the judgement of our brethren of the Convention, and while profoundly grateful to God for what he has enabled us to do, we are deeply humiliated by the fact that the contributions of our churches would enable us to do no more.

The year has been to the Board one of peculiar trial. Its opening was most auspicious. The State Conventions, meeting shortly after the adjournment of the Southern Baptist Convention, heartily approved the policy of enlargement adopted by the Board and pledged increased contributions to its support. Its receipts for the first months of the year were more than fifty per cent. in advance of those of the corresponding period the year before. Everything betokened a year of prosperity. The Board was thus encouraged to increase the number of its Missionaries, and occupy some of the many fields imploring its aid.

But with the approach of autumn came a series of reverses, which no human sagacity could foresee. The cotton crop of the South proved in its outcome to be a million bales short of expectation. Finances became stringent. Failures in commercial circles were more frequent than any time within the last five years. Trade was paralized. A panic in disguise was passing over the land which, but for the large amount of gold held by our monied in-

stitutions, would have become open and recognized by all the people. This made collections difficult and meagre. This pressure was felt most speedily and most severely by our Home Mission Board.

Around the cause of Foreign Missions, gathers all the sentiment and romance connected with the Missionary enterprise. Around the State Boards, centre all that is local in interest. Standing midway between them the Home Mission Board is strengthened by neither of these influences.

The new field opened in Mexico was attracting the hearts of our people as had not been done since the gates of Rome were opened to the Gospel. State Boards, stimulated by their increased necessities, were urging their claims upon the churches with unwonted energy. In many of these States we were debarred the privilege of sending special agents into the field to plead for our Board.

Then, we realized that it would be impossible to accomplish all we had planned and hoped to execute during the year. The Board had no invested funds, and no credit to carry it through a period of depression. Its expenses must be curtailed so as to correspond with its diminished revenue. But how? That was the point of difficulty. Should it, without notice, cut off its Missionaries who have relied upon it for support? That would have been not only unjust but cruel. It must give them time to prepare for the change, and to the end of the Conventional year must be allowed them. It was sad work and could not be done without heartfelt sorrow.

Nor did this painful action come too soon. Other disasters followed. The hard winter had through all the South affected the farming interest most unfavorably. The grain crop was seriously injnred by the unusual cold. The rains swelled the great rivers into an overwhelming flood. All along the Ohio, Tennessee and the Mississippi, the hungry waters swallowed up millions of property and left thousands of families homeless and starving. To meet this terrible calamity the Government opened the hands of its bounty.

While the river were sweeping to the sea the gatherings of many years of toil, other currents, more swift and deadly, swept over the land. When the people of the Ohio valley were exciting the pity of the Nation, there passed from Central Alabama to the Atlantic, in two great parallel lines like destroying angels, fearful cyclones that, in a moment, hurried hundreds to their graves and left behind them the scattered wreck of a thousand homes.

To these unfortunate ones, the instinct of humanity directed the contributions of all who have sympathy with human suffering, and in these painful disasters the claims of the Missionaries were forgotten. The effect upon our treasury is seen in the fact that our receipts for March, usually one of our most fruitful months, were scarcely sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Board, and for the closing months of the Conventional year, our churches contributed less than half what they gave the year before, and, but for the unexpected receipt of a considerable legacy, our embarrassment would have been painful.*

In its report last year, the Board expressed its conviction that a sys-

*Since the report was in type the Board has received about $3,000.

tem of contributions in our churches, by which every member might be reached and induced to give something for the world's conversion, was the paramount necessity of our work. This year's experience has strengthened this conviction and made it more profound. The organization of our people for the conquest of the world is *the* work of this Convention. We may deliberate upon many questions of duty, upon what we shall do for the Chinese, for the Indians, for the Negroes, for Italy, for Africa, Mexico, or Brazil, but no one of them, nor all of them combined, are worthy of a thought, compared with this work of so planning for our churches as to secure contributions for Missions from all our people.

That done, and all else is easy. That done, and the Home Mission Board can supply every destitute field and build a house of worship for every church that needs its aid.

That done, and Mexico can be furnished a hundred men and women for the grand work Providentially thrown into our hands. That done, and along the Congo and the Niger, Mission stations will arise until the dark heart of Africa will tremble with a new joy as Ethiopia stretches out her hand to God. That done, and from Tung Chow and Shanghai and Canton, the converging lines of our missions will meet where the great river of China leaps through the mountain gorges to thread its way to the sea. That done, and all along the Mediterranean, on either side, from Gibraltar to Carmel's frowning heights, mission stations will be planted whose gleam shall penetrate the moral darkness of those ancient lands.

This system we must have. In securing it, lies our only chance of any success worthy of the name. We must no longer postpone the wisest and most vigorous efforts to obtain it.

The constituency of this Convention possesses an annual income of not less than five hundred millions of dollars, and last year the contributions to both its Boards amounted to but $82,610. That our people have not done more is due largely to those who lead them, and if they shall ever awake to duty it will be largely through the influence of these same leaders, many of whom are to be found in this Convention.

The time has come for a juster estimate of our duty, our privileges, our opportunity. The world is opening before us. Every continent is calling. At home and abroad—the demand is for men, for increased offerings to the Lord, for enlargement of heart and purpose. We have been dilatory in our Master's work. The Baptists of the South have too long occupied the rear of the Lord's army enlisted to conquer the world. We have acted timidly. We have lacked vigor of purpose. We have planned nothing by which we may reach the masses of our people; nothing to render certain or even probable the scanty income of our Boards. They have been left to grope in the dark and feel their way as best they could to the results they desired to attain. What wonder if they have failed to adopt aggressive measures when they found so little encouragement to forsake the beaten paths? We seem to have forgotten that the eye of the Master is upon us; that His hand is over us; and His promise, "Lo! I am with you always," inspires us but little.

The Board requests the Convention to appoint a committee that

shall be charged with the duty of reporting a plan for systematic contributions to Missions which shall be suited to the wants of our churches and designed to secure donations from every member.

The task of securing this result, even with the most perfect system, may be Herculean, but it is not impossible.

To give to the Master's cause is the natural impulse of the renewed heart, and it is only false views of duty, or the growth of an overshadowing selfishness that prevents the development of this impulse into habit of giving. We must, on this subject, re-educate our people.

These spasmodic efforts and passionate appeals upon which we have relied must be abandoned, and our people must be taught to give by system. They must be shown that when each performs his part, how easy it would be to supply all that is needed for the spread of the gospel, and how small a contribution from every one will hush the cries of destitution, and fill our own and distant lands with songs of joy.

IN CONCLUSION.

The Board looks out upon the coming year with no disposition to underrate the hard and difficult task that lies before it.

The check to its progress, received from stinted resources, is no slight matter. It will not be easy to regain the lost momentum. Entrance into new fields will be more difficult. The uncertainty of its resources will act as a check upon its spirit of enterprise. The time when all the vast destitution upon which it is compelled to look, shall be supplied, seems further away than ever. The accomplishment of that on which we had set our hearts, is hidden in the far-off shadows of coming years.

But should it be the pleasure of the Convention to continue this work in our hands, without abating "one jot of heart or hope," we shall press forward to the utmost of our ability and to the last limit to which the help of our brethren will enable us to go.

STATE BOARDS.

The following amounts have been reported by the State Boards as expended in their work, on which they claim representation in the Convention:

Arkansas,	$ 3,744 20
Alabama,	12,500 27
Missouri,	13,564 46
Kentucky,	12,135 42
Georgia,	15,416 84
S. Carolina,	8,765 80
N. Carolina,	
Texas Convention,	32,803 30
Louisiana,	3,744 20
Maryland,	6,700 00
Virginia,	7,917 17

The Board has no authority to set in judgment upon these returns. Its whole duty is to report to the Convention the amounts claimed to have been expended by the State Boards.

APPENDIX B.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In view of the increased liberality of our churches, a growing missionary spirit in students for the ministry, the general prosperity and gradual expansion of our missions, and the opening of new fields all over the world, the friends of Foreign Missions should thank God and take courage.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Ten names have been added to our list of American missionaries. Miss Emma Young, of Missouri, and Miss Mattie M. Roberts, of Kentucky, sailed for China on the 1st of December and arrived, the former in Canton on the 7th of January, and the latter in Tung Chow on the 22d of the same month. On the 19th of September Rev. W. S. Walker, our missionary at Shanghai, married Miss Lilian Ellen Mateer, of Tung Chow, now in this country with her husband, who is sadly broken in health. On the 20th of March the following gentlemen were accepted by the Board as missionaries: Francis M. Myers, of Kentucky, and Charles Edwin Smith, of Arkansas, for Africa; James Monroe Joiner, of Louisiana, Elijah E. Davault, of Tennessee, and Frederick Chiles Hickson, of South Carolina, for China. Brethren Hickson and Smith are married men. In May last Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, of Tung Chow, was baptized, which may be regarded as adding the eleventh name to our missionary force. In no year since the organization of the Convention have so many or more promising missionaries been enrolled by this Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reports as his receipts, $80,465.87—the largest amount ever received in one year. The sum reported last year was $15,826.81 above the average receipts for twelve years; and the sum this year exceeds that of last year by $23,561.16. The average of these two years is three times as much as the average contributions of the fifteen years preceding the war. The balance of $6,160.10 on hand at the close of last year, added to this year's receipts, makes $86,625.97, the aggregate which the Board has had at its disposal for the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. Had the amount been $100,000, instead of $86,600, $20,000 of it might have been wisely appropriated to church-houses, as stated in August last. The $5,000 per month asked for the support of the missions has been provided; and the church building, with mission extension work, prudently restrained this year, has been transferred to another year, when the $100,000—delayed perhaps to test our faith—may be fully realized.

BEQUESTS.

As the net proceeds of the bequest of Mrs. Mary M. D. Ellington, of Tuskegee, Alabama, mentioned last year as in litigation, the Board has received four thousand four hundred and eighty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents. The Board has been the recipient also of five hundred dollars, as a legacy of the late James Headen, Esq., of Talladega, Alabama. Such remembrance by God's saints is esteemed a token of Divine favor.

REACHING THE MASSES.

In essaying to reach our people more generally with missionary intelligence, the Board has sent out, in addition to various statements and appeals kindly published by the weekly press, 74,000 tracts, leaflets and missionary papers. Many of these have been distributed by our Vice-Presidents, to whom was sent last June a circular letter suggesting how they might most effectually reach the masses through their conventions, associations and churches. To these officers of the Board the Convention has committed the matter of church and Sunday-school enrollment. Blanks with appropriate headings have been provided for their reports to the Convention. The by-laws have been exactly executed by the Board.

WOMAN'S WORK.

This work is one of the features of our Christian age which brings it into greater harmony with the Christianity of the age of Christ and his Apostles. No reader of the New Testament, with his mind directed to this subject, can fail to be impressed with the prominence given to women in the propagation of the gospel. In accordance with the instructions and recommendations of the Convention, the Board is represented in all the States by carefully selected woman-committees, to whom have been furnished gratuitously in the past ten years 28,520 mite-boxes, for the use of societies organized for co-operation with our missionary enterprise. This expenditure by the Board, ($733.40,) has been rewarded a hundredfold by the returns of these committees, who report 642 societies, which have contributed $16,895.58 to our treasury this year, and, perhaps, an aggregate of $75,000 in the past ten years. And the Board congratulates our Southern sisters that the natural tendency to separate and independent organization is resisted by them, and that our respective works for the spread of the gospel in pagan and papal lands promise to go on under the fostering care of our common associations and conventions, and in God's universal way of adverse tendencies limiting each other, and thus producing the most complete and beneficial results.

The following action has been taken by our Board:

Resolved, 1. That the attention of the Vice-Presidents and agents of the Board, as well as that of pastors, should be called to the subject of enlisting more generally the sympathies and energies of our Christian women in giving the gospel to the heathen, and of forming Woman's Missionary Societies in all our churches where such societies would be approved and fostered.

Resolved, 2. That our Woman's Societies be respectfully requested to report to the Central Committees of their respective States all amounts paid by them for our work to parties other than the Central Committees themselves, in order that their full contributions may be known and duly reported.

Resolved, 3. That the Board has noticed with pleasure publications in the *Heathen Helper*, of the statistics of some of our Woman's Societies, and the Board hereby expresses the hope that all of our Central Committees will publish in that paper the work of their societies, that the statistics of our woman's work of the South may be more readily collected and made as complete as possible.

FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

This paper, ably edited, self-supporting, increasing in circulation, instinct with the spirit of missions, and occupying a sphere peculiar and non-conflicting with any other periodical, is one of the most indispensable agents for the prosecution of the offices of the Board. It publishes together the offerings of the churches for their own satisfaction, the stimulation of each other, and the information and encouragement of the missionaries, and the doings and self-denials of the missionaries, for the widening of the views and the deepening of the sympathies of the churches. Our missionaries also need a stated survey of the whole mission field, as well as our pastors and others who wish to be fully, and often speedily, informed as to all our mission work. It furnishes an organ independent and unrestricted, through which the peculiar interests committed to the Board, with its plans and policies, may be advocated with unity and harmony in all parts of the paper, and presented to the public as to time and space and manner according to the pleasure and wisdom of the Board alone, which is held responsible for these interests by the Convention. It stands, too, for the advocacy of the Convention and its actions, which advocacy should be officially provided for. Being published at the seat of the Board, missionary documents are accessible without inconvenience to either the Board or the paper; every shade of view and sentiment of this body may be perfectly reflected, and the monthly acknowledgment of contributions, which is of importance and requires much care, is thus less liable to typographical errors. An examination of the proceedings of the Convention for 1873 and 1874 readily discovers the reasons that induced the Board, in 1875, to suggest to the Convention the suspension of the paper. None of these reasons exists now, or is likely to exist again; and the JOURNAL, the right arm of the Board of Foreign Missions, should be upheld by the emphatic endorsement of the Convention, and by the patronage of every Baptist of the South. The paper closed its fiscal year (April 1st,) with all expenses paid, a contribution of $50 to the Treasury for Mexican schools, and a balance of $112.10 to its credit in bank.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE B. TAYLOR.

The evangelical papers of Europe and America have united in paying tributes to the memory of our sister who fell on sleep in the city of Rome, Italy, on the seventh day of last March, and whose name is worthy to be enrolled with the eminent woman missionaries of modern times. Of this lamented decease Dr. Taylor wrote: "After an illness of two days, preceded by one day of indisposition, my wife died last Friday morning. Her illness was tragical. She was threatened with suffocation from the inflammation of the upper part of the windpipe. The operation of the cutting of the windpipe (tracheotomy) was performed by an eminent Roman surgeon. It gave her momentary relief and made her death easy—that was all. Thus the greatest of all bereavements has come upon me and my

children. But God has miraculously sustained us, and greater and more numerous demonstrations of love, sorrow and sympathy could not have been given had we been in Richmond. It was not only regard for me, but personal affection for her and grief at her leaving. Friends of many nations and creeds, and of no creed, vied with one another in kindness. My children have felt the supports of the gospel, and have seemed to show the self-forgetfulness of their mother."

Rev. J. H. Eager, our missionary, wrote from Rome on the 10th of March: "I can truly say that Mrs. Taylor was a martyr to the work in Italy, and it will never be known till the great day what burdens she has borne and what sacrifices she has made during the eleven years of her life in this country. But they are recorded on high, and now that the warfare is ended, the victory won, and the sweet rest of eternity begun, she will bless God for it all.

Among the many touching things written of our sainted sister, one of the most touching is from the pen of a little child of Rome, who writes thus to a lady in this country: "I missed you much when you left, but much more when God came and took dear Mrs. Taylor from us. She was the best friend we had, and such a good Christian. You can imagine how great our sorrow is, especially when we enter church. We never can forget her. I must say I never missed any one in my life as I have missed Mrs. Taylor, but I hope to meet her one day in that beautiful home where we know she is now dwelling."

The Board has made an appropriate record of their appreciation of the character and life of the honored deceased.

AFRICAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. J. David, Mrs. David, P. A. Eubank, Mrs. Eubank, F. M. Myers, C. E. Smith, Mrs. Smith.

Native Pastors: Moses L. Stone, S. L. Milton, Albert Eli.

Stations: Lagos, Abbeokuta, Ogbomoshaw, Gaun, Hausser Farm.

Statistics: Baptized, 31; Pupils, 196; Church members, say 125; Contributions, £82.5.3.

BROTHER STONE.

This faithful native preacher, located at Ogbomoshaw, with whom all intercourse had been cut off for a year by the interior wars, when our last report was made, appeared suddenly at Lagos and reported that, though locked in by the enemy, he had continued at work and baptized five hopeful converts. He has returned to his station, and needs, in his trying situation, the special sympathy and prayers of God's people.

LAGOS.

During a grand revival at this station, perhaps a hundred souls were brought to Christ, and twenty-five of them put on Christ by baptism and joined our church.

The school-house for which Brother David has long pleaded is erected, and compares favorably with the other well-built school-houses of this English-African city. The expense of its erection was greatly reduced by the personal labors of our missionary. It cost £411.13.3. Mrs. David was efficient in raising a part of these funds. While the teaching at present is elementary, it will be gradually elevated and ultimately adapted to the training of native preachers. When our missionary force in the interior shall have

been reinforced, it is desired by the mission that the school interest at Lagos shall be superintended by brother P. A. Eubank, stationed now at Abbeokuta.

GAUN AND HAUSSER FARM.

The work at these stations has gone on encouragingly. New impulse was given to affairs at the former station by a special appropriation of the Board to build a house for pastor Milton. The church erected a chapel at their own expense.

REINFORCEMENTS.

The Board has appointed to this field, as stated above, Rev. F. M. Myers and Rev. C. E. Smith. Recent intelligence of the serious illness of brother Smith's wife casts some doubt upon their early departure from this country. Other American missionaries should be forthcoming for this field. As to African co-workers, the conviction of the mission is strong that they are greatly needed; but it is equally strong that they should be natives of Africa.

DISCOURAGEMENTS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS.

Recovered in health, which was sorely tried in the process of acclimation, brother Eubank, with his noble wife, is hard at work in Abbeokuta—hopeful and yet not unmoved by the many difficulties in the way of success. Our pensive missionary gives a long catalogue of the obstacles to the gospel in Yoruba: 1. The African's satisfaction with his condition. 2. His lack of veracity and the consequent distrust of him. 3. His ignorance and superstition. 4. The adverse power of family influence. 5. Native slavery to base passions. 6. The low moral and spiritual life among professed Christians. 7. The difficulty of acquiring the language with no competent teachers. 8. The fewness of the laborers and the apparent forgetfulness of Africa as a mission field. On the other hand, he cites as encouragements: 1. The Yoruban's confidence in the white man. 2. Christianity attracting the attention of the more thoughtful. 3. The eyes of the commercial and political world directed to Africa as never before, which may stimulate the Christian world to worthier consideration. 4. "There are some praying souls," he says, "and some inquirers." Our brother is cheered by the outpouring of God's spirit in Lagos.

APPEAL.

The following earnest appeal has been addressed to the Board:

"Can nothing be done for Africa? Why heed the cries of every other nation more than her pleadings? I know that climate and broken-down missionaries seem against the dark continent; but should not those who break down for Christ's sake beneath that hostile climate have, for that very reason, sympathy and aid? I am glad for Mexico; but when Africa begged for one-fourth that Mexico receives, her plea was unheeded. There are those whose whole heart's desire is to benefit Africa. They are willing to give their time, their talent, and even their lives to save that benighted land. Is not her time next? Will you not help her now? I know that God will provide; but 'hope deferred maketh the heart sick.' May God direct the Board to do his will, and send her help speedy and ample!"

EUROPEAN MISSION.

Missionaries: George B. Taylor, J. H. Eager, Mrs. Eager, Signors Basile, Ferraris, Paschetto, Bellondi, Colombo, Torre, Martinelli, Volpi, Papengouth, Cossu.

Stations: Rome, Torre Pellice, Pinerolo, Milan, Venice, Bologna, Modena, Carpi, Bari, Barletta, Naples, Island of Sardinia.

Statistics: Baptized, 7; Sunday-school scholars, 112; Church membership, 220.

GENERAL VIEW.

"I cannot report a revival," writes brother Eager, "like that which has been stirring and cheering the hearts of brother David and his co-laborers in Africa. The work in Italy goes on slowly and without great visible and permanent results; but the blessing is sure to come, for the promises of God are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. A few days ago I heard a prominent Italian minister say in his prayer, 'O, Lord, thou knowest how difficult it is to labor on year after year without seeing the fruits of our labors, and therefore lest our faith fail, we beseech thee grant us visible results, that our hearts may be encouraged and our hands strengthened.' I suppose this is not unfrequently the prayer of every true Christian worker in Italy."

DR. TAYLOR.

His annual rounds among the churches have been made by our brother, with detailed accounts of which his pen has enriched the columns of the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL. He has had treble duty in Rome, as brother Eager has been absent much of the time, and there is now no native pastor in that city; but with earnest spirit and patient toil he bears the heat and burden of his own field, while with paternal anxiety he carries on his mind and heart the care of all the churches. This year the mission has had its full share of trials, not the least among which was the deflection from orthodox views of Signor Cocorda, and his consequent separation from our work. But in the midst of his varied toils and trials, Dr. Taylor has had the comfort and compensation of seeing his own son, who is in the Louisville Seminary, rising up to be a fellow helper in the Lord, and of welcoming among his corps of laborers Signor Nicholas Papengouth, son of the missionary Count Papengouth, of Naples—a young man cultured and devoted, and highly commended as a missionary by Mr. Spurgeon, of London.

BROTHER AND SISTER EAGER.

On brother Eager were laid for awhile the new responsibilities of disbursing the finances, conducting much of the correspondence, and visiting many of the stations of the mission. He has been engaged also, in company with "good brother Mattei," in colportage. Under date of November 28th he wrote: "We were absent eight days, traveled about two hundred miles, canvassed six large towns, sold one hundred and forty-five copies of the New Testament, distributed a large number of tracts, and spent twenty dollars—seven of which were replaced by our sales." To recruit her health, Mrs. Eager, with her two children, is in this country, and has been invited by the Board to be present at the Convention.

TORRE PELLICE.

Signor Paschetto, of Milan, has taken charge of this station, where Signor Cocorda was located. Of Paschetto, brother Eager writes: "He is a firm Baptist, and is true to his principles under all circumstances, and is peculiarly fitted for the difficult and delicate position in Torre Pellice."

MILAN AND NAPLES.

Brother Eager has been laboring at Milan, but expects to be permanently settled in Naples, and Signor Nicholas Papengouth, of Naples, will take, in May, the pastorate at Milan, where Signor Paschetto worked with great acceptance for six years. Of his own labors in Milan, brother Eager writes: "I have had unusual liberty in preaching; we have four services a week, besides the Sunday-school. In addition, I am endeavoring to verify the assertion that 'a house-going pastor will make a church-going people.'" Of Naples, he says: "When I am once settled there, and get to work, I shall very likely make an appeal to the Board for the means to build a chapel in that great city. I hope to begin work there early in September. It is likely that I shall spend the summer months with Signor Martinelli, in Modena, Carpi, and other places where he preaches the gospel."

MODENA AND CARPI.

Brother Martinelli writes: "Many of the citizens of Carpi wished to hear Professor Torre preach, and, to gratify this desire, I wrote asking him to come. He came promptly to Modena, spoke at our meeting here, and then went to Carpi. We had an excellent meeting, and all were satisfied. He had professors, and lawyers, and doctors, and many other gentlemen to hear him. The seats were all occupied. He told them what he was before coming to a knowledge of the truth. He was not ashamed to say that he had been a priest, but that now he rejoiced that he was a Christian, and a preacher of the word of Eternal Life. He assured them that he and all *true* believers have peace of conscience through Jesus Christ. He was applauded immensely. We earnestly hope that his words fell into good ground." The work in Carpi is encouraging, and seems to promise more than that in Modena, where the people are more under the influence of the Jesuits, and hence less disposed to hear the gospel from the lips of a heretic.

BOLOGNA.

Signor Colombo writes: "It pains me greatly to see that the fruits of the work in Bologna do not correspond to the sacrifices, and, I can say it without presumption, to the efforts that I am putting forth. I endeavor to make the meetings as interesting as possible; I study and pray; but it seems that God intends to prove our patience, and take from us every motive of vain-glory. For a month past we have been having some serious disturbances in our *locale*, caused by certain wild young men, students of the University. Some of them have been arrested, and now that the *locale* is guarded by the police, quiet has again returned."

BARI AND BARLETTA.

Signor Volpi has many trials in his field of labor, but he seems to bear them in the spirit of a true Christian. A few months ago he

lost his eldest daughter, and since then other members of the family have been seriously ill. "The present year," he writes, "has commenced with sickness in my family, which the Lord has seen fit to send upon us. For fifteen days I was almost constantly at the bedside of my wife. Lately several persons in this city have died with the same disease; but the prayer of faith has proved effectual at the throne of grace, and the sick one is again up and able to attend to her usual duties. Two members of our congregation have died recently. Through these dispensations the Lord has granted me the opportunity of preaching the word of grace and love to a goodly number of persons." Our evangelist has been authorized to open a *locale* in Barletta.

SARDINIA.

Signor Cossu writes cheeringly from his field. For some time he has been without a suitable *locale*. Lately he has procured a good hall, excellently situated in a much frequented part of the city. "The meetings," he writes, "are well attended. We have fifty-four seats, which are always occupied, and a number of hearers are compelled to remain standing, so that the attendance is generally about seventy." A few months ago Signor Cossu commenced the publication of a small paper, called *Light and Darkness*. It is printed partly in the Italian and partly in the Sardinian dialect, which is the native language of the editor. "As to the periodical," he writes, "it has become a fearful incumbus to the priests. Several times they have sought by threats to intimidate those who sell it, hoping thus to stop the circulation of the paper. But in every meeting I distribute copies, and thus it is read and enjoyed by many. It is important at the beginning to resist this opposition of the priests, so that the readers having gained more knowledge of the truth may feel strong enough to think and act for themselves. When I read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew I can almost imagine I am reading a prophecy concerning Italy."

VENICE.

Signor Bellondi writes: "Our meetings are well attended, but I am constantly in trouble on account of some of our very poor brethren, who need help that I cannot give. In addition to my regular duties, among other things I am writing a book, which I have almost finished. It will be useful to one who studies the Bible sincerely, and I hope it will induce others to become interested in its study." This Evangelist speaks encouragingly of his work, and though it is not large, he thinks it is genuine. He has talent, both as a preacher and writer. He has written some of our best and sweetest Italian hymns.

ROME.

"I have been greatly comforted," Dr. Taylor writes, "in the absence of large gatherings here, by seeing clearly manifested the sanctifying power of the spirit through the word, leading brethren spontaneously to give up Sunday labor, renounce work that might injure their Christian standing, and to show practical love for the sick, the widow, the orphan and the cause of Christ, all which would mean much in Richmond, and means even more in Rome."

EVANGELICAL CO-OPERATION.

"For two or three years there has been a widespread desire in Italy," says brother Taylor, "to have a closer union and co-operation

among evangelical Christians and workers here in the face of Romanism, with its pretended unity, and ere the meeting of your Convention, an assembly to discuss the subject will have met in Florence. Signor Paschetto, brother Eager and the writer will represent American Baptists. For a much longer period the wish has been felt to bring nearer together all Baptists working in this land, both to strengthen their own hands and to present an undivided front against the vast odds that oppose them. At last this wish has been crowned with success. Last October the Apostolical Baptist union was formed and its first general meeting will be held in Turin, while the Convention is in session in Baltimore. I trust it is unnecessary to say that in neither of these movements will the principles dear to American Baptists be compromised by your representatives."

CHINA MISSIONS.

Tung Chow Mission: P. O. Chefoo—T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss L. Moon, N. W. Halcomb, C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Pruitt, Miss M. M Roberts, E. E. Davault.

Shanghai Mission: M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, W. S. Walker, Mrs. Walker, Miss Ruth McCown, student in Philadelphia, W. J. Hunnex and Mrs. Hunnex, at Ching-Kiang, J. H. Joiner. *Native Pastors:* Wong Ping San and See T'ay San, with five other native assistants.

Canton Mission: R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden, E. Z. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Sallie Stein, Miss Emma Young, F. C. Hickson, Mrs. Hickson, and twenty-four native assistants and Bible women.

Statistics: Missionaries and native assistants, 58; stations and outstations, 17; Baptized, 65; church members, 611; pupils, 306; contributions, $677.39.

TUNG CHOW MISSION.

HEALTH OF MISSIONARIES.

During the year no doctor's bill has been contracted, and no interruption of work has occurred. Mrs. Crawford, who was at the Convention in Waco, arrived in Tung chow, with improved strength, on the 6th of July, and soon after resumed her labors, both in the city and in the country.

DR. CRAWFORD'S WORK.

In addition to his usual services in the study and chapel, Dr. Crawford has preached regularly in the streets four times per week. He says: "My motto is, 'preach the gospel directly to the people, and leave the result with God.' It is still the sowing time, and we must wait with patience for the harvest. We hold on our way by faith in the promises of God and the power of the gospel. Christendom will yet learn that a great heathen nation is not easily converted to Christ, and will be the better for the lesson. God has always some new lesson to teach his people."

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Miss Moon reports: "I have given my time chiefly to the teaching and general oversight of the girls' school. There are thirty-seven pupils. Besides, I have visited some in the city, and also one hundred villages."

Mr. Pruitt reports: "The year has been spent in the study of the language. Mrs. Pruitt and myself have made together two tours into the country around the city of Whang-Hien—the first, of five weeks in the spring, the second of three weeks in the fall. We have, besides, both done some teaching in the boys' school."

Mr. Halcomb reports: "Most of my time has been devoted to the language. During the year sixteen boys have been in the school; average attendance, eleven. Of the sixteen boys, ten were day scholars, living in the city. Of all, only one has received help for food from foreign sources. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have rendered efficient aid in teaching English. At the close of this year the school will be turned over to Mrs. Crawford's hands. In addition to a five weeks' trip in spring, I made an extensive tour this fall to the western part of the province, traveling about 750 miles, besides various detours from a direct course, for the purpose of preaching and becoming acquainted with the country. Hope from the knowledge thus acquired to be able to mark out a line of stations to be visited once or twice a year in the future. At Shang-tswang I baptized one person into the church at that place."

Dr. Crawford reports: "We have baptized nine, and have 109 members. Some of them are dead rather than alive, and the growth of Christian principle is painfully slow. There are only four or five hopeful inquirers at this time, while the heathen around us seem as unmoved as ever. The new missionaries have all made good progress in the language. These brethren have conducted services a few times in the chapel. Their discourses were well expressed, and well understood by the congregation. The Sunday-school, Bible-classes, prayer-meetings and public services have all been sustained as in former years."

ENTERPRISE.

The junior members of the mission have been authorized by the Board to establish a mission at Whang-Hien. The senior missionary, in the same spirit of progress, is projecting plans for broader work, and warns the Board not to be surprised if an urgent call should come soon from the Shantung mission for twenty-five new missionaries.

SHANGHAI MISSION.

Dr. Yates writes encouragingly of this mission, and calls for reinforcements. He says: "We have increased the area of our work tenfold, and men and means should be increased in more than a corresponding ratio."

SHANGHAI.

Thirteen services per week are maintained in the three places of worship—one of them five miles from the city. With many interruptions Dr. Yates has continued to translate the New Testament into the colloquial of his province. In the future he hopes to engage in this work more uninterruptedly. Mrs. Yates has kept up her school successfully, though her health is not vigorous. She is expected soon in this country.

KWIN-SAN.

This station is in charge of the native pastor, T'ay San, who has four services weekly, with good congregations. There has been

more than ordinary interest. Dr. Yates has visited the place three times this year, on his way to Soo-Chow.

SOO-CHOW.

At this provincial city, which is the centre of twenty other cities and a large number of villages, a chapel has been built, and a church of seven members was organized on the 10th of June. Dr. Yates baptized two men in their "granite baptistery." The crowd that rushes into the chapel is so great that disturbance is constantly threatened. An official proclamation is suspended in the building, "warning all evil disposed persons to be on their good behavior in the hall, lest condign punishment come upon them." Dr. Yates remarks: "This is a great success." Brother W. S. Walker had recently visited this station, and expected to settle there, where the Board proposes the erection of a mission house. Dr. Yates writes: "Three more men and their wives, with dwellings, are necessary here, whence the gospel may be preached through the villages and hamlets in the vicinity, and in the cities along the Grand canal toward Ching-kiang. We must have men from home. We are powerless without, for we cannot trust yet native agency."

CHING-KIANG.

In this city of some 200,000 inhabitants, at the junction of the Grand canal and the Yang Tsz river, Mr. and Mrs. Hunnex are stationed, and faithfully laboring. As the language of Ching-kiang prevails for some fifty miles along the canal, brother Hunnex has visited and preached and sold books in the cities in this direction, with the view of spying out the land. "This service," Dr. Yates says, "required some courage and self-reliance." Brother Hunnex will be ordained pastor of the Ching-kiang church. Dr. Yates writes of the city: "This, as a radiating centre, is in every respect equal, if not superior, to Soo-Chow. Ching-kiang also should be reinforced with three married men, and they should be well equipped for effective work. This will require a large outlay of money, and will try the courage and faith and patience of the Board, but we must have them. We cannot do the work without the men, and the men cannot work without shelter to keep them in health." The Board has authorized Dr. Yates to purchase property here, for chapel and residence, for 5,000 taels, equal to $6,172.84 gold.

MEETING HALF-WAY.

With these two stations, Soo-Chow and Ching-kiang, equipped, their respective men could work along the canal, and meet half-way at Tsang Chow. The men at Ching-kiang could occupy Yang Chow, a large city on the canal north of the Yang Tsz, and only twelve miles from Ching-kiang. There are many other cities, only a short distance from the canal on either side, which are accessible, all of which would come within the field of one or the other of these stations, and embrace a population of many millions of heathen. "The occupation of the centers of this wide field," says Dr. Yates, "is substantial progress."

STATUS OF THE MISSION.

Nine have been added by baptism and letter, and one hundred and seven is the church membership. The wrecked health of

brother W. S. Walker, which forced his return to this country, should elicit the profound sympathy of the denomination. Miss McCown, who is assigned to this mission, has graduated in medicine at Philadelphia, but will pursue for a year a post graduate course, for the sake of hospital practice and special study of the eye. This is recommended by Dr. Yates.

CANTON MISSION.

For the past few months this mission has been disturbed by the French-Chinese war, and riots growing out of it; but, by the good mercy of God, our missionaries have been preserved, and the work, with some hindrances, goes on.

A NEW CHURCH.

In October a church was organized at T'sing-Yuen, which has forty-one members, over whom brother Lo-Kwok Tseung has been ordained pastor.

PREACHING.

With the exception of a few days after the Canton riot, when it was dangerous for foreigners to appear on the streets, daily preaching has been conducted and the usual tours have been made in the country. "Many have heard the word of Life." The native preacher, brother T'ong-T'sun Cheung, having been called to the pastorate of the church at Portland, Oregon, has come to the United States.

CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The chapel built by the native Christians, at a cost of $1,500, was greatly injured by a mob. It has been repaired and is re-occupied by these liberal children of our heavenly Father. They support not only their preacher, Fung-Cho'k, but they rent a chapel and support a preacher in the country.

EXTENSION AND COLPORTAGE.

Despite opposition, a new station has been maintained at San Hing, about forty miles south of Shiu Hing. A weekly service has been held in our Honan school, though the women have been frightened away. Since the demolition of the chapel in N'g-Chau last year, services have been suspended, and the question of indemnity is before the authorities. At S'g Ni the people seem to care but little for their souls; but 1,152 patients have sought relief from the dispensary there. Tracts, gospels, and parts of Scripture, numbering 46,720, have been distributed, and $91.58 has been realized from sales.

BIBLE CLASSES.

Four months have been spent in the study of the Bible, which has greatly aided the preaching of the native assistants. The Woman's class, under Mrs. Graves, has been of much service to the Bible-women. Ten schools have been maintained, with an average attendance of 134. Dr. Graves gives daily instruction in the Boys' school in Geography, Natural History, Physics, and the Scriptures.

MISS YOUNG AND MISS WHILDEN.

Dr. Graves writes: "We rejoice in the accession to our number of Miss Young, whom we have already learned to love and esteem

as a congenial fellow-laborer and as one who bids fair to be useful in the future." Miss Whilden is still in this country, but not well enough to be present at the Convention.

CHURCH-ROLLS.

Members at Canton, 221; at Shiu Hing, 44; at T'sing-Yuen, 41; at Hong Kong and Long Island, 80. Total, 386.

PRAYER AND FAITH.

The mission writes: "We have been cheered by the thought of the prayers of our brethren in America. We feel that many trials yet await us; but we rejoice to know that God will bring us safely through them all in answer to prayer."

BRAZILIAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. B. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, Z. C. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, and one native assistant.
Stations: Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Barbara.
Statistics: Baptized, 20; Sunday-school scholars, 30; Membership, 70.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

In their annual report our missionaries at Bahia say: "God has graciously enabled us to turn many to the way of life, and given us health and strength to keep up all departments of our work. We have baptized twenty, and the feeble church of a year ago has grown to a strong body of twenty-five earnest workers for Christ. They are full of zeal, and labor with their friends and relatives, and induce many to give heed to the gospel. We are now preaching from six to eight sermons a week and at six different places in the city, and converse daily with many persons interested in their soul's salvation. There are now twelve persons who seem to be earnestly seeking salvation. A number of these are ladies; two of them are daughters of a priest. The priest himself has conversed with several of us on the subject of religion, and the other day asked one of our members—a friend of his—to pray for him. This is certainly a hopeful indication. The Sunday-school is increasing in interest. Yesterday the attendance was thirty or thirty-five."

PUBLICATIONS.

"Our newspaper articles," writes brother Bagby, "and our four tracts, have opened the eyes of many, and are doing much good. The Brazilians are a reading people, and the press is a great power. We need a publishing fund, as there is no Baptist literature in Portuguese, and we must publish what we need."

EXTENSION.

These brethren have repeatedly urged the opening of a mission in Rio de Janeiro, where they would be in reach of the church at Santa Barbara, which has forty-five members and no pastor. The Board has granted their request, and brother and sister Bagby will probably begin work in that great capital before long. The mission calls loudly for reinforcements.

THE KABYLES.

ORIGIN AND STATUS OF THE ENGLISH MISSION.

Mr. Edward H. Glenny, of Linton Road, Barking, London, honorary secretary of this mission, writes to *The Christian*: "The mission to the Kabyles of Algeria was originated by Mr. H. Grattan Guinness and Mr. and Mrs. George Pearse. It is now managed by a small Council, and has widened its aims so as to embrace not only Kabylia proper, but Oran, Constantine and Morocco. The Berber races occupying these countries are all closely related, one nation in fact, though in subjection to different conquerors. They are a fine, intelligent, manly race, by no means as fanatical and bigoted as Mohammedans usually are; a race offering a most hopeful sphere for the Gospel of Christ. Our work among them will in future be known as The Mission to the Kabyles and other Berber Races of North Africa."

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL OF BROTHER BALDWIN.

Rev. E. F. Baldwin, of North Carolina, having presented to the Board an interesting and instructive paper on these Kabyles—a mountain people of Northwestern Africa—and being greatly desirous of visiting their country with the view of surveying it as a mission field for Southern Baptists, was appointed by the Board for that purpose, and sailing on the 5th of January, he arrived in Algiers on the 28th of that month. There he met Mr. George Pearse, who had called his attention to this field, and of whom brother Baldwin says: "He is a man of large experience, great wisdom, and most cautious and conservative. Moreover, he lives very near the Lord Jesus. He is a worker well known and most highly esteemed in England, where I made inquiries concerning him He will accompany and aid me in all my explorations."

THE FIELD AND LABORERS.

On the 19th of February brother Baldwin wrote from Mekla:

The Field.

"I write from the heart of '*La Grand Kabylie*," or the Jur-jura district, some thirty miles from postoffice and diligence route, where the scenery is most wild and rugged, the mountain paths only passable for mules, and where you see Kabyle life and character entirely untouched by French influence. It is fifteen miles to Djemaa Sahridj, where is the nearest European, I believe. * * * As we go among the Kabyles with the gospel, they, at times, throng us on every side so we can scarcely move, in their eagerness to hear. As we walk along the mountain paths, they join us and walk with us. May God send to them those who, with the gospel, shall gather out from among them his elect.

Monsieur Mayor.

"I am with a Swiss brother, Mons. H. S. Mayor, a missionary working without appointment or sustainment from any missionary society. He has been here some two years—far longer than any other missionary in Kabylia—and is far better acquainted with Kabyle life, character and language, and with the various tribes of Berber stock from the Mediterranean down into Soudan, than any other I have met or heard of.

"Mons. Mayor *was* sustained by Swiss and French friends, by whom also he was enabled to erect the little two-roomed house, costing 2,500 francs, ($500,) in which he lives all alone—no family. But, since being here, baptism being demanded at his hands by a Marabout of the Kabyles from Morocco (whom he had led to Christ, and who saw it simply from reading the New Testament in French the night after his conversion,) he himself was thus led to see immersion to be his duty, which he received in France from a Baptist French *pasteur*. This, and some other things which I may not now detail, alienated his friends, and their support has been largely withdrawn, and he has suffered very much, even hunger again and again. He recently wrote to the American Baptist Missionary Union, asking an appointment, I believe."

Missionary Lamb and Wife.

"The only other worker or missionary among the Kabyles is a Mr. A. S. Lamb, a most devoted and earnest and capable man, who, with his wife and three children, came from Scotland three or four months ago, and are living in a very commodious house (ten rooms) put up by English friends for them (who also support them) at Djemaa Sahridj, fifteen miles west from here and fifteen miles northeast of Fort National, admirably located among the Kabyle villages and near Mekla, a new small French town. Djemaa Sahridj, a Kabyle village adjoining the mission premises, contains 4,000 souls.

On coming to Djemaa Sahridj, some ten days since, I found brother Lamb and wife (who came from Scotland as Scotch Presbyterians) somewhat exercised about baptism, especially in view of the question of baptism of Kabyle converts. I was enabled to help them to decision, and had the great and unexpected joy of leading both brother and sister Lamb and a Kabyle, Said by name, into the river Saboan (where doubtless in the early centuries many were buried with Christ by baptism) and baptizing them. The service was a unique one. Two French and one English and one Kabyle hymn were sung. Mons. Mayor explained the ordinance in Kabyle to the Kabyles. Brother Lamb prayed in French, as some present knew only French. When I pronounced the baptism formula in English, as I baptized the Kabyle, it was translated to him. I heartily wished the friends at home could have looked on the scene, with its many Palestinian features."

KABYLIA.

As the foregoing will excite some desire to know more of the country and people being investigated by our brother, the following excerpts from the *Journal* may be properly reported:

Geography and Topography.

Kabylia is the central one of the three provinces into which Algeria is divided, and extending from the shore of the Mediterranean inland to the Atlas mountains. Its latitude is nearly the same as that of Virginia, its climate milder in winter, the rainy season, and more equable in summer, when there is little if any rain. The country is intersected by spurs from the Atlas, which interlace with other spurs from the Coast Range. These mountains contain some mineral wealth. The valleys and plateaus are exceedingly fertile, and yield abundance of wheat, figs, grapes, olives and other fruits

and vegetables. It was one of the principle granaries of ancient Rome.

The People.

The Kabyles are very thickly settled for so rough a country. They number, according to the best estimates, including all of the same race living in the adjacent mountains, some twelve millions. They seem to be of Caucasian origin, considerably bronzed, however, by climate and exposure, and are regarded as lineal-descendants of the ancient Numidians, subsequently called Berbers. If so, they have held these fastnesses, with but little of foreign intermixture, for more than twenty centuries. Their prominent traits of character are industry, truthfulness, hospitality, love of country and devotion to freedom—in a word, their character is almost the same with that of the Swiss, to whose Alpine pastures correspond the well-tilled plats high up on the mountains of Kabylia.

View, Ancient and Modern.

The country came under Roman domination at or soon after the destruction of Carthage, 146 B. C., and remains are still clearly traced of a *colonia*, such as Paul found at Philippi. Christianity was early introduced, and took deep root. The churches in northern Africa furnished for several centuries not a few of the ablest defenders of the faith. Here flourished the Donatists, who opposed the union of church and State, and insisted on conversion as a prerequisite to church membership. In the fifth century the region was overrun by the Vandals under Genseric and his son Huneric. Arianism gained the ascendant and spirituality languished. Two centuries later came the Saracens under the blood-stained crescent and imposed the Moslem teachers and observances which still continue, though they seem never to have been heartily accepted. In modern times we first hear of the Algerines as pirates, and only within the present century have their terrible inroads on commerce been checked. The country has been under the protection of France since 1830, but again and again has endeavored to throw off this foreign yoke. The last attempt was made during the Franco-Prussian war, and is not likely to be soon repeated.

Political, Religious and Social Condition.

Kabyles is said to mean Confederates. The people so called themselves from their form of government. Each village is a pure democracy with its unpaid executive officers. A number of villages make a fraction corresponding somewhat to our county, a number of counties make a tribe, like our State, and the tribes form a Kabyla or Confederation. This old form of government is of course modified and limited in its powers under French military rule. Their religion is a sort of rationalistic Mohammedanism, contrasting strongly with the fatalism of the Arabs, and is very loosely held. They have never practiced polygamy, but do admit divorce. Women are bought and are expected to labor, but are held in higher esteem than is common in either Mohammedan or heathen countries.

Claims of the Kabyles.

The claims of the Kabyles are urged upon the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention by the general reasons which impel us to go into all the world, by the peculiar claims of so noble a

people, and by these special considerations: There are many indications that the field is pre-eminently white to the harvest and might soon become self-sustaining; the English might be met with opposition from the French authorities, but the similarity of our institutions to the traditional government of Kabylia, and the cordial relations between the United States and France, ensure to American missionaries a kind reception; and lastly, through the pioneer labors of our English brother, who is calling upon us to come to his help, we have already a foothold.

RECEPTION OF MISSIONARIES.

On the 25th of March brother Baldwin writes from Algiers: "This morning I called on the American consul here, a Mr. Jourdan. I saw also Colonel Playfair, the English consul, and got such light as they could give me on the subject of the reception of American missionaries by the French authorities, who have shown themselves inimical to English missionaries, suspecting political motives. I am about to address some inquiries to the Governor-General of Algiers, which our consul will present for me."

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

Dr. E. F. Merriam, of the *Union*, writes: "I congratulate your Board upon the opportunity to enter upon the work among the Kabyles. I have had it in mind as a possible opening for the *Missionary Union*, and wrote Mr. Pearse nearly a year ago inquiring as to his willingness to allow this Society to take up the work, but providence seems to have given it into your hands. I know of no opening for mission work in Africa offering so few difficulties, and every way so promising and feasible as that among the Kabyles and kindred races of North Africa."

NOT COMMITTED.

The Board is not committed, in any way, to open a mission in Kabylia. When the results of brother Baldwin's investigation, together with such other information as may be collected, shall have been presented to the Board, the subject will receive careful and prayerful consideration, and the best judgment of the Board will be exercised to reach a wise conclusion.

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

Missionaries: W. D. Powell, Mrs. Powell, W. M. Flournoy, Mrs. Flournoy, Miss Annie J. Mayberry.
Native Pastor: Proferio Rodriquez, with six native assistants.
Stations: Saltillo, Progreso, Juarez, Sabinas, Musquez.
Statistics: Baptized and received by letter, 52; Scholars, 40; Church members, 117.

BROTHER FLOURNEY'S REPORT.

Miles traveled by horse, 523; by railroad, 325; sermons preached, 38; prayer meetings held, 17; religious visits, 28; pages of tracts and scriptures circulated, 488. "I pray God that all may be according to his will, and that he will give me more grace and faith in Christ Jesus."

BROTHER POWELL'S REPORT OF MISSION.

Deeply Concerned.

Your "next-door neighbor" continues to appeal to you in the most pathetic terms for the gospel. The harvest fields grow whiter day by day. It has grieved our hearts during the past year that we were unable to heed the many earnest requests to visit several cities and preach to those who were deeply concerned on the subject of religion.

Baptisms Every Month.

We have in Mexico three missionaries, all laboring in the State of Coahuila, aided by seven native assistants. One church has been organized and some fifty-two persons have been added to our churches, almost entirely by experience and baptism. In Saltillo a deep religious interest has pervaded the congregation. There have been professions and baptisms every month, and for several months past, every week, when I have been at home. My visits to the United States during the year have hindered the work.

"El Heraldo Mexicano."

This, the first Baptist paper published in Mexico, has proven a success. Mrs. M. E. Graves, who spent several months with us during the year, rendering very efficient assistance, agreed to sustain the paper for the fiscal year. But it has more than paid expenses from the beginning, and much of the time a mission school has been maintained in Saltillo with the net profits. It has a much larger circulation than the combined membership of all our churches in Mexico. Mr. Cardenas is joint editor and proprietor with me. The paper has carried Bible-truth into many homes.

The Hood Bible Fund.

Professor R. L. Hood, of Austin, Texas, gave us $250 for the purchase of Bibles. The principal is never to be consumed. The American Baptist Publication Society and the American Bible Society added liberal contributions; so that we now have $1,050 worth of Bibles and Testaments. Hundreds have been sold and given away. We need a similar amount for a tract fund.

Changes.

Miss Mayberry returned to the United States last October to recruit her health.

Inez Castillo, after working six months, resigned, and Valentine Zalazar was employed to take his place.

Mrs. Flournoy's School.

Mrs. Flournoy's school has been eminently successful. She has now more than forty pupils in regular attendance in her girls' school.

Reinforcements Needed.

Brother Flournoy has been assisted in his too extensive field by brother Jose Maria Gonzales. We earnestly pray for reinforcements to occupy new fields also. At the earliest moment possible missionaries should be sent to San Louis Potosi, Zacatecas, Aguas Colientes, Durango and Chihuahua, each of which cities has more than fifty thousand inhabitants. The people are begging for the word of

life. It is essential that missionaries should be sent to Parras and Patos, in Coahuila, where the Board has agreed to establish schools. An intelligent native Christian says that, "Two hundred missionaries might be put immediately to work in Mexico."

THE SCHOOL AND CHURCH ENTERPRISE.

CONTRACT AND CONSTITUTION.

On the 17th of October last a contract was made between our missionary, W. D. Powell, and Governor Madero, of Coahuila, by which several pieces of valuable property were to be secured to the Board by that State for the establishment of schools in Saltillo, Parras and Patos, of Coahuila, on certain conditions, which raised the question as to the Baptist doctrine of entire separation of church and State. In order to adjust the matter more satisfactorily, the Board sent to Mexico their Corresponding Secretary, who, with the aid of brother Powell, replaced this contract by a Constitution, on which was organized a Board of Trustees, who received by purchase, lease, and gifts from individuals, the above mentioned property, together with valuable property for the church, in conformity to a provision of the Constitution that no property shall be ever received as a gift from any civil government. This arrangement is satisfactory to the Board. The schools will be invaluable auxiliaries to our missions, and the church edifice meets a great demand of the work at Saltillo.

EXTRACT FROM THE ACTION OF THE BOARD, ADOPTED MARCH 4, 1884.

The Joint Committee of Finance and Mexican Missions beg leave to submit their report upon the work of Dr. H. A. Tupper, our Commissioner to Mexico.

In the records of his transactions we find accurate accounts of all moneys received and expended; a tract written by himself on the question "Who are the Baptists," which was translated into Spanish, and printed by the church at Saltillo; a new translation of the old contract between brother W. D. Powell and Gov. Madero, which by consent of all parties was replaced by a different plan for the accomplishment of the same purposes, as will hereinafter more fully appear; the Constitution and By-laws for the Trustees of Madero Institute, drawn up by our Commissioner, translated into Spanish, and adopted by the Trustees; minutes of their proceedings; a paper authorizing brother W. D. Powell to purchase certain pieces of real property; estimates of the cost of repairs and improvements of the said property; title deeds in Spanish and English to the several pieces of real property purchased and donated; and a letter from Signor Jose Maria Cardenas, making an eloquent and tender appeal for the support and extension of our work in his land.

The Constitution and By-Laws above mentioned provide that the Madero Institute of Saltillo shall have scholastic departments, primary, academic and normal, for the education of girls and young women, and a boarding department for orphan girls and other pupils. The scholastic exercises may be opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer, but shall not include the teaching of any peculiarly Baptist tenets; in the boarding department the authorities will stand *in loco parentis.* In the Institution good order, pure morals and perfect freedom of conscience in matters of religion shall be preserved. The standards of instruction shall equal those of the corresponding departments in the Public Schools of Virginia.

The Trustees, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, subject to its direction and to the charter and Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, and their successors, similarly appointed, shall hold all property of this Institution *in trust forever* for the education of female youths, and may hold *in trust* for the said Board other property and for other purposes, as may be indicated by the Board. They are authorized to accept donations from individuals or churches, and to acquire property by purchase or lease, but shall receive no property, either as a gift or in discrimination favorable to the Baptist denomination, from any civil government.

The Trustees shall meet at least twice a year, five to make a quorum; shall appoint annually a Committee to visit and inspect the Institution, and shall receive reports from the principal, and forward an abstract of the same to the Foreign Mission Board, with any recommendations they may see fit to make.

For the purposes of the Madero Institute the Trustees purchased, at $10,000 cash, a quadrangular building of 150x200 feet, one story high, with court, fountain and arcade in the centre, known as the Marqueta or Montez house, and a vacant plaza adjoining, known as Carmen Square. They also received as donations from Senors Maas and Smith some vacant lots on the Alameda or public park. The cost of alterations and improvements immediately needed for the school, is estimated at $8,000. They will thus hold at a total cost of $20,000, grounds and buildings worth two or three times that amount. They obligate themselves to open the school with accommodations for at least 200 pupils on or before the 1st of January, 1886, to instruct free of charge for tuition every year as many as one hundred orphan girls, recommended by the Executive of the State, and to care for such orphans in the boarding department, during their course of study, at $60 each per annum.

The trustees organized by selecting Governor Madero, president; Rev. W. D. Powell, secretary and treasurer. The other members are Senors Musquiz, Attorney-General; Cardenas, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Orepaso, Rodriquez and Gonsalvez of Mexico; brethren Breedlove and Dunn, of Texas; Eaton, of Kentucky; Levering, of Maryland; and J. B. Winston and H. H. Harris, of the Foreign Mission Board. Senor Jose Maria Cardenas, most pleasantly remembered by all who saw and heard him during his recent visit to this country, in company with brother Powell, has been selected for the principal; our missionaries will transfer their school work and their personal services, and other teachers will be added as they may be needed.

The Trustees of Madero Institute will also, until another Board is organized for the purpose, hold in trust the property at Parras, donated by Governor Madero, and will establish there a preparatory school according to the terms of the gift; and will lease at Patos at $100 per annum a public building for another preparatory school. The Governor's donation includes grounds and building worth $30,000, and he, with other wealthy friends, promises to endow the institution, especially for the care and education of orphan girls. This will eventually be put in charge of a separate Board of Trustees.

And finally these same Trustees, at the instance of the Commissioner, bought for $2,000 cash, and hold in trust for the Foreign Mission Board, an unfinished Cathedral or Temple in Saltillo. This building, begun in 1805, but abandoned after five years work, is 80x200

feet, built of solid masonry, and with a front of carved stone. It was at one time sold for a theatre, but has never been finished nor occupied. The estimate is that $8,000 will fit it up—the front portion for the public meetings of the church, now greatly hindered by their obscure locale, and the rear for recitation rooms. When it is completed, the Baptist church of Saltillo will have the best location and the most attractive place of worship in the city.

LETTER OF SENOR CARDENAS.

SALTILLO, MEXICO, February 10, 1884.

To the Southern Baptist Convention:

I do not think that there is any nobler or grander motive than that which constrains me to pen these lines, because the conception of them springs from the interest I have in my country and the amelioration and happiness of the human race.

Perhaps you are not unacquainted with the sad history of my dear Mexico, of the heroic people who have struggled long for their liberties, as well as for the elevated principles embodied in their Republican Constitution. Mexico has had heroes who have sacrificed themselves for her autonomy, champions who have been prodigal of their blood for the democratic institutions established, and commanders who have inspired others by their glorious exploits, exemplars worthy of imitation. But this is not the termination of strife. The epoch of struggles with arms is closed, but the war for principles continues, though in a different way.

In other countries Romanism does not present itself in a character so injurious and deadly as here. In Mexico that which is the most implacable, which conspires most against liberty, against happiness, is the clergy—the clergy that loses no opportunity to consign to reprobation and perdition any who maintain their country in preference to the ignorance of fanaticism and the ignorance of superstition.

Perhaps this appears a hard accusation. But it is not a gratuitous assertion: it is the history, impartial and severe, of events verified in the face of humanity and the civilized world as the ill-performed deeds of those who are falsely called the ministers of the Lord.

The Mexican people, because of these palpable ill deeds, because of these acts of the Romish clergy to maintain their despotic power, have torn themselves away from the church for the most part, and have either fallen into indifferentism in religion, or have, in some cases, taken the Bible as their only guide.

In order to convey some idea of the religious condition of Mexico, I give below a statement of the several religionists:

Romanists through fear and ignorance	5,000,000
Romanists through bad faith and convenience	1,000,000
Evangelicals, who have rejected Romanism	1,000,000
Indifferentists, who have rejected Romanism	3,000,000
Total	10,000,000

From this statement it is seen that 6,000,000 are Romanists, of whom 4,000,000 are women, and only 2,000,000 men.

In view of this state of things, it is evident that this is the time, the emphatic time, to give to Mexico the divine word of God, the truths of Christianity. There should be no delay; for these

three millions of the deceived who have torn themselves from Romanism will not remain in indifferentism. They would find a refuge in a Christian temple; they would follow the light of a pure evangelism. And this powerful attraction would draw to it those who through fear of anathemas and excommunication remain beneath the bondage of Rome, with eyes unenlightened by the pure light of the gospel of Christ; and from a state of uncertainty they would enlist themselves under the banner of the Crucified One, rejecting forever the errors of Romanism. Thus the million of Evangelicals, of different denominational persuasions, would not be isolated, and could make a powerful and heroic crusade in the cause of true religion. It is not necessary for me to make it more manifest to you that the time is come for a phalanx of warriors inspired by the cause of Christ to be sent to Mexico; that the time is at hand for the good seed to be put in the ground ready to receive it; that the time is now to extend a friendly hand, a hand of love, to the Mexican people, a majority of whom desire a faith agreeable to their Creator and a worship that will be acceptable to their God.

I do not call on you to come and conquer my country, to yoke it to the car of tyranny, as in other times did Count Julian to suffering Spain, and as did Mexican clergy who called to Mexico Napoleonic bayonets. No, a thousand times, no. I do not wish you to subjugate my country to tyranny and oppression; but I wish you to conquer it to the gospel, to conquer it to civilization, to conquer it to Christianity, to conquer it, in a word, to light, to progress, to glory.

You, the workers of religion, the builders of the house of the Lord, you behold in me one of no influence, of no power. I consider myself the least of all. But, if I may be valued only as a grain of sand, let that grain of sand have the glory of being put in the edifice of the Lord erected by you in the bounds of my beloved country.

JOSE MA. CARDENAS.

SUMMARY.

The number of our missionaries, native and foreign, is 95; their stations and out-stations are 42; the increase of membership has been 175; the pupils of the Sunday and day-schools number 684; our church membership is 1,141; the contributions on the fields amount to $1,077; the home receipts have been $80,465.87. The work is expanding signally in each of the five continents in which our missionaries labor. Next year at least five chapels should be built, and at least ten additional missionaries should be sent out. Our Mexican enterprise needs a heavy outlay of money. Into all our advances the Board has been led seemingly by the hand of Providence. The past inspires gratitude; the future stimulates faith. The Board expects to go forward, depending on the liberality of the churches and claiming the promise of the Saviour: "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, from April 30th, 1883, to April 30th, 1884, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

1883. April 30—Balance per report to the Convention		$ 6,160 10
1884. April 30—Alabama	$ 7,488 33	
Arkansas	1,080 79	
California	24 25	
Connecticut	10 00	
District of Columbia	68 28	
Florida	514 35	
Georgia	6,094 00	
Indian Territory	20 00	
Indiana	2 50	
Kentucky	10,474 40	
Louisiana	1,301 30	
Maryland	4,945 03	
Mississippi	3,613 27	
Missouri	6,211 89	
New York	300 00	
North Carolina	4,562 64	
Ohio	20 00	
Pennsylvania	20 00	
South Carolina	7,690 83	
Tennessee	2,158 83	
Texas	12,804 29	
Virginia	10,377 04	
West Virginia	121 27	
		$79,903 29
Isaac Davis fund, interest on $5,000 at 5 per ct.		250 00
Maryland fund, interest on $1,000 at 7 per ct.		70 00
Missionary Society of Richmond Female Institute, interest on $400 at 6 per ct.		24 00
Estate of John Borders, deceased, by G. W. Norton, Treasurer		218 58
Bills Payable		3,000 00
		$89,625 97

1884. April 30—Balance in hands of Treasurer	$9,566 36

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DISBURSEMENTS.

China Missions:			
Canton	$6,863 24		
Tung Chow	7,269 48		
Shanghai	6,346 88		
		$20,479 60	
African Mission		5,746 65	
Brazilian Mission		4,190 42	
Mexican Mission		18,415 54	
European Mission		16,364 00	
Chapel at Torre Pellice		500 00	
Kabylian Mission		600 00	
			$66,296 21
Agency Expenses:			
Georgia		641 94	
Kentucky		1,770 20	
Texas		1,800 00	
Louisiana		37 80	
Missouri		1,063 00	
North Carolina		256 81	
Mississippi		287 38	
Tennessee		25 19	
Florida		48 85	
Expenses of Vice-Presidents, printing and distributing addresses, tracts and *Journals*, by order of the Convention		617 74	
			$6,548 91
Salary of Corresponding Secretary			2,500 00
Salary of Clerk for same			500 00
Travelling expenses of Cor. Secretary			154 48
So. Bap. Con., printing minutes			259 91
Rent of Mission Rooms			175 90
Interest on borrowed money			43 83
Printing			277 60
Mite-boxes			98 88
Expense—Fuel, stationery, postages, insurance, etc			203 89
Bills payable			3,000 00
Balance			9,566 36
			$89,625 97

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1884.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of John C. Williams, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, commencing April 30th, 1883, and ending this day. I find them correct, and sustained by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance in his hands of $9,566.36. I have also examined the securities called for by his accounts and find that they conform to the same.

J. F. COTTRELL, AUDITOR.

Receipts.

1883. May 1.	To balance		$4,689 72
1884. May 1.	Alabama	$2,036 26	
	Arkansas	260 00	
	California	271 25	
	District of Columbia	51 00	
	Florida	67 64	
	Georgia	6,149 75	
	Indiana	2 47	
	Indian Territory	60 00	
	Kentucky	3,069 22	
	Louisiana	129 65	
	Maryland	2,421 21	
	Mississippi	892 55	
	Missouri	278 42	
	New York	5 00	
	North Carolina	1,376 57	
	New Mexico	20 00	
	Ohio	20 00	
	South Carolina	2,988 59	
	Tennesse	421 23	
	Texas	456 31	
	Virginia	4 649 03—	$25,626 15
	Interest on Maryland Fund	80 00	
	Sale of 100 acres—Texas land	600 00	
	G. W. Norton, Treasurer	317 67	
	Mrs. Mary Ellington, deceased, by will	4,488 75	
	James Headen, deceased, by will	500 00	
	Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society of Maryland, clothing, etc	399 18—	$6,385 60
	Amount received in vouchers (See Statement below.)		29,713 27
1884.			$66,414 47
May 1.	Balance		3,542 36

On hand, $1,000 Atlanta eight per cent. bond.

Disbursements.

Paid	Missionaries current year	$23,921 26
"	Expenses—Traveling, rent, postage, etc	1,611 35
"	Expenses—Printing	288 75
"	I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary, salary	2,500 00
"	Agencies	892 41
"	Church building department	1,862 27
"	First Church, New Orleans	656 89
"	Coliseum Place Church, New Orleans	1,027 00
"	Levering School, clothing, etc	399 18
"	Amounts paid out as per vouchers (See Statement below.)	29,713 27
	By balance	3,542 36
		$66,414 74

The amounts below were received and paid out, but never came into the Treasurer's hands:

Texas State Convention	$2,560 35
Florida State Convention	2,935 50
Louisiana State Convention	1,075 00
Arkansas State Convention	1,437 50
Texas General Association	7,775 58
First Church, New Orleans, on property	1,249 45
First Church, for Valance Street Mission	369 40
Rev. S. Boykin, salary as Editor of Kind Words	1,500 00
Creek Council I. T. appropriation to Levering Manual Labor School	7,000 00
Col. Place Church, New Orleans, on property	3,810 49
	$29,713 27

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JAMES, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. H. James, Treasurer, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, from May 1st, 1883, to this date, and find the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of three thousand five hundred and forty-two and thirty-six cents.

A. D. ADAIR, Auditor.

Atlanta, Ga, May 1, 1884.

The States are entitled to representation in the Convention on contributions to the Home Boards, as follows:

Alabama,	70
Arkansas,	17
Florida,	30
Georgia,	61
Kentucky,	30
Maryland,	28
Mississippi,	9
Missouri,	3
North Carolina,	14
South Carolina,	30
Tennessee,	4
Texas Convention,	28
Texas General Association,	79
Virginia,	46

Dr. G. W. Norton, Treasurer of the Baptist Convention. CONTRA. Cr.

1883.				1883.			
June 1.	To June, 1883, dividend on $1,500.00—stock of Nashville and Decatur Railroad Co	$ 45	00	June 14.	By Cash paid John H. James, treasurer of Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., for ⅔ of $442.75, for dividends collected on eleven shares of stock of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Co., received from the estate of John Borders, deceasd, late of Alabama, and distributed according to the provisions of his will	$295	17
" 11	To dividends from July, 1878, to 15th April, 1883, inclusive, on eleven shares of the stock of the Georgia R. R. & Banking Co., which were transferred to the Convention by the estate of John Borders, deceased, late of Alabama, in final settlement in 1877.	442	75	June 14.	By Cash paid John H. James, treasurer of Home Mission Board, for ½ of June, 1883, dividend on $1,500 of the stock of the Nashville and Decatur Rail-Road Co	22	50
July 16.	To dividend due July, 1883, on said eleven shares of stock of Georgia Railroad and Banking Co	27	50	June 14.	By Cash paid J. C. Williams, treas'r of Foreign Mission Board of S. B. C., Richmond, Va., for ⅓ of $442.75, for dividends collected on eleven shares of stock of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Co., received from the estate of John Borders, deceased, late of Alabama, and distributed according to the provisions of his will	117	58
Oct. 16.	To dividend due October, 1883, on eleven shares of stock of Georgia Railroad and Banking Co	27	50	June 14.	By half of $45.00, paid to J. C. Williams, treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, for the June, 1883, dividend on $1,500.00 of the stock of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad Co	22	50
Dec. 1.	To December, 1883, dividend on $1,500.00 of stock of Nashville and Decatur Railroad Co	42	00	1884.			
1884.				March.	By Cash paid John H. James, treasurer of Home Mission Board, for ⅔ of $82.50 for the July and October, 1883, and January, 1884, dividends on eleven shares of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Co.; and for half of $42.00 for December, 1884, dividend on $1,500.00, of Nashville and Decatur R. R. stock.	76	00
Jan. 16.	To January, 1884, dividend on eleven shares of stock of Georgia Railroad and Banking Co	27	50	March.	By Cash paid J. C. Williams, treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, for ⅓ of $82.50, for July and October, 1883, and January dividend, 1884, on eleven shares of stock of Georgia Railroad and Banking Co., and for ½ of $42.00, for December, 1883, dividend on $1,500.00 of Nashville and Decatur R. R. stock	48	50
April 1	To April, 1884, dividend on eleven shares of stock of Georgia Railroad and Banking Co	27	50	May 1st	By balance on hand	27	50
		$639	75			$639	75

May 1st, 1884, To balance on hand, as per this report, $27.50.

H. LONG, *Auditor.*

All of which is respectfully submitted, Louisville, Ky., May 1, 1884.

G. W. NORTON, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX C.

GENERAL STATISTICS

COMPILED BY LANSING BURROWS, ONE OF THE SECRETARIES.

The following tables, showing information by States, reveal the figures as contained in the Minutes of 495 Associations for 1883. This is the most accurate information that has probably ever been attained, there being only 57 Associations required to be estimated, and these among the most obscure, inefficient and numerically small. The total membership has been arrived at by diligent investigation and comparison with other years. Imperfection still clings to the work, although the true condition of our Southern churches is practically set forth in them. The contributions are the amounts reported in the Minutes of District Associations; hence the variation, in Georgia it is not the custom to report anything beyond missionary funds.

The compiler is much cheered at the result of the work for this year. He bespeaks the continued interest of clerks and other friends, in furnishing him promptly copies of Minutes upon their publication. Clerks whose postoffice address is printed in their Minutes are furnished copies of these proceedings. They are urged to give definite information of location by counties of the churches, to always give the last reported membership of churches not represented at any associational meeting, and to incorporate lists of ordained ministers and post-office.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

ALABAMA.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	Received.				Dismissed.				Total.....	Contributions.	
		Baptized.	Letter....	Relation.	Restored.	Letter...	Excluded.	Erased..	Died.....		For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
1. Alabama	17	34	38	....	4	38	9	....	14	968	$222 75	$251 90
2. Antioch (new)	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	523	111 30	129 70
3. Arbacoochee	18	68	75	....	11	105	12	....	4	877	21 95	51 10
4. Bethel	22	153	43	....	25	75	27	....	16	1,294	696 96	3,136 81
5. Bethlehem	44	160	110	....	7	116	56	....	26	2,341	429 70	2,439 10
6. Big Bear Creek	26	103	61	....	18	58	17	....	9	1,097	81 35	340 85
7. Bigbee	25	67	46	....	2	48	18	....	13	1,255	531 48	737 98
8. Boiling Spring	19	102	102	....	9	87	18	....	3	1,079	29 35	63 36
9. Cahaba	29	91	80	....	12	80	23	....	23	2,049	595 79	5,053 54
10. Cahaba Valley	37	152	132	....	21	157	39	....	23	2,193	59 05	194 32
11. Canaan	16	74	71	....	5	63	7	....	22	1,218	515 25	3,456 65
12. Carey	30	169	117	....	19	135	44	....	19	2,073	229 60	280 20
13. Cedar Bluff	15	111	74	....	3	91	15	....	17	1,162	211 95	284 20
14. Centennial	12	29	18	....	5	27	11	....	3	680	495 10	2,152 25
15. Central	38	136	136	3	18	96	35	....	23	2,190	232 90	277 90
16. Cherokee	30	113	186	....	7	93	18	....	20	1,795	151 65	197 25
17. Coosa River	34	153	141	....	11	183	34	....	31	2,996	1,101 94	1,176 04
18. Cullman (new)	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	307	.....	.....
19. Elim (in part)	11	30	20	....	1	5	20	....	4	462	27 80	334 00
20. Eufaula	22	74	55	....	18	87	34	....	27	1,480	1,233 68	6,118 73
21. Harmony, E. (in part)	13	56	40	....	7	72	19	....	3	789	.....	19 45
22. Harmony, W	7	10	6	....	1	13	9	....	8	367	6 75	18 50
23. Indian Creek (in part)	6	16	6	4	2	8	9	....	7	289	.....	.....
24. Judson	35	134	81	....	24	58	41	....	25	2,123	194 35	254 20
25. Liberty, E.	26	146	141	....	14	179	28	....	24	2,683	1,291 15	4,196 60
26. Liberty, N. (in part)	20	59	15	....	10	27	32	....	13	1,032	241 70	260 65
27. Liberty (of Miss.)	5	6	5	....	2	4	....	....	2	161	.....	.....
28. Macedonia	6	10	6	....	1	8	4	....	3	212	.....	23 50
29. Mobile Union	7	23	62	....	3	61	23	....	15	884	.....	.....
30. Montgomery	17	25	53	....	7	47	6	....	9	1,192	570 05	600 60
31. Mount Carmel	19	121	47	....	20	29	30	....	14	936	86 40	107 40
32. Mulberry	24	94	51	....	9	33	18	....	7	1,333	13 90	56 60
33. Muscle Shoals	47	141	92	....	18	126	37	....	34	3,184	1,057 60	2,040 60
34. New River	24	63	35	....	12	73	26	....	13	1,294	114 15	159 30
35. Newton	29	181	95	....	20	72	25	....	17	1,640	172 30	217 30
36. North River	32	134	46	....	11	60	25	....	7	1,383	132 55	593 85
37. Pea River	11	85	37	....	7	23	4	....	4	413	41 15	65 15
38. Pine Barren	28	83	77	....	20	67	19	....	14	1,591	500 45	541 10
39. Rock Mills (in part)	12	13	47	....	2	26	11	....	2	553	118 05	144 75
40. Salem	30	139	85	5	13	93	28	....	15	1,811	346 30	391 40
41. Sandy Creek	9	4	5	....	2	....	5	....	1	260	11 30	19 70
42. Selma	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	671	1,006 60	3,328 53
43. Shelby	18	30	56	4	10	43	21	....	5	861	88 90	110 75
44. South Bethel (new)	23	110	77	....	22	68	22	....	7	1,610	266 05	1,889 40
45. Southeastern (in part)	10	9	4	....	1	16	19	....	5	229	65 75	88 40
46. Sulphur Springs	20	67	67	....	9	52	38	....	9	1,195	67 70	90 10
47. Tallapoosa River	11	79	52	4	4	89	6	....	6	732	55 30	80 30
48. Tallasahatchee&10 Isl'd	34	93	103	....	13	99	29	....	31	2,040	174 40	224 60
49. Tennessee River	25	87	70	....	12	98	22	....	11	1,388	.....	35 52
50. Town Creek	9	31	14	....	....	5	3	....	3	196	.....	10 20
51. Tuskaloosa	30	153	71	....	16	206	44	....	23	1,965	402 75	2,533 50
52. Tuskegee	30	154	107	....	12	122	19	....	31	1,829	1,147 34	1,190 14
53. Union	34	79	59	....	9	71	31	....	27	1,907	515 25	572 95
54. Unity	31	138	68	....	16	113	35	....	10	1,587	346 59	1,026 93
55. Warrior River	25	187	143	....	42	96	15	....	9	1,352	133 75	168 05
56. Weogufka (new)	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	114	.....	.....
57. Yellow Creek	22	65	41	....	5	36	12	....	3	836	79 70	110 25
58. Zion	32	74	42	1	18	62	31	....	5	1,270	244 35	285 55
Total	1244	4718	3493	21	590	3799	1183	....	719	72,051	$16,474 53	$48,081 70

General Statistics.—Arkansas.

Associations.	Churches.	Received. Baptized.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Dismissed. Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.	Total.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
1. Bartholomew	42	101	73	6	12	72	56	....	24	1,628	$186 40	$241 40
2. Bentonville	17	99	69	3	1	57	21	....	12	1,073	400 00	421 95
3. Caddo River	28	41	37	....	2	59	4	....	13	581	.....	31 90
4. Caroline	35	184	141	....	9	154	60	....	33	2,274	409 12	462 02
5. Clear Creek	31	97	89	....	11	70	28	....	....	939	136 20	1,302 75
6. Columbia	27	78	57	....	16	61	24	....	18	1,122	69 80	133 50
7. Concord	25	89	82	....	12	105	18	....	11	1,131	162 35	195 85
8. Fayetteville	28	82	41	....	19	68	13	....	10	979	125 70	150 20
9. Judson	18	105	39	....	8	54	21	....	13	793	82 30	110 85
10. Liberty (in part)	20	81	24	....	13	41	10	....	10	915	336 80	392 55
11. Mount Vernon	25	59	24	....	15	41	17	5	16	1,030	300 77	1,296 07
12. Mount Zion	17	119	44	....	9	35	23	....	14	863	56 90	399 15
13. Pine Bluff	27	137	73	....	10	78	11	....	21	1,248	70 00	110 60
14. Red River	30	127	85	....	5	105	14	....	25	1,481	170 65	219 80
15. Rocky Bayou	24	91	61	29	7	67	10	....	14	968	104 00	397 85
16. Russellville	22	88	31	....	....	54	13	....	10	770	88 10	116 15
17. Saline	47	64	56	1	3	66	32	...	31	1,570	47 25	103 85
18. Springtown	22	142	103	....	15	70	11	....	12	1,111	114 95	388 05
19. State Line (in part)	5	29	17	2	5	12	13	....	4	204	.....	.....
20. Texarkana (in part)	6	54	24	....	22	21	14	....	19	845	.....	.....
21. United	39	161	116	....	15	95	42	....	14	1,421	93 45	125 85
15. Ass'ns estimated	328	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16,705	.....	.....
36. Associations	863	2028	1286	41	209	1385	455	5	315	39,151	$2,954 74	$6,600 34

Florida.

1. Alachua	32	40	58	....	5	32	20	....	13	1,074	$696 21	$707 36
2. Beulah	12	22	43	....	10	29	25	....	11	619	122 25	150 95
3. Elim (in part)	13	17	10	....	2	4	14	....	8	496	128 25	293 00
4. Florida	39	70	49	....	17	51	32	....	26	1,195	258 92	306 07
5. Hamilton	13	37	13	....	6	45	16	....	6	594	119 20	135 74
6. Harmony	13	60	24	....	1	23	28	....	15	327	.....	.....
7. Manatee	16	36	48	....	15	51	19	....	8	609	261 28	714 00
8. New River	13	30	17	....	21	17	5	....	8	406	.....	.....
9. Santa Fe River	13	47	56	....	5	26	11	....	12	771	556 82	584 82
10. South Florida	31	53	43	....	13	23	19	....	8	949	246 06	321 89
11. St. John's River	16	30	14	....	3	23	20	....	5	445	250 89	261 34
12. Suwanee	18	28	18	....	10	24	9	....	8	481	56 60	75 25
13. Wekiva	25	54	108	....	....	27	7	....	6	718	407 44	425 44
14. West Florida	24	79	34	....	13	39	12	....	12	982	.....	.....
Total	276	603	535	....	121	417	237	....	146	9,666	$3,103 92	$3,975 82

Georgia.

1. Antioch	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	409	.....	.....
2. Appalachee	21	57	43	....	2	38	11	....	14	1,374	$378 20	$424 15
3. Baptist Union	30	50	22	....	6	32	23	....	14	1,429	272 87	303 05
4. Bethel	44	203	140	....	31	212	48	....	41	3,632	1,298 76	1,356 26
5. Bowen	27	146	72	....	23	56	36	....	19	2,040	115 75	143 00
6. Carrollton	32	160	151	....	15	184	34	....	18	2,426	308 15	356 85
7. Cave Spring	18	83	100	....	25	211	18	....	11	2,101	1,092 26	1,138 61
8. Central	25	91	51	....	15	57	16	....	25	1,438	478 36	516 36
9. Chattahoochee	30	264	181	....	8	199	37	....	30	3,338	38 05	84 15
10. Chestatee	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	898	.....	.....

General Statistics.—Georgia.—*Continued.*

Associations.	Churches.	Received. Baptized.	Received. Letter.	Received. Relation.	Received. Restored.	Dismissed. Letter.	Dismissed. Excluded.	Dismissed. Erased.	Dismissed. Died.	Total.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Contributions. For all Purposes.
11. Clarksville	17	70	33	3	35	7		10	883	$8 78	$23 78	
12. Columbus	36	128	90	6	90	15	22	2,711	751 68	799 23		
13. Concord	10	40	52	1	52	9	12	635	52 52	75 07		
14. Coosa	26	227	117	8	102	35	24	1,830	249 74	286 24		
15. Coosawattie	8	16	19	1	20	6	7	437	29 77	39 00		
16. Ebenezer	26	159	89	26	110	23	21	2,259	252 90	288 20		
17. Elijay	28	94	35	10	72	11	16	1,472	12 35	34 80		
18. Fairburn	22	209	120	14	149	17	20	2,104	183 30	222 70		
19. Flint River	50	263	207	18	221	45	57	4,719	1,267 30	1,353 20		
20. Friendship	39	139	139	18	180	38	26	2,727	552 30	598 60		
21. Georgia	54	169	209	33	308	70	71	4,652	3,858 17	3,956 50		
22. Georgia, Second	14	95	68	2	64	3	13	788	25 75	49 90		
23. Harmony, (in part)	11	54	78	7	52	19	7	751	.....	18 45		
24. Hebron, (new)	25	113	79	10	104	21	21	2,778	119 85	151 55		
25. Hephzibah	44	147	147	25	156	41	54	3,637	2,462 59	9,880 04		
26. Hightower	39	366	221	10	228	59	28	3,618	38 60	82 80		
27. Hiwassee	24	25	52	2	51	11	26	1,407	37 75	62 75		
28. Houston	27	50	78	13	81	20	24	1,757	153 25	185 85		
29. Jasper	30	270	115	121	25	13	2,140	.....	32 35			
30. Lawrenceville	23	66	73	4	102	15	21	1,290	9 85	39 65		
31. Liberty	24	136	122	8	109	15	17	1,639	39 55	64 20		
32. Little River	16	54	1	5	23	4	7	800	21 00	39 29		
33. Mercer	40	149	118	18	134	36	30	2,420	1,250 53	1,302 43		
34. Middle	27	108	84	11	58	36	31	2,089	447 61	452 62		
35. Middle Cherokee	34	139	163	12	241	45	28	3,582	1,286 48	1,330 18		
36. Mountain (in part)	21	57	39	9	37	12	13	829	.....	21 40		
37. Mount Vernon	31	184	97	17	74	22	15	1,730	457 98	508 88		
38. Mulberry	18	88	77	11	72	25	21	1,513	.....	46 25		
39. New Ebenezer	44	221	167	18	60	32	23	2,050	261 05	294 30		
40. New Sunbury	22	50	41	8	30	9	19	1,291	926 63	3,913 57		
41. New Union	6	12	15	2	2	1	1	255	7 20	17 50		
42. Noonday	30	150	112	12	116	15	22	2,231	947 35	980 80		
43. North Georgia	28	91	86	3	15	85	45	22	1,922	71 97	112 89	
44. Notley River	13	34	35	3	43	4	6	637	.....	12 00		
45. Oostanaula	18	95	65	7	76	15	14	1,129	291 26	319 01		
46. Piedmont	20	30	33	10	41	46	5	791	792 40	822 65		
47. Rehoboth	29	93	94	5	107	14	29	2,322	1,405 95	1,467 95		
48. Rock Mills (in part)	6	33	28	9	24	14	4	390	22 65	31 40		
49. Sarepta	29	112	117	38	143	42	39	3,063	1,411 43	1,636 43		
50. Smyrna	17	58	10	5	12	12	6	758	27 50	45 25		
51. St. Mary's River	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	170	21 00	33 45		
52. Stone Mountain	33	157	301	11	279	43	49	4,344	464 11	516 01		
53. Tallapoosa	27	175	200	24	156	47	15	2,100	40 50	83 30		
54. Tugalo	24	316	172	31	187	37	32	2,931	54 30	84 80		
55. Washington	25	148	104	27	140	33	38	2,436	429 53	494 71		
56. Western	40	207	176	17	188	28	48	3,864	1,196 53	1,266 93		
	1432	6651	5284	3	669	5724	1345	745	109018	$25,067 39	$39,401 28	

Kentucky.

1. Baptist	16	101	29	8	40	5	20	1,821	$111 25	$4,498 50		
2. Barren River	34	150	30	18	88	31	43	3,795	178 53	988 23		
3. Bay's Fork	23	91	56	14	67	35	26	2,190	122 85	750 80		
4. Bethel	47	140	96	12	100	42	26	58	4,863	2,928 13	16,953 37	
5. Beulah (in part)	4	21	4	3	15	14	2	207	.....	.....		
6. Blackford	23	53	35	3	4	74	11	18	2,163	119 55	1,208 15	
7. Blood River	30	193	50	8	73	32	23	2,170	87 25	126 75		
8. Boone's Creek	14	58	20	14	28	4	10	1 099	175 20	175 20		

GENERAL STATISTICS.—KENTUCKY.—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED. Baptized.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	DISMISSED. Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.	TOTAL.	CONTRIBUTIONS. For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
9. Booneville	11	16	2	..	2	6	11	....	5	397	$11 50	$18 25
10. Bracken	25	239	43	....	13	57	92	....	25	2,843	1,977 94	9,152 75
11. Campbell County	15	45	50	6	6	53	32	....	18	1,853	348 46	375 76
12. Clear Fork	30	55	27	12	....	103	48	....	26	2,447	435 60	1,183 50
13. Concord	34	183	113	....	16	193	65	....	48	4,085	1,488 60	1,488 60
14. Crittenden	15	94	31	9	16	43	10	....	15	1,388	32 65	32 65
15. Cumberland River	17	110	23	....	14	40	30	....	24	1,620	13 30	28 05
16. Daviess County	34	230	83	8	14	141	33	30	50	4,338	796 97	6,563 27
17. Elkhorn	29	177	89	7	15	113	17	9	51	3,423	3,924 85	24,199 22
18. Enterprise	17	63	16	25	4	12	30	....	7	837	573 21	846 75
19. Franklin	16	149	59	11	....	48	51	....	23	2,489	412 50	2,827 50
20. Freedom	25	40	9	17	4	14	20	....	13	1,312	98 45	114 25
21. Gasper River	31	137	39	....	20	38	38	....	35	3,104	229 70	1,197 45
22. Goshen	20	117	35	5	8	54	22	1	18	1,813	108 30	137 15
23. Green River	18	28	8	....	....	14	7	....	7	1,063	.....	13 45
24. Greenup	24	34	72	28	7	41	6	86	16	1,426	99 02	1,486 31
25. Greenville	8	13	....	6	....	2	5	....	3	254	.....	11 50
26. Henderson County	10	23	13	....	3	49	4	....	3	1,313	110 25	136 95
27. Irvine	25	80	41	18	....	11	10	....	9	1,430	47 00	64 35
28. Laurel River	33	122	40	....	12	87	29	....	17	2,318	6 60	29 90
29. Liberty	41	196	87	....	21	105	28	....	43	3,774	653 42	2,460 72
30. Little Bethel	40	110	65	....	10	65	40	....	40	2,992	200 75	1,230 26
31. Little River	44	98	64	....	6	98	84	....	55	3,858	430 90	3,084 80
32. Long Run	25	235	175	....	11	92	78	8	33	4,079	6,140 60	75,121 29
33. Lynn	29	162	51	5	9	85	45	....	31	3,272	172 24	204 49
34. Lynn Camp	23	70	41	....	3	33	12	....	30	1,290	.....	.....
35. Mount Olivet	18	46	38	....	4	55	22	....	14	1,287	230 95	257 05
36. Nelson	18	96	35	....	5	31	6	84	27	2,131	805 10	3,170 80
37. North Bend	13	186	46	....	6	47	14	....	23	1,600	786 26	1,111 92
38. North Concord	29	33	7	....	....	6	18	....	12	1,636	22 50	56 85
39. Ohio River (new)	16	56	16	....	2	28	23	....	21	1,448	.....	702 40
40. Owen	8	43	16	....	9	50	14	....	4	892	13 65	13 65
41. Rockcastle	19	71	37	....	13	48	27	....	17	1,351	16 00	35 75
42. Russell's Creek	36	93	66	....	6	86	20	....	36	2,827	576 85	3,630 95
43. Salem	43	149	105	5	29	135	91	....	39	4,188	722 85	3,917 15
44. Shelby	15	139	32	1	2	71	32	....	29	2,218	874 80	4,775 45
45. South Concord	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,071	.....	.....
46. S. Cumberland River	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,887	.....	.....
47. South District	28	240	108	11	12	69	26	....	28	3,116	1,112 70	11,815 95
48. South Kentucky	20	89	32	1	3	35	21	....	16	1,368	63 35	76 95
49. South Union	19	76	17	....	12	15	11	....	14	1,534	.....	13 80
50. Stockton's Valley (in pt)	10	60	16	....	....	20	11	....	15	928	.....	22 30
51. Sulphur Fork	24	149	56	....	11	98	38	....	24	2,677	225 95	263 65
52. Tate's Creek	21	109	62	11	11	52	27	....	26	2,049	204 85	204 85
53. Ten Mile	14	173	36	....	27	63	14	....	22	1,855	134 45	134 35
54. Union	18	106	25	....	....	40	13	....	22	1,532	745 67	3,351 47
55. Union County	12	102	43	....	7	28	8	....	14	1,030	197 07	1,108 02
56. West Union	48	203	160	7	10	163	33	9	36	3,663	509 45	5,859 40
57. West Union, of Tenn	6	26	3	....	1	11	3	....	3	356	.....	.....
	1306	5878	2543	196	465	3234	1433	253	1287	120070	$29,278 02	$197,232 98

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1. Choctaw & Chickasaw	35	150	55	....	30	88	29	....	38	1,283	$39 40	$75 85

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ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.....	RECEIVED. Baptized.	Letter....	Relation.	Restored.	DISMISSED. Letter....	Excluded.	Erased...	Died.....	TOTAL.....	CONTRIBUTIONS. For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
1. *Bayou Macon	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	788	.....	.....
2. *Big Creek	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	554	.....	.....
3. Calcasieu	21	44	27	....	5	32	18	....	7	593	$188 65	$229 40
4. Concord	35	130	63	7	14	90	62	....	41	2,503	222 00	302 80
5. Grand Cane	26	109	85	....	14	88	29	26	33	1,778	1,021 05	6,290 55
6. Liberty (Ark.) in part..	4	25	12	....	9	21	15	....	3	253	.....	.....
7. Louisiana	22	49	47	....	6	42	14	....	25	1,004	200 45	283 75
8. Mississippi River(in pt)	16	72	31	....	15	59	35	....	8	915	169 20	1,188 80
9. North Louisiana	21	64	43	....	7	72	11	....	11	1,091	501 70	839 80
10. Ouachita	28	57	49	8	6	80	65	....	26	1,101	421 00	519 65
11. Red River	28	120	83	....	24	65	30	....	18	1,867	472 10	1,306 35
12. Sabine	28	117	88	....	17	54	26	....	20	1,250	118 45	158 45
13. Vernon	14	49	28	8	6	23	26	....	8	620	228 00	228 00
5. Ass'ns estimated....	75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,003	.....	.....
18. Associations	342	811	544	23	114	605	316	26	197	17,067	$3,542 60	$11,347 55

* No meetings held in 1883.

MARYLAND.

1. Baptist Union	36	345	171	....	54	239	126	....	76	5,546	$10,176 77	$60,821 14

MISSISSIPPI.

1. Aberdeen	34	128	71	....	12	96	22	....	15	2,182	$748 80	$803 70
2. Bethlehem	17	105	71	....	18	60	19	....	19	1,077	81 50	129 75
3. Bogue Chitto	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,452	.....	.....
4. Calhoun	31	102	85	....	19	94	33	....	25	1,702	50 95	91 20
5. Central	36	68	64	....	17	129	32	....	39	2,453	3,475 65	8,944 80
6. Chickasahay	16	98	110	....	9	38	7	....	12	932	2,127 60	4,959 80
7. Chickasaw	35	218	132	....	20	128	29	....	29	2,645	515 90	560 45
8. Choctaw	18	50	20	....	11	47	8	....	12	907	222 80	247 75
9. Coldwater	47	268	125	....	30	185	31	....	44	2,701	1,385 98	1,472 08
10. Columbus	24	120	75	....	5	66	16	....	17	1,775	1,818 10	8,306 41
11. Deer Creek	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	369	.....	.....
12. Ebenezer	31	114	64	....	10	72	28	....	11	1,297	127 55	157 55
13. Fair River	20	166	123	....	28	79	34	....	24	1,647	337 38	1,980 33
14. Gulf Coast	9	13	44	....	3	17	16	40	7	616	368 45	9,713 19
15. Harmony	22	89	33	....	12	46	22	....	20	1,125	118 10	178 90
16. Hobolochitto	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	439	.....	.....
17. Judson	34	264	146	....	20	151	27	....	28	2,922	364 15	409 05
18. Kosciusko	39	121	90	....	17	53	35	....	21	1,626	736 00	2,141 70
19. Liberty (in part)	16	90	32	....	19	103	21	....	6	955	2,343 90	2,385 00
20. Louisville	42	251	76	....	36	77	38	....	34	2,729	456 00	2,157 00
21. Magee's Creek	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,214	.....	.....
22. Mississippi	29	132	36	1	20	59	30	1	33	2,305	496 35	566 35
23. Mississippi River(in pt)	5	35	14	....	....	10	4	....	10	380	36 80	243 70
24. Mount Olive	8	31	29	....	2	7	5	....	2	475	45 90	68 85
25. Mount Pisgah	46	177	162	....	15	146	34	....	18	2,557	208 50	208 50
26. Oktibbeha	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	718	.....	.....
27. Oxford	18	42	64	....	10	67	32	....	17	997	354 85	1,438 25
28. Pearl River	22	95	105	....	22	162	45	....	17	1,854	597 60	2,688 60
29. Red Creek	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	533	.....	.....
30. Salem	32	98	80	....	15	87	36	....	11	1,549	70 70	127 95
31. Southeastern (in part).	7	2	7	....	1	7	3	....	1	219	.....	.....

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ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED. Baptized.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	DISMISSED. Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.	TOTAL.	CONTRIBUTIONS. For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
32. Springfield	27	86	50	....	10	55	8	....	14	1,404	$225 05	$281 85
33. Strong River	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,092	....	....
34. Sunflower	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	222	....	....
35. Tippah	31	135	67	....	9	111	14	....	24	2,650	1,039 10	1,750 95
36. Tishomingo	38	213	99	....	10	110	19	....	21	2,424	546 60	1,387 70
37. Tombigbee (new)	15	39	30	....	5	66	12	....	5	716	15 80	26 45
38. Union	22	101	49	....	12	70	15	....	29	1,495	1,553 83	3,865 13
39. West Pearl	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	637	....	....
40. Yalobusha-Oxford	29	57	84	....	16	64	19	....	29	1,670	2,247 00	5,092 95
41. Yazoo	32	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,639	....	....
42. Zion	35	198	93	....	32	172	32	....	29	2,778	257 60	1,267 40
	984	3616	2289	1	446	2531	705	41	717	61,624	$20,530 59	$61,268 29

MISSOURI.

1. Antioch	17	69	21	3	....	26	9	....	11	589	$171 70	$186 60
2. Bear Creek	21	25	38	....	....	46	8	....	7	1,175	266 53	296 53
3. Bethel, N. E	27	103	83	3	4	81	47	....	42	2,650	3,394 45	9,589 45
4. Bethel, S. E	19	37	5	11	3	28	7	....	12	852	....	22 95
5. Bethel, S. W	8	55	31	17	4	....	7	....	2	351	....	....
6. Black River	22	66	31	7	9	43	25	....	27	988	346 15	363 65
7. Blue River	34	144	174	28	7	147	26	8	33	3,109	4,088 61	20,401 08
8. Butler	23	82	93	9	....	61	19	....	14	1,327	280 05	1,305 10
9. Cape Girardeau	12	49	7	3	1	10	16	....	3	436	138 60	1,141 15
10. Central	9	16	21	....	5	27	10	....	5	492	111 60	127 75
11. Charleston	15	108	25	6	6	22	16	....	12	578	94 11	114 81
12. Concord	32	328	128	....	115	128	49	....	40	2,986	558 27	5,342 95
13. Dade County	10	64	25	2	3	5	4	....	6	627	397 25	1,127 90
14. Dixon	12	51	16	6	2	14	9	....	7	595	249 85	324 55
15. Dry Fork	18	26	22	2	1	11	10	....	8	824	39 70	56 90
16. Franklin	24	66	30	3	9	32	35	....	9	1,379	149 45	6,172 60
17. Freedom	20	147	80	11	....	73	11	....	14	1,709	137 30	534 30
18. Gasconade River	13	31	13	....	3	24	13	....	14	645	52 45	70 45
19. Gentry	15	36	28	17	1	29	11	....	10	887	116 50	133 95
20. Greene County	32	148	82	....	1	61	54	....	28	1,754	362 85	2,003 65
21. Harmony	9	9	20	2	1	23	....	....	2	300	241 90	417 95
22. Jefferson County	19	41	19	6	6	18	26	....	11	1,203	213 70	805 20
23. Lafayette and Johnson	31	131	128	6	4	159	22	....	25	2,305	1,039 65	1,080 30
24. Lamine	22	96	66	....	20	63	57	....	24	1,556	248 95	269 50
25. Lawrence County	26	90	53	6	6	73	30	....	6	1,360	260 75	869 95
26. Linn County	13	21	8	5	....	46	11	1	11	950	283 95	405 60
27. Little Bonne Femme	41	166	121	....	21	148	57	....	53	3,578	700 30	750 30
28. Livingston County	10	8	5	....	5	22	5	....	4	680	120 88	140 48
29. Macon	27	107	47	5	2	46	7	3	24	1,744	486 87	2,088 65
30. Missouri Valley	21	72	61	8	5	72	53	....	27	1,849	620 84	4,435 04
31. Mount Moriah	12	8	15	3	....	48	18	....	3	703	36 00	54 00
32. Mount Pleasant	29	103	49	15	....	73	15	....	25	2,150	246 55	251 55
33. Mount Zion	24	50	25	20	....	56	21	....	14	1,479	1,213 53	5,877 78
34. Nevada	32	121	159	21	2	138	27	....	19	1,568	535 10	568 55
35. New Madrid (new)	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	249	....	....
36. North Central	10	7	4	3	....	19	8	....	4	272	144 00	159 15
37. North Grand River	17	52	45	....	5	46	13	....	6	1,333	400 99	2,466 34
38. North Liberty	54	198	130	26	5	125	43	....	55	4,474	1,839 51	15,911 73
39. North Missouri	11	44	12	6	7	25	7	....	....	508	124 50	136 10
40. Northwest Missouri	26	117	74	23	....	71	38	....	9	1,593	1,013 12	5,932 34
41. Old Path	23	64	30	....	2	26	24	....	13	1,094	262 85	976 10
42. Osage	13	26	17	....	12	13	6	....	10	366	414 90	430 40

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ASSOCIATIONS.	RECEIVED.					DISMISSED.				TOTAL.....	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	Churches....	Baptized.	Letter....	Relation.	Restored.	Letter....	Excluded.	Erased...	Died.....		For Benevolence.	For all Purposes
43. Osage River	6	24	28	9	....	8	6	....	2	215	$39 80	$45 55
44. Ozark	16	53	22	....	20	11	10	....	4	450	18 45	188 00
45. Pleasant Grove	18	60	19	9	....	11	16	....	15	1,070	90 29	115 64
46. Saline	23	151	104	....	12	114	28	....	20	2,056	393 95	10,606 10
47. Salt River	41	224	104	11	7	156	25	....	39	3,406	290 15	305 25
48. Shoal Creek	42	114	99	10	....	128	30	....	29	2,090	127 75	985 00
49. Smith Valley	12	47	15	4	....	6	6	....	7	446	103 23	122 98
50. Spring River	29	95	124	27	....	58	42	....	19	1,394	425 40	4,461 26
51. State Line (in part)	10	18	20	....	....	25	10	....	....	361	26 75	26 75
52. St. Francois	22	96	19	5	7	29	34	....	15	1,146	427 30	453 55
53. St. Joseph	24	55	75	....	2	76	32	....	14	1,902	133 30	160 65
54. St. Louis	12	93	97	6	6	65	12	25	4	1,203	921 39	15,716 02
55. Tebo	32	82	103	....	12	105	22	....	21	2,096	773 47	773 47
56. Union,	28	41	27	6	3	15	23	....	12	773	82 10	105 70
57. Wayne County	29	181	34	24	14	31	34	....	22	1,193	43 40	204 10
58. Webster	23	73	52	6	....	41	19	....	11	1,135	134 23	471 07
59. West Fork	22	74	26	....	10	63	46	....	19	1,785	145 50	173 55
60. Wyaconda	28	150	70	22	6	96	52	....	28	2,539	72 10	495 65
61. Zion	20	97	28	26	....	21	25	....	7	867	164 70	188 90
5. Ass'ns estimated	66	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,447	.....	.....
66. Associations	1381	4901	3003	336	376	3228	1346	37	937	83,747	$25,768 02	$128,942 32

NORTH CAROLINA.

1. Anson (new)	14	96	33	....	10	31	17	....	12	1,176	$566 91	$2,642 99
2. Beulah	29	128	57	....	11	67	18	....	26	2,126	1,649 10	5,343 48
3. Black Mountain	22	70	31	....	14	39	43	....	17	1,723	4 33	25 38
4. Brier Creek	24	126	42	....	5	85	18	....	26	2,299	210 59	241 49
5. Brown Creek	26	254	49	....	22	78	36	....	23	1,887	701 20	3,361 86
6. Brushy Mountain	35	204	39	9	17	63	30	....	31	3,183	96 53	819 23
7. Buncombe County	17	144	75	....	17	127	30	....	16	1,633	1,431 55	3,047 70
8. Cape Fear	43	191	74	....	32	64	89	....	22	3,550	790 82	5,418 01
9. Catawba River	28	97	31	....	12	32	22	....	13	1,487	279 25	1,014 95
10. Cedar Creek	28	142	48	....	21	69	37	....	23	2,397	209 24	254 49
11. Central	19	169	84	....	8	118	51	....	44	2,852	5,395 53	11,938 32
12. Chowan	39	410	109	....	103	96	118	....	125	6,412	6,387 00	18,601 11
13. Eastern	69	269	127	1	20	132	65	....	61	5,312	644 01	8,157 94
14. Elkin	13	47	21	....	3	21	19	....	7	750	4 26	17 16
15. Flat River	28	160	69	....	8	83	45	....	24	3,281	1,786 86	6,057 82
16. French Broad	31	171	85	....	12	63	30	....	24	2,495	31 76	61 36
17. Green River	32	268	155	....	29	177	44	....	26	3,689	474 61	2,045 91
18. Henderson County	15	134	78	....	12	111	25	....	7	1,365	421 09	868 73
19. King's Mountain	38	463	194	....	33	265	71	....	42	5,914	2,446 97	6,773 05
20. Liberty	18	168	21	....	4	30	14	....	20	1,529	798 49	3,597 64
21. Little River	18	86	22	....	9	35	20	....	13	1,183	153 03	184 33
22. Mitchell County	22	109	78	....	22	69	41	....	10	1,333	167 20	188 88
23. Mountain (in part)	4	14	13	....	6	9	4	....	....	157	.....	.....
24. Mount Zion	29	220	102	....	11	136	56	....	46	3,060	6,753 26	12,286 47
25. New Found	23	175	69	....	41	81	45	....	5	1,360	97 00	119 85
26. New River (in part)	6	21	12	2	2	3	10	....	1	259	.....	.....
27. Pee Dee	22	172	49	....	3	40	17	....	18	1,675	452 80	1,113 75
28. Raleigh	42	302	185	....	22	131	73	....	40	4,003	2,139 80	7,054 25
29. Robeson (new)	26	226	69	....	49	73	63	....	35	3,072	70 11	101 71
30. Rocky River	18	150	42	....	11	51	23	....	13	1,086	103 06	140 76
31. Sandy Creek	36	189	53	....	3	46	35	....	21	2,707	562 70	2,964 01
32. South Fork	19	113	35	....	5	31	26	....	16	1,257	314 42	1,753 10
33. South River	25	138	28	....	26	28	21	....	23	1,977	256 38	286 09

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34. South Yadkin	22	55	72	....	7	56	26	....	23	1,587	$1,815 60	$13,866 80
35. Tar River	54	281	89	....	59	99	134	....	61	4,962	3,234 94	13,029 60
36. Tennessee River	22	181	73	....	15	73	23	....	11	1,146	186 95	389 10
37. Three Forks	25	227	75	....	23	38	37	....	13	1,914	92 90	139 35
38. Transylvania	16	123	78	....	3	98	11	....	4	1,165	95 00	965 52
39. Tuckasiege	12	138	108	....	25	158	53	....	27	3,058	59 04	1,646 51
40. Waccamaw (in part)	13	52	30	....	16	11	15	....	19	978	.....	.....
41. West Chowan	33	215	36	....	27	83	29	....	26	5,244	352 00	3,461 89
42. Yadkin	31	173	41	....	3	72	23	....	21	2,284	244 86	277 91
8. Ass'ns estimated	63	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7,018	.....	.....
	1179	7071	2781	12	772	2969	1607	....	1026	107545	41,481 15	$130,252 50

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1. Abbeville	17	65	44	....	2	62	15	....	18	1,196	$344 75	$369 85
2. Barnwell	36	120	40	....	20	49	34	....	35	3,549	2,005 54	4,557 21
3. Bethel	7	34	29	....	2	22	3	....	7	545	156 15	606 30
4. Broad River	30	157	113	....	10	166	62	....	38	3,451	341 16	1,903 49
5. Carolina	5	19	11	....	4	12	4	....	4	561	15 00	85 00
6. Charleston	29	63	34	....	4	34	22	....	16	1,876	3,644 96	3,962 13
7. Chester	13	33	20	....	2	25	39	9	10	1,154	814 65	5,329 42
8. Colleton	25	40	17	....	30	15	21	....	21	2,154	125 00	1,559 00
9. Edgefield	41	286	157	....	42	188	60	....	59	4,653	2,721 07	10,647 37
10. Edisto	24	127	39	....	29	32	15	....	30	2,133	882 64	2,730 09
11. Fairfield	24	139	30	....	5	38	13	....	25	1,366	253 35	271 60
12. Fork	15	61	66	....	9	79	24	....	16	1,077	767 69	1,843 79
13. Greenville	39	322	256	....	29	225	66	34	45	5,719	3,444 63	11,511 07
14. Lexington	13	30	13	....	....	37	1	....	7	684	4 80	17 95
15. Moriah	25	225	66	....	67	101	114	....	31	2,649	1,137 17	4,318 48
16. Mountain (in part)	5	17	2	....	7	5	3	....	1	221	10 00	110 00
17. Orangeburg	18	113	49	....	6	45	26	....	13	1,644	704 46	3,297 90
18. Pee Dee	27	107	67	....	25	100	37	....	25	2,347	625 27	655 79
19. Piedmont	13	18	25	....	2	30	11	....	8	1,209	165 35	639 05
20. Reedy River	27	176	53	....	10	120	30	....	37	2,790	1,466 02	7,545 92
21. Saluda	32	212	139	....	25	167	51	....	50	4,066	2,036 10	8,529 03
22. Santee	19	96	35	....	11	27	27	....	17	1,547	2,097 87	2,320 46
23. Savannah River	33	83	77	....	1	58	22	....	29	1,873	1,005 81	6,333 23
24. Spartanburg	27	155	131	....	8	171	29	....	42	4,318	2,177 72	7,206 56
25. Twelve-Mile River	30	165	102	....	13	126	19	....	25	2,551	151 35	138 75
26. Union County	15	21	18	....	3	18	27	....	16	970	621 17	645 67
27. Waccamaw (in part)	28	168	65	....	53	64	65	....	20	1,854	120 34	158 44
28. Welsh Neck	46	298	137	41	5	121	71	....	56	4,018	3,411 17	3,462 82
29. York	12	79	11	....	7	38	21	....	10	1,075	386 29	1,771 74
	685	3432	1846	41	422	2175	935	43	711	63,253	$31,607 68	$82,728 11

TENNESSEE.

1. Beech River	20	36	3	....	8	23	8	....	12	845	$26 05	$47 45
2. Beulah (in part)	29	118	67	....	5	105	76	....	39	2,115	209 70	343 25
3. Big Emory	32	100	56	....	3	45	11	....	25	1,691	72 95	241 54
4. Big Hatchie	60	269	122	....	32	279	132	....	72	5,047	1,369 60	1,453 90
5. Central	50	220	169	....	21	170	65	....	59	4,862	1,223 53	7,298 18

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ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED. Baptized.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	DISMISSED. Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.	TOTAL.	CONTRIBUTIONS. For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
6. Clinton	33	52	22	3	6	54	51	....	37	2,510	$104 06	$137 16
7. Concord	29	214	58	....	6	126	73	....	29	2,912	595 75	641 60
8. Cumberland	29	138	69	8	5	130	44	29	49	3,494	2,097 53	16,794 21
9. Duck River	43	207	65	....	7	108	20	....	42	3,227	1,360 12	6,303 02
10. East Tennessee	36	281	99	4	35	105	138	....	37	3,079	127 45	157 30
11. Enon	35	208	36	....	5	56	26	....	34	3,025	133 95	166 45
12. Estanallee	33	131	63	....	4	76	12	....	17	1,724	109 67	138 67
13. Hiwassee	21	106	38	6	2	40	10	....	15	1,181	29 38	54 13
14. Holston	43	128	99	2	16	120	74	....	39	3,854	890 05	1,110 45
15. Indian Creek (in part)	32	151	64	15	17	67	46	....	24	1,273	81 85	109 70
16. Judson	12	28	6	....	1	5	14	....	4	483	212 60	230 60
17. Liberty (Ala.) in part	6	10	5	....	1	....	....	....	4	254	.....	.....
18. Little River	23	131	45	4	14	81	31	....	32	2,226	156 10	2,015 95
19. Long Creek	6	52	9	....	....	8	5	....	6	336	.....	9 00
20. Mount Harmony	15	50	23	4	3	46	10	....	11	843	506 91	904 66
21. Mulberry Gap	51	135	61	5	13	55	77	....	38	3,282	23 55	53 45
22. Nollachucky	47	168	55	4	10	86	56	....	46	4,119	41 42	81 27
23. Northern	40	126	74	10	10	74	66	....	44	3,193	112 77	150 17
24. Ocoee	33	163	123	10	11	113	13	....	21	1,975	227 67	255 17
25. Salem	46	311	81	....	5	117	24	....	69	4,965	802 70	2,029 00
26. Sequatchee Valley	11	25	10	2	3	33	4	....	6	401	.....	9 55
27. Southwestern	35	120	45	6	3	86	33	....	29	2,402	41 30	83 05
28. Stockton's Valley[in pt]	16	13	10	....	7	11	24	....	4	794	.....	17 80
29. Sweetwater	36	67	32	4	3	60	37	....	15	2,515	152 90	1,161 55
30. Tennessee	26	155	79	11	8	148	72	36	45	2,955	2,085 78	8,726 21
31. Union	17	49	27	....	1	36	8	....	12	1,077	67 75	85 35
32. Unity	38	146	67	....	17	117	43	....	30	2,356	670 65	720 30
33. Watauga	21	161	47	....	19	49	36	....	20	2,042	160 03	422 47
34. Western	38	107	47	....	11	102	56	....	31	2,160	77 70	128 00
35. West Union [in part]	19	79	15	....	7	7	8	....	12	881	.....	12 35
1. Ass'n estimated	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,193	.....	.....
36. Associations	1081	4455	1791	98	319	2738	1404	65	1009	81,321	$13,861 47	$52,092 91

TEXAS.

1. Alvarado	23	77	91	....	5	127	31	....	23	1,689	$486 05	$529 00
2. Austin	24	196	188	17	8	232	35	2	12	1,461	754 55	4,218 32
3. Bethlehem	21	28	12	2	1	10	12	....	16	763	205 45	249 30
4. Blanco	15	55	62	....	4	73	9	....	13	511	466 65	2,658 97
5. Bosque River	29	159	160	....	29	127	31	....	13	1,296	81 55	116 35
6. Brazos River	15	45	83	....	7	37	22	....	11	529	42 30	68 80
7. Cherokee	42	182	128	....	10	143	30	....	39	2,402	458 95	500 40
8. Clarksville	19	109	57	....	3	85	22	....	9	806	67 20	95 40
9. Colorado	22	47	54	....	17	71	18	....	9	961	224 85	254 15
10. Comanche	31	136	181	....	13	92	37	....	23	1,522	169 90	213 10
11. Dallas-Collin	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	890	62 40	76 95
12. East Fork	27	120	162	....	18	147	31	....	24	1,855	230 43	285 18
13. Elm Fork	20	71	90	....	3	76	16	....	20	1,256	207 80	238 20
14. Hamilton County	25	91	87	....	6	62	17	....	13	892	50 80	81 20
15. Harmony	23	89	102	....	23	77	31	....	20	1,098	203 97	243 47
6. Hill County	12	19	71	....	....	44	24	....	8	594	39 75	63 20
17. Lavaca River	22	99	89	....	12	113	61	....	19	1,479	316 15	349 35
18. Leon River	30	94	89	....	10	98	30	....	26	1,444	142 35	197 10
19. Liberty	22	157	75	....	11	92	27	....	11	1,384	159 70	190 40
20. Little Brazos	17	176	148	....	38	137	52	....	22	1,557	116 05	148 15
21. Little River	27	97	77	....	2	138	49	....	27	1,734	291 06	329 31

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22. Llano River	12	10	38	1	....	26	15	....	5	300	$61 15	$78 65
23. Montague	26	120	127	....	14	101	12	....	6	938	32 85	74 60
24. Mount Zion	37	176	146	....	18	152	59	....	29	1,954	452 60	519 50
25. Navasota River	35	78	60	....	13	67	25	....	16	1,824	248 91	286 36
26. Neches River	44	153	91	....	33	98	52	....	20	1,865	391 54	377 87
27. New Bethel	30	100	70	....	7	74	12	....	8	1,054	191 06	219 67
28. New Bethlehem	17	27	23	....	8	26	11	....	3	714	175 95	198 80
29. North Sulphur	32	159	146	....	18	87	32	....	25	1,889	171 95	211 75
30. Palo Pinto	8	22	21	....	....	14	6	....	2	153	.....	13 58
31. Paluxy	13	9	29	....	....	31	11	....	2	424	7 00	37 00
32. Pecan Valley	37	58	106	....	6	102	9	....	8	1,066	252 85	293 95
33. Perdenales	22	86	88	....	9	37	22	....	14	853	262 00	297 15
34. Pleasant Grove	17	49	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	541	309 15	330 70
35. Prairie Grove	20	53	71	....	5	54	21	....	12	974	330 84	361 79
36. Red Fork	16	14	50	....	1	59	7	....	7	411	108 25	130 25
37. Red Gap	11	16	34	....	....	32	6	....	4	277	41 50	62 30
38. Red River	13	42	56	3	....	49	6	....	11	706	164 20	937 85
39. Rehoboth	36	443	326	....	50	188	49	....	28	2,793	546 44	1,311 34
40. Richland	24	43	40	....	....	55	5	....	15	1,059	540 60	570 60
41. Rio Grande	13	16	42	....	2	7	14	....	4	346	150 80	170 20
42. Salado	34	235	246	....	13	129	25	....	18	2,047	346 22	390 50
43. Salem	20	71	63	....	15	85	16	....	17	997	123 45	188 45
44. Saline	24	127	71	....	7	63	22	....	26	1,244	439 60	471 70
45. Salome, 1882	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	260	.....	.....
46. San Antonio	27	86	139	....	6	108	44	....	11	1,537	367 60	406 45
47. San Marcos	29	135	122	....	6	86	47	....	14	1,586	172 80	208 45
48. San Saba	24	105	258	11	2	69	27	....	11	1,218	377 06	511 06
49. Shiloh	49	85	148	....	10	172	37	....	35	1,990	120 88	172 83
50. Sister Grove	29	59	103	....	....	123	37	....	25	1,163	153 10	182 90
51. Soda Lake	11	32	28	....	2	13	....	....	1	578	2 70	24 95
52. Texarkana (in part)	11	76	50	....	19	18	14	....	6	518	14 60	1,052 15
53. Towash	23	118	108	....	13	107	51	....	25	1,264	416 15	453 55
54. Trinity River	31	69	58	....	8	73	25	....	14	903	319 50	347 15
55. Tryon	29	50	51	....	12	67	35	....	10	1,030	307 18	337 18
56. Union	38	69	95	....	14	121	19	....	17	2,085	234 10	276 55
57. Waco	34	99	160	....	8	174	44	....	24	2,346	2,200 96	5,201 08
58. Waxahatchie	30	126	214	10	11	158	28	....	21	1,966	299 36	344 96
59. Western Branch	12	134	40	....	4	60	10	....	....	690	127 70	134 70
60. West Fork	25	95	153	....	15	160	75	....	30	1,949	275 50	348 80
7. Ass'ns estimated	136	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,017	.....	.....
67. Associations.	1554	5492	5660	44	569	5126	1493	2	882	76,592	$15,434 94	$28,673 12

VIRGINIA.

1. Accomack	11	113	9	....	2	13	21	3	16	1,334	$853 65	$3,883 21
2. Albemarle	11	181	109	....	29	135	29	....	59	4,446	812 81	884 66
3. Appomattox	28	182	33	....	15	68	22	1	40	2,710	1,106 24	1,166 34
4. Augusta	28	74	50	2	6	68	40	14	20	1,891	872 99	5,545 91
5. Blue Ridge	15	31	3	....	2	7	1	....	3	828	367 27	592 30
6. Clinch Valley	37	14	11	....	....	23	15	....	18	1,501	123 00	143 00
7. Concord	26	67	17	....	....	40	20	....	29	2,047	747 96	2,917 19
8. Dan River	17	92	69	....	11	51	37	....	33	1,930	913 27	966 02
9. Dover	51	180	254	56	38	242	77	48	102	8,436	16,430 65	65,791 83
10. Goshen	50	343	96	47	17	127	17	27	72	6,498	1,991 86	2,076 83
11. James River	20	40	4	....	....	17	6	....	21	1,666	318 47	363 62
12. Lebanon	20	157	21	....	12	78	23	....	27	1,687	253 77	3,990 84

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13. Middle District	25	77	43	....	4	71	21	....	35	2,548	$ 844 16	$ 6,696 46
14. New Lebanon	24	146	11	....	10	42	19	3	10	1,534	99 38	875 06
15. New River, in part	14	36	20	6	3	23	6	....	4	702	101 04	436 96
16. Portsmouth	55	468	171	16	46	156	102	21	91	7,657	13,808 96	34,511 62
17. Potomac	41	140	54	2	2	67	16	21	36	3,151	1,995 33	10,891 64
18. Rappahannock	52	283	85	18	34	130	74	130	152	7,921	6,125 74	21,545 57
19. Roanoke	31	269	80	....	31	72	54	....	30	3,409	1,732 02	18,927 17
20. Shenandoah	17	84	23	10	..	52	4	12	18	1,369	1,672 73	1,713 90
21. Shiloh	31	144	42	....	5	46	14	....	29	2,965	1,030 15	1,084 54
22. Strawberry	38	136	81	13	6	90	40	37	44	3,577	1,423 49	11,354 30
23. Valley	39	119	72	....	12	105	27	1	34	2,758	4,187 71	8,320 31
Total	718	3679	1352	170	285	1756	715	318	923	72,565	$57,812 56	$204,579 28

WEST VIRGINIA.

1. Broad Run	44	113	35	4	2	69	36	1	25	2,567	$ 518 77	$ 2,447 17
2. Goshen	16	47	10	....	....	20	9	7	8	1,143	317 79	1,895 33
3. Greenbrier	30	98	....	....	....	85	....	....	....	1,783	1,719 65	2,717 34
4. Guyandotte	28	129	103	....	....	100	....	....	29	2,198	231 32	1,639 24
5. Harmony	31	110	31	14	11	49	19	9	19	1,783	173 06	1,071 69
6. Hopewell	42	317	126	....	49	99	20	....	24	3,046	476 18	4,346 92
7. Judson	32	78	16	....	5	41	31	....	37	2,250	442 87	1,931 69
8. Kanawha Valley	47	311	54	25	18	81	113	....	30	2,592	814 93	3,529 47
9. Mount Pisgah	37	174	45	....	8	69	23	..	23	2,352	225 07	1,232 25
10. Parkersburg	40	239	74	9	12	132	39	104	34	2,935	1,869 65	8,699 21
11. Raleigh	27	No	Meeting held in 1883.							1,532	.....	.....
12. Teay's Valley	30	133	56	20	8	75	36	50	24	1,986	523 64	2,772 84
13. Union	28	39	48	14	3	33	27	....	32	2,851	1,163 72	3,999 56
Total	432	1788	598	86	116	853	343	171	285	28,968	8,476 65	36,282 71

STATE ORGANIZATIONS, CONSTITUENTS OF THE CONVENTION.

		PRESIDING OFFICER.	SECRETARY.	IN CHARGE OF MISSIONS.	NEXT MEETING.
Alabama	State Convention	Jona. Haralson, Selma	B. B. Davis, Montgomery	T. M. Bailey, D. D., Marion	Tuskaloosa, July 18, 1884.
Arkansas	State Convention	J. P. Eagle, Lonoke	J. B. Searcy, Annover	J. B. Searcy, Annover	Pine Bluff, Nov. 6, 1884.
Florida	State Convention	W. N. Chandoin, Jacksonville	Paul Willis, Monticello	W. N. Chandoin, Jacksonville	Orlando, Dec. 11, 1884.
Georgia	State Convention	P. H. Mell, D. D., Athens	G. R. McCall, D.D., Griffin	J. H. DeVotie, D.D., Atlanta	Newnan, Ap'l 21, 1885.
Kentucky	General Association	Green Clay Smith, Louisville	B. W. D. Seely, Midway	J. W. Warder, D.D., Louisville	Glascow, May 21, 1884.
Louisiana	State Convention	W. H. Jack, Natchitoches	G. W. Hartsfield, Mansfield	W. C. Friley, Trenton	Monroe, July 11, 1884.
Maryland	Bap. U'n Association	James Pollard, Baltimore	J. Hy. Brittain, Baltimore	F. Wilson, D.D., Baltimore	Baltimore, Oct. 21, 1884.
Mississippi	State Convention	W. H. Hardy, Meridian	H. F. Sproles, Jackson	J. T. Buck, Jackson	Kosciusko, July 23, 1884.
	S. E. Gen'l Associat'n	N. L. Clarke, Decatur	Benj. Thigpen, Paulding	Benj. Thigpen, Paulding	Poplarville, Oct. 24, 1884.
Missouri	General Association	W. P. Yeaman, D.D., Columbia	J. T. Williams, Paris	W. P. Yeaman, D.D., Columbia	Marshall, Oct. 21, 1884.
North Carolina	State Convention	J. C. Scarborough, Raleigh	N. B. Broughton, Raleigh	John E. Ray, Raleigh	Raleigh, Nov. 12, 1884.
	Western Convention	D. B. Nelson, Hendersonville	Chas. E. Lee, Asheville	John Mitchell, Asheville	Waynesville, Oct. 16, 1884.
South Carolina	State Convention	B. W. Edwards, Darlington	Luther Broaddus, Newberry	R. H. Griffith, Greenville	Marion, Nov. 20, 1884.
Tennessee	State Convention	W. P. Jones, M. D., Nashville	J. H. Anderson, Lebanon	James Waters, D.D., Nashville	Murfreesboro, July 3, 1884.
Texas	State Convention	C. C. Chaplin, D.D., Brenham	O. H. P. Garrett, Brenham	O. C. Pope, D.D., Austin	Waxahachie, Oct. 4, 1884.
	General Association	R. C. Buckner, D.D., Dallas	S. J. Anderson, Sulphur Sp'gs	A. J. Holt, Dallas	Paris, July 25, 1884.
	Central Convention	G. W. Roberts,	J. W. Staton	J. G. O'Brien, Dublin	Abilene, Aug. 22, 188[illegible].
	East Convention	W. R. Maxwell, Buena Vista	Geo. Yarbrough, Tyler	Doc Pegues, Longview	Tyler, July 18, 1884.
	North Convention	J. K. Bumpas, Terrell	J. N. Haney, Weatherford	W. L. Williams, Dallas	————, Aug. 1884.
Virginia	General Association	J. L. Burrows, D. D., Norfolk	L. J. Haley	H. K. Ellyson, Richmond	Glascow, May 21, 1884.
West Virginia	General Association	D. B. Purinton, Morgantown	W. F. Atkisson, Parkersburg	L. W. Holden, Clarksburg	Charleston, Nov. 6, 1884.

STATE MISSION WORK FOR 1883.

		Missionaries.....	No. of Stations...	Weeks of Service	Sermons Preached.	Religious Visits..	Persons Baptized	Churches Organized.	Sunday Schools Organized.	Expended on Fields.	Expense of Work	Contributed for State Missions
Alabama	State Convention	48	147	1,023	4,019	6,923	602	21	62	$12,051 43	$ 448 84	$12,500 27
Arkansas	State Convention	18	.....	382	1,852	2,779	337	3	53	4,971 13	.....	4,971 13
Florida	State Convention	24	98	934	2,500	3,282	169	8	.....	2,427 37	335 90	2,363 27
Georgia	State Convention	37	130	1,144	2,510	1,587	521	6	61	15,498 70	557 13	16,055 83
Kentucky	General Association	42	23	445	.....	.....	351	10	12	11,635 40	500 00	12,135 40
Louisiana	State Convention	6	12	218	484	740	83	.....	2	3,144 20	150 00	3,294 20
Maryland	Baptist Union Association	21	21	935	2,162	11,201	217	.....	3	6,783 13	.....	5,734 92
Mississippi	State Convention	32	50	754	2,010	4,106	391	3	8	9,379 22	334 95	9,714 17
	Southeastern Gen'l Association	7	60	150	500	200	95	12	20	1,250 00	40 00	1,100 00
Missouri	General Association	40	30	651	3,729	.....	605	6	19	11,535 52	480 08	12,015 60
North Carolina	State Convention	83	204	1,560	4,091	5,031	685	20	40	13,142 39	386 23	13,439 03
	Western Convention	8	.....	124	316	1,005	201	.....	13	1,535 28	.....	1,535 28
South Carolina	State Convention	44	133	900	2,452	3,682	419	7	45	8,765 80	220 39	8,250 19
Tennessee	State Convention	42	87	700	2,300	4,141	252	2	36	11,155 15	.....	10,727 38
Texas	State Convention	40	60	1,367	4,356	.....	566	15	.....	32,000 00	.....	32,000 00
	General Association	40	216	724	2,052	7,008	503	19	48	8,467 86	1,500 00	9,967 86
	Central Convention	4	.....	208	50	85	10	.....	.....	350 96	.....	350 96
	East Convention	8	.....	265	767	783	163	8	54	5,617 71	.....	5,149 58
	North Convention	3	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550 00	.....	.....
Virginia	General Association	60	194	1,747	4,391	8,386	565	5	29	8,972 13	364 10	19,220 28
West Virginia	General Association	13	18	381	968	1,780	167	.....	.....	2,556 80	.....	2,556 80
Home Mission Board Society Baptist Convention		144	338	3,540	14,818	20,512	2,665	.....	.....	33,159 11	1,900 10	35,059 21
		764	1,721	18,204	57,227	81,629	9,599	145	505	$204,198 33	$7 217 72	$209,150 36

BENEVOLENT AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1883.

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary.	Sunday School Work.	Ministerial Relief.	Orphanage and Charity.	Church Building.	All other Objects.	Grand Total.
Alabama	$ 12,500 27	$ 6,525 01	$ 7,488 33	$ 2,018 04	$ 141 85	.....	$ 196 88	$ 102 95	.....	$ 19,108 37	$48,081 70
Arkansas	4,971 13	1,697 50	1,080 79	.....	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,099 42
Florida	2,363 27	3,003 14	514 35	201 71	108 90	.....	.....	.....	416 73	.....	6,608 10
Georgia	16,055 83	6,149 75	6,094 00	2,835 00	2,415 80	5,000 00	787 51	.....	.....	113 39	39,401 28
Kentucky	12,135 40	3,069 22	10,474 40	.....	23,552 25	3,100 00	.....	6,712 46	.....	138,189 25	197,232 98
Louisiana	3,294 20	1,204 65	1,301 30	282 00	19 75	455 55	.....	.....	1,000 00	3,790 10	11,347 55
Maryland	5,734 92	2,421 21	4,945 03	740 10	1,254 30	3,514 00	260 00	.....	8,000 00	33,951 58	60,821 14
Mississippi	10 814 17	892 55	3,613 27	1,983 98	97 10	100 00	150 00	300 00	8,000 00	35,317 22	61,268 29
Missouri	12,015 60	278 42	6,211 89	53,000 00	163 85	673 76	.....	.....	.....	56,592 80	128,942 32
North Carolina	14,974 31	1,376 57	4,562 64	50,326 63	593 65	6,316 52	500 00	2,600 00	27,600 00	22,231 42	131,081 74
South Carolina	8,250 19	2,988 59	7,690 83	.....	2,492 45	4,607 00	.....	.....	.....	56,699 05	82,728 11
Tennessee	10,727 38	421 23	2,158 83	387 80	1.176 55	.....	196 65	.....	2,000 00	35,024 47	52,092 91
Texas	47,468 40	10,792 21	12,804 29	1,917 50	2,258 10	3,000 00	300 00	2,500 00	59,337 04	.....	140,377 57
Virginia	10,229 28	4,649 03	10,377 04	1,494 82	5,903 18	3,484 57	2,529 69	.....	.....	162,911 67	204,579 28
West Virginia	2,556 80	.....	121 27	513 72	.....	1,480 34	.....	.....	.....	31,619 58	36,282 71
Other Sources		20,945 63	10,187 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,133 34
	$174,091 15	$66,414 74	$89,625 97	$118,701 30	$40,533 73	$31,731 74	$4,870 73	$12,215 41	$106,353 77	$595,539 90	$1,240,078 44

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS, 1883.

	Associations	Churches	Ministers	Additions. Baptized	Additions. Letter	Additions. Relation	Additions. Restored	Diminutions. Letter	Diminutions. Excluded	Diminutions. Erased	Diminutions. Died	Total	Colored Membership	Grand Total	Population, 1880
Alabama	56	1,244	669	4,718	3,493	21	590	3,799	1,183	.....	719	72,051	90,000	162,051	1,262,505
Arkansas	35	863	450	2,028	1,286	41	209	1,385	455	5	315	39,151	18,000	57,151	802,525
Florida	14	276	254	693	535	.....	121	417	237	.....	146	9,666	16,857	26,523	269,493
Georgia	55	1,432	763	6,651	5,284	5	669	5,724	1,345	.....	745	109,018	131,091	240,109	1,542,180
Kentucky	54	1,306	686	5,878	2,543	196	465	3,234	1,433	253	1,287	121,070	48,300	168,370	1,648,690
Louisiana	17	342	169	811	544	23	114	605	316	26	197	17,067	38,500	55,567	939,946
Maryland	1	36	31	345	171	.....	54	239	126	.....	76	5,546	4,408	9,954	934,943
Mississippi	41	984	455	3,616	2,289	1	446	2,531	705	41	717	61,624	67,009	128,624	1,131,597
Missouri	66	1,381	873	4,901	3,003	336	376	3,228	1,346	37	937	83,747	11,694	95,441	2,168,380
North Carolina	47	1,179	623	7,071	2,781	12	772	2,969	1,607	.....	1,026	107,545	104,000	211,545	1,399,750
South Carolina	28	685	372	3,432	1,846	41	422	2,175	935	43	711	63,253	92,500	155,753	995,577
Tennessee	35	1,081	615	4,455	1,791	98	319	2,738	1,404	65	1,009	81,321	27,000	108,321	1,542,359
Texas	67	1,554	800	5,492	5,660	44	569	5,126	1,493	2	882	76,592	42,500	119,092	1,591,749
Virginia	23	718	433	3,679	1,352	170	285	1,756	715	318	923	72,565	139,000	211,565	1,512,565
West Virginia	13	432	239	1,788	598	86	116	853	343	171	285	28,968	1,400	30,368	618,457
	552	13,513	7,432	55,468	33,176	1,074	5,527	36,779	13,643	961	9,975	948,184	832,250	1,780,434	18,360,716
Remainder of United States as per "Baptist Year Book."														621,019	
Rest of the World as per "Baptist Year Book,"														525,618	
Grand Total,														2,927,071	

HISTORICAL TABLE

Of the Southern Baptist Convention since its Organization.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Presidents.	Secretaries.	Preachers.
1845	Augusta, Ga.	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia	
1846	Richmond, Va.	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia	Richard Fuller, Md.
1849	Charleston, S. C.	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.	James C. Crane, Virginia; Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama	W. B. Johnson, S. C.
1851	Nashville, Tenn.	R. B. C. Howell, Va.	James C. Crane, Virginia; Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi	J. B. Jeter, Va.; J. L. Reynolds, S. C.
1853	Baltimore, Md.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	H. K. Ellyson, Virginia; Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi,	R. B. Howell, Va.; S. Baker, Ky.
1855	Montgomery, Ala.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi; James M. Watt, Alabama,	A. D. Sears, Ky.
1857	Louisville, Ky.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi; Geo. B. Taylor, Md.	Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.
1859	Richmond, Va.	Richard Fuller, Maryland	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi; George B. Taylor, Md.	D. R. Campbell, Ky.
1861	Savannah, Ga.	Richard Fuller, Maryland	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi; George B. Taylor, Va.,	Wm. H. McIntosh, Ala.
1863	Augusta, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	Geo. B. Taylor, Virginia; Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia.	J. L. Burrows, Va.
1866	Russellville, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	George B. Taylor, Virginia; W. Pope Yeaman, Kentucky	R. Fuller, Md.
1867	Memphis, Tenn.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. Fuller Crane, Md; A. P. Abell, Virginia.	W. T. Brantly, Md.
1868	Baltimore, Md.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.	T. E. Skinner, Tenn.
1869	Macon, Ga.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.	E. T. Winkler, S. Carolina.
1870	Louisville, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	J. Russell Hawkins, Kentucky; E. Calvin Williams, Md.	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1871	St. Louis, Mo.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland; Truman S. Sumner, Ala.	William Williams, S. Carolina.
1872	Raleigh, N. C.	James P. Boyce, S. C.	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland; Truman S. Sumner, Ala.	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1873	Mobile, Ala.	James, P. Boyce, S. C.	W. B. Wharton, Kentucky; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	T. G. Jones, Tennessee.
1874	Jefferson, Texas.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	G. R. McCall, Georgia; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	E. G. Taylor, Louisiana.
1875	Charleston, S. C.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	W. O. Tuggle, Georgia; G. R. McCall, Georgia.	T. H. Pritchard, N. Carolina.
1876	Richmond, Va.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. C. Bitting, Virginia; E. Calvin Williams, Maryland.	Geo. C. Lorimer, Massachusetts.
1877	New Orleans, La.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	O. F. Gregory, Alabama; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	Henry McDonald, Kentucky.
1878	Nashville, Tenn.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	B. H. Carroll, Texas.
1879	Atlanta, Ga.	James P. Boyce, Ky.	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia.	J. C. Furman, S. Carolina.
1880	Lexington, Ky.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, S. Carolina.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.
1881	Columbus, Miss.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; Lansing Burrows, Kentucky.	S. Landrum, Georgia.
1882	Greenville, S. C.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. C.	T. T. Eaton, Kentucky.
1883	Waco, Texas	P. H. Mell, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. C.	John A. Broadus, Kentucky.
1884	Baltimore, Md.	P. H. Mell, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina	Lansing Burrows, Georgia.

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