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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Board of Domestic and Indian Missions submit this their fifteenth annual report:

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Martin Ball, agent of the Board in Mississippi, died on the 22d of November, 1859. He entered the service of the Board on the 1st of January, 1859. Few men have been more useful in life, or more happy in death. He fell at his post as a faithful soldier, and has gone to receive the reward of the righteous.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In consequence of impaired vision, Rev. R. Holman, Corresponding Secretary, has been much interrupted in the performance of his official duties. Since last November he has suffered greatly, and been almost entirely incapacitated from labor. It is to be hoped, however, that by rest he will so far regain his vision as to resume in part, at least, the duties of the office. At the meeting of the Board in March he offered his resignation, which was referred to a special committee, which reported at the meeting in April as follows:

"Your committee, to which was referred the resignation of Rev. R. Holman, Corresponding Secretary of this Board, beg leave to state that they have had the same under consideration. They have had an interview with brother Holman, who is willing to withdraw his resignation, if the Board think it advisable, upon the condition that he will not be expected to perform the same duties as heretofore, being willing to receive such compensation as his services may justify.

"We therefore recommend that the Board release him from the performance of such duties as may be incompatible with his health, and allow him such compensation for services rendered as shall be agreed upon, and which can only be determined by the amount of labor performed.

"Respectfully submitted."

April 9th, 1860.

This report was adopted.

AGENCIES.

During the year three agents have been employed.

Rev. Martin Ball, in Mississippi, whose labors were closed in November by death.

Rev. V. E. Kirtley, in Kentucky, who prosecuted his work with success until compelled to suspend the active duties of his agency by an attack of paralysis in December last. In a letter received from him in March, we learn that he hoped to resume his labors about the middle of April.

Rev. J. B. Hardwick, in Virginia, who entered upon his duties in August last—he writes encouragingly of his work, though we have realized but little as yet from his agency.

There have been then but twenty-three months of actual agency work done during the year, or, not quite the work of two men for one year. In the absence of agents to visit the churches, it is to be hoped that the pastors will bring the claims of the missions before their respective churches and congregations, and take up collections for the same, and forward the amounts as they may deem most expedient. In the absence of other means, and in accordance with the advice of the Convention, the Secretaries have employed the columns of our Southern religious press to keep before the people such facts as would interest them in our work and encourage them to liberal contributions. We would remark, in justice to the several editors, that they have shown great courtesy in responding to our demands.

HOME AND FOREIGN JOURNAL.

This continues to be the organ of our official communication conjointly with the Foreign and Bible Boards. We are aware that our space, one-third of the sheet, is too limited for our purpose, but what shall be done is not easily determined. We are of the opinion, however, that it would be well to enlarge the size of the sheet, should it increase the subscription price.

The circulation of the Journal could be much enlarged if proper means were employed. Many of our large city churches do not take it, and the children of the congregation are ignorant of the existence of such a paper. Is this the way to train up the children? You may find other periodicals circulated, and to this we have no objection, but let each family at least see that the only publication that furnishes missionary intelligence of the Convention makes its monthly visits to their homes. Parents will you attend to this matter? Pastors and friends will you help us in this work? Every family should have a copy of the Journal.

FINANCES.

There was remaining in the Treasury of the Domestic Department at the close of the last year, April 1st, 1859, \$3,348.75. Add to this the amount received during the year, ending April 1st, 1860, \$29,878.00, and we have \$33,226.75, the total amount at the disposal of the Board for the year.

Of this amount the several States contributed as follows:

Alabama,	-	-	-	-	\$5,999 14
“ for salary of Dr. Manly,	-	-	-	-	2,317 00
Georgia,	-	-	-	-	4,681 63
Virginia,	-	-	-	-	4,147 24
South Carolina,	-	-	-	-	2,745 69
Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	1,188 81
Kentucky,	-	-	-	-	877 19

Maryland,	-	-	-	-	757 02
Louisiana,	-	-	-	-	301 50
North Carolina,	-	-	-	-	113 50
Tennessee,	-	-	-	-	89 25
District of Columbia,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Arkansas,	-	-	-	-	8 70
Missouri,	-	-	-	-	7 50
Florida,	-	-	-	-	80 00
Various States as per report for N. O. Church,					6,553 83

DISBURSEMENTS

for the same time are \$30,260.66; leaving a balance of \$2,966.09 in the Treasury. Much of this balance is due missionaries for services already rendered, whose reports have not yet been received.

There was remaining in the Treasury of the Indian department, at the close of the last year, April 1st, 1859, \$3,245.75. Add to this the amount received during the year, ending April 1st, 1860, \$19,088.30, and we have \$22,334.05, the total amount at the disposal of the Board for the year.

Of this amount the several States contributed as follows:

Georgia,	-	-	-	-	\$4,071 54
Alabama,	-	-	-	-	3,541 49
Kentucky,	-	-	-	-	1,134 07
South Carolina,	-	-	-	-	891 41
Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	623 50
Virginia,	-	-	-	-	541 95
Tennessee,	-	-	-	-	308 00
Maryland,	-	-	-	-	195 00
Louisiana,	-	-	-	-	112 00
North Carolina,	-	-	-	-	72 00
Missouri,	-	-	-	-	69 95
Arkansas,	-	-	-	-	24 35
District of Columbia,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Texas,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Rev. Isaac Reed, (return of traveling expenses,)					93 40
U. S. Government,	-	-	-	-	6,579 71
S. B. Convention for M. H.	-	-	-	-	814 93

DISBURSEMENTS

for the same time are \$16,583.32; leaving a balance of \$5,750.73 in the Treasury. A considerable amount of this balance is due missionaries for services already rendered, whose reports have not yet been received.

The aggregate amount in the two departments for the year is \$55,560.80. Excess of receipts in both departments over preceding year, \$3,229.70.

MISSIONARIES IN THE DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT; AND WHERE LOCATED.

There have been in the employment of the Domestic Department, during a part or the whole of the year, 107 Missionaries, laboring in the different States as follows:

Alabama,	-	-	-	-	15
Georgia,	-	-	-	-	15
Arkansas,	-	-	-	-	10
North Carolina,	-	-	-	-	9
South Carolina,	-	-	-	-	8
Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	8
California,	-	-	-	-	7
Missouri,	-	-	-	-	6
Florida,	-	-	-	-	5

Louisiana,	-	-	-	-	4
Maryland,	-	-	-	-	4
Tennessee,	-	-	-	-	4
Kentucky,	-	-	-	-	3
Texas,	-	-	-	-	3
Virginia,	-	-	-	-	5
District of Columbia,	-	-	-	-	1

Add to these the number in the Indian Department (49), and we have 156 in the field.

LABOR PERFORMED.

Many of the Missionaries do not render full statistics of their work, and not all the reports for the last quarter have been received. Our summary, therefore, which follows, must be necessarily imperfect, and can furnish only an approximation to the true state of the case. Much has been done that cannot be shown in figures.

Weeks' labor performed, 4,275; Churches and Stations supplied, 528; Discourses delivered, 15,359; Prayer and other meetings attended, 4,821; Persons baptized, 1,596; Received by letter, 670; Miles traveled in performance of labor, 111,822; Religious visits to families and individuals, 16,187; Number of persons professed conversion but not baptized, 711; Pages of tracts distributed, 42,753—Bibles, 130—Testaments, 206; Sunday Schools, 100—Pupils, 3,588—Teachers, 525; Bible Classes, 55—Pupils, 362; Volumes in libraries, 4,853; Teachers professed conversion, 40; Pupils professed conversion, 19.

This estimate does not include the labor performed by the Secretaries of the Board, one of whom alone has traveled more than 25,000 miles during the year.

COLORED POPULATION.

In keeping with their duty, the Board have had an eye to the wants of this numerous class of our Southern population, many of whom are far removed from the privileges of God's house, and the faithful preaching of the word. Living upon the rice plantations of Georgia, and the cotton and sugar plantations of the Southern States, where few of the families of their masters reside, they would, in a great and alarming degree, be cut off from all religious instructions but for the benevolence of others. The Board have, therefore, a Mission in Baltimore, under the charge of Rev. Noah Davis, a colored man; in Washington, D. C., under the charge of Rev. H. H. Baltic, a colored man; in South Carolina, Carrollton District, under the charge of Rev. Lewis Parker; in Georgia, McIntosh county, under the care of Rev. G. W. M. Williams, in connection with other Churches; and in addition to these, Missionaries are sustained in other portions of the South and South-West, devoting a large portion of their time to this people—and not without the happiest results. Much interest is felt by many of the pious planters for the religious instruction of their servants. Application is now before the Board to furnish a man to preach to the families of three wealthy planters, on the shore of Louisiana—the proprietors offering to pay \$1,000 per annum for his services, furnishing him a house to live in, a horse to ride on, and other conveniences.

There is no class of people that appreciates more fully the interest taken in their spiritual welfare than the blacks of our Southern plantations, and many of them exhibit a piety truly astonishing, and worthy the imitation of the more favored.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In connection with most, if not all, our Mission Churches, are to be found this soul-saving institution—truly the nursery of the Churches—where are brought forth and nourished many a plant of heavenly origin. It has ever been the purpose of the Board to encourage the Sunday School. Our statistics, however, are very imperfect, as most of the attempts of this kind prove to be. It is to be hoped that the Missionaries hereafter will be more particular in this matter, and furnish in their reports accurate information relative to this instrumentality, so highly favored of heaven in the development of the Christian principles and character. Such returns as have reached us will be found under another head, "Labor Performed."

CALIFORNIA.

Our Missions in this State are prosperous; the labors of our brethren have been received cheerfully by the people, and the cause of truth has been sustained.

REV. J. LEWIS SHUCK.

Brother Shuck resigned the care of the Baptist Church in Sacramento last fall, to take effect January 1st, 1860. In looking over the State, and considering its spiritual destitution and wants, he was compelled to this course, that he might enter upon a more general Missionary labor. Consequently he accepted an appointment from the Board as General Missionary to travel over the whole State, so far as practicable at least, to strengthen the feeble Churches, to collect together in church organization the scattered members of Christ's Kingdom, and call out and put to work the talent that might be found unemployed; in a word, to strengthen the things that remain. Since that time, he has been thus actively engaged, and greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren throughout that extensive territory. Bro. Shuck is sustained in part by the liberality of the Goshen Association of Virginia.

CHINESE IN SACRAMENTO.

The Chapel services, for the benefit of the Chinese population, are kept up by Bro. Shuck, assisted by two native Chinese converts, who promise great usefulness. Ah Mooey and Ah Chak, who left on a visit to their native land, have not returned, and are now living in Canton, China, in the service of the Foreign Board, preaching the gospel to the people of their own nation. Bro. S. says, Feb. 18, 1860: "Our Chinese brethren are again fitting up their Chinese chapel at their own expense. There are some of the noblest kind of active Christian men among them. We had a deeply interesting Chinese prayer-meeting last night." Bro. Shuck has baptized several prominent men among them during the year, some of whom give promise of great usefulness in the ministry.

SANTA CRUZ.

Rev. C. N. West has charge of the Church in this city. He writes, Dec. 31st, 1859: "Our little Church has enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. My labors have been blessed by the Master, to the quickening of his dear children. There has been no visible effect upon the unconverted, but still, from the present indications, we are led to hope that the Lord has purposes of mercy towards us, which he will soon manifest by a copious outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon the impenitent and stout-hearted sinner. I am much encouraged in my work, for the Lord has enabled me to feel that he will bless

abundantly, though he may long delay." We give the results of his labors for the year:

Churches supplied, 1; Other Stations, 1; Sermons preached, 79; Addresses delivered, 20; Prayer-meetings, 35; Received by letter, 4; total Whites in fellowship, 12; Colored ditto, 1; Religious visits to families and individuals, 185; Miles traveled, 650; pages of tracts distributed, 500; Bibles, 2.

A lot has been purchased, upon which to erect a new Church, and the first payment made. The house will be finished, it is expected, some time during the year.

SAN RAFAEL.

Rev. Harvey Gilbert, whose residence is Oakland, preaches here, and has succeeded in building a new edifice for the purposes of a Church and School. The house is thirty feet in width, forty-eight feet in length, two stories high, with steeple for a bell. Bro. Shuck writes, Feb. 9, 1860: "I spent last Sunday with Bro. Gilbert at San Rafael, and preached sermons day and night, dedicatory of the new building he has erected for both Church and School purposes. He has indeed done nobly in his new field, and I was really surprised to find such an important enterprise so nearly accomplished as I find there. It is the only regular Protestant house of worship in the county of Marin. This is a Baptist enterprise throughout."

Brother Gilbert also preaches to the convicts in the State Prison, and Marin Centre.

We give the result of his labors for the year (three-quarters):

Churches supplied, 1; Other Stations, 2; Sermons preached, 64; Prayer-meetings, 16; Baptisms, 2; Religious visits to families and individuals, 160; Miles traveled, 2,984; Pages of Tracts distributed, 2,500; Testaments, 12; Bibles, several.

SAN RAMON VALLEY.

Rev. Geo. E. Davis is our missionary in this valley. He also preaches in Marago Valley, Benicia and Vallejo. The following is the result of his labors for the year, (3 qrs.): Churches supplied 2, other stations 3; sermons preached 90, addresses delivered 1, prayer meetings 42, baptisms 4, received by letter 4, religious visits to families and individuals 147; miles travelled 955. Total in fellowship 26; Sunday schools 1; pupils 62; teachers 14; pages tracts distributed 262.

The following extracts will be read with interest, from his letters:

"SAN RAMON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"God has revived his work in our little church. Our members are all *praying men and women*, and God has answered their prayers. We held a protracted meeting, commencing on the first of this month, (October,) and on the third we baptized three happy converts, and received four by letter. One of the converts is the son of a good sister, who came into our fellowship the same day, and stated to the church that 'she had prayed for the conversion of her son for twenty years.' Thus God has answered the prayers of a faithful mother. Let us thank God and hope for California.

"We have commenced to build a meeting-house, and trust, with the help of the Lord, soon to have a house of worship of our own. Pray for us that God may help our efforts.

"ALAMO, CONTRA CASTA COUNTY.

"We have had," writes brother George E. Davis, missionary of the Board, 'some accessions since I last wrote.'

"BENICIA AND VALLEGO.

"This church has fourteen members, and need a good pastor to live and labor among them. There is a good opening in this field for a man of God to take Napa, Vallego and Benicia. This field I have relinquished for the purpose of devoting all my time to Alamo. O, that the Lord of the harvest would send a laborer to these points.

"MARAGO VALLEY.

"I preach at this place once a month. Attendance good, with marked attention, and we pray that the Master's power may be felt at this place."

PACHECO VALLEY.

Rev. J. B. Hopps is missionary in this valley and surrounding country, whose labors, in connection with brother Geo. E. Davis, have been much blessed. The following is the result of his labors for the year, (2 yrs.): Churches supplied 1, other stations 3, sermons preached 31, prayer meetings 5, religious visits to families and individuals 19, Sabbath schools 1, pupils 15, teachers 3, miles travelled 480.

The following extracts from his letters will give some idea of his field:

"PACHECO VALLEY, CAL.

"We have not written as frequently as we should have done for several reasons. We believe it is a very difficult task to give a correct idea of matters and things in this country. Everything is so changeable here. For instance: if I should give a correct account of things at the present, by the time my letter would reach you the face of things would be very much altered. Indeed, it is a very difficult thing to write so that our friends can understand the position of the minister in this country.

"THE FIELD OCCUPIED BY OTHERS.

"The field that brother Davis and myself have occupied the past year, was held and occupied by other denominations for five years.

"UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS.

"In the absence of the Baptists there were many impressions made, very unfavorable to our cause; so, when we found the field, there was a great deal of labor to be done before any fruit could be brought to perfection. Our Pedro brethren seemed to be united in opposing the Baptists. Nevertheless, God has smiled upon us, and blessed our feeble attempts to do good.

"A BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED.

"Something more than a year ago brother Davis and myself organized a Baptist church in San Ramon Valley, with *four* members only; now the church numbers *twenty*, having dismissed one by letter. We would have had a

MEETING HOUSE

finished by the last of November, had it not been for bad weather and sickness. We have two

SABBATH SCHOOLS,

one in San Ramon and one in Pacheco, which I superintend. We take the Young Reaper, have a small library, and have \$8 collected for school books."

INCREASING THE WORK.

There are many reasons why our operations should be increased in California—both in behalf of the American and Chinese congregations—already are many points of interest claiming the attention of the Board—as soon as our means will justify they will be occupied.

REV. GEO. PEARCY,

who spent some ten years in China as missionary under the appointment of the Foreign Board, has been strongly recommended for the Chinese in California by the Foreign Board, and many judicious friends of the Convention. In March he was appointed by this Board to preach to the Chinese in California; he has not yet accepted the appointment, but it is to be hoped he will, as he is unable to return to the field of his choice in consequence of shattered health, from a long continued residence in Canton and Shanghai. It is believed he will be of great service to our Chinese interests in this country.

GERMAN MISSION.

The Board have regarded this mission second perhaps to none in this country. Thrown among us as strangers from the old world, they have taxed our sympathies and aroused our fears, educated as most of them have been in the schools of a mere nominal Christianity, or what is worse, in the principles of a skeptical philosophy, they furnish an element to our American society to be dreaded. Taking no interest in the affairs of a religious life, they are forced out under the pressure of an unsanctified passion for the curious, to gratify their love of excitement, in the saloon of the beer-shop, or at the exhibition of vulgar theatricals. The Sabbath to them is a season of pastime.

The consequence is, that they must be better instructed, and brought under the influence of Christian institutions, or we shall be the worse for their coming among us, and they will be more and more estranged from God.

The Board have established six missions for the benefit of the German population in the Southern States.

AT ST. GENEVIEVE, MO.

Rev. Peter Klein, a native German, in conjunction with the Southern Missouri Baptist Convention. We give the results of his labor for the year:

Churches supplied 1, other stations 3, sermons preached 123, addresses delivered 30, religious visits to families and individuals 154, miles travelled 1,736, baptism of Germans 8, Sabbath schools 1, pupils 25, teachers 4, Bible classes 1, pupils 6, volumes in library 50.

An extract from one of his letters will give the origin and progress of the German Baptist Church at St. Genevieve:

"The German Mission Church here was organized by brother James Cleveland, with six Germans and one colored woman. When I first came here, I spoke only the German language, and to the Germans. Soon after the Americans and French came to my meetings, and being frequently solicited to speak in the English language, I consented to do so the best I could. But it was so broken that I was ashamed of it, and wished the Americans would not come to my meetings. Still they continued to come, and the Lord worked on their hearts with his Holy Spirit, and they asked our prayers. I had never prayed in English before. We had to commence now. One uttered a few words in English, another prayed in German, the Lord blessed our weak efforts, and Americans,

Germans and French were converted. When I saw the Lord was too strong for me, I thought it my duty to preach to the Americans; also, because the nearest Baptist Church was twelve miles, and that an anti-missionary body, most of the time without a pastor, our little church felt bound to receive these American brethren under the circumstances. We kept up prayer-meetings, and prayed with the anxious.

"But we have trials and persecutions. Our deacon has been the cause of deep affliction. He is opposed to prayer-meetings. He replied to a brother, who told him he ought to attend and take an interest in these meetings, that prayer-meetings were like the heathen and Roman Catholic worship. He also opposed an owner of slaves who made application to join our church. He and another member have carried their oppositions to all the interests of the church so far that we have found it necessary to exclude them. They are still working all they can against us. Yet we feel truly thankful that God has so richly blessed us under such circumstances."

IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

Rev. A. Haessler, a native German. We give the result of his labours for the year. Churches supplied 1; sermons preached 111; addresses delivered 34; religious visits to families and individuals 799; baptism of Germans 1; prayer-meetings attended 138; pages of tracts distributed 678; Testaments 11; Bibles 1; Sunday Schools 1; pupils 53; teachers 9; volumes in library 155.

We give the following extracts from his letters:

"As a church, we are now blessed with peace and harmony. We have a German Bible Colporteur—towards his salary our church pays \$100. Our church affairs are changing slowly for the better.

"The first year of my labour as a missionary of your Board has ended. With pleasure have I laboured under your direction; with gratitude do I remember your liberal support which I have always received regularly and without trouble. If the Board is as well pleased with what I have done in the mission field as I am with them, I do not ask any more. May the Lord help the Board with means and men to do much good, and especially among the great number of Germans, my own brethren according to the flesh. I would be glad if the Board would appoint me another year as their missionary in St. Louis.

"As a church, we are in the sowing time, but it seems to me we shall in due time be permitted to harvest again. December 26th we had a

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

in our meeting-house, which was quite full. We made presents to sixty-three children, as they all attended our school regularly with few exceptions. The parents of these children attended this feast also, though most of them are not Baptists.

BENEVOLENCE OF THE CHURCH.

"My people paid this quarter \$17 75 to our Sunday School."

IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

Rev. John B. Madoulet, a native German. We give the results of his labours for the year: Churches supplied 1; sermons preached 52; addresses delivered 105; prayer-meetings attended 127; baptisms of Germans 3; total in fellowship 15; number of visits to families and individuals 210; Bibles distributed 19; Testaments 13; Sabbath Schools 1; teachers 4; pupils 40; volumes in library 300.

We give the following extract from his letters :

"I have divided my labours more among the people—taking a basket with Bibles and Testaments and Tracts, and going from house to house. Most of my labour is out of the church. This gives me more occasions to approach our people, a majority of whom are very fearful of the Baptists, being unacquainted with our principles, they think us to be a very strange people, to be baptised again as they say. We thus talk on the subject, and answer a good many very strange, and sometimes wonderful questions—and the prejudices are so many that some even refuse to pray with me—but this we hope will disappear by-and-by. I am acquainted with several who understand and know the truth, but take no action for the present. We need the outpouring of the Spirit of God. I have not been preaching of late as much as usual—have been holding more prayer-meetings in the houses of our people, in the hope that the neighbours will come in and mingle with us in worship, and thus we may do good. I sold several Bibles and Testaments, and loaned some out to be read. One Bible I loaned to a Jewess,—she was very eager to read it, and questioned me very much about our religion. May the Lord bless it to her soul. This is our wish and prayer to the Lord."

IN NEW ORLEANS.

Rev. William Fasching, a native German. We give the results of his labours for the year :

Churches supplied 1 ; other stations 2 ; sermons preached 157 ; addresses delivered 3 ; prayer-meetings attended 159 ; baptisms of Germans 7 ; received by letter 1 ; total in fellowship 24 ; religious visits to families and individuals 628 ; pages of tracts distributed 1013 ; Sunday Schools 1 ; pupils 18 ; Bible classes 1 ; pupils 6 ; volumes in library 56.

We give the following extracts from his letters :

"When I returned here the 1st day of March, 1859, I found my dear little flock in peace and harmony, and very glad to see me in their midst again. It is quite a new life among the members—some of them go out every Sunday from house to house distributing tracts, and invite people to come to our place of worship, though they find sometimes much opposition from those that call themselves Christians. But should we stop and shut our mouths? No! never! We will cry the louder, that Jesus is the Lord, the only Saviour and Redeemer. In addition to my pastoral duties, I have made in the last month sixty visits to families. The most of them received a tract with pleasure, but one man, a member of the Lutheran church, condemned all the Baptists, and after a long discourse, he concluded, 'Mr. Fasching, you will never see me nor my wife (she is a member of *our* church) in your meetings again.' I said, 'Oh! sir, if I did not know that Jesus Christ has all power in heaven and earth, I would believe what you say; you cannot do what you like.' I went home and fell down on my knees, and did pray earnestly for that poor man; and now what have I to say?—whom did I see in the next meeting? Yes, this man was there; and I do hope he will come again.

"Our meetings are well attended. I hope to baptize one person next Sunday, and very likely one or two more will follow very soon. All these things show that our work is not in vain, and will pay back again a thousand per cent."

Last February (1860) he writes again :

"We are still united in Him. God is good to his children ; another soul has found peace in the blood of Jesus Christ through faith. Our meetings have been well attended through the last month, and also at our two stations, so that we have reason to believe that the time will come when we shall see the fruit of our works. We hope that the Spirit of God is at work in the hearts of four or five persons. One is a physician, a very fine man.

"A German Methodist family have opened their house to us for holding a prayer-meeting, a most excellent location.

"New Orleans is a hard place to build up the cause of Christ in, but our Lord and Master will answer when we ask with earnest faith."

IN BALTIMORE, MD.

Rev. John Meüri commenced his labours under the appointment of the Board conjointly with the Board of the M. W. A., last April (1859.) "He is about thirty years of age, good address, well educated, and an eloquent and powerful speaker. He is also regarded as a man of deep piety and zeal. He was a Roman Priest in Zürich, Switzerland. In his own country he became disgusted with the errors of Romanism, and came to America about three years ago. Providentially he fell in with Rev. Mr. Fleishman, the American Oncken, who taught him the way of the Lord more perfectly, and baptized him. He was ordained in Baltimore, December, 1858, and has been in the Maryland Union Association since October 15th, 1858. The church of which he is pastor occupy a rented chapel in a German neighbourhood. Brother M. has opened a new preaching station in a part of the city occupied by German Catholics."

We give the results of his labours for the year :

Churches supplied 1 ; other stations 5 ; sermons preached 268 ; addresses delivered 144 ; prayer-meetings attended 165 ; baptisms 11 ; religious visits to families and individuals 1273 ; total in fellowship 42 ; pages of tracts distributed 2416 ; Bibles 64 ; Testaments 92 ; Sabbath Schools 1 ; pupils 45 ; teachers 5 ; number of persons professed hope in connection with his labours but not baptized 103.

IN CUMBERLAND, MD.

Rev. Julius C. Haselhuhn, a native German. Cumberland has a population of 7,000 or 8,000, of whom 3,000 are Germans. Bro. F. Wilson, of Baltimore, says : "The willingness of so many to welcome Baptist preaching we regard as a remarkable providential opening for us, and Bro. Haselhuhn we regard as just the *man to do good*. Ardently pious, judicious, well educated, active, strong, amiable and agreeable in manners, and an earnest, pathetic preacher in two languages, he seems raised up by God for eminent usefulness in just such a field."

Bro. H. was appointed at the March meeting of the Board, and we have not yet learned whether he has entered upon his duties or not. He is appointed by this Board conjointly with the Ex-Board of the Maryland W. Association.

DEBT OF THE COLISEUM PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

The obligation of the S. B. Convention in relation to this debt, the Board are happy to report, has been fully and satisfactorily met. The mortgage upon the Church edifice has been released, and the obligations fully paid, for which this property was held as security.

The amount to be raised two years ago was little short of \$22,000. In March last a small balance of \$2,841 still remained to be provided for, including the assets yet unpaid, which amounted to \$2,616. The Treasurer, James H. Low, Esq., readily consented to receive these (assets) as cash, and the Standing Committee of the Church assumed the balance of \$2,846, and thus fully released the Convention of any further responsibility.

In dismissing this subject, we have only to ask that the assets remaining unpaid be attended to without delay, as they have been received in final settlement as so much cash by the Treasurer, James H. Low, whose responsibilities and troubles in this relation have already been sufficiently heavy. We would express our thankfulness to the many friends who have so promptly and cheerfully aided in affording to the Board the means of liquidating this heavy debt. There now stands in the great city of the South-West a monument to Southern Baptist liberality, and an offering of humble hearts to the God of all Grace, whom we invoke to bless the labors of those who may in after time meet within its massive walls to celebrate the praises of our Immanuel.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR THE COLISEUM PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

From April 1st, 1859, to April 1st, 1860.

From Virginia,	.	.	.	\$3,323 83
“ South Carolina,	.	.	.	1,169 00
“ Alabama,	.	.	.	525 00
“ Maryland,	.	.	.	500 00
“ Tennessee,	.	.	.	332 00
“ Georgia,	.	.	.	310 00
“ Mississippi,	.	.	.	310 00
“ Kentucky,	.	.	.	50 00
“ North Carolina,	.	.	.	34 00
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				\$6,553 83

Add to this the amount received during the year ending April 1st, 1859, \$6,902 23, and we have \$13,456 06, the whole amount received by the Treasurer of the Board, and paid to James H. Low, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Church.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Indian Missions have been considerably re-inforced during the past year, Rev. A. E. Vandivere and family, and Rev. Isaac Reed and family, left Alabama in November—the former for the Creek and the latter for the Cherokee Nation. These brethren are sustained in part by the East Alabama Baptist Convention, and have already entered upon their labors, with promising success.

Rev. J. A. Preston and wife left Georgia, in March, for the Creek Nation, where they have probably arrived ere this. Bro. P. is sustained by the Georgia Baptist Association. Rev. John P. Weaver, of Tennessee, has recently been appointed to a mission in the Indian Territory, but his field has not yet been designated. He will leave some time during the present year.

In addition to these white missionaries, several native converts have been ordained, and are now at work, preaching the gospel to their countrymen with great acceptance. Others are ready to enter the work as soon as practicable.

Thus God is showing his approval of this mission, and encouraging his people to persevering effort for their salvation.

OBITUARY.

Rev. James Harvey, a native Choctaw preacher, for three years in the service of the Board, terminated his earthly labors on the 1st of November, 1859. He has gone to meet many, we have reason to believe, who were brought to a knowledge of Christ through his instrumentality. He rests from his labors.

Rev. Joseph A. Land, who preaches to the Creeks, had the misfortune to lose his wife and eldest child, the former on the 22d and the latter on the 23d of March, 1859. We commend the father and the surviving children to the care of a faithful God.

Several of the Mission Churches have sustained considerable loss in the death of useful members. A brother writes: "Some of our brothers and sisters have gone home to heaven. I think we shall meet there, and never depart any more."

MISSIONARIES.

There have been in the service of the Board during the whole or a part of the year 49 Missionaries, not including their wives, and some assistants.

Twenty-one among the Creeks, fifteen among the Choctaws, twelve among the Cherokees, and one among the Pottawottomies.

LABOR PERFORMED.

Weeks, 1,316; Churches and Stations supplied, 119; Discourses delivered, 3,554; Prayer-meetings attended, 822; Indians baptized, 201; Colored persons baptized, 24; Persons received by letter, 47; Miles traveled in performance of labor, 32,535; total in fellowship, about 2,900; Religious visits to families and individuals, 875; Ministers ordained, 12; Deacons ordained, 5; Persons professed conversion, but not baptized, 96; Indians restored, 54; Colored persons restored, 9; Meeting-houses commenced, 9; Meeting-houses finished, 1; Sabbath Schools, 4; Teachers, 16; Scholars, 126; Volumes in Library, 100; Teachers converted, 1; Pupils converted, 6; Temperance pledges secured, 47; Churches constituted, 8.

CREEKS.

Missionaries.—Rev. H. F. Buckner and wife, Rev. J. S. Murrow and wife, Rev. A. E. Vandivere and wife, and Rev. J. A. Land.—7.

Native Preachers.—Revs. D. N. McIntosh, Chilly McIntosh, Wm. McIntosh, John G. Smith, James Perryman, Washington M. Perryman, Yartoochee, Monday Durant, Halochee Islands, Samuel Yarchee, Chimmotty, Thomas McIntosh. Interpreters.—Goliah Harrod, (H. F. Buckner's,) ————, (Monday Durant's.)—14.

Rev. J. S. Murrow is now the Missionary of the Rehoboth Association, Georgia, and this Board is employed merely as their financial agent in the transmission of funds.

Rev. J. D. Bemo is the Missionary of the Panola Association, Mississippi, to the Seminoles, and has no connection with this Board.

Churches.—There are 16 Churches, with a membership of about 2,100. Baptized during the year, 95.

CHOCTAWS.

Missionaries.—Rev. R. J. Hogue and wife, Rev. Willis Burns and wife, Rev. John P. Weaver.—5.

Native Preachers.—Revs. Peter Folsom, Lewis Cass, William Cass, Nuah Shunubber, Simon Hancock, Alexander Pope, Alfred Wright, James Harvey, David Holmes, Jackson Loving.—10.

Churches.—There are 10 Churches, with a membership of about 650. Baptized during the year, 71.

CHEROKEES.

Missionaries.—Rev. J. A. Slover and wife, and Rev. Isaac Reid and wife.—4.

Native Preachers.—Revs. Thomas Wilkinson, Doo-nah-na-lah, (Foster,) Jesse H. Owens, Walker, George Cockran, James Fallen, Hon. Jesse Russell, Lewis Bowlin.—8.

Rev. David Foreman, a native Cherokee, is a Missionary of the Coosa Association, Ga. He has no connection with this Board.

Churches.—There are eight Churches, with a membership of about 120. Baptized during the year, 59.

The Missions of the Board are principally confined to the Creeks, Choctaws, Cherokees, Seminoles, Chicasaws and Pottawottomies.

SCHOOLS.

Correspondence has passed between the Superintendent of Public Schools of the Cherokee Nation and this Board, in reference to the establishment of an Orphan Manual Labor School. Propositions from the Board were made to the Council of the Nation, but rejected, and no further action has taken place.

DESIRE FOR SCHOOLS.

There is an opening in the Creek, Choctaw and Cherokee Nations for the establishment of schools, under the direction of well-educated men, and they are much needed and desired. The following appeal has been forwarded to the Board. It was addressed to our Missionary, Brother Slover:

“PARSON SLOVER—*Dear Sir:*

“After our compliments to you, we write to inform you that we would be glad to have a Missionary preacher of the Southern Baptist Mission Board to locate in our neighborhood. There is a good house at C. Wright’s, which he can live in for the present. Our object is to have a school started. Please let us know by the first opportunity, and oblige yours, with great esteem,

NAH-NATE FOSTER,
ALEXANDER WAFFORD,
ELI WRIGHT,
C. WRIGHT,
JNO. THORNTON.

January 4th, 1860.”

We would invite the attention of pious, intelligent laymen, with good English education, (who wish to be useful and promote the cause of Christ among these tribes,) to this call of the Red Men. In no way could the interests of the Missions be better promoted than by the establishment of schools. Bros. Slover and Reed and Burns, and, indeed, all the Missionaries, are continually urging these matters upon the attention of the Board. At Tahlequah, and Beatie’s Prairie, and the Choctaw Agency, teachers could be well supported at once. Hear what Bro. Burns says:

“My little daughter is in great need of a good school. Shall Missionaries make their families heathens while they are trying to enlighten others? Shall our children go uneducated? Will the brethren think of this?”

POTTAWATTOMIE SCHOOL.

This school in Kansas, under the superintendence of Rev. John Jackson, continues to meet with favor. There were in the school during the last quarter of the year ending March 31st, 105 pupils. This is the largest number it has ever

had. This school has increased, during the four years of its existence, from three to its present number.

MISSION HOUSES.

Brother Willis Burns has built a comfortable house for the use of his family, through the liberality of members of the S. B. C., contributed at its meeting in Richmond, in May, 1859.

Bro. A. E. Vandivere has purchased the residence of Rev. D. N. McIntosh, for the use of his family, at a cost of \$1,200—far below its real value. Provision must be made to meet this payment. Houses will also have to be provided for Brothers Reed and Preston.

TRANSLATIONS.

Rev. H. F. Buckner has devoted most of his time to the translation of a portion of the Gospels, and has also been engaged in preparing a series of hymns in the Creek language. The Gospel by John is now ready for the press, and Bro. B. is expected to leave for the States shortly to superintend its publication, as well as the book of hymns. He has also prepared a grammar of the Creek language, including speller, reader, definer, &c. This seemed indispensable to the work, and will doubtless prove of great use in acquiring a knowledge of the language. In order to secure the sympathy and support of the nation, if desired, Bro. Buckner invited a committee, consisting of many of the most intelligent men among the Creeks, to examine his manuscripts. The following is the certificate they furnished, after several days' close examination:

"We, whose signatures are annexed, take pleasure in certifying that we have carefully examined the manuscript copies of the Creek Grammar and Translation of the Gospel according to John, by H. F. Buckner and G. Herrod, and that in our judgment they are more correct than anything ever published in the Creek language, and they are as nearly correct, in all respects, as it is possible to make them at this stage of the language. Moreover, the changes which Mr. Buckner has made in the Creek alphabet are important, and a decided improvement upon the old one.

Signed,

MOTY KANARD, Prin. Chief,
D. N. McINTOSH, Nat. Clk,
CHILLY McINTOSH,
JAMES M. C. SMITH, Sup. Pub. Instruction,
And Members of the National Council.

Creek Nation, March 20th, 1860."

Names of Missionaries, with their post-offices, in the Indian Territory, under the appointment of the Board of D. and In. M. S. B. C.

CREEK NATION.

Rev. H. F. Buckner,	Micco,	Creek Nation.
" J. S. Murrow,	"	" "
" A. E. Vandivere,	Creek Agency,	" "
" J. A. Land,	" "	" "
" J. A. Preston,	" "	" "
" D. N. McIntosh,	" "	" "
" Tho. McIntosh,	" "	" "
" Chilly McIntosh,	" "	" "
" Wm. McIntosh,	" "	" "
" James Perryman,	" "	" "
" Yartoochee,	" "	" "
" W. M. Perryman,	" "	" "
" Monday Durant,	Micco,	" "

Rev. Halooche Islands,	Micco,	Creek Nation.
" Sam'l Yurchee,	"	" "
" Goliah Harrod,	"	" "
" Chimmotty,	"	" "
" John G. Smith,	"	" "
" ———, Monday's Int.	"	" "

CHEROKEE NATION.

Rev. J. A. Sloyer,	Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.
" Isaac Reed,	Maysville, Ark.
" Tho. Wilkinson,	Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.
" Doo-nah-na-lah (Foster),	" "
" J. H. Owens,	" "
" Walker,	" "
" Jesse Russell,	" "
" Geo. Cockram,	" "
" James Fallen,	" "
" Lewis Bowlin,	Maysville, Ark.

CHOCTAW NATION.

Rev. R. J. Hogue,	Armstrong Academy, Choctaw Nation.
" Willis Burns,	Choctaw Agency, " "
" Peter Folsom,	" " " "
" Lewis Cass,	" " " "
" Wm. Cass,	" " " "
" Shunubber,	" " " "
" Simon Hancock,	" " " "
" Alex. Pope,	" " " "
" Jackson Loving,	" " " "
" David Holmes,	Armstrong Academy, " "
" Alfred Wright,	" " " "
" James Harvey,	" " " "

POTTAWATTOMIE NATION.

Rev. John Jackson, Topeka, Kansas.

WM. HORNBUCKLE, *Treasurer*—In account with the Domestic Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.—April 1st, 1860.

Dr.

To balance in treasury 1st of April, 1859, - - \$3,348 75
 Received from State Conventions, Associations, Societies, Churches
 and individuals, from 1st April, 1859, to 1st April, 1860, viz:

From Alabama,	-	\$5,999 14
Alabama, for salary of B. Manly,	-	2,317 00
Georgia,	-	4,681 63
Virginia,	-	4,147 24
South Carolina,	-	2,745 69
Mississippi,	-	1,188 81
Kentucky,	-	877 19
Maryland,	-	757 02
Louisiana,	-	301 50
North Carolina,	-	113 50
Tennessee,	-	89 25
District of Columbia,	-	10 00
Arkansas,	-	8 70
Missouri,	-	7 50
Florida,	-	80 00
Various States, as per report for New Or-	-	
leans Church,	-	6,553 83

29,878 00

\$33,226 75

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By cash paid Missionaries, Secretaries and Agents,	-	\$21,023 62
Traveling expenses,	-	274 14
Postage account,	-	48 32
Stationery for use of office,	-	2 58
Athens Church, Georgia,	-	25 00
Furnishing room,	-	21 63
Printing reports, &c.	-	286 35
Exchange,	-	45 26
Freight,	-	5 79
T. J. Burney, Treasurer Georgia Con.	-	439 50
Rev. R. Holman, (refunded on error,)	-	1,440 00
New Orleans Church,	-	6,648 47
Cash on hand to balance,	-	2,966 09

\$33,226 75

N. B.—Of the above balance in hand a considerable amount is now due for services rendered, and must be paid as soon as the reports arrive.

M. T. S., Cor. Sec'y.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

April 1st, 1860.

Dr.

To balance in treasury 1st April, 1859,	-	-	\$3,245 75
Received from Georgia,	-	\$4,071 54	
Alabama,	-	3,541 49	
Kentucky,	-	1,134 07	
South Carolina,	-	891 41	
Mississippi,	-	623 50	
Virginia,	-	541 95	
Tennessee,	-	308 00	
Maryland,	-	195 00	
Louisiana,	-	112 00	
North Carolina,	-	72 00	
Missouri,	-	69 95	
Arkansas,	-	24 35	
District of Columbia,	-	10 00	
Texas,	-	5 00	
Rev. Isaac Reed, (returned of traveling expenses,	-	93 40	
U. S. Government,	-	6,579 71	
S. B. Con. for mission house,	-	814 93	

7,781 34\$22,334 05

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By cash paid Missionaries, Agents and Secretaries,	-	\$9,292 60
on School account,	-	4,551 61
Mission house,	-	1,000 00
Traveling expenses, (mostly of Missionaries to Indian Ter.)	-	1,580 67
Exchange,	-	45 11
Postage,	-	49 18
Printing,	-	28 62
Freight,	-	5 79
Furnishing room, (including fuel, lights, &c.)	-	29 74
By balance in hand,	-	5,750 73

\$22,334 05

N. B.—Of the above balance in hand a large amount is due for services rendered previous to April 1st, 1860, and must be paid as soon as the accounts are presented.

M. T. S., *Cor. Sec'y.*

W. HORNBUCKLE,

Tr. B. D. and In. M., S. B. C.

I, William N. Wyatt, do hereby certify, that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find the above report to be correct and true.

WM. N. WYATT, *Auditor.*

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

The passage of another year, in the history of our Foreign Missionary work, requires from the Board a condensed statement of all that God has enabled them to perform, since the meeting of the Convention. They have to lament the death of one of their Vice Presidents, Rev. Jesse Hartwell, of Mount Lebanon, La. In his removal, the cause of missions has lost a long-trying and earnest friend. Early in life, his mind was deeply impressed with the facts that the Great Commission was as yet unfulfilled, and that many millions of the race were shut up in the darkness of heathenism. His heart yearned over these perishing ones, and but for special Providential interpositions, he would have been among the labourers in heathen lands. His interest in the work declined not with increasing years, and shortly before his death, he was permitted to rejoice in giving up his son as a missionary to China. To the praise of God's grace, he gave himself and all he had to Christ, and now rests with him in heaven.

FINANCES.

The Board have been much encouraged during the year in the manifest readiness of the friends of missions to contribute for their support. The last report of the Treasurer showed a balance in his hands of \$8,799 95. Since which \$40,596 17 have been received—making a total of \$49,396 12. The disbursements for the year, were \$36,937 77; leaving a balance in hand, on the 1st of April, of \$12,458 35. As the Board are about to send out several missionaries, it is expected that the amount now in the treasury will be soon exhausted. It must also be borne in mind, that the distant fields occupied by us must always be kept in supply of funds, and the uncertainty in some cases, of the time when our drafts shall mature, creates the necessity of retaining a considerable balance in hand. We have confidence in the churches, that they will not suffer their own brethren who have gone among the heathen, to need the requisite supplies for their support.

AGENCIES.

Since our last annual meeting, our agent for Texas, brother J. P. Thompson, Jr., has retired from the work. At the earnest request of our brethren conducting the interests of Cherokee College, the labours of our agent for Georgia, brother D. G. Daniel, were suspended, that he might assist them in securing an

endowment for that Institution. He is, however, devoted to the foreign mission cause, and he has resumed his labours on our behalf. Brother Richard V. Thurman, who was appointed for Missouri, has laboured in that State and Kentucky during the past year, but he is expecting soon to leave the agency. Rev. R. L. Thurman, has laboured during the year in the State of Kentucky, with some interruption occasioned by sickness in the family. The State of Alabama has been occupied by brother S. A. Creath. Brother E. Dodson's agency in North Carolina terminated with the last of December, 1859.

PERIODICALS.

Of the Home and Foreign Journal, 11,000 copies are regularly issued, and of the Commission 1800 copies. Some deficiency in meeting the expenses of publication will occur, but as the final settlement of this account will not be made until July 1, when the volume of each publication closes, the loss cannot now be stated. The Board have to repeat the complaint heretofore made, that many subscribers fail to pay, and thus the cost of publication is not met. It is, however, clear that no agency more effective can be employed, and the loss, if any is sustained, is small compared with the benefits resulting from the dissemination of missionary intelligence. Similar Boards employ not inconsiderable sums for the gratuitous distribution of their missionary papers. The time may not be distant, when we may with propriety send a copy of one, or both of the periodicals, to every Baptist minister in the South.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.

It is gratifying to be able to state, that during the year five missionaries have received appointments. Brother Crawford H. Toy, of Virginia, in the early part of the year, was accepted, and, in accordance with his wish, designated to the new mission about to be commenced in Japan. Shortly after, an appointment to the same field was conferred on John L. Johnson, of Virginia. The former of these is spending a brief season at the Greenville Theological Seminary, and the latter is expecting to close his studies at the University of Virginia during the present year. Brother J. G. Schilling has been appointed to the Canton mission, and brethren J. J. Fitzgerald and George W. Parker to the Liberia mission. Several other brethren are now in correspondence with the Board on the question of labouring in the foreign field, two of whom will soon visit Richmond, for special conference on the subject.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

It was stated in the last annual report, that brother W. H. Clark, of the Yoruba mission had returned to this country, under a provision "permitting the missionaries of that mission to return within four years, for the reinvigoration of their constitutions." Brother Clark was not sick, but he felt it to be necessary to prevent the breaking down of his strength, to avail himself of this permission." At the meeting of the Convention he expected to return to Yoruba this year, but he has since determined to remain in this country, and the relation between himself and the Board has ceased. Brother R. W. Priest of the same mission, has also returned to this country, and not contemplating a continued connection with the work in Africa, is no longer a missionary of the Board.

About eight years of laborious service on the part of brother A. B. Cabaniss, in connection with the Shanghai mission, had so far undermined his health, as to render it desirable, a year ago, to return to this country. But reluctance to

leave his work determined him to remain in the field still longer. Increasing debility, in connection with the sickness of his wife and child, has brought him to the issue of a return to his native land. He arrived in New York the third day of March, his little son being very ill. The little form of the child was in a few days borne to the tomb. May the sustaining hand of the Almighty be underneath the stricken parents, and his grace eminently sanctify the trial to their good. The hope is entertained that brother Cabaniss will, after a year or two of pleasant and useful intercourse with his brethren in this country, resume his loved work in China.

Brethren Yates and Crawford, who have spent some time in this country, departed, during the last fall, for their field in Shanghai. The former has, we trust, ere this, reached his destination, the latter having gone via California, was, at last advices, awaiting a vessel from San Francisco.

The Board have entertained the hope, that the entirely restored health of our esteemed brother Percy, would permit him to realize his cherished wish of return to China. But after careful consideration of his case by competent medical advisers, it was decided, that, while he might hope to enjoy comparative health in this country, it would be attended with extreme hazard to enter again upon the missionary work in Shanghai. His connection with the Board has therefore ceased.

Brother Bowen and his wife, who had returned from Yoruba, have been transferred to the Brazil mission.

OUR MISSIONS.

CANTON—CHINA.

Missionaries.—C. W. Gaillard, R. H. Graves, J. G. Schilling, Mrs. Gaillard, Mrs. Schilling.

Native Assistants.—Yong Seen Sang, Wong Ah Mooney.

The embarkation of brother and sister Schilling will take place about the 20th of the present month. The other brethren have laboured with great fidelity, and with encouraging success. No year of our history has been so full of pleasing results as the last. Having been driven from their homes in Canton by the war between the English and Chinese, and their chapel having been destroyed, the missionaries were compelled to fly to Macao, where they remained for several months in great uncertainty as to the future. But the hand of God overruled these painful changes for good. When, at the close of the war, they returned to their field, it was to labour with increased opportunities for preaching the word, and with increased faith and energy. Brother Gaillard says, "I entered the year 1859 with brighter prospects, and consequently with stronger faith—and now, at its close, I can say, that my labour has not been in vain in the Lord." Assisted by Yong Seen Sang, he preached day after day in two chapels, and in the streets, so that, as he says, he has preached "in nearly all the streets of Canton." The native brother, Wong Ah Mooney, who was with brother Shuck in California, had joined the mission and united his labours with those of the other missionaries.

Brother Graves has also been abundant in labours. He says, "This year has been to us the beginning of better days, for God has given to us souls for our hire." He seems, with his coadjutor, to be looking forward to a rich harvest of renewed Chinese. Both the brethren have made frequent excursions

into the country, preaching and distributing tracts and books; everywhere being received with kindness by the people.

During the year, 43,700 copies of tracts and portions of Scripture, making 1,013,150 pages, have been distributed by brother Gaillard, and by brother Graves, 26,250 tracts, 2,500 copies of the Gospels and Acts separate, 50 copies of the entire New Testament, and 50 copies of Dean's Notes on Matthew. Several have rejoiced in the Gospel hope and been added to the church. Nine have been baptized by brother Gaillard, including two households, and four by brother Graves. Thus God is opening a wide door and effectual to our brethren of the Canton mission.

SHANGHAI MISSION—CHINA.

Missionaries.—A. B. Cabaniss, J. B. Hartwell, J. L. Holmes, M. T. Yates, T. P. Crawford, G. W. Burton, M. D., Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Burton.

Native Assistants.—Wong, Tseu, and Saw.

As already indicated, brother Cabaniss and family have returned, for a season, to this country, to recruit their exhausted energies. Brethren Yates and Crawford, with their families, have left to rejoin the mission, and, we earnestly hope, have before them a bright career of usefulness. Dr. Burton, though retaining his connection with the mission, is receiving no support from the Board; his medical labours being much demanded among the foreign population, and yielding him a reasonable compensation. He is able, however, to exercise a favourable influence in the blessed work of missions.

It has been hoped that before the close of the fiscal year, the Board might have reported the establishment of at least one interior station. But the new difficulties with the French and English governments, have retarded our endeavour in this direction. With a view to the commencement of a new station, brother Holmes, about the last of May, left Shanghai for Shantung, hoping that this might present a favourable opening. Referring to the country visited, he says, "We had come from the low, damp, monotonous plain of Shanghai; we need not, therefore, tell you of the cheerful thrill that the sight of these rugged hills, and the breathing of this pure, clear air, sent through our frames. The tall and vigorous natives who came on board, and their animated countenances, presented a pleasing contrast to the heavy form and sluggish look of the natives of the Shanghai plain."

Speaking of the people still farther, he remarks, "I did not wonder when I saw the grand old hills mounting up towards the sky, and the beautiful valleys winding between their rugged bases, that there was something in the character of the people superior to the crowded inhabitants of the plain—something at least more congenial to the feelings of a foreigner."

"The disastrous issue of the British Embassy at Tientsin, compelled us to return to Shanghai. But our visit was by no means unsuccessful, inasmuch as we were for nearly four months in daily contact with the people whose language we were learning, and enjoyed many opportunities of becoming acquainted with the country, their character, and their habits."

The important province presents an inviting field. It is north of Shanghai, its whole area being about equal to the State of Pennsylvania, but containing a population of nearly thirty millions.

Other inviting interior positions are presented to the notice of the Board, and

they only await the settlement of the difficulties between the English and French governments and the Chinese, to attempt their establishment.

YORUBA, AFRICA.

This mission has suffered serious reverses, in the return of missionaries. Since the last report was presented, brother Priest and his family have come to the United States. We hope, however, that others may soon be induced to present themselves as volunteers for this service. If a few colored brethren of proper qualifications could be obtained, the Board would gladly send them to Yoruba. The preparation of such men for this field, was ably urged by brother Bowen, some two years since, and the Board have not only been willing to appoint such, but have been making special inquiry for them. They, however, agree with brother Bowen, in believing that white men, of proper constitutional habit, with due care, might live and labor in that country. Correspondence with brethren on this subject, is now being conducted by the Board. Noticing in order the stations of this field, we mention,

LAGOS.

Missionaries.—J. M. Hardin and Mrs. Hardin.

This city is on the coast. It contains several thousand inhabitants. Brother Hardin, has, with but little interruption, preached the word to such as could be induced to hear. He is also engaged in superintending the transmission of supplies for the interior. His wife conducts a school, which appears to be doing well.

ABEOKUTA.

This station, left by brother Priest, is for the present unsupplied. It is a city of about seventy thousand people, and ought to have a good Baptist missionary. Temporary arrangements have been made to keep up the mission premises, until they can be permanently occupied by a missionary.

IJAYE.

Missionaries.—A. D. Phillips, R. H. Stone, Mrs. Stone.

At this station, with occasional interruptions from sickness, the work of preaching and teaching, has gone steadily on. All our laborers seem to be much encouraged. Several have been baptized during the year. Brother Stone writes:

"I am happy to be able to write my first annual letter. I arrived at Sierra Leone on the first of December, 1858, and at Lagos, the first of February, 1859. I have had no reason to regret so long a journey, nor to regret coming to this land of 'the shadow of death.' Experiences of Divine goodness have continually attended my steps, since I bid adieu to my native country, and 'the Lord will provide,' appeared written on all the dispensations of Providence, which have befallen me in this country. Our temporal wants have been much more abundantly supplied than we expected, and in our souls, the Lord has not left us comfortless, but has appeared exceedingly near and dear to us."

Writing again on the subject of reinforcements, he says:

"The laborers in God's vineyard here, are very few, while the soil is becoming more and more fertile. I am greatly grieved to hear of brother Clark's ill health. I cannot yet agree with him in regard to white men living here. * * The Israelites did not stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, when the way was opened, nor should we, when God has supplied us with so many convenient means of sending abroad the gospel. The way is already open and the enemy hard upon us."

Brother Phillips regards the prospects of the mission as hopeful. He says: "My connection with the Board has now been more than five years, and on my part, the connection has been a very pleasant one. * * * We are all getting on very well here. I hope we grow in favor with the people every day. You know how much we need laborers here, so I need not urge you to send us any. * * * I am looking with interest, to several, who attend our services on Sabbath, and give some signs of interest. I have had very interesting conversations with Mahomedans, of late. I seldom preach through an interpreter."

AWYAW.

Our lone missionary, T. A. Reid, is here. His health is feeble, but he is not discouraged. He is laboring in the dispensation of the gospel with great fidelity, and looks forward to large success, if the proper means are pursued. The pressing necessity of reinforcements is urged by him, and he expresses the desirableness of securing colored men to aid in the work. He remarks, "That we need a strong reinforcement, none will doubt or deny; yet we hear of no one buckling on the armour of the gospel, and heeding the Macedonian cry, 'Come over and help us.' Brethren, is this right in the sight of God? Are you content to leave your brows in the waters of forgetfulness, till every missionary impression is forever extinguished? The duties which now devolve upon the present missionaries are truly arduous, but must be borne, however debilitated our frail constitutions are, or the cause of our blessed Master must languish. Although our number is so much lessened, and no visible prospects of any additions, yet we are not without hope; because we believe that it is the cause of God, and He will, in His own good time, prosper and rise in majestic triumph over all opposition.

"We need more missionaries here than in China, according to population, or any other field, which has a written language through which to operate. Here, all instruction has to be conveyed orally, or not at all. Hence the reason of the slow progress of the gospel, and the intense labor which devolves upon the missionary."

LIBERIA.

In connection with this mission, we have found reason for lamentation, and for increased thankfulness and joy. Very soon after the last Southern Baptist Convention, when the death of our senior missionary, brother John Day, was reported, the Board were called upon to mourn another severe trial, in the death, by drowning, of the next oldest missionary, brother J. H. Cheeseman, and of one of our best teachers, brother J. T. Neyle. They were crossing the river St. John's in a small boat, which capsized, and all on board, four in number perished. The Board were deeply affected by the removal of such men as Day and Cheeseman, and felt anxiously concerned in reference to the increase of suitable men for this field. We have been favored with finding brother J. J. Fitzgerald, who has entered upon his labors, and brother Geo. W. Parker, who is expected soon to depart for this field.

SIERRA LEONE.

This mission is connected with that in Liberia, and under the same general management. There are two stations, Freetown and Waterloo. The former of these is occupied by brother J. J. Brown, the latter by brother George S. Weeks. There is a school at each station. Nothing of special note has occurred in connection with these stations, during the year. They have been attended with about the usual degree of prosperity, and the missionaries write hopefully as to the future.

The following table exhibits the statistics of the Liberia and Sierra Leone missions:

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Pastors.</i>	<i>Baptized during the year.</i>	<i>No. of Members.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Nr. of Scholars.</i>
Monrovia,	J. T. Richardson,	32	205	H. R. W. Johnson, Martha W. Stewart,	{ 62
Grand Cape Mount,	J. W. Wilson,	12	41		
Careysburg,	A. Woodson,		27	Julia Hazzard,	28
Millsburg, }			27	Peter M. Page,	27
Louisiana, }	James Bullock,		29		
Clay, Ashland,	Wm. C. Burke,	25	103	Wm. C. Burke,	19
New Virginia, }	without a pastor,		69	Sarah A. Richardson,	39
Caldwell, }			10		
New Georgia,	Stephen W. Britton,	1	68	Stephen W. Britton,	29
Marshall,	Adam White,	10	26	S. S. Page,	20
Edina,	Without a pastor,	8	52	M. A. Cheeseman,	44
Bexley,	Robert F. Hill,	1	26		
Vonbrunsville,	J. Vonbrun, (native,)		17	Jacob Vonbrun,	31
Buchanan,	A. P. Davis,	6	56	A. P. Davis,	40
Greenville,	Without a pastor,		91	Jas. N. Lewis,	29
Farmersville,	Isaac Roberts,	2	39		
Cape Palmas,	B. J. Drayton,	2	65	H. W. Moulton,	33
Freetown,	J. J. Brown,	13	71	H. G. Hore,	40
Waterloo,	George S. Weeks,	1	42	W. S. Brown,	27
Native Stations,	Preachers,				
Little Bassa,	L. K. Crocker, (native,)			L. R. Crocker,	12
" " Interior,	M. Herndon, (native.)			Melford Herndon,	20
King Gray's Town,				Jas. J. Powell,	12
Other Stations,	F. Richardson, in't.,				
	Totals,	113	1064		512

NEW FIELDS.

The year now closing, is eventful in the initiatory movements of the Board, for the establishment of new missions. This having been recommended by the last Convention, vigorous endeavors were at once made to carry the measure into effect. Two important fields had been contemplated by them. They have laid the foundation for a great work, which, with the Divine blessing may affect the spiritual destiny of millions in these different quarters of the earth.

BRAZIL.

This as one of the great fields selected, has already been brought before the attention of the churches. A distinct offer of himself to the Board, having been made by our esteemed brother Bowen, after a careful consideration of the question, he was transferred from the Yoruba mission, as a pioneer in the new enterprise of bearing the message of salvation to Brazil. He feared a return to Yoruba, in the shattered condition of his nervous system, induced, as he believes, by former imprudent exposures while in that country. He was willing, however, if the Board desired, to risk his life by returning. "If the Board should say," he remarks, "that I ought to go to Africa, I would go and die. Whether I go to Brazil or not, I still cherish the hope that I may visit Yoruba before I die."

Brother Bowen, with his excellent wife, and little daughter, sailed from Richmond, in the bark Abigail, on Friday, the 30th of March. They were accom-

panied as far as Hampton Roads by one of the Secretaries. For the second time, in leaving their native land, he had the mournful pleasure of bidding them farewell. In four or five weeks they were hoping to land at the large city of Rio Janeiro, where for a season, and perhaps permanently, they expect to be located.

The Board regard this as a hard field. The superstitions of a spurious Christianity have imbedded themselves in the minds and hearts of the people. But Jehovah reigns. All hearts are in his hands. The millions of Brazil, yea of all South America, will yet be given to Jesus his Son. This is our consolation and hope.

JAPAN.

Three missionaries are now under appointment for Japan. This band of brethren, consisting of brethren J. Q. A. Rohrer, Crawford H. Toy, and J. L. Johnson, will, we hope, ere the year closes, be upon their destined field. The former of these will probably sail in a few weeks—the two latter some time in the fall. Among this interesting people, we propose to commence an assault upon the powers of darkness. It will be a difficult enterprise. Not with carnal weapons, but such as are mighty through God, we propose to pull down these stray strongholds, and trusting in Him, we send these young men as our standard bearers in this conflict. The Board are gratified to be able to say, that while they may not immediately succeed in the work they thus attempt, an increasing sense of its importance and magnitude presses upon their minds. The testimony of brother Cabanis, who has given much thought on the subject, is altogether favorable to an earnest prosecution of this attempt to dispense the gospel to the Japanese.

CONCLUSION.

The Board conclude this, their annual report, with an increasing confidence in the Divine author of the work in which they are engaged. It has been their wish to carry out the will of their Redeemer, in the wider diffusion of his precious gospel, and the winning of trophies to his power and grace, from among the heathen. These have been the objects they have contemplated—nothing more, nothing less. They have considered themselves responsible to Christ, and to their brethren, from whom they have received their appointment. It has been no light responsibility—no easy employ. Their consolation has been the testimony of an approving conscience. They are satisfied too, that God has placed the signet of his approbation on their work. A position is now occupied by them more than ever favorable for pushing the conquests of the Gospel in heathen lands. It is only necessary to go forward, trusting in God, and employing the facilities he has so abundantly placed in the hands of Southern Baptists. The Board have confidence in the increasing liberality of the true friends of missions, and they will enter upon the new fiscal year, with the hope that they may greatly enlarge their operations, and experience an abundant success.

REPORT NO. 15,

Of the funds received and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the year ending 31st March, 1860.

1859. April 1. By balance as per last report,	\$8,799 95
By cash received since from	
District of Columbia,.....	\$158 42
Maryland,.....	869 87
Virginia,.....	7,673 74
North Carolina,.....	2,582 73
South Carolina,.....	5,120 63
Georgia.....	6,463 10
Alabama,.....	7,426 10
Mississippi,.....	1,827 29
Louisiana,.....	435 22
Tennessee,.....	963 05
Gen. Asso'n Mid. Tennessee and N. Alabama,.....	222 00
Kentucky,.....	4,497 78
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	38,239 93

Amount brought forward,.....		\$47,039 88
Florida,.....	154 37	
Arkansas,.....	27 70	
Texas,.....	275 13	
Missouri,.....	283 60	
Interest,.....	592 04	
Bible Board,.....	1,023 40	2,356 24

\$49,396 12

To cash disbursed to the

Liberian Mission,	10,751 95	
Canton, do	2,135 45	
Shanghai, do	4,248 09	
Central African Mission,	6,367 92	
Rio de Janeiro, do ..	587 63	
Passage account,.....	2,363 00	
Outfit, do	800 00	
Salary, do	7,553 72	
Travelling expenses ac't,.....	1,381 99	
Incidentals,.....	680 78	
Discount and exchange,.....	29 88	
Money lost by W. H. Clark,	97 36	36,937 77

1860. April 1. By balance in Treasurer's hands, \$12,458 35
 Respectfully submitted by your Treasurer,

EDWIN WORTHAM.

RICHMOND, April 2nd, 1860. I have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and find it correct and sustained by proper vouchers, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer (\$12,458 35,) Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents. Signed, CHAS. T. WORTHAM, Auditor.

THE REPORTS OF THE BOARDS.

We give, entire, in this number, the reports of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic and Indian Missions. Some of our readers have already seen them in the Journal, but such would prefer to have them in the Commission also for preservation. By giving to them a place in both our periodicals, we save to the Boards the expense of issuing and circulating a large edition in pamphlet form, while they have a more extensive and general circulation than they could otherwise obtain.

It is cause for devout thanksgiving that all our missions are prosperous; and that there has been an increase of contributions to each of them. This latter fact is the more encouraging in reference to the Board of Foreign Missions, because, owing to the large balance reported last year, and our making less than the usual effort to secure funds, it is evincive of the strong and increasing hold which the cause is taking upon the hearts of our brethren. God be thanked.

The balance in the Treasury of the Foreign Board is larger than that of the previous year. But let it be borne in mind that the number of missionaries has been largely increased, and that other appointments must soon be made. *We shall need a large increase of funds this year.* We appeal with confidence to our brethren for them. Such is our conviction of their willingness to sustain the cause, that we shall vote to send out every well qualified brother who solicits appointment. We wish we could send out twenty during the year. The cause is Christ's, and he will incline the hearts of his people to sustain it.

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