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We call attention to the reduction which has been made in the price of the JOURNAL. Any minister sending his name and post-office, will have the paper sent to him gratuitously.

TRIP SOUTH AND WEST.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Going from Sherman, Texas, to St. Joseph, Mo., I passed through the Indian Territory, and dined at our missionary station, Atoka. I sent my card to brother Murrow, and tried to talk to several Indians. The church-house is a neat building, where whites and Indians worship together. After leaving Atoka, the country becomes rolling, and a long range of swelling knolls covered with verdure cheers the eye. This is succeeded by rugged limestone hills. Then the landscape widens again into the prairie, bounded by the distant and blue hills, which is quite picturesque. After that come tangled woods, fit for Indians to live in. But everything may be seen except Indians!

KANSAS.

Here the black lands appear once more, whither the negroes of the South are pressing their way in blind fury. Fine orchards and neat villages are seen in contrast with the bareness of the Indian Territory. In a few hours the thermometer had changed from 75° to a point which covered the ground with hoar frost and crisped the rivers with ice. Not given to appetite, I can say that the best railroad meals I had in a month were in the Indian Territory and Kansas. This far West is not a waste, howling wilderness.

St. Joseph, Mo.

The city is located on a number of hills, from one of the highest of which I enjoyed a fine view of the meandering and ice-crusted Missouri, and of the picturesque town and surrounding country. Rev. Wm. Harris, formerly of Louisville, Ky., met me at the train, and conducted me to his "Sweet Home." I preached at night to his people, and talked next day to the young ladies of St. Joseph Female College, over which Dr. Dulin presides. The Missionary Society of this Institution is a body of noble young workers for Jesus. Brother Harris is "the right man in the right place," and has everything at home and in the church to make him a happy man.

Liberty.

I went from the cars to the church, where I addressed the Woman's Missionary Society, whose President, Mrs. O. P. Moss, is the embodiment of the spirit of missions. The church is one of the best givers in the State. I sojourned with Dr. Rothwell, Chairman of Faculty of William Jewell College, whose students I had the honor of speaking to, after their chapel exercises. The Faculty are a corps of able men and Christian gentlemen. I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. Chambliss, Sr.; of dining with Mr. and Mrs. Moss; and of looking again into the faces of my Madison University friends, Prof. Eaton and Dr. Richardson. Liberty is a good place to send boys to, and for anybody to visit.

Kansas City.

Arriving here amid the bustle of incoming and outgoing trains, the endless stream of passengers, and the wilderness of luggage of every description at the Union Depot, the denizen of a quiet eastern town like Richmond, Va., feels that he is in a new world. Fifteen railroads enter below the city, which is located on a lofty cliff, or on a series of high hills, which overlooks the Kaw and Missouri rivers, which unite near the city. In 1865 the population was 3,000. It is now estimated at 50,000. Rents are said to be higher than at St. Louis or Chicago. The friend with whom I stayed paid $500 for property which is now worth $500 per foot. Here is said to be the largest "packing house" in the world. I preached. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Chambliss, had an ill family. I was made a debtor to the kindness of T. M. James, Esq. Kansas City is a grand place.

Westport.

To this venerable town of some 1,000 people, from which, in the olden times, as many as 2,000 wagon trains used to start for the western plains, Kansas City was "the Landing." The church here was split on the communion question, but the parts are firmly united again. I talked missions, and made several pleasant acquaintances, among whom were Hon. J. B. Wornall and family. Prof. Emerson, of William Jewell College, is the strong bishop of Westport.

Lexington.

Here the venerable Dr. Talbird, a South Carolinan in birth and sentiment, is pastor. I spoke to the Sabbath-school and preached twice. In the afternoon I addressed the Missionary Society of the Female College. It is a grand society of a grand institution. The young ladies handed to me $80 for our missions. The praise of Prof. Fleet, the President, is on every tongue, and all lament that he will soon quit Lexington to link his fate with the Greek chair of the State University at Columbia. I met a number of charming Virginians. The social part of my experience must be pretermitted, but will not be forgotten. "Mine host" was F. M. Royle, Esq. This city is the great centre of Missouri Female Education, and the "Missionary Society" of Fleet's College is the Banner College Society of the State.

Carrollton.

A temperance revival was in progress. I availed myself of the opportunity of stating the fact, which has been scientifically demonstrated, that when the brain begins to be perforated by alcohol there is no possibility of the inebriate's reformation. L. B. Ely, Esq., is a power in the town and State. I lodged with him and supped with his excellent brother. The church edifice in which I presented missions, is one of the prettiest in the State. J. D. Murphy, D. D., is the earnest pastor. Among agreeable acquaintances were Judge E. J. Broadus and "little Mary Perkins," who handed to me a neatly sealed box, with a liberal contribution for the heathen. God bless little Mary, and the whole church.

Mexico.

I was kindly welcomed here by brethren Guthrie and Allison. The Methodist conference, presided over by Bishop Andrews, being in session, we had a goodly number of black coats at our missionary meeting. I talked to the young ladies of the Moral Science Class of Hardin College, and heard them talk on "Prayer" to their professor, President Terrill. From this institution, the Richmond Female Institute received three of its teachers, the Misses Hamner and Miss Dustman. Their names are fresh and fragrant in Mexico. I was honored by Mrs. Gov. Hardin coming into town to dine with us. Mrs. H. is the intelligent and active Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Society of Missouri.

Jefferson City.

This old town, the Capital of the State, is situated on a high bluff, which protects it from the great Missouri, whose rolling waters are naughtily washing away Cedar City on the opposite bank. I spoke on missions, received a collection as in all the churches, called on the Governor, opened the Senate with prayer, and was introduced to a number of members of both houses of the Legislature, who were mostly Baptists, and had some "kin" in the Old Dominion. The pastor of the church, Rev. T. W. Barrett, is a Christian gentleman of decided character, intellectual and spiritual. I enjoyed his intelligent home. The city is mainly German. This makes our brother's position not "as soft as downy pillows are." But he understands that life is but a system of testing, and that "the fittest will survive."

Boonville.

This is a name-sake of Daniel Boon. Rev. G. W. Hyde, the second graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is the efficient pas-

tor of the church, which did bravely for missions. I am indebted to Rev. brethren Laws and Allison, Dr Holman and others, for marked attentions. My visit was to me only too short.

Columbia.

From Boonville I took a steamer to Rocheport, and then by private conveyance to this seat of the University of Missouri, with whose Chancellor, Dr. Laws, I breakfasted and by whom I was conducted through all the departments of this grand institution of learning, where some five hundred young men and women are training for real and solemn life. Stephen's Female College, presided over by Prof. Rider, is beautifully located, and is worthy of the good patronage it receives. At Columbia I met our State agent, Rev. R. S. Duncan, who is doing well for missions in Missouri. Dr. Dodge is the able pastor of the church where I had the honor of addressing a large congregation, in which were a number of the professors and students of the institutions of the city. The collection was good. I was handsomely entertained by Dr. Garnett, formerly of Virginia. Columbia is a choice city.

St. Louis.

On my arrival, I was met and welcomed by Dr. G. A. Lofton, of the Third Baptist Church, who has again and again made me his debtor by fraternal and social courtesies. I enjoyed the elegant hospitalities of brethren Senter, Jones, and Teasdale, and of my friend Mr. Wellman, lately of Boston. On Sunday morning, the 30th of March, I spoke to the infant class of the Second church; attended the Hebrew class of the Rabbi Sonneschein, and preached for Dr. Boyd in the Jewish Temple. Through the kind influence of Dr. B. and the good-heartedness of his people, the handsome sum of one hundred dollars was contributed to our Southern Board. The offering of love was as gratifying as it was unanticipated. The Doctor rang effectively the words through that vast audience: "There is no North nor South in Jesus." In the afternoon my old college-mate, brother Schofield, took me to a "Concert" in his church, where I listened to fine talks from Superintendents, and said a few words myself. The meeting was inspiring. That part of the city seems a good field for the gathering of a powerful Baptist church. At night, I went to Dr. Lofton's church. Though in the midst of a grand revival, which has brought nearly 200 souls into the church, and in which his people might be presumed to be absorbed, their pastor opened the way for me to address them on Missions; and the liberal response of another one hundred dollars was received. They bring their tithes into the store-house, and may the windows of heaven keep open above them! I would like to refer particularly to the many social attentions which I received, but delicacy forbids—they were rare and delightful—I shall mark them with a white stone. My last night was spent at Dr. Ford's. Mrs. Ford is full of the spirit of missions, and the Doctor is well posted in ecclesiastical affairs. On retiring, I felt that I was a better instructed and wiser man. But I cannot specify. St. Louis is a magnificent city, whose future seems to be boundless. It was a far-seeing man who named our admirable paper there THE CENTRAL BAPTIST.

KENTUCKY.

Paducah.

This is called the "Plain City," because of its peculiarly level character, although the plain is elevated high above the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, at whose confluence the city is located. The place is regularly laid out. It does a heavy tobacco business, and boasts the most extensive warehouse in the country. At night I preached to a large congregation. A protracted meeting was in progress, in which the pastor, Kerr B. Tupper, was assisted by Rev. R. D. Peay, of Henderson. After preaching I had a hand-shaking with a hundred or two of the church and congregation. It made me feel quite "at home." I would say that the church, perhaps the largest in the city, is in a healthful and flourishing state. Recently, without any throes of trouble, it has given birth to the Second Baptist church in Paducah. May mother and child both prosper!

Louisville.

The night I arrived, Dr. Boyce, with whom I tarried, delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association a lecture on "Womanhood, as derived from the ideals of Eve," which is a production of rare merit. I met here my student boys—one in the Medical College, and the other recently graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has accepted the pastorate of the Harrodsburg (Ky.) church. The Seminary, as you know, is well and doing well.

Frankfort.

Dr. Lewis met me at the train and escorted me to his home—a home indeed—in juxtaposition with his church, where I addressed the Woman's Missionary Society and a large audience. I met, among others, the venerable Mrs. Wingate, and her daughters, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Campbell, the widow of Dr. Campbell, who was President of Georgetown College; and Rev. Green Clay Smith, who was fortunate once in just missing the nomination for President of the United States. Mrs. Lewis is the intelligent and earnest President of the Missionary Society. The city had not recovered from the shock of the barbarous assassination of Judge Eliot, by Col. Thomas Buford, at the door of the Capital Hotel. The assassin kisses his gun in gratitude for its deadly, horrid work. Hemp grows in Kentucky!

Lexington.

Rev. Mr. Frost, son of the venerable and beloved J. M. Frost, feeds the flock of the Upper-street Baptist church, a worthy son of an honored father. His mother and sister live with him, a blessing to the home. "Little Howard" is *the great boy* of the family. I spoke to the Sunday school of the church, whose new edifice is a gem of Gothic architecture; and at night I addressed, at the same place, a good congregation. In the morning, after a fine sermon by Rev. Lansing Burrows, of New Jersey, at the First church, I made a statement and a short appeal in the interest of our work. Among pleasant persons I met Rev. W. S. Ryland, son of the venerable Dr. Robert Ryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Graves. Brother Frost is the author of an excellent little book on Pedobaptism. He was good enough to drive me over the city, which had just celebrated its Centennial with great glorification. Here is the edifice of the old Transylvania University, chartered by the State of Virginia; a Lunatic Asylum, with fourteen acres of flooring, which can accommodate six or seven hundred inmates; and Ashland, now occupied by Kentucky University, with which Transylvania University is identified, and formerly the residence of Henry Clay. I visited the beautiful cemetery, where lie the Confederate dead beneath the shadow of a cross sustaining the broken staff of the Confederate battle-flag; the remains of Gen. John C. Breckenridge, and of others; and above all of "the great Commoner," whose splendid monument—a Corinthian shaft, surmounted by a life-like statue of the patriot and statesman—rises above the vault, in which may be viewed the sarcophagus of the grand sleeper, on which are inscribed his dying words: "I can, with unshaken confidence, appeal to the divine arbiter for the truth of the declaration that I have been influenced by no impure purposes, no personal motive; have sought no personal aggrandizement; but that in all my public acts I have had a sole and single eye, and a warm, devoted heart, directed and dedicated to what, in my best judgment, I believe to be the true interest of my country."

Georgetown.

This is said to be the most beautiful city of Bluegrass Kentucky. The Elkhorn almost surrounds it; and the "Royal Spring," more like a river, flows through it. At "mine host's," Rev. R. M. Dudley, who, in appearance and manners, is much like the late Dr. Wilson, of N. Orleans, I met and dined with Dr. Manly, Prof. Thomas, and Rev. Mr. Wells. Bro. Wells showed me over the city, and *lead* with us at the house of Dr. Manly, under the ministry of whose sainted father I was born and reared. I talked missions at night. Before I left, next morning, I visited and addressed the Female Seminary, under the presidency of Prof. Rucker, one of the best educators of young ladies in the land. The mission work of Georgetown is so well regulated that it was, I believe, the only place in which I spoke on missions, where no special collection was taken or promised. Would there were everywhere so little necessity for special contributions!

Covington.

Here I talked at the First church, of which Rev. W. H. Felix is the worthy pastor. Although the regular collection for Foreign Missions was to be taken in less than a fortnight, brother F. generously insisted on a contribution. I enjoyed the easy and elegant hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. T. N. Wise, formerly of Virginia. At this place I closed my tour through the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, which compasses men and women than whom nobler spirits never breathed the breath of life.

OHIO.

Cincinnati.

On Wednesday night, the 9th of April, I discussed missions at the First Baptist church, which Dr. Leavitt faithfully bishops, and where I met, among other preachers, Rev. Dr. Duncan, of the Ninth street church. I paid my respects to the sanctum of the *Journal and Messenger*, where I was most courteously received by Drs. Lasher and Baumes. The first number of the *Baptist Review*, of which Dr. B. is editor, makes, in matter and *get up*, a fine appearance. I visited the grand store of John Shillito & Co., where eight hundred clerks are said to be employed; walked over the Zoological Garden, and thought again, as I have thought before, I could see in the animals human traits, embodied in gross forms; and smiled at the clever inscription over the fountain, which is held by a laughing Bacchus-like chap:

"Blessed to all the drink shall be,
For you the water—me the wine for me."

I paid a delightful visit at Mount Auburn to my friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thane Miller, who met me with the warmth of a brother and sister, and took me over their unsurpassed Mount Auburn Female Institute. It was a bright hour. My friend Miller is one of the happiest souls I ever knew. What sunlight God sends on the pious spirit! "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Mount Auburn is the crown of Cincinnati. Who the glory of Mount Auburn?

Taking the Chesapeake and Ohio route from Cincinnati to Richmond, I met the common disappointment of not connecting at Huntington. Although our captain telegraphed for the train to wait, it moved off when the steamer was in sight, and within two miles of the landing! Taking the night (mixed) train, without sleeper, I took a fearful cold, and had a rough passage of some twenty-eight hours, home—but it was going HOME.

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OUR MISSIONARIES.

CHINA.

AT TUNG CHAU—P. O. Chefoo.—T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss L. Moon, Woo Tswun Chau, (native pastor.)

AT SHANGHAI.—M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, Wong Ping San, (native pastor,) and one native assistant.

AT CANTON.—R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden, Yong Seen San, and eleven other native assistants and Bible-women.

AFRICA.

AT ABBEOKUTA—P. O. Lagos—W. J. David, and two native assistants.

AT LAGOS.—W. W. Colley, and one native assistant.

ITALY.

AT ROME.—G. B. Taylor and Signor Cocorda.
" LA TOUR.—Signor Ferraris.
" MILAN.—Signor Paschetto.
" MODENA and CARPI.—Signor Martinelli.
" NAPLES.—Signor Colombo.
" BARI.—Signor Volpi.
" BARLETTA.—Signor Basile.
" ISLAND OF SARDINIA.—Signor Cossu.
" VENICE—Signor Bellondi.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The meeting at Atlanta was large, able, and successful. A decided impulse was given to the works of the Convention, and to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our missionaries, Crawford, Taylor, Simmons and David, added much to the interest and profit of the Convention.

The following telegrams were exchanged between one of our missions in China, and the Convention. The president announced that he had received this telegram:

SHANGHAI, May 9.—Psalm 148.
M. T. YATES.

The president read the psalm. It contains 145 words.

On motion, the president was requested to reply to it, which he did as follows:

ATLANTA, May 9.—M. T. Yates, Shanghai: Psalm 110. J. P. BOYCE.

Twenty-five dollars and eighty cents was collected to defray the expense of telegram.

The one represented the elevated spirit of our missionaries, and the other the hopeful prospect of the great cause of the body.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ON AGENCY WORK.

That the Boards be requested to appoint an Executive Committee in every State, where it is practicable, whose duty it shall be, by correspondence or otherwise, to induce the pastors to adopt some systematic plan to raise funds for the objects of the Convention. But it is recommended that it be left to the discretion of the respective Boards to employ agents in those States, where, in their judgment, it may be deemed necessary.

MISSION IN BRAZIL.

The "first Baptist church of Brazil" already numbers forty members, who are represented to be on the "highway to wealth," and who already have the "ability to aid the Board." In several localities not very far distant from Santa Barbara, there are other colonies from the United States in which there are some Baptists, who, under the labors of an efficient missionary, might be consolidated into churches, and thus, in a comparative short time, and by a moderate expenditure, would embody an influence in that country with vast promise of usefulness. The preliminary work in Brazil is already accomplished, and we are simply invited, most pressingly, to occupy the field. Those brethren in that distant field desire to be put in such communication with the great Baptist brotherhood as to feel the quickening pulsations of spiritual life to strengthen and encourage them for the work before them. We trust, therefore, that the Board will feel authorized to enter this field at as early a day as its means will justify. * * * *

We have a very profound conviction that as a denomination we must make some advance movement, even to preserve what we have already achieved. Stability and progress mutually act and re-act upon each other. Unless our activity and zeal shall move on *pari passu* with the increase of our numbers and resources, our very home prosperity will recoil against us, and blast our foreign operations with mildew. To enable the Board to take such aggressive steps, its resources must be multiplied by such home agencies as will establish more vital relations between our Board and the denomination at large. One important means of accomplishing this result, is to interest our pastors more thoroughly in the work. If a tithe of the ability and zeal manifested on occasions of great denominational gatherings could be brought to bear upon our churches by their pastors, it would greatly increase our means, and enable the Foreign Board to enlarge its efforts into new fields. Can this be done? May we hope, dare we hope, that the noble enthusiasm betrayed at such a meeting as this, will survive the occasion that inspired it, and be carried home to our churches? We appeal to these pastors, by their fidelity to Christ, by their love of souls, to address themselves to this service with some measure of that zeal which it ought to inspire. That doctrinal creed that bears no fruits of obedience and righteousness—that leaves the whole domain of practical piety unoccupied—is just as worthless as if it were taken from Confucius instead of the Bible. "Deeds done in the body," is the final test of our final doom. All that we do for Christ in this world is all of our lives worth preserving in eternity. All of our wealth that we carry with us into the world to come, is that portion of it which crystalizes around the Kingdom of Christ. Thus may we "lay up in store a good foundation against the time to come," our "prayers and alms going up as a sweet memorial before God."

ON FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to bear fraternal greetings to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at Cleveland, Ohio, report that they were received by their Northern brethren with the utmost cordiality. Profound interest was expressed in the work of the Convention, and, as a matter of practical sympathy, Rev. Dr. Hogue was unanimously requested to appeal to Northern churches in behalf of our work in Rome. Our Secretary, Dr. Tupper, was requested to address their Society on the Foreign Mission work of our Convention, and was heard with great attention and respect.

ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE NORTH.

Resolved, That five brethren be appointed by this Convention to bear to our Baptist brethren of Northern States, at their approaching anniversaries, expressions of our fraternal regard, and assurances that, while still holding firmly to the wisdom and policy of preserving our separate organizations, we are ready as in the past to co-operate cordially with them, in promoting the cause of Christ in our own and foreign lands.

Appointed: J. B. Jeter, H. H. Tucker, H. A. Tupper, G. B. Taylor, R. M. Dudley.

ON ITALIAN MISSIONS.

Looking upon this wide-spread field already white for the harvest, and enjoying the privilege conferred on us of dispensing the word of life therein, your committee can but rejoice when they say that this Convention should congratulate itself, and thank God for the good work so soon accomplished by the Foreign Mission Board in Italy, and in the city of Rome especially.

ON RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The report of the Board shows that in each case there were circumstances imperatively demanding their return. Not to have consented to the return of brethren Crawford and Davis, in their feeble health, would have manifested a heartlessness on the part of the Board, amounting to little less than absolute cruelty. The imperilled condition of the Board, in reference to the chapel at Rome, demanded the return of brother Taylor, as presenting the only hope of relief. Your committee cordially approve and endorse the action of the Board in reference to the return of the dear brethren mentioned above. * * * *

We trust in God for the early restoration of health to our returned missionaries, and we prayerfully urge upon pastors and churches the urgent necessity of contributions to send back our missionaries, and also to send out new men and women, who are now ready and anxious to engage in the good work.

Your committee recommend that the Convention allow their Board the power of using a wise discretion in reference to the return of our missionaries, so that valuable lives may be prolonged, and the best interest of our work abroad be promoted.

ON FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

That the circulation of this paper has reached about 3,500, and is now paying expenses. A much larger circulation is desirable for many reasons. First, because of its intrinsic worth, and the information it imparts from the foreign field. It is the only medium controlled by the Board through which this information can be imparted. Second, in the contemplated changes of agency work, it becomes a necessity to pastors and churches as an important instrumentality for awakening and fostering a Foreign Missionary spirit. Third, an increased circulation would yield a revenue to the Board for the spread of the gospel abroad. Fourth, its cheapness, in addition to the above reasons—50 cents a copy up to four copies, and all over that number, 25 cents per copy—seems to be an incentive to its circulation all over our Southern Zion.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

That increased efforts be put forth by all our pastors, Sunday-school teachers and brethren, to place the *Foreign Mission Journal* in every Baptist family represented in this Convention.

OUR TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on this report gave it a clear and searching analysis; showed the increase in the collections; and recommended that the Board decline to let the Corresponding Secretary reduce his salary.

ON SUNDRY REPORTS.

"Joshua Levering, Esq., read the report of the committee on generous giving. The committee had no doubt of the ability of the brethren, and were of opinion that they had not given more generously for want of sympathy, but because it had not been presented in such a manner as to awaken sympathy. They recommend that the churches set apart Sunday, June 15th, or the first convenient Sunday thereafter, for the collection of funds for Foreign Missions; that they report the amount to the Board, and remit collections quarterly. The Board is urged to place itself in direct communication with the churches.

"The committee on the 'terrible scourge' reported that the prevalence of yellow-fever showed our absolute dependence on God, and that we should humbly wait on Him for protection. It proved, as in the case of Rev. N. W. Wilson, of New Orleans, and other ministers of our own and other denominations who died at their posts, that there are men who will die for Jesus. It drew out the Christian sympathy and generosity of the world, and is proof of the influence excited by the Christian religion on the world. The report deduced from the scourge lessons of value to the world, and urged the Convention to send up a united prayer that our country may not be visited by the scourge this summer.

"The committee on special contributions stated that they had the utmost confidence in the wisdom of the Foreign Mission Board, and endorsed their report. They recommend the disbursement of foreign mission funds be left to the Board.

"Rev. R. Furman read the report of the committee on the death of Rev. W. M. Wingate. The report was terse, touching and beautiful. Dr. Furman, in a graceful effort, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Dr. Wingate.

"The committee on 'woman's work' urged the enlisting of every Baptist woman in mission work.

"They recommend that two Central Committees be appointed in each State by the Boards; that societies be formed in each church; that these societies report to the Central Committee and the Central Committee to the Boards.

"Rev. S. H. Ford read the report of the committee on China Mission. The heathen were not to be converted by money but by the gospel. The report was a strong and able one on the subject of missions.

"Rev. S. Baker presented an able and elaborate report on African Missions. The impression of the paper on the Convention was decided, and augured well for the future interest of our people in this field of labor."

THE FIFTEENTH OF JUNE.

This day, or the earliest day thereafter, is recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention for annual contributions and subscriptions to Foreign Missions by our churches. It is important that the Board should know in advance what amount to expect as the basis of their appropriations to our missions. Will the pastors and churches observe the day as recommended? Will the treasurers of the churches forward promptly the cash collected, and state the amount subscribed for the year, and whether it will be paid monthly, quarterly, or at the end of the year?

The general adoption of this plan, or some similar one, would render agents unnecessary, and would greatly promote the work of giving the gospel to the nations.

GEORGIA AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In compliance with the views of the Georgia State Convention, our Board will of course employ no agent in that State. We look to the pastors and churches to do our work for us; and we feel assured that we shall not look in vain. Perhaps, our Georgia brethren will adopt the plan suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention, referred to above under the heading of "The Fifteenth of June." The following is the action of their Convention:

WHEREAS, it has become imperatively necessary to curtail the expense of collecting funds for our missionary operations; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we respectfully request the Southern Baptist Convention to instruct both the home and Foreign Boards, in raising funds in Georgia, to work through our State Mission Board.

Resolved, 2d. That the State Mission Board be instructed to put itself in direct communication with the pastors throughout the State, urging them to bring the subject of missions directly before their churches, and to make collections at stated times during the year.

Resolved, 3d. That the clerk of this Convention be instructed to furnish the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention with a copy of so much of the above preamble and resolutions as concerns that body.

"The new State Board was appointed, and is as follows: A. T. Spalding, F. M. Daniel, J. S. Lawton, D. E. Butler, J. G. Ryals, G. A. Nunnally, D. W. Gwinn, R. B. Headden, V. C. Noreross, most of whom reside in Atlanta.

"A special resolution was adopted by the Convention indicating emphatically that the change, for economical reasons, in the missionary operations of our State, is not to be construed as intended to prevent the Secretaries of our Home and Foreign Boards from visiting us in our conventional, associational and church meetings; but that, on the contrary, they are earnestly desired and requested to do so."

"KIND WORDS."

This paper is an organ of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Such is its Catholic spirit, however, that it is eminently ancillary to the Foreign work. Our Board is made its debtor by frequent publications of letters from our missionaries, and other communications promotive of our special interest. Apart from this, which gives us a tender feeling toward *Kind Words*, we think that the paper should have universal circulation at the South. It is a good paper; it is our paper; and, its editor is one of the simplest, purest, and to his work, best adapted men that we have ever known. Samuel Boykin is to our mind the embodiment of everything which should give charm and success to a periodical for children. It is a reflection upon the good taste and good feeling of any Baptist Sunday-school and family not to delight in "*Kind Words*."

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

It is of the last importance that Rev. E. Z. Simmons and wife, and Miss Stein, should start as soon as possible to China. Brethren are complaining bitterly of their delay, and they are distressed beyond measure. The churches must supply the means. On the 15th of June the Board expect that at least $10,000 will be raised for their work. Send the money and these servants of God shall go at once to their field of labor, and our enterprise shall be otherwise enlarged and prospered.

WHY THIS INDIFFERENCE?

BRYAN, TEXAS, January 13, 1879.

Dr Tupper:

Dear Brother—While reading the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL of January, a feeling of sadness came over me, because I saw that the Southern Baptists were doing so little for the support of foreign missions. Why this indifference? Do we intend to abandon our Southern Board? In imagination I hear some indignantly answer "No; never!" Well, then, let each one of us realize our individual responsibility, and do all we can to support it. Some of us can *give* but little; yet many littles will aggregate a large sum. And that is what our women wish to do. May the Lord incline the heart of every woman who loves Jesus to do her whole duty in this work. See what our Northern sisters have done; yet, comparatively few of their women are in active co-operation with them. But they keep steadily on, increasing from year to year, and God has greatly blessed their labors. And is he not just as ready and willing to help us if we only do our part? Let not the cry of poverty be heard as an excuse, for our Saviour never required an impossibility; but he does command that his gospel shall be preached in the whole world. We cannot go ourselves, but we can support those who are there, and send others who are willing, yea, anxious to go. Will we do it?

MRS. J. B. HARDWICKE.

NOTICE.

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RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

FROM MAY 1ST TO MAY 27TH, 1879.

ALABAMA.—Good Hope church, for Rome Chapel, by G. D. Benton, $3.00; J. L. Dagg, Hayneville, $22.17; Cahaba church, by A. J. Waldrop, $4.55; Grant's Creek church, by John C. Foster, $8.25; W. C. Cleveland, (for Rome chapel), $10.00; Childesburg church, by S. Henderson, $5.00; Siloam church, by Treasurer Fowlkes, $20.30; Bethel Association, by J. B. Lovelace, $3.50; W. Miss. Society, Snow Hill church, $4.00; W. Miss. Society, Carlowville church, $4.00; W. Miss. Society, Pleasant Hill church, $3.50; A sister, $1, Mrs J. E. Brown and Mrs. Julia Stewart, each $5 (for Rome Chapel), by brother Brown; Bethlehem church, by G. E. Brewer, $3.00; Frank Harris, Moulton, $2.00; Thos. P. Miller, for First Baptist church at Jerusalem, $2.00; Springville church, by T. V. B. Moor, $4.00. Total, $110.27.

ARKANSAS.—Miss C. Fawcett, (5 years old), $1.10; J. P. Eagle, $10.00; by J. D. Jameson, Camden—from Mrs. R. White, $2.00; Miss Hannah Dawson, 50c., and Willie Dawson, 50c., (less 10c. for postal order)—$2.90. Total, $14.00.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—First church, Washington, by brother Chapin, $54.32.

FLORIDA.—Cypress Lake church, by J. E. Roberts, 30c.

GEORGIA.—Ladies' Miss. Society, Quitman, by Mrs. C. C. Hilliard, treasurer, $41.55; by C. M. Irwin, agent, $721.12; Woman's Missionary Society, Americus, by brother Bussey, $13.05; Bethlehem church, (for Rome Chapel), by D. G. Daniel, $1.00, Sardis church, (for Rome Chapel), by E. R. Carswell, Sr., $4.10; White Plains church, by J. H. Kilpatrick, $12.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Washington, $5.75; by J. W. Ellington, $14.00; Antioch church, by Isaac Mosley, $3.45; Noonday Association, by J. Galt, $6.00; Union ch., Hephzibah Association, $3.40; Dalton church, by brother Hanks, $3.30; sundry churches, by J. C. Calloway, $9.65; by C. M. Irwin, agent, (of which $14.55 for Rome chapel), $85.65; "A friend of Foreign Missions," 20.00; "Foreign Missions," $1.00; Crawfordsville church, $2.85; collection at mass meeting, (S. B. C.,) $104.55, (of which $6.50 from 1st Church, Memphis, Tenn., money put into hat as reported by the pastor;) W. O. Tuggle, La Grange, $100.00; Ladies' Working Union, by Dr. Wassen, through T. P. Crawford, $10. Total, $1,192.42.

ILLINOIS.—Bessie and Gadie Donaldson, Sparta, $1.25.

KENTUCKY.—J. L. Ray, Hickman, by J. S. Mahaffy & Co., $1.00; by R. L. Thurman, agent, $110.00; Ladies' Miss. Society, Newcastle, by Mrs. Nettie T. Ellis, Sec'y, $9.50; Central Committee, Louisville, $55.35; Woman's Miss. Society, Russellville, by Miss Mary Ryan, Tr., $15.00; Nelson Lyne, (for Rome Chapel), $1.00; Mrs. Ewing, by B. Manly, (of which $1 for Rome Chapel,) $2.00; Mrs. J. P. Boyce, (for Rome Chapel), $5.00; Miss Hulda Boulling, Overton, $5.00; First church, Covington, by Jas. T. Thomas, $28.00; by R. L. Thurman, agent, by J. C. Humphreys, $50; by Mrs. Norman Robinson, President, Broadway (Louisville) Mission, and of State Central Committee, $163.50. Total, $435.35.

LOUISIANA.—R. H. Jesse, New Orleans, by J. B. Jeter, $5.00; Bayou des Glaizes church and Sunday-school, by A. J. Terry, pastor, $8.15; New Friendship, N. La., A. Harris, (for Rome Chapel), $10.50; Monroe church, $10.00; Trenton church, $10.00; Woman's Benevolent Society, Shiloh church, $10; Bro. Baines, (Belton, Texas,) $10. Total, $61.65.

MARYLAND.—Franklin Square church, Baltimore, by W. B. Graves, $150.00; First church, Baltimore, $40.00. Total, $190.

MISSISSIPPI.—Ladies' Miss. Society, Edwards church, by B. H. Whitfield, $10.00; Hernando church, by W. D. Houze, $4.00; Meridian church, by C. C. Williams, Tr., (15c. P. O.,) $17.90; Ladies' Miss. Society, Raymond church, by J. L. Pettigrew, $10.00; L. R. Burruss, Baldwin, by Jeter & Dickinson, $5.00; Mrs. Helen Eggleston, Grenada, (for Rome Chapel), by Jno. Powell, $2.00; Churches Yazoo Association, by R. A. Cohron, $4.50; Brownsville church, by B. H. Whitfield, $21.25; Academy church, Tippah co., $10.00; Miss B. White and her little brother, $1.60; and Ladies' Miss. Society, Blue Mountain, $16.00, by M. P. Lowrey; French Camp church, by W. J. Wilson, $7.00; Miss Florence Doty, Duck Hill, a mite box contribution from the S. school, 65c.; by E. Z. Simmons, agent, (for Rome chapel,) Corinth ch., $1.50, and Kossuth church, $2.50, also by E. Z. S., (of which $5 from colored church, Okolona, for Africa), $8.35; "S. L. W.," for Rome chapel, $2; by J. B. Gambrell, from sundry parties, $13.30; sundry churches, by E. Z. Simmons, $18.30, Women's Missionary Society, Oxford, $17.30; Wm. Sloan, by H. J. V., 25c., by E. D. Miller, from sundry parties, $17.45, Clinton church, for Rome chapel, viz: G. Galvani, 50c., Mrs. Gambrell, $1, and M. T. Martin, $10; Sardis church, for Rome chapel, $2; Camp Creek church, by E. Z. Simmons, $2; M. E. Dodds, Meadville, $5; the "little Gleaners," of Ofahoma, $4.10; Mrs. A. F. McMahan's nieces, $1.50; Jno. Davidson, by T. L. Hurlbutt, (10c p. order) $4.90; Bogue Chitto church, by S. C. Walker, $6. Total, $231.15.

MISSOURI.—Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Female College, Lexington, by Miss Lena Darnall, Tr., $4.25; by Mrs. Ida L. Dodge, Columbia, $1; St. Joseph church, by Wm. Harris, $33.10; Mrs. S. R. Ford, for children, by Dr Armstrong, $11; Lattie Eva V. Baker, Jonesboro, $1; Little Hattie B. Holcomb, Index, 75c.; Little Hattie A. Bowman, 50c.; by R. S. Duncan, agent, $165.62; Dover church, by P. M. Gaw, Tr., $20. Total, $237.22.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Murfreesboro church, by A. Mellowell, $5; Fellowship church, by D. W. Thomaston, $4.93; Little Annie Griffith, (mite boxes), $1.10; Woman's Missionary Society, Charlotte, by Mrs. Whitfield, $5; Mrs. Latham, for Rome chapel, $1. Total, $17.03.

NEW YORK.—By Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, $1000.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—By Miss M. E. McIntosh, Cor. Sec., and Tr. C. C. W. M. Societies, through Jno. Stout, (exchange, 34c.), $174.16; R. G. W. Grissette, by Jeter & Dickinson, 20c.; Union church, York county, $3.25. By G. H. Hearts: 3d Section Reedy River Association, $3.62; Ladies Missionary Society, Warrior Creek church, $5.55; Ladies Mis. So., Chestnut Ridge church, $2.50; Ladies' Mis. So., Laurensville church, $5.25; Ladies' Miss. So., Harmony church, $7.85. Ebethel church, by J. R. Jeffreys, $10.75, by S. C. Izell, Bethel church, Spartanburg, $6, and Cedar Grove church, $2.50; Bush River church, by M. E. Broaddus, $8.20; Manning church, by J. W. Perry, $13.61; sundry parties, by same, for Rome chapel, $3.50; Aiken church, by J. C. Brown, $10; Chester church and S. School, $14.35, Marlboro Union Meeting, by J. A. W. Thomas, (of which $1 for Rome chapel), $31; Welsh Neck church, by J. Stout, $11.71; R. N. Howle, by J. S., $1.25; Santee church, $5; Milford church, $15; Gowensville church, $5; Missionary Society of Gowensville church, $6.80; Darlington church and S. School, $20.61; Cross Roads church, and Saluda church, by J. C. Hudson, $1; A Friend, $50; J. B. Hartwell, $5. "Little Helen Earle in heaven," 50c.; Hartsville church and S. School, by C. J. Woodruff, clerk, $5.46; James Owens, by A. G. Stepp, $5; Sulphur Springs church, by Edward Cerrell, $4.87; Columbia church, by David Jones, Treas., $11. Total, $483.50.

TENNESSEE.—D. Kitzmiller, Watauga, $4.00; G. P. Crouch, $1.45; Fall Creek church, by C. T. Wheeler, (through J. & D., $9.00; by E. Z. Simmons, agent, $1.00; M. Hillsman, from sundry churches and persons, $20.25; H. W. Buttorff, Treasurer State Mission Board, by G. S. Williams, $60.20; First church, Nashville, by Jas. Thomas, Tr., $51.60; Humboldt church, by M. Hillsman, $10.00; Infant class Chattanooga church, by pastor, $5.00; First church, Nashville, $68.10; Aziel church, by S. Boykin, $1.50; Ladies' Missionary Society, Brownsville church, $15.00; Central church, Memphis, (of which $13 from Infant class), $50.50; Brownsville church, by pastor, $17.40; College Miss. Society, Mossy Creek, $6.25; Mossy Creek church, $5.00; Johnnie and Bettie Walton, $1.50; Union church, by Mrs. Sarah E. Hants, $5.20; Concord ch., by C. C. Brown, $14.30. Total, $350.25.

TEXAS.—Mrs. E. A. Prince, Galveston, by J. M. C. Breaker, $1.00; B. C. Coghill, Ennis, $6.00; Austin church, by R. L. Hood, Tr., $13.00; Caldwell Missionary Society, by Wm. Reeves, $14.20; Independence church, (for Rome Chapel), $15.00; Brenham church, by C. R. Breedlove, $25.00; Cedar Rayou church, by A. Goddard, clerk, $1.75; by "Baptist Herald" office, $87.40, Navasota church, (for Rome Chapel), $6.00; Cameron church, $10.50; Port Sullivan church, $9.85; Bryan church, $21.00; Ladies' Miss. Society, do., (mite boxes), $21.15; Central Committee of Texas, by Mrs. Pope, Cor. Sec'y, $9.50; "A lady," $5.00; "Little Missionary Band," Aurora, by Jeff. Watson, $3.35; Bryan church, by brother McClelland, $15.00; by S. A. Hayden, Jefferson church, $3.50; M. M. Denson, $1.50; and Ladies' Aid Society, of Pittsburg church, $10.00; Marshall church, by S. D. Rainy, through J. P. Boyce, $10.00. Total, $292.70.

VIRGINIA.—First ch., Richmond, by W. H. McCarthy, $2; do. by J. A. Belvin, $10; Friendship ch., by A. L. Robinson, $5.60; F. M. So., 1st ch., Richmond, by Mrs. H. A. Tupper, Prest., $5.50; Ladies' Miss. Society, Glen Allen church, by Mrs. Courtney, $13.50; "Lula Whilden" Society, Pine-Street church, Richmond, by brother Ragland, $10.00; Flat Run church, by E. H. Willis, Treasurer, $70.00. Total, $116.60.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Anonymous, Mountain Cove, $5.00; J. W. Crowl and wife, Morgantown, $5.00; Henry Hess, Mountain Cove, 50c. Total, $10.50.

AGGREGATE.—$4,801.59.