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FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I hereby give and bequeath unto the Southern Baptist Convention, formed in Augusta, Georgia, in the month of May, 1845, and chartered by the Legislature of the State of Georgia, by an act passed and approved December 29th, 1845, (here insert the amount, if in money, or 'subject,' if other property, either real or personal,) for Foreign Missions."

OUR EUROPEAN MISSION.

PART III.—1877—1878.

GEO. B. TAYLOR, D. D.

Important Baptisms and Changes.

Mr. Taylor reported: "On the night of June 3d, 1877, I baptized Signor Bellondi in the locality where so many Christians were drowned. * * * Aug. 28th. In Bari, Signor Volpi, the minister of the Free church, has, with his deacon, been baptized, and will take Basile's place, who has long desired to go elsewhere. It is pretty certain that all of Volpi's members will go with him. Signor Volpi is regarded as a laborious and successful evangelist.

* * * Oct. 6th, 1877: I now write principally to say that I have accepted the proposition of Count Papengouth to turn over to us one-half of the work, we assuming all the responsibility and expense of one of the Locales, and conducting a mission entirely independent, but with the most harmonious relations with that conducted by Mr. Papengouth. Colombo is very happy to remain in Naples under this arrangement, and I feel thankful for such a solution of the problem. The only trouble is an increase of expense. But in this, as in the case of Signor Volpi, the advance movement seemed necessary; and, moreover, there was no time to write and consult the Board. Cocorda is in Northern Italy. His place is partly

supplied by brother Bermatto, of whose baptism I wrote you last May. The Vatican school is opened well. The congregations at Monte Citorio are very fair. But we lack the life-giving spirit. * * *

"We fixed upon Barletta as a new station for Basile. Twelve years ago an interesting work was begun there by our brother Gianinni, which was broken up by a cruel massacre.

"On the 15th October, Basile thus wrote me from Barletta: 'I came here day before yesterday, and having religiously preserved some names given me by Gianinni of the survivors of that slaughter of March 19, 1866, I betook myself to one of these dear brethren, Signor Salminici, who received me cordially, and introduced me to some others whom I found to be faithful. I explained the object of my visit, and expressed my interest in them and my desire to labor for and with them. They approved my sentiments, but, jealous of their liberty in Christ, feared that I was coming to impose some human rules or systems upon them. I declared that such was not the wish either of our board or myself, adding that I desired order for the sake of liberty.'

"Soon after this visit, Basile established himself in Barletta, and wrote me as follows: 'We have had a meeting of eight persons, all brethren tried in the furnace from the 19th of March, 1866, until to-day. They live in an element of martyrdom, but have not abandoned their Saviour. Others are dispersed, or absent in the country, but we hope the good example of these will recall them. O, what shakes of the hand! What welcomes! What joy shone on the faces of these modest heroes of the gospel! An aged brother, one of the most pious I have ever met, concluded the meeting with a simple and fervent prayer. We have need of Bibles and Testaments, for many of these brethren remain without them, the priests having, by means of wives and relatives, sequestered them. The priests and friars, always enemies of Christ, know of my arrival, and have ordered prayers for the undoing of the heretics. We will use prudence, but will not play the coward. We have need that the brethren fight for us at a throne of grace. It is morally impossible that the old scenes can be renewed; but it is not for the want of will on the part of those butchers. Until we have a regular Locale, the meetings will be held in my house.'

The Board appropriated to the mission, for the year, \$8,500.

Dr. Taylor and his work.

Our missionary to Africa, Rev. W. J. David, visiting Italy for his health, wrote:

"I am grateful to God for the privilege of meeting and conversing with brother Taylor. Oh! how my soul has been longing and thirsting for Christian communion with a sympathetic heart. I feel strengthened and encouraged for the physical and spiritual trials on which I am about to enter."

Dr. Prime, of the *Observer*, wrote: "Reverend Dr. Taylor is a man of decided character; with a clear and vigorous intellect, a tender and glowing heart, and such a sound judgment as secures for him the respect and confidence of all who represent Protestant missions in Rome. By his invitation I attended his Sunday-schools, and found four

or five different rooms filled with children of various ages, from the infant class to youth of sixteen. An efficient corps of teachers were giving instruction in the Scriptures. They were all assembled in the largest hall, and engaged in singing hymns; and the parents of some of the children coming in, addresses were made to them and to the schools. The walls were hung with the American and the Italian flags. Texts of Scripture were inscribed. These rooms are filled every day of the week with scholars. In the evening they are occupied by young men studying the Bible. In another part of the town is the Baptist church, where the gospel is faithfully preached by the Rev. Mr. Cocorda, and in at least seven other places in Italy preaching stations are maintained under the superintendence of Dr. Taylor. * * *

"These missions form an important part of the great work now in progress for the spread of evangelical religion in this land of Papal darkness. To the eye of unbelief it may seem the day of very small things. But it is enough to plant the seed, and the rains of Heaven will descend upon it to the redemption of Italy. Now is the time to sow the seed of the Word. Dr. Taylor is able to extend his missions and multiply the number of laborers just as fast as he has the means of supporting them. And you may be certain that he is judicious, careful, and wide-awake."

Rome Chapel.

Among other trials, the perplexities attending the purchase of this chapel bore heavily on Mr. Taylor. He said: "The past year has been to me one of anxiety. Often, had I consulted the flesh, would I have sought a field involving less care and responsibility." On November 6th the Board, unwilling longer to restrict our missionary rigidly to the funds collected for the chapel, "resolved that * * if brother Taylor, at an expense of not more than \$25,000, can obtain a house and lot, such as our mission needs, he be authorized to make the purchase." The following communications from Mr. Taylor were reported to the Convention: "On March 17th, after much treating, I made a definite offer of 129,000 *Lire* (\$25,800) cash for the house in Via Theatro della Valle, which has been before us for more than a year. * * * April 30th.—Yesterday I drew on the Treasurer of the Board for \$5,000, gold, fifteen days after sight, and for \$20,000, gold, three months after sight, * * By God's great mercy the affair seems happily terminated. * * I trust God will continue to smile upon us, giving us by the approaching autumn a complete chapel." A report presented by Dr. B. Manly and adopted by the Convention, held this language: "Our hearts are cheered by the evidence of good accomplished, of souls converted, of three native ministers raised up in God's providence during the year, and of the thirty-two baptisms, and over fifty hopeful inquirers at our ten centers of labor and influence throughout Italy. We are strongly impressed with the prudence, as well as the earnestness and zeal with which our work has been conducted amid multiplied embarrassments and discouragements. * * *

"The long-wished-for *Locale* in the city of Rome has been purchased, and we are now able to enjoy the advantage of a settled habitation for our mis-

sion work there. The delay in purchasing has given us the advantage of securing what is thought by competent judges familiar with the spot, to be "the finest place" in the whole city for our mission premises. It is on one of the great thoroughfares, two hundred yards from the Pantheon, a hundred yards from the University of Rome. Its cost is about five thousand dollars more than the sum already collected and on hand for that purpose. That amount, we trust, will be provided for before the close of this Convention. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of this movement. It is the crisis in the history of our missions in Italy. Let us meet it manfully, liberally, and at once."

The report was followed by a thrilling speech by Dr. Henry McDonald, of Virginia. The Proceedings record the result. "At the close of brother McDonald's address, H. A. Tupper, of Virginia, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, asked for subscriptions by States, and also by individuals, to the Rome-chapel-fund, when the sum of \$7,300 was pledged."

1878—1879.

Northern Anniversaries.

Five thousand dollars, beyond the \$25,000 purchase money, were needed for the improvement of the chapel. The following action was taken by the American Baptist Missionary Union, at the anniversaries at Cleveland, Ohio, which were attended by W. T. Brantley, J. A. Broadus, C. E. Dobbs and H. A. Tupper, as messengers from our Convention:

"WHEREAS, we have heard from the Southern Baptist Convention that they have bought an eligible building in Rome, Italy, for their long-wished-for chapel, and that after having secured some \$20,000, about \$10,000 are still needed to cover the cost of the house and the improvements necessary for a chapel, therefore.

"Resolved, That we commend this object to the liberality of our people, and will welcome any suitable representative of the Southern Baptist Convention who may be appointed to raise funds at the North for this purpose."

Dr. Lorimer, now of Chicago, in presenting the above preamble and resolution, which were heartily adopted, stated that Dr. Hague, of New Jersey, would no doubt be "the representative" of the Southern Baptist Convention. On hearing of this movement of the Missionary Union, our Board adopted the following:

"That our grateful acknowledgments are due, and are heartily extended to, the American Baptist Missionary Union for the action taken at their recent Anniversary, in reference to our Rome chapel; and that agreeably to that action, your committee recommend the appointment of Rev. Wm. Hague, D. D., as our representative to collect at the North for the chapel."

The ensuing report was adopted at the next meeting of our Convention:

"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. Hague 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. W. T. BRANTLEY, Chairman."

Vatican Mission.

An intelligent visitor at Rome reports: "When Mr. Van Meter left Rome, Dr. Taylor took his Vatican school. Although already over-worked, rather than suffer the lambs to be scattered without a shepherd, he willingly added the care of it to his other burdens, and nobly did he watch them. I was at the school at Christmas, during his administration, and not a whit of the enthusiasm that Mr. Van Meter's presence inspired was wanting then." Mr. Van Meter, returning to Rome, resumed the charge of his mission. On October 7th, 1878, brother Taylor wrote:

"Yesterday I formally handed over to Mr. Van Meter his Vatican Mission, which, I think, has not grown less in my hands. I am glad to be free from the care of managing it, while I expect to be often there to speak of the gospel."

Our Evangelists.

Professor H. H. Harris, of Richmond College, visiting Italy, wrote: "Our excellent superintendent of the Italian work seems to have used the utmost prudence, and to have been guided by a good providence in his selection of men. * * * Our corps of evangelists, so far as I have seen them, impress me very favorably. Like our preachers at home, they have their peculiarities, their weakness, their faults—they need our prayers for themselves personally and for their work—but they also deserve at our hands a more liberal support than the present rate of contributions will allow. One of them is a born poet; another gives his spare time to Hebrew and Arabic. Senors Paschetto and Cocorda both speak English—the latter well."

Another visitor writes: "Rev. Mr. Cocorda, who preaches at his chapel, is a very learned and eloquent man. I am not sufficiently *au fait* in the Italian language to judge critically as to the quality of his preaching, but a gentleman who is, and who hears him very often, says that every sermon he has heard is worthy of being reported and published. Judging from his earnestness and his action in the pulpit, so natural, so easy, so fluent, I should think no one who hears him and understands him would be unaffected."

Notes on Stations.

TORRE PELLICE—Farraris has baptized eight joyful converts.

MILAN—Paschetto reports three baptisms, and five catechumens, who "are studying the Word of God, and who are almost convinced of Baptist principles." The meetings of the church for the study of God's Word the evangelist describes as "very edifying." The Sunday-school numbers twenty-one pupils, "punctual and studious."

VENICE—Bellondi is popular as a preacher, and continues to compose hymns, "some of which will form a part of the permanent psalmody of Italy. A rare opportunity offers itself to buy a church-like edifice for \$12,000." Brother Taylor exclaims: "Oh that we could do so!"

MODENA—Martinelli applying for Basile to go to Carpi, brother Taylor has consented. Count Torre wishes to give himself to the ministry, and has been preaching gratuitously at Carpi. A church edifice has been rented for \$200 per annum.

BARLETTA—Volpi, who is stationed at Bari, will "take Barletta in his circuit. Great progress in public sentiment has been made toward evangelical views."

BARI—Volpi has baptized six, and three are awaiting baptism. He preaches at Grumo and Acquaviva. At the latter place was opened last month a Locale, and eighty persons were present. On his return from the Rome chapel dedication,

Volpi was arrested, and ironed, and imprisoned, as a "socialist." "It was a clear case of persecution for the gospel." Brother Taylor testified in his favor. Reparation was demanded of the government, and it was given.

NAPLES—The Locale has been secured for another year. Colombo is not sanguine of great results, yet his report is encouraging in its tone.

COGLIARI, ISLAND OF SARDINIA—Cossu has baptized three. He says one of them can "repeat the whole New Testament, and supports every doctrine of his faith with appropriate passages." The evangelist preaches in other cities. He circulates tracts at his own expense. Brother Taylor says: "He is the right man in the right place."

ROME—Three baptisms. With regard to Rome chapel troubles, brother Taylor says: "You know all our troubles before the courts, and how God gave us the victory. Our adversaries were condemned to pay costs. * * * The Southern Baptist Convention has been 'recognized' as a corporate body. Brother Taylor assists Cocorda at the chapel, and preaches once a week at the Vatican mission. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Cocorda hold a woman's meeting. Brother Taylor has complete charge of *Il Seminatore*.

In all the stations there were twenty-three baptisms during the year.

Rome Chapel.

The chapel was dedicated in November. The opening services on the second day of that month were participated in by all the ministers in Rome. Our evangelists continued for a week a nightly meeting in the chapel. The day-time was given to business conference. The organ of the Vatican referred to the dedication as the "opening of an Infernal Hall." Brother Taylor wrote: "The chapel is beautiful, and with its furniture is exquisitely simple and neat." The building is so constructed, that it furnishes comfortable homes for brother Taylor and Signor Cocorda, and their families. There are rooms on the ground floor, which may be either rented or used for some purposes connected with the mission.

The Treasurer paid drafts for the chapel and improvements amounting to \$31,838.26. The amount realized for the Rome chapel U. S. securities was \$19,072.78. Receipts for the chapel during the year \$8,407.12; making the difference to be provided for \$1,358.30.

That the chapel should be finally and legally secured after so many disappointments and perplexities, is a source of sincere congratulation. After the dedication brother Taylor wrote:

"Despite all difficulties, we were enabled to open the chapel according to appointment. The opening services continued just one week. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and I cannot be thankful enough for God's great goodness. Indeed that we have actually entered and are worshipping and preaching the gospel in our beautiful chapel, after so many fears on my part, and so many actual obstacles and dangers, seems too good to be true."

Dr. Taylor and his return.

Brother Taylor has been enfeebled by something like sun-stroke. His mission, however, absorbs his mind and heart. The Hon. Charles Thurber, of New York, quotes a friend, who has visited Italy more than once, with regard to our missionary:

"He is self-sacrificing even to a fault, and indefatigable in his labors for his mission, both in sickness and health. A gentleman who has worked with him a good deal, and who has been to his house habitually, has often told me that in his sick bed he has always found him and his mission together and in conference. I have seen him myself on his way to his work so ill, that I used to think if

his Master had been with him, he would have said, 'sleep on now and take your rest,' 'the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak;' but he would not deign to plead this as an apology for not working. Almost every evening in the week demanded his presence at his mission, and sometimes every evening."

Another wrote:

"If God does not bless the work of Dr. Taylor, it will be because he has changed his mind about the promises he has so often made in the Bible. Dr. Taylor has a number of out-stations in Italy, which he visits periodically, and is almost daily receiving reports from some of them. Those who have charge of the stations, however honest and earnest, are yet so inexperienced they need counsel and assistance given inconveniently often; but they receive it uncomplainingly on the part of Dr. Taylor."

Rev. Dr. Hague, who agreeably to an action of the American Baptist Missionary Union, at its anniversary in Cleveland, consented to collect funds for the chapel at the North, having accepted a pastorate, the Board fearing that serious embarrassment might ensue from the obligations for the chapel as well as for the improvements having to be met by the Board, especially as the contributions for the chapel at the South were lessening so greatly the contributions for the general work, directed brother Taylor to return to this country to collect at the North, so soon as he could do so without detriment to his mission. Shortly after his arrival, on the 24th of March, he began his labors among our Northern brethren, in behalf of his chapel. With regard to his return, the Convention, at which Mr. Taylor was present and made two admirable addresses on his work, "cordially endorsed and approved the action of the Board."

Rev. D. E. Butler reported on the Italian mission: "In some points of view, this field is the most important now opened to us, * * * and the 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."

"The narration of facts made by brother Geo. B. Taylor at this session of the Convention is evidence on which to build a lively hope of larger and more abundant success by the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of that people."

"The house of worship lately bought, put in order, and now the property of this Convention, is a home for our missionaries, and 'a dwelling place for our God.' May it be, that from it unceasing prayer, inspired by the Holy Spirit, shall always go up to the Throne of Grace, and be daily answered in blessings and mercies from 'our Father in Heaven.'"

Mr. Taylor attended the Northern anniversaries at Saratoga as one of the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was also present at the "June Meeting" of the General Association of Virginia. At both assemblages he made a fine impression. At the latter meeting he was taken seriously ill. Dr. J. Stage Davis, of the University of Virginia, wrote: "I have never seen so little vitality in a man doing the work that Dr. Taylor is performing. I know his deep interest in his mission. But, if he goes to the North, as he proposes, to collect funds, it may be at the expense of his life. He needs perfect rest." On reading this letter the Board directed our brother to desist at once from his work, and gave him a "leave of absence" from his field until January, 1880. During the summer he rested in the mountains of his native State, accompanied by his accomplished and devoted wife.

Early in the fall he resumed his collections at the North, but was soon recalled by a severe domestic affliction. Many prayers ascend for his perfect restoration to health. In the meantime Signor Cocorda has charge of the work in Rome, and the Provincial churches when last heard from are "doing well."

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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 Tawun Chau, (native pastor.)

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

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

AFRICA.

AT ABBEKUTA.—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.

" TORRE PELICE.—Signor Ferraris.

" MILAN.—Signor Paschetto.

" MODENA AND CARPI.—Signor Martinelli.

" NAPLES.—Signor Colombo.

" BARI.—Signor Volpi.

" BARLETTA.—Signor Cossu.

" ISLAND OF SARDINIA.—Signor Cossu.

" VENICE.—Signor Bellonci.

" BOLOGNA.—Signor Basile.

BRAZIL.

NEAR SANTA BARBARA.—SAN PAULO.—E. H. Quillen.

NOTE.—Letters addressed to our missionaries in China should be endorsed via San Francisco. Those to Africa via England. Those to Rome, 27-Via Theatro Valle.

The postage to each of our missions is five cents.

NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

This body met on the 5th of November at Oxford, in Granville county, of the Old North State. This county is famous for raising "the finest tobacco in the world." Other things we found in Oxford much finer than any weed which can be grown there or anywhere. The Convention was in good spirits, and had "a mind to work." In benevolent enterprises, North Carolina is making decided and increasing progress. Last year the State gave to our Board \$3,394.90. It will be seen by the following report, adopted by the Convention, that they favor the plan of a special agent for Foreign Missions, and of attempting to increase the contributions of their churches, by one-third, during our present conventional year:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board of Missions which relates to Foreign Missions, beg leave to state that they note with peculiar regret that while the Richmond Board are calling for an increase of at least one-third larger contributions to meet the imperative demands of the cause, North Carolina has decreased one thousand dollars in her gifts to Foreign Missions. This falling off is due to the fact that during the past year no agent has been at work in this State in behalf of this interest.

Your committee would express the opinion that no one of our benevolent enterprises is dearer to the hearts of the Baptists of North Carolina than Foreign Missions; and that it will only be necessary to inform the churches of the needs of the Board to have its wants supplied, and that this Convention is ready to co-operate with the Board in Richmond in any measure they may propose to increase the contributions from this State.

T. H. FRITCHARD,

T. WHITFIELD,

T. HARRISON.

FROM MISS MOON.

Phonetic Style.

TUNGCHOW, September 8, 1879.

My Dear Dr. Tupper—Your kind letter of June 30th reached me in due season. I am glad you dissent from the view of Woman's Work with which I took issue. I think it had error in it, with possibly a grain of truth; yet was so worded as to convey an erroneous impression, against which I felt called to protest.

We have begun country work again; Mrs. H. and I going out two successive days last week, and visiting fourteen villages. We were delighted at the eagerness of the women to hear. Words flow naturally when one finds interested listeners. We hear from Dr. Graves the good news that he has already baptized seventy this year.

I am glad that prospects at home are so hopeful. The work out here never wore a more promising aspect.

Mary Hartwell is here preparing to be married. She is engaged to Mrs. Crawford's teacher, an excellent young man. She seems amiable, industrious, and economical; and since the young folks made the match themselves, contrary to Chinese custom, it is to be hoped they will demonstrate the superiority of western ideas on that subject.

We are looking forward to Mr. Eager's coming with pleasure; and are no less pleased to know that he expects to bring a fair lady with him.

We are in usual health, except Mrs. Crawford, who has not been well for some time.

Have you any rules for spelling in the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL? I ask because I have adopted the phonetic style of spelling; but I shall not dare to spell that way if your compositor snubs me by putting my letters in type in the old way. Please let me know. With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. MOON.

LETTER FROM DR. GRAVES.

CANTON, Sept. 29, 1879.

My Dear Brother Tupper—My class has just closed its Autumn session. We had an average attendance of over twenty. We studied Judges and Ruth in Old Testament, and Hebrews and Galatians in the New. These latter were taken up in connection with some lectures on Typology, which I gave three days each week. I trust those who have attended class have clear ideas on the connection of the Old and New Testaments, and that the glorious truth of the Atonement and High Priesthood of Christ has impressed itself on their hearts as well as on their minds.

Building.

The dwelling is going up and I have had to visit it every day to give directions to the builders. Through the kindness and help of brother Teo Sune, who has had daily supervision of the work, I have been enabled to have an over-sight of the building without neglecting the more congenial duty of teaching my class.

Literary Hearers.

The Government Examinations are in progress. Brother Wong Fong, my teacher, and others, have had a night service for conversation with any of the students who are willing to discuss on Christianity. Some of them have shown some interest in serious things, and have sat for an hour at a time. There have not been less than three or four at any service, and sometimes there have been scores present. Our daily preaching has been kept up as usual, and we have made extra efforts to sell and distribute tracts. I trust we shall see some of this bread cast upon the waters in after days.

More Baptisms.

Yesterday I baptized four candidates. One was a man from Shek Kok, one of the North River stations; one was the wife of one of our most useful members; and the other two were old women, both quite feeble and aged. A man who was excluded some three years ago, confessed his sins and asked to be restored to church fellowship, which request was unanimously granted. Thus five were added to our number.

Through God's grace we have had many accessions this year, and we hope there are "more to follow."

Quite Worn Down.

I hope brother Simmons and Miss Stein will soon be added to the number of our workers, and that the good work will progress from year to year.

I should like a formal permission from the Board to return to the United States next year. If granted, please send it immediately, as I should like to have it by Jan. 1st, that I may make arrangements accordingly. I think that Mrs. G. needs the change, and I too feel quite worn down by the work and responsibility; and trust that a season of rest will fit me for another period of effective service.

Mrs. G. joins me in sending Christian love. Christian regards to all the brethren.

Your brother in Christ,

H. H. GRAVES.

FORWARD MOVE.

Before the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, seven of our missionaries, new and old, must be sent to their fields of labor. Two others, also, who are imploring the Board to send them, ought to be sent. In order to accomplish this, and to meet the other obligations of the Board, there must be this year an increase of receipts, above the last year's contribution of the churches, by at least one-third. It is not merely the expenses of passage and outfit which have to be provided; the support, in part at least, of these men and women, when in their fields, must be anticipated. Our missionaries draw on our Treasurer quarterly in advance. The Board must pay their present debts, and then have funds to provide for these laborers and their fellow-workers. This call for increased offerings on the part of the churches is so obviously reasonable, that the Board hope that our people will give earnest and prompt heed to it. Are they not, also, encouraged to this duty by the good providence of God? Let each pastor present the subject to his church or churches, and urge such immediate action as shall most likely accomplish the object in view. It is necessary that our work should go forward. If it does not go forward, it will go backward.

The Missionary Union sent out last month eleven missionaries. All the great missionary bodies are pressing forward their work. The whole Christian world, that thinks and feels on this subject, is astir at the changes taking place among the heathen nations. If the ratio of increase of converts goes on in China and India during the next fifty years that has marked the progress of conversions to our religion during the past thirty-five years, these vast empires will have in that time a Christian population as great, proportionally, as our country or Great Britain. Shall not Southern Baptists share in the glory of this great transformation? Oh that the Holy Spirit may so enlighten the minds and quicken the hearts of our people that they will enter with becoming zeal and vigor upon this heaven-ordained enterprise, and reap their full share from the fields already whitened for the harvest.

To aid the churches to decide intelligently what they should do in this matter, we publish below the amounts, including the contributions to the Rome Chapel, given last year by their respective States, and the whole amounts given by them during the present Conventional year, from May 1st to November 1st, 1879:

| | 1879. | 1878. |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Alabama..... | \$406 07 | \$1,381 35 |
| Arkansas..... | 86 35 | 119 31 |
| California..... | 1 00 | 10 00 |
| District of Columbia..... | 54 32 | 260 75 |
| Florida..... | 23 80 | 82 39 |
| Georgia..... | 2,687 98 | 4,601 98 |
| Illinois..... | 1 25 | 68 00 |
| Ohio..... | 6 00 | 2 40 |
| Kentucky..... | 1,488 35 | 4,846 81 |
| Louisiana..... | 248 25 | 404 15 |
| Maryland..... | 900 27 | 2,296 36 |
| Mississippi..... | 1,020 66 | 1,871 70 |
| Missouri..... | 556 80 | 2,433 62 |
| North Carolina..... | 1,221 31 | 3,395 90 |
| South Carolina..... | 1,515 57 | 4,066 54 |
| New York..... | 1,080 00 | 484 62 |
| New Jersey..... | 782 09 | 206 06 |
| Tennessee..... | 755 55 | 917 95 |
| Texas..... | 596 65 | 1,052 81 |
| Virginia..... | 3,477 63 | 6,482 93 |
| West Virginia..... | 65 20 | 152 84 |
| Canada..... | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Connecticut..... | 39 00 | 1 00 |
| Indian Territory..... | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Kansas..... | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Massachusetts..... | 473 40 | 125 77 |
| Rhode Island..... | 125 77 | 5 00 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 5 00 | |
| Total..... | 16,975 10 | 35,784 64 |

RECEIPTS OF BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.
FROM 1845 TO 1879.

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| Alabama..... | \$73,247 58 |
| American Tract Society..... | 3,509 00 |
| Arkansas..... | 1,713 05 |
| Bible Board..... | 6,472 15 |
| Bible Society, (A. & F.)..... | 300 00 |
| Bequests..... | 3,691 66 |
| Canada..... | 11 00 |
| California..... | 32 25 |
| Connecticut..... | 74 00 |
| District of Columbia..... | 6,350 50 |
| Delaware..... | 5 00 |
| England and Scotland..... | 3,800 54 |
| Florida..... | 3,163 96 |
| Georgia..... | 164,148 54 |
| Indiana..... | 63 90 |
| Illinois..... | 601 01 |
| Indian Territory..... | 1 00 |
| Interest..... | 18,610 68 |
| Kansas..... | 6 70 |
| Kentucky..... | 96,981 70 |
| Louisiana..... | 7,985 94 |
| Michigan..... | 3 00 |
| Maryland..... | 55,567 96 |
| Maine..... | 14 00 |
| Massachusetts..... | 2,758 94 |
| Missionaries and Missions..... | 3,285 90 |
| Mississippi..... | 32,669 58 |
| Miscellaneous receipts..... | 9,215 15 |
| Missouri..... | 22,917 16 |
| Nebraska..... | 1 00 |
| New Jersey..... | 401 21 |
| New York..... | 3,955 67 |
| North Carolina..... | 58,624 10 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 124 48 |
| Ohio..... | 130 95 |
| Oregon..... | 10 00 |
| Publication account..... | 1,214 81 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 280 09 |
| Returned and exchange..... | 20,161 07 |
| Rhode Island..... | 145 77 |
| South Carolina..... | 100,010 82 |
| S. B. Convention..... | 1,130 00 |
| Tennessee..... | 27,438 08 |
| Texas..... | 9,354 96 |
| Virginia..... | 195,431 11 |
| West Virginia..... | 3,708 26 |
| Total..... | \$939,377 23 |

NOTE.—Of the millions of dollars bequeathed by Southern Baptists in the past thirty-five years, only some three thousand dollars have been received from that source by our Board for the world's evangelization.

ACTION OF MARYLAND BAPTIST UNION.

"Resolved, That the Churches represented in this Association be earnestly requested to so increase their contributions to the Board for Foreign Missions, of the Southern Baptist Convention, that the sum of their contributions during the present constitutional year of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be equal to at least one-third more than the sum of their contributions during the past year of the Convention, which was \$2,296.81."

Adopted November 13th, 1879.

RATIO OF MINISTERS.

The ratio of ministers to churches among the principal denominations in this country is said to be as follows: The Baptist have 23,908 churches and 14,596 ministers; the Methodist Episcopal Church, 16,099 churches, and 11,267 ministers; the Congregationalists, 3,600 churches and 3,333 ministers; the Presbyterians, 5,153 churches and 4,801 ministers; the Episcopalians, 2,700 churches and 3,230 ministers; and the Catholics, 6,290 churches and 4,873 ministers. Grand total, 57,650 churches and 42,100 ministers—an apparent deficiency of more than 15,000 ministers.

NOTICE.

PLEASE NOTIFY IF RECEIPTS ARE NOT PROMPTLY RECEIVED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OR SUBSCRIPTIONS, AS THEY ARE INVARIABLY SENT BY RETURN MAIL.

RULES OF THE BOARD AS TO SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. Donations made to any specific object are to be understood as included in the appropriations by the Board to that object, not as superadded to them.
2. The expenses of all regular missionary work appointed or approved by the Board, and for which funds are transmitted through our Board, shall be included in and covered by the appropriations made annually to our missions; and funds sent through our Board specially for such work shall be understood as going to meet such appropriations.
3. If at any time the donations to a specific object should amount to more than is appropriated or needed for that year, the Board may consider the surplus as retained, to be devoted to the same object another year.
The above rules have no reference to donations of Societies not connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, as Tract and Bible Societies, or to funds for buildings, etc., to which the Board makes no regular appropriations.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 14th to November 17th, 1879.

ALABAMA.—Cahaba Association, by Alfred Lawson, Tr., \$19.55; by T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., for sundry parties, \$55.65; Palmetto Street church, Mobile, by G. A. Pearce, \$25.00; Birmingham church, by J. H. Hendon, \$4.05; B. Zachry, Opelika, \$2.00; Tuskegee Association, by B. F. Riley, for Treasurer, \$51.60; Eufaula Association, by B. B. Davis, \$59.80. Total, \$217.55.
ARKANSAS.—Union Association, by James E. Askew, Tr., \$25.85; by J. B. Searey, Sec'y, \$6.00; Sister Pettus, Hope, by W. A. Forbes, Sec'y, \$10.00; Caroline Association, by W. F. Blackwood, clerk, \$10.00. Total, \$51.85.
CONNECTICUT.—Collections by Geo. B. Taylor for Rome chapel, in Stamford, \$100, and Hartford, \$105.64. Total, \$205.64.
ENGLAND.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor for Rome chapel, \$101.64.
FLORIDA.—By W. N. Chandolin, from Santa Fee River and Florida Associations, \$13; Alachua Association, by same, \$18; and from sundry parties, by same, \$12. Total, \$43.
GEORGIA.—By J. H. DeVotie, Treasurer M. B. G. B. C., \$1,027.35; Ladies' Working Union, Marietta church, by Mrs. F. C. Johnson, \$7.65; collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, \$60.80. Total, \$1,095.80.
KENTUCKY.—Russellville church, by N. Long, Treasurer, \$44.70; Mt. Sterling church, by J. Pike Powers, \$36; collected by Geo. B. Taylor for Rome chapel, \$2; Paris church, by S. F. Taylor, through J. J. Taylor, \$7; Providence and David's Fork churches, by B. W. D. Sealey, Tr. Ex. Board, Elkhorn Asso., \$79.75; First Church, Lexington, by W. K. Murray, Chairman, through Lausling Burrows, \$43.05. Total, \$208.50.
LOUISIANA.—G. C. B. Association, sundry parties, \$39.25; Mansfield Sunday-school, \$5.25; and Spring Ridge church, Sec., by T. W. Ebelert, of Ex. Com.; W. M. S., Spring Ridge ch., by J. A. Holmes, Sec., \$3.35; Concord Asso., by J. P. Everett, \$7.45. Total, \$55.50.
MASSACHUSETTS.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor for Rome chapel, in Boston, \$400.
MARYLAND.—Franklin Square church, Baltimore, by W. H. Rutherford, Tr., \$100; Lutaw Place church, Baltimore, by Joshua Levering, \$163.92; J. Garland Pollard, Baltimore, by T. P. Bagby, \$1.25; By Eugene Levering: Rehoboth church, \$3; Pocomoke City church, \$12; Hereford ch., \$2; and Union (col'd) church, Baltimore, \$5. By Mrs. M. A. G. Chandler, Cumberland, \$19. Total, \$396.17.
MISSISSIPPI.—By E. Z. Simmons, from Sundry parties, \$220.05; by B. H. Whitfield, Cor. Sec. P. M., Central Asso., \$55.50; by T. L. Hurlbutt, Sec. Y. M. M. Soc., Meridian, \$6.90; Louisville Association, by Jno. J. Carter, \$50; Union Association, by J. C. Green, Tr., thro' E. D. Miller, \$20.80; Clinton church, \$1.45; and Miss M. New, Sec., by B. H. Whitfield; Vicksburg church, by T. J. Humes, Tr., \$9; Bethlehem Association, by L. E. Hall, Moderator, \$18.90. Total, \$413.10.
MISSOURI.—By R. S. Duncan, Agent, \$181.94.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, in Manchester, \$106.79.
NEW JERSEY.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, in New Brunswick, \$50.
NEW YORK.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, \$201.79.
N. CAROLINA.—By Jordan Womble, Jr., Treas. B. S. C., \$913.15; by C. M. Williams, Tr. W. B. C., N. C., \$77; Murfreesboro church, by A. McDowell, \$10; R. Newton, Fayetteville, \$2; State Convention, (Finance Committee), \$75; collection at Convention, \$41.40; J. J. Baxter, Currituck, by Jeter & Dickinson, \$2. Total, \$1,220.55.
OHIO.—Mrs. P. Cleveland, Chillicothe, by Jeter and Dickinson, \$2.40.
S. CAROLINA.—"Little Walter," Kingsville, by Mrs. M. C. Harley, \$1; Blackstock's church, by C. P. Shirley, Tr., \$3.60; Timmonsville church, by S. P. Cole, clerk, \$2.95; Edisto Asso., by H. D. Ott, Tr., \$12.47; Abbeville Asso., by W. B. Acker, Tr., of which \$3 for Rome chapel, \$15.72; Chester ch., by J. L. Abright, Tr., \$7.75; Walhalla ch., by G. T. Gresham, \$1; Edgelfield Asso., by W. H. Timmerman, Tr., \$30.85; collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, 25c; by T. D. Gregory, Union C. H., \$3.75; Chester Association, by R. T. C. Nockbe, Tr., \$43.67; by Miss M. E. McIntosh, Cor. Sec. C. W. M. S., \$173; by J. D. Pitts, for sundry parties, \$11.85; Greenville Sunday-school, by J. C. Smith, Sup't, \$50. Total, \$357.76.
TENNESSEE.—Edgelfield church, (mitte boxes,) by Miss Eric Brown, \$10; Salem Association, by L. D. Smith, Clerk, \$13.50; L. M. Jones, Trenton, \$5; Miss M. Jourdan's S. S. class, Murfreesboro, by L. M. Ayer, \$5; Central Association, by J. M. Senter, Tr., \$18.45. Total, \$51.05.
TEXAS.—Belton church, by C. H. Sith, \$10; sundry parties, by W. R. Selvidge, Pittsburg, \$35; J. W. D. Creath, Cold Spring, \$5; Harmony Association, by W. L. Hines, \$12. Total, \$62.
VIRGINIA.—Mrs. G. A. "Undley, First church, Richmond, \$30; W. M. Soc., Crooked Run church, by Mrs. Nannie V. Lightfoot, \$16; Warrenton church, by Jno. B. Turpin, \$10.54; Mrs. M. P. Pollard, King & Queen co., for Rome chapel, \$5; collected by Geo. B. Taylor, for Rome chapel, sundries, \$30.80. Total, \$91.34.
WEST VIRGINIA.—Collected by Geo. B. Taylor in Morgan town, for Rome chapel, \$26.72.
AGGREGATE, \$5,353.29.