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We fill a large part of this number with an outline of the exceedingly interesting report of the Board. Some of the facts recited are already familiar to readers of the JOURNAL, but are here grouped so as to give a general and complete view of the year's work. Preserve this copy; you will need it for future reference.

THE CONVENTION.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Baltimore on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Twice before in its history the body has met in the monumental city, viz., in 1853 and in 1868. Although the place is in an extreme corner of our territory, it is a commercial centre, easily accessible by numerous lines of travel, and its far-famed hospitality will doubtless attract a large delegation even from the distant Southwest. The ladies, too, we are glad to hear, have made arrangements to gather a goodly company of fair sisters, and give fresh impetus to "Woman's Work for Woman." We expect, moreover, not a few of our northern brethren to avail themselves of this favorable opportunity for meeting with us to see how we do, and perchance to offer valuable thoughts suggested by their experience in similar work. Altogether we anticipate a well-attended and a profitable session.

The first day of the meeting will doubtless be occupied in enrolling delegates, organizing the body, receiving the reports of the two Boards, laying out work for the remaining days, and hearing the Convention sermon. The reports will naturally give the keynote for the whole session, and it will have a higher pitch than ever before, both in respect to the amount of money raised for missions and in respect to the apparent results secured in its expenditure; yet the melody of exultant thanksgiving for tokens of divine approval, will be tempered by some plaintive notes, reminding all of human frailty, and of our own rapidly approaching dissolution. If the delegates have, as we trust they will, an abiding sense of the shortness of time and an eye single to the glory of God, there will be little danger of any root of bitterness or any unwise action, but every assurance that liberal things will be devised for "promoting foreign and domestic missions and other important objects connected with the Redeemer's kingdom."

The usual course of procedure has been to refer the several sections of the reports to as many separate committees, and reserve all discussion until these committees report. To this some brethren object that it leaves the Convention at first with little or nothing to do, and crowds the closing hours of the session with more business than can be properly attended to; they, therefore, suggest the propriety of taking up for discussion the reports of the Boards as presented, and referring to committees for calmer and more mature consideration only those sections which ask for instructions or indicate new lines of policy. The body will, of course, decide for itself, if the question is raised. We indicate no preference further than to say, that if any change is made, the utmost care should be taken not to destroy the character of the Convention by changing it from a deliberative assembly into a mass-meeting following a previously arranged programme.

The retrospect of the closing year is full of encouragement. What shall the next bring forth? Shall we use the vantage ground already gained for additional conquests? Shall we employ the momentum acquired for increasing the speed with which we are to send abroad the glad tidings of salvation?

"I held it truth, with him who slings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves, to higher things."

During the past few years the churches have risen in their contributions as follows: in 1881, \$44,000, (we use round numbers); in 1882, \$49,000; in 1883, \$54,000; in 1884, \$75,000. The increase is accelerated year by year. The Board has correspondingly increased its corps of missionaries until we now have forty-five, besides nearly as many native assistants. We shall not be at all satisfied to report in May, 1885, less than \$100,000 raised, and at least fifty missionaries at work in foreign lands, with others under appointment. If we are to do this, we must begin at once and keep steadily at work. The collections this year have been swelled by the personal appeals of brother Powell in behalf of his Mexican schools. For next year we do not anticipate such another special effort, and must rely more on pastors and church committees and woman's societies to pour into our treasury a steady stream from the first of May until the last of April.

WOMAN'S WORK.

It will be seen from the annual report that the contributions of some 650 woman's societies amount this year to over \$16,000. It should be added that a good many other societies pay over through their churches what they raise, and do not report to the Central State Committee. If these were added the aggregate would not fall short of \$20,000.

Woman has all the reasons and motives which operate on any other Christian in favor of foreign missions. She has these two in excess of what man can feel. First, that her sex is more benefited by Christianity than ours. The degrading effects of heathenism and superstition fall heaviest on the weaker vessel. The gospel confers, we may say, equal, because infinite, blessings for the life to come, on all who receive it; for this present life its blessings are in proportion to human needs, and fall, like rain and sunshine, even on the unthankful. And, secondly, her more sensitive nature and more vivid imagination enables her to appreciate more keenly the condition of benighted lands and to bear them more constantly on her heart. It may be added that in the cloistered prisons which false religions have put into

the place of Christian homes, she can do a most important work, from which the sterner sex is absolutely excluded. It is, therefore, not at all surprising that the gentler sex not only furnishes a help-meet for every brother who undertakes the hardships of missionary life, but also sends out some single and alone, to care solely for the things of the Lord; nor again is it any wonder that the female members do their part towards raising the annual contributions in their churches and then superadd, weekly or quarterly, their own collections for their own peculiar work.

Co-operation between the woman's societies and the Board is put upon the following basis, devised to secure the advantages which other organizations have gained by such co-operation, and to avoid the mistakes into which some of them have fallen. In each State there is a Central Committee who, without fee or reward, give much time and attention to the organization of societies, the dissemination of information and the collection of funds, which are paid over to our treasury. Appointments of unmarried ladies are made on the recommendations, indeed, of these and other discreet women, but by the Board and solely on its own responsibility. Such ladies are sent out only at the request of some mission, and with suitable arrangements for residence in the home of a Christian family. There are a few who think a more compact organization of woman's work, with a separate treasury and secretary, would be more efficient, but we have abundant reason to know that an overwhelming majority of Southern women would not only oppose, but would absolutely refuse to co-operate in such an enterprise.

For the success which has crowned the efforts of the societies during the past year much credit is due to their organ, *The Heathen Helper*, published monthly at Louisville, Ky., at fifty cents a year. It is a bright little eight-page sheet, handsomely illustrated and filled with reports from societies, letters from missionaries, pithy editorials and other such matter. The paper is already, as we understand, self-sustaining, and richly deserves a yet more liberal patronage.

Miss Lula Whilden wishes her friends to address her, Box 95, Clifton Springs, N. Y. In her temporary sojourn, far away from her Southern home, letters will be doubly welcome, though they must remain unanswered, because her physician insists that "the less writing she does, the better it will be." Do sit down right away and send her a bright, newsy epistle, and when you think it is time for her answer to come, just write another of the same sort and tell her you do not expect a reply.

The letters for which we find room this month are supplementary to the annual reports and are as usual of thrilling interest. They indicate spiritual prosperity in all the stations heard from. Notice the accounts of baptisms at Shanghai and at Canton.

This number of the *Journal* will fall into the hands of some who are not subscribers. Can you afford to do without this opportunity for monthly communion with your representatives in foreign lands? Will you not help the cause by not only taking the paper yourself, but inducing others to do the same? Notice the terms, on this page, and observe the reduced rates on packages addressed to one person, who will distribute them.

Brother Geo. B. Taylor in his first report to the Board gave 7 as the number baptized during the year. Later he reported 25 as the number, but too late to have the correction made in the annual report.

CANTON JOTTINGS.

MISSION WORK IN CANTON.

At the first annual meeting of the Canton Missionary Conference some statistics were given of five missions having their centre of operations in our city. Three hundred and ninety-five converts were baptized in connection with these missions, and the whole number of members is 2,100. These are divided as follows: Wesleyan mission, 800; London mission, 380; Berlin (German) mission, 500; American Presbyterian mission, 600; American Baptist mission, 380. Total, 2,100.

AN ADVANCE.

The Canton Baptist church has lately called brother Tso Lune to be assistant pastor. He consented on condition that the church would raise the amount of his salary, (\$10 per month,) without any assistance from the mission funds. At the first communion service after the Chinese New Year the amount was subscribed, many of the brethren giving nobly. Brother Tso was installed pastor on March 2d, and baptized three candidates into the membership of the church.

AN AGED CONVERT.

On March 9th an old woman of 85 years was baptized in Canton. She had been attending our services at Tsing Yuen for months, but her oldest son and other relatives forbade her coming after the disturbances last autumn. She has recently come to live with a younger son, who is a Christian, and said her mind was fully made up to confess her faith in Jesus. How many at home will be condemned at the last day by the faith of this trembling, aged believer?

A TRIUMPH OF GRACE.

On the same day brother Tso baptized a woman from the country who has long been an opposer of the gospel. She is a woman of much energy and force of character. When the gospel was first preached in her village she opposed it with all her might. When the two or three believers there met, she would go to the meeting and revile and scold so that all were afraid of her. Her husband became a believer, but was so overawed by her that he was afraid to join himself with the Christians. Last year, however her husband had strength given him to be baptized. Much prayer was offered by the Christians for his wife. On his return to his village his wife became so changed that the people said the husband must have given her some "temper-subduing pills," or some other Christian medicine. A month ago she yielded so far that she came to Canton to visit her brother-in-law, who is a Christian. After resisting the Spirit for some time, she saw a friend of hers baptized, and says that from that time she yielded her heart to Christ, and began to call on God to forgive her sins. The hearts of the believers have been filled with joy at this answer to their prayers. Let this trophy of grace encourage others to pray for the conversion of the Chinese.

SOME GOOD RESULTS OF THE WAR.

As many a fragrant wood gives out its fragrance only when struck by the axe, or placed in the fire, so many improvements are forced on a country by the pressure of war. The present difficulties with France have led to the construction of a line of telegraph from here to the Annam border, and another line is in progress from Canton to Shanghai, and so to Peking. Shiu Hing and Ng-Chau, where I have been so often separated by a journey of days from all foreigners, are soon to be in telegraphic communication with Canton. Thus war drives in the small edge of the wedge of progress.

Another good resulting from the war has been that hundreds of young men from the distant interior of China who have never heard of Christ, nor seen a Christian book, come daily to our chapel and buy books. They speak a different dialect, and we cannot speak with them satisfactorily; but they see our methods of work and read our books. Some troops were quartered near our chapel at Tsing Yuen, and several of the officers strayed into the chapel. One of the military secretaries was so impressed that he brought a man to translate for him, and then brought his friends to hear. He has read many of the books, and says that Christianity is true. He spent last night at my house, and has taken a copy of the Bible to present to the Imperial High Commissioner, General Pang, in whose service he is.

God, who, "from evil still educes good," may over-rule these troublous times for the extension of his truth in China. For this let God's people be in earnest prayer.

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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, S. B. C.

[Abridged from the full report which will be published with the minutes of the Convention.]

Increased liberality, a growing missionary spirit, the general prosperity and gradual expansion of our work, and the opening of new fields call on us to thank God and take courage.

New Missionaries.

Ten names have been added to our list of American missionaries. Miss Emma Young, of Missouri, and Miss Mattie M. Roberts, of Kentucky, sailed for China on the 1st of December. On the 19th of September Rev. W. S. Walker, our missionary at Shanghai, married Miss Lillian Ellen Mateer, of Tung Chow, now in this country with her husband, who is sadly broken in health. On the 20th of March, F. M. Myers, of Ky., and C. E. Smith, of Ark., were appointed for Africa; J. M. Joiner, of La., E. E. Davault, of Tenn., and F. C. Hickson, of S. C., for China. Brethren Hickson and Smith are married men. In no year since the organization of the Convention have so many or more promising missionaries been enrolled by this Board.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reports \$80,465.87—the largest amount ever received in one year. The sum reported last year was \$15,800 above the average receipts for twelve years; and the sum this year exceeds that by \$23,500. The average of these two years is three times as much as the average contributions of the fifteen years preceding the war. Had the amount been \$100,000, \$20,000 of it might have been wisely appropriated to church-houses.

The receipts include two bequests, viz: \$4,488.75 from the estate of Mrs. Ellington, of Tuskegee, Ala., secured by a compromise of the litigation mentioned last year, and \$500, a legacy of the late James Headen, of Talladega, Ala.

In addition to various statements and appeals, kindly published by the weekly press, the Board has sent out 74,000 tracts, leaflets and papers. Many of these have been distributed through the Vice-Presidents, who will report to the Convention.

Woman's Work.

In accordance with instructions, the Board is represented in all the States by carefully selected woman-committees, to whom have been furnished gratuitously in the past ten years 28,520 mite-boxes. This expenditure by the Board, has been rewarded a hundred-fold. These committees report 642 societies, which have contributed \$16,895.58 to our treasury this year, and, perhaps, an aggregate of \$75,000 in the past ten years. And the Board congratulates our Southern sisters that the natural tendency to separate organization is resisted by them, and that our respective works for the spread of the gospel promise to go on under the fostering care of common associations and conventions, and in God's universal way of adverse tendencies limiting each other.

Foreign Mission Journal.

This paper, ably edited, self-supporting, increasing in circulation, instinct with the spirit of missions, and occupying a sphere peculiar to itself, is one of the most indispensable agents for the prosecution of the offices of the Board. It publishes together the offerings of the churches and the doings of the missionaries. Our missionaries also need a stated survey of the whole mission field, as well as our pastors and others who wish to be fully, and often speedily, informed as to all our mission work. It furnishes an organ independent and unrestricted, through which the peculiar interests committed to the Board, with its plans and policies, may be advocated with unity and harmony in all parts of the paper. Being published at the seat of the Board, missionary documents are accessible without inconvenience, and the monthly acknowledgment of contributions, which is of importance and requires much care, is less liable to typographical errors. The JOURNAL, as the right arm of the Board of Foreign Missions, should be upheld by the emphatic endorsement of the Convention, and by the patronage of every Baptist of the South. The paper closed its fiscal year (April 1st,) with all expenses paid, a contribution of \$50 to the Treasury for Mexican schools, and a balance of \$112.10 to its credit in bank.

Death of Mrs. George B. Taylor.

The evangelical papers of Europe and America have united in paying tributes to the memory of our sister who fell on sleep in the city of Rome, Italy, on the seventh day of last March, and whose name is worthy to be enrolled with the eminent wo-

man missionaries of modern times. She fell a martyr to her work and a witness even in death, to the power of the Gospel she had so faithfully commended to others. Friends of many nations and creeds, and of no creed, vied with one another in honoring her memory and in showing their sympathy with the bereaved husband and children.

AFRICAN MISSION.

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

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

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

Statistics: Baptized, 31; Pupils, 196; Church members, say 125; Contributions, \$82.53.

Brother Stone, located at Ogbomoshaw, with whom all intercourse had been cut off for a year, has appeared at Lagos and reported that, though locked in by the enemy, he had continued at work and baptized five hopeful converts. He has returned to his station, and needs, in his trying situation, the special sympathy and prayers of God's people.

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

The school-house is erected. It cost \$411.13.3. While the teaching at present is elementary, it will be gradually elevated and ultimately adapted to the training of native preachers.

Recovered in health, which was sorely tried in the process of acclimation, brother Eubank, with his noble wife, is hard at work in Abbeokuta—hopeful and yet not unmoved by the many difficulties in the way of success.

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

The Board has appointed to Africa as stated above, Rev. F. M. Myers and Rev. C. E. Smith. Other American missionaries should be forthcoming for this field. As to African co-workers, the conviction of the mission is strong that they are greatly needed; and that they should be natives of Africa.

EUROPEAN MISSION.

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

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

Statistics: Baptized, 25; Sunday-school scholars, 112; Church membership, 220.

Dr. Taylor has had treble duty in Rome, as brother Eager has been absent much of the time, and there is now no native pastor in that city; but with earnest spirit and patient toil he bears the heat and burden of his own field, while with paternal anxiety he carries on his mind and heart the care of all the churches. This year the mission has had its full share of trials, not the least among which was the defection from orthodox views of Signor Cocorda, and his consequent separation from our work. About the same time we secured the services of Nicholas Papengouth, son of the missionary Count Papengouth, of Naples—a young man cultured and devoted, and highly commended by Mr. Spurgeon.

On brother Eager were laid for awhile the responsibilities of disbursing the finances, conducting correspondence, and visiting many of the stations. Mrs. Eager is now in this country, and expects to attend the Convention. On her return in the fall, they will probably make their home in Naples.

Signor Paschetto, after a pastorate of six years in Milan, has gone to Torre Pellice. He is peculiarly fitted for that difficult and delicate position.

Signor Volpi has had many trials and afflictions in his field, but bears them bravely and continues to preach the Word to a goodly number of hearers.

Signor Cossu, on the Island of Sardinia, has good audiences, and is stirring many by the publication of a little paper.

At other stations the work goes on with little of special interest.

An assembly to discuss closer union and co-operation among evangelical Christians has been called to meet in Florence. We shall be represented there by brethren Taylor, Eager and Paschetto. Last October the Apostolical Baptist Union was formed and its first general meeting will be held in Turin, while the Convention is in session in Baltimore. It is unnecessary to say that in neither of these movements will the principles dear to American Baptists be compromised by our representatives.

CHINA MISSIONS.

Tung Chow Mission: P. O. Chefoo—T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes,

Miss L. Moon, N. W. Halcomb, C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Pruitt, Miss M. M. Roberts, E. E. Davault.

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

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

Statistics: Missionaries and native assistants, 65; stations and outstations, 17; baptized, 65; church members, 611; pupils, 306; contributions, \$677.30.

TUNG CHOW MISSION.

The Sunday-schools, Bible-classes, prayer-meetings and public services have all been sustained as in former years. Baptized, 9; members, 109; hopeful enquirers, four or five.

Dr. Crawford in addition to his usual work in the study and chapel, has given himself to street-preaching four times a week. Mrs. Crawford and Miss Moon, besides school work, have visited in the city and in a hundred villages. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have spent the year mainly in study; they have made two tours to Whang Hien. Mr. Halcomb has had charge of a boys' school and has made two tours for preaching and recruiting—one in the spring, to Whang Hien; the other in the fall, when he traveled more than 750 miles, besides detours; marked out a line of stations to be regularly visited, and baptized one person into the church at Shang-tswang.

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

SHANGHAI MISSION.

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

Kwui-San is in charge of the native pastor, who has four services weekly, with good congregations. There has been more than ordinary interest.

At *Soo-Chow* a chapel has been built, and a church of seven members was organized on the 10th of June. Dr. Yates baptized two men in their "granite baptistery." The crowd that rushes into the chapel is so great that disturbance is constantly threatened.

In *Ching-Kiang*, a city of some 200,000 inhabitants, Mr. and Mrs. Hunnux are stationed, and faithfully laboring. The Board has authorized Dr. Yates to purchase property here, for chapel and residence, for 5,000 taels, equal to \$6,172.84 gold.

Dr. Yates appeals for a reinforcement of six married men, three for Soo-Chow, three for Ching Kiang. He adds: "This will require a large outlay of money, and will try the courage and faith and patience of the Board, but we must have them. We cannot do the work without the men, and the men cannot work without shelter to keep them in health. We must have men from home, for we cannot yet trust native agency."

Nine have been added by baptism and letter, and one hundred and seven is the church membership. The wrecked health of brother Walker, which forced his return to this country, should elicit the profound sympathy of the denomination. Miss McCown, who is assigned to this mission, has graduated in medicine at Philadelphia, and will pursue for a year a post graduate course, for the sake of hospital practice and special study of the eye.

CANTON MISSION.

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

In October a church of 41 members was organized at T'sing-Yuen.

With the exception of a few days after the Canton riot, daily preaching has been conducted and the usual tours have been made in the country.

The chapel built by the native Christians, at a cost of \$1,600, was greatly injured by a mob. It has been repaired and is re-occupied by these liberal children of our heavenly Father. They not only support their own preacher, but rent a chapel and support a preacher in the country.

Despite opposition, a new station has been maintained at San Hing. A weekly service has been held in our Honan school, though the women have been frightened away. Since the demolition of the chapel in N'g-Chau last year, services have been suspended, and the question of indemnity is before the authorities. At S'g Ni the people seem to care but little for their souls; but 1,152 patients have sought relief from the dispensary there. Tracts, gospels, and parts of Scripture, numbering 16,720, have been distributed, and \$51.68 has been realized from sales.

Ten schools have been maintained, with an average attendance of 134. Members at Canton, 221; at Shiu Hing, 44; at T'sing-Yuen, 41; at Hong Kong and Long Island, 80. Total, 386.

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

BRAZILIAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. B. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, Z. C. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, and one native assistant.

Stations: Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Barbara.

Statistics: Baptized, 20; Sunday-school scholars, 30; Membership, 70.

Our missionaries say: "God has graciously enabled us to turn many to the way of life, and given us health and strength to keep up all departments of our work. We have baptized twenty, and the feeble church of a year ago has grown to a strong body of twenty-five earnest workers for Christ. They are full of zeal, and labor with their friends and relatives, and induce many to give heed to the gospel. We are now preaching from six to eight sermons a week and at six different places in the city, and converse daily with many persons interested in their soul's salvation. There are now twelve persons who seem to be earnestly seeking salvation. The Brazilians are a reading people, and the press is a great power. We need a publishing fund, as there is no Baptist literature in Portuguese."

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

THE KABYLES.

On the 5th of January Rev. E. F. Baldwin, of North Carolina, started on a tour of inspection among this interesting people of Northwestern Africa. His letters are encouraging, and report the administration of the ordinance of baptism under very unique circumstances. The baptized were Rev. and Mrs. Lamb, of Scotland, who had gone out as Presbyterian missionaries, and a Kabyle.

The report contains a full account of the country and people, and of the efforts hitherto made to carry them the gospel.

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

MEXICAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. D. Powell, Mrs. Powell, W. M. Flournoy, Mrs. Flournoy, Miss Annie J. Mayberry.

Native Pastor: Proferio Rodriguez, with six native assistants.

Stations: Saltillo, Progreso, Juarez, Sabinas, Musquez.

Statistics: Baptized and received by letter, 52; Scholars, 40; Church members, 117. Brother Flournoy has travelled extensively on horseback and by rail, holding religious meetings and circulating tracts and Scriptures. Mrs. Flournoy has a school with more than forty girls in regular attendance.

In Saltillo a deep interest has pervaded the congregation. There have been baptisms every month, and for several months every week. *El Herald Mexicano*, owned and edited by brethren Powell and Cardenas, has proven a success, and is carrying Bible truth into many homes. Reinforcements are earnestly sought to occupy new fields. At the earliest moment possible missionaries should be sent to San Louis Potosi, Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, Durango and Chihuahua, each of which cities has more than fifty thousand inhabitants. The people are begging for the word of life. It is essential that missionaries should be sent to Parras and Patos, in Coahuila, where the Board has agreed to establish schools.

School Enterprise.

The report contains a full account of the arrangements entered into for opening schools at Saltillo, Parras and Patos, and

for the purchase and completion of an unfinished temple for the use of the church at the first-named place. It contains also the translation of an eloquent appeal to the Convention from the pen of Senhor Cardenas. These documents cannot be fairly abridged.

SUMMARY.

The number of our missionaries, native and foreign, is 95; their stations and out-stations are 42; they have baptized 195; the increase of membership has been 175; the pupils of the Sunday and day-schools number 684; our church membership is 1,141; the contributions on the fields amount to \$1,077; the home receipts have been \$80,463.87. The work is expanding signally in each of the five continents in which our missionaries labor. Next year at least five chapels should be built, and at least ten additional missionaries should be sent out. Our Mexican enterprise needs a heavy outlay of money. Into all our advances the Board has been led seemingly by the hand of Providence. The past inspires gratitude; the future stimulates faith. The Board expects to go forward, depending on the liberality of the churches and claiming the promise of the Saviour: "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From April 30th, 1883, to April 30th, 1884, inclusive.

1883.	Receipts.
April 30—Balance per report to the Convention.....	\$ 6,160 10
1884.	
April 30—Alabama.....	\$ 7,488 33
Arkansas.....	1,080 79
Dis. Columbia.....	68 28
Florida.....	514 35
Georgia.....	6,094 00
Kentucky.....	10,474 40
Louisiana.....	1,301 30
Maryland.....	4,945 03
Mississippi.....	3,013 27
Missouri.....	6,211 89
New York.....	300 00
N. Carolina.....	4,562 64
S. Carolina.....	7,690 83
Tennessee.....	2,158 83
Texas.....	12,804 29
Virginia.....	10,377 04
W. Virginia.....	121 27
Other States.....	96 75
	\$79,903 29
Isaac Davis fund, int.....	250 00
Maryland fund, int.....	70 00
Missionary Society of Richmond Female Institute, int.....	24 00
Estate of John Borders.....	218 58
	\$ 562 58
Bills Payable.....	3,000 00
	\$89,625 97

Disbursements.

China Missions:	
Canton.....	\$6,863 24
Tung Chow.....	7,269 48
Shanghai.....	6,346 88
	\$20,479 60
African Miss.....	5,746 65
Brazilian Mis.....	4,190 42
Mexican Miss.....	18,415 54
European Mis.....	10,364 00
Chapel at Torre Pellice.....	500 00
Kabylian Mis.....	600 00
	\$66,296 21
Agency Expenses:	
Georgia.....	641 94
Kentucky.....	1,770 20
Texas.....	1,800 00
Louisiana.....	37 80
Missouri.....	1,063 00
N. Carolina.....	236 81
Mississippi.....	287 38
Tennessee.....	25 19
Florida.....	48 85
Expenses of Vice-Presidents.....	617 74
	\$6,548 91
Cor. Sec'y.....	2,500 00
Cl'k for same.....	500 00
Travelling expenses of Cor. Sec.....	154 48
Rent of Mission Rooms.....	175 90
Interest.....	43 83
Printing.....	537 51
Mite-boxes.....	98 88
Fuel, &c.....	203 89
Bills payable.....	3,000 00
Balance.....	9,568 36
	\$89,625 97

FROM ITALY.

Since my last, written in the early part of February, I have had quite an experience. On the 14th of February I took my wife and children to Naples, and the next day accompanied them to a vessel bound for New York, and with a heavy heart bade them an eight months good-bye. This step was decided upon after some months of prayerful consideration, and not until I was fully persuaded that my wife absolutely needed the change. It was a long and fatiguing voyage for a young mother to make with her two little children, one a nursing babe; but a brave, Christian woman, when she makes up her mind, can do wonders. I was greatly relieved yesterday by the reception of a letter announcing their safe arrival in New York, after, however, an unusually long, tedious, and rather stormy voyage. In my loneliness I comfort myself with the thought that a few months stay in the bracing atmosphere of the Virginia mountains, in her father's home, will thoroughly restore the exhausted forces of the overtaxed wife and mother.

From Naples I came to Milan, to supply for a few months the place of Signor Paschetto, who has gone to Torre Pellice. A few days after my arrival in this city the sad news reached me of the sudden death of Mrs. Taylor, and, of course, I hastened at once to Rome to be present at the funeral, and to offer my sympathy and my services to the afflicted family. Before this arrives you will already have received the particulars of this unexpected and sad event. The whole Protestant circle of Rome was shocked at the news; for many, including myself, did not even know that Mrs. Taylor was ill. The sickness was of very brief duration, for death seemed impatient to claim his victim. But to such a one death has no terrors, let him come when or how he may. Mrs. Taylor had been a pious, consecrated, self-sacrificing Christian from early childhood, and death was only the summons to come up higher. We buried her on a green spot in the beautiful Protestant cemetery of classical Rome. The bright sun-light that occasionally burst through the clouds which floated above us seemed almost like a smile from heaven, bidding us dry our tears and look away from the cold, gloomy grave, to the light and joy of eternity. We are human, and my heart aches when I think of how sorely Mrs. Taylor will be missed in the family circle, in the church, and by hundreds of friends who knew and loved her so well. She was a woman who impressed herself upon all who met her, and to know her was to admire and love her. To human eyes her death seems untimely; but not so in the sight of God, who can and will make even this mysterious dispensation, this serious affliction, redound to his glory and our spiritual good. As the old missionaries one by one are called from the field of battle, may it please God to supply their places with a double number of strong, capable and consecrated young men and women.

After a week's stay in Rome I returned to Milan, where I shall probably remain till the last of May. We are expecting brother Nicholas Papengouth to join me about the first of May, to take permanent charge of our church in this city. We have some excellent brethren here and the outlook is encouraging. Some of our members are well qualified to instruct a congregation, and if the pastor is called away for a few days, as for example when I went to Rome, the meetings go on as usual. This church has been instructed and trained by two able men, Signors Cocorda and Paschetto, the latter having been the pastor for about six years. The brethren are greatly grieved at his being called to another field, and give him up most reluctantly; for he is respected and loved by all, not in his own church only, but in other denominations as well. He is a firm Baptist and is true to his principles under all circumstances, and is peculiarly fitted for the difficult and delicate position in Torre Pellice.

Thus far my work in Milan has been pleasant and stimulating. The brethren gave me a hearty welcome; the congregations have been quite good, and I have had unusual liberty in preaching. We have four services a week besides the Sunday-school. In addition, I am endeavoring to verify the assertion that "a house-going pastor will make a church-going people." Thus far the experiment is working excellently. I feel quite much like a pastor at home, and regret that my stay with these good brethren will necessarily be so short.

It is likely that I shall spend the summer months with Signor Martinelli in Modena, Carpi, and other places where he preaches the gospel. But of this I will write later.

Dr. Taylor and I have both felt for some time that our work in Naples needed reinforcement, and we have both concluded that it seems best for me to make that city my home and my centre of labor. Our plans are not yet well formed for Rome or for Naples, but you will know the particulars, either from Dr. Taylor or myself, in due time

When I am once settled in Naples, and get to work, I shall very likely make an appeal to the Board for means to build a chapel in that great city. I hope to begin work there early in September.

A recent letter from Dr. Taylor states that he is in usual health and hard at work. Just now he is on double duty; but it is doubtless a special and merciful providence for him. He says his last sermon was on the joys of heaven, and though it was preached specially to comfort his own heart, its good effect was seen upon others also. Miss Mary has stepped quietly but efficiently into her mother's place in the church work. Her perfect command of the language, having learned it as a child and studied it diligently ever since, is a treasure to her now. Dr. Taylor's children speak almost equally well three languages—English, Italian and French.

We all rejoice at the great opening before the Board in Mexico, and at the wonderful success that has attended the labors of brother Powell. Popery, like every other system of error, is doomed; but the old giant will not die without a long, desperate struggle. The work in Italy is slow, but it seems to me the outlook is better than ever. I find much to encourage me in Milan. Several of the churches have large and flourishing congregations. The Waldensians and the Free church have each a membership of about two hundred and fifty. The Waldensians have secured an excellent house of worship, which has helped their work greatly. Our faithful brethren here greatly need and deserve a chapel of their own. I say Amen to the suggestion that we have a Church Building Fund of the Foreign Mission department.

Affectionately,
JOHN H. EAGER.

FROM HONG KONG.

FEBRUARY 18, 1884.

Please do not think because I write from Hong Kong that we have been driven off from Canton. I am here to look after our work. Dr. Graves thought it would be better for me to have charge of it this year.

Three years ago when I took the work here and at Long Island, twelve miles distant, I determined to make it self-sustaining as far as possible. As our members here are mostly Te-Chiu people, we have not given much time to them in the way of preaching; but as I find that most of them understand Cantonese, we expect to give them more attention. And now we have several Cantonese members, and wish to have preaching in both dialects. This will necessitate our getting a larger and more central house. Rents are very high here as compared with Canton, and just now many of the wealthier Chinese from Canton and other places have moved here to escape trouble should there be war between China and France. This makes rents higher. This is, therefore, an expensive place for mission work, compared with the mainland, and yet it is very important. There is a very large and increasing number of wealthy people; there the shipping of many nations meet, and the foreign trade is now largely in the hands of Chinese merchants. Many of the Chinese who go abroad and make money prefer to live here under English rule rather than at their old homes.

In order to follow up and utilize the good effects of missions in San Francisco, Portland, and other parts of America, among the Chinese, we must have a station here. I am trying to get a place that will do for a kind of headquarters for our members as they come and go to these foreign countries. We hope ere long to interest the Chinese Christians abroad in this work, and get them to sustain it.

As to my success in getting outside help, when I took the work from Mrs. Johnson she gave me about \$300, and Dr. William Dean, of Bangkok, Siam, has each year sent us \$50. About two months ago I received a check of \$100 from two Chinese brethren—Dong Gong and Sied Bok, of Portland, Oregon. The Chinese brethren in Portland propose to help us more if we can get a suitable house.

There are now about forty members in Hong Kong, and about thirty on Long Island. Seven were baptized here last year. These are mostly very poor, and yet they help considerably in the way of rent.

I may write more before I go back to Canton. Pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,
E. Z. SIMMONS.

GOOD NEWS FROM CANTON.

FEBRUARY 18, 1884.

I am glad to know that the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL is prospering so; trust it will prove a power for good in all our Southern lands.

I am happy to say that matters are quite quiet in Canton now. Our congregations have never been larger or more attentive than of late, especially in the winter-time, when our heathen congregations are smaller

than in the hot weather. A woman, the wife of one of our members, was baptized two Sundays ago. She is now in Mrs. Graves' class, and is learning to read the Bible very well.

Our Canton church, at my request, has chosen an assistant pastor. The choice fell upon brother Tso Sune, pastor of the Shiu Hing church. He promised to come only on the condition that his support—\$10 a month—should come from the church, and not from the mission. I was glad he took this stand, as it made another step towards self-support. To pay him and a visitor whom the church employ we needed \$150. I preached a sermon on "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," &c., and told the brethren that we foreign members would raise the \$50, provided the Chinese would subscribe the \$100. Through God's blessing, some \$87 were at once pledged, which has been increased since, and will no doubt soon reach \$100.

We have laid out our work for the year, and are making our plans to extend it as far as we have the men and the means. Brother Simmons is in Hong Kong arranging for the work there, and also trying to recover his strength, which has been reduced by a fever.

Our Boys' boarding school has opened with fifteen scholars, all of them children of our members, for whom the school is especially designed. The Girls' schools do not open well, and I fear will not have a good attendance until matters are settled in An-nam.

I believe with you that the troubles here will result in the furtherance of the gospel. We certainly have realized the value of the prayers of the churches and friends at home, for our minds have been to an unusual degree kept in peace, and our trust has been simply stayed upon God. We have tried simply to go along and do our duty, taking no notice of the threats and reproaches of the people, knowing that God will take care of us as long as he has work for us to do. Many texts of God's Word have shone out with unwonted brightness during the darkness of the night that has passed over us, and have filled our souls with their sweet, soft light.

We rejoice to hope that we may soon be reinforced by some of the brethren who are thinking of China as their field of labor.

Yours fraternally,
R. H. GRAVES.

FROM SHANGHAI.

MARCH 18, 1884.

Thanks for your note of December 20, 1883. I will try to find time to comply with your request. I find that as one grows in years in the business of trying to save souls, work seems to accumulate; but by-and-by we shall have a long time to rest.

My wife and daughter make their contribution for missions in the way of a boarding-school for girls, after their own plan. They provide the house, furniture and teacher. The children who are able to do so are required to pay for their board and clothing; those who are not able to do this are furnished with what they need. Binding of the feet is not allowed. This is not the popular method. If they had not restricted their scholars to girls with natural feet, the school would have been much larger. But they will not lend their aid to maiming children for life. Their school at present consists of eight as nice and well-behaved girls as you could find in any country. With the teacher at the organ and the scholars in a group near by, singing our good old tunes at the Sunday morning services, they, by contrast with the others, constitute "a thing of beauty." Last Sabbath, the 10th, it was my great privilege to baptize the three oldest of the school-girls, aged 18, 17 and 15, respectively. The mother and grandmother of the youngest are members of the church, and were present to witness the baptism. Commencing at the head of the school is a good beginning. The influence of the teacher, who is a member of the church, and of the three oldest girls in school, will be good upon the younger members and subsequent new comers; and being thoroughly taught in the Scriptures, some of them can repeat from memory several of the four gospels. When they become heads of families we may reasonably expect that their influence will be as incense, directing all the members of the family to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. O, it was a real pleasure to me to perform that baptismal service. There was joy in this city on that day. And when, after baptism, I gave them the right hand of fellowship, and extended to the sisters the privilege of doing likewise, there was a rush to grasp the hands of the young sisters; and as they did so, they nearly all laughed audibly. That is a way of theirs—when they feel happy they do not shout, but laugh. There was joy in heaven, too. O, let us all praise the Lord, and engage more heartily in giving the word of life to these perishing millions!

Faithfully,
M. T. YATES.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts for foreign missions are much larger than ever before in the history of the Convention. A comparison of the contributions with those of a year ago shows that there has been a general advance—three States only fall below last year's report, and they by a very few dollars. The principal gains have been in Arkansas, over 300 per cent; in Alabama, (by the help of bequests,) just 300; in Texas, over 200; in Florida, nearly 200; and in Maryland and Louisiana, a little less than 100 per cent. All these have come fully up to the quotas assigned them in the apportionment of \$100,000. The rest of the increase comes chiefly from Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri and South Carolina.

It is proper to add that of the whole increase, (\$25,000,) over last year's receipts \$5,000 come from bequests and some \$12,000 from special contributions made for schools and buildings in Mexico; therefore \$8,000 represents the advance in regular contributions for the general work. This, while gratifying indeed, is not enough to be proud of, nor at all commensurate with the enlargement of our working force already made, much less with the urgent calls for more men in all our fields.

One of the most encouraging features in the report is that, though paying the missionaries quarterly in advance, it has been necessary to borrow only \$3,000. How this necessity arose will be made plain by a glance at the acknowledgments in this number of the JOURNAL. More than one-fourth of the year's receipts came in during the last month, and about \$9,000 of this on the very last day of the financial year. If a portion of this money could have been forwarded three or four months earlier, the necessity would not have arisen. However, the improvement over any previous period has been marked, and we heartily congratulate the brethren on the manifest increase of regularity and system in the collection and forwarding of funds.

The facts just referred to explain also the balance on hand, (\$9,500). If the report had been closed twenty-four hours earlier, it would not have been on hand; so, also, if the report had been closed later, for it will be consumed in a few days in meeting drafts now on their way through the financial channels which connect our various missions with the treasury. We enter the current year with largely increased liabilities for support of our missions.

In the column of disbursements two items deserve a word of explanation. The amount charged to Mexican mission, (\$18,400,) includes some \$12,000 contributed especially for that work and already expended in the purchase and fitting up of grounds and buildings. The amount charged to European mission, (\$10,900,) includes five quarterly drafts, covering, therefore, the expenditures there not for one year only, but for fifteen months.

The report as a whole is, in comparison with previous ones, very good; but very poor if compared with the numbers and ability of Southern Baptists, and with their obligations to Christ and to the world. Let us thank God, take courage, and determine, one and all, to do even better in the coming year.

THE WORK IN BRAZIL.

BAHIA, March 27, 1884.

Allow us the privilege of presenting to Southern Baptists a Brazilian church of twenty-five members. We are now in the midst of a revival, continuous from December last, that grows brighter every day. The prospect is now that we will number near if not forty by the meeting of the Convention. There are a half dozen applications now, with double that number deeply concerned. A priest has asked prayer for himself; his son and two daughters are attendants at worship. One of the daughters told her father she was seeking the true religion, the new birth, and when she found it she would follow it at any cost or sacrifice.

We feel we can no longer be circumscribed by the limits of the city, but after having testified of Jesus in various parts of it, we are now reaching out into the interior.

Several of the members are anxious to accompany us in carrying the gospel to their relatives in surrounding villages. Though poor, some spend whole days working for Jesus. It is pathetic to hear their reports. All assured and alive with the fact of their salvation, they go out persuading their friends to repent and be saved now; that they have been saved, and that their friends can be saved also. Some laugh at the idea of a present salvation, and tell them they have gone crazy.

An amusing incident occurred between a believer's little son and a padre. The father had already indoctrinated the boy on images—that they were nothing more than pieces of dumb wood. Seated in the padre's house, he looked up at the images and said: "Senhor Padre, you don't worship that image, do you? I don't; it is nothing but a piece of wood." The padre stamped his foot, saying, "Hush up, boy; have you gone mad, too?" The new converts are reported to have gone crazy.

The padres avoid saying anything about us in the papers now, but teach in their pulpits and at confessions that we are demons and devils; that we treat the body kindly, but that the souls of all who join us will be lost eternally. While preaching at a member's house last week the assistant to the vicar at the cathedral came to the window and listened some twenty minutes. The part of the sermon to which he listened was on the necessity of the new birth, certainly strange news to him.

A Sacristan is one of the number baptized recently.

The province of Ceara, in north Brazil, has declared that from the 25th of March, 1884, all slaves in her territory shall be free.

The Government is seizing on the padres' convents, which has and is calling out threats against all who buy, sell, or participate in said sales. The great loss by the Pope recently of the enormous propaganda fund has added to their lamentations.

The winter rains have set in strong. How anxiously we are looking for brother— to be sent out to our aid; also that the Board will consent to our renewed request that brother Bagby be sent to Rio de Janeiro. Baptist principles are worthy of a wider circulation. While we could utilize even more force at this point, still we feel it a great necessity to scatter and occupy more ground. Our young brethren take the part of assistants, which we needed at first. Let the force scatter out, whether to Rio or fields entirely without knowledge of the pure gospel. Our house here has become too strait for us, making it necessary to divide, even here in the city; so the new field could be as cheaply and easily chosen in another great city. May great blessings follow the Convention in Baltimore. Up, the world for Jesus.

Z. C. TAYLOR.

TUNG CHOW.

FEBRUARY 14, 1884.

To prevent a wrong impression, allow me to correct a word in my letter published in the December number of the JOURNAL. I spoke there of my "Bible woman." The term was used thoughtlessly, to avoid circumlocution, and as a sort of accommodation to my readers. In the ordinary use of the word, I have no Bible woman—and have never had any. Mrs. Mung, to whom I referred, is my servant, having time and inclination to assist me a good deal in my Christian labors. When our native churches feel the need of such teachers, and have suitable persons for the work, I shall rejoice to see them put them into it; but let it not be done with foreign money.

M. F. C.

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.

NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

Treasurers of our mission stations, in drawing quarterly for funds for their missions, will let their drafts cover contributions acknowledged in the JOURNAL, as specially for persons or works of their respective missions, in accordance with the rules of the Board for special contributions.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

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

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From March 17th to April 30th, 1884.

ALABAMA.—J. M. Soc., Tuskegee ch., by Miss H. M. Hill (of which \$20 for Mexican missions), \$27.65; Mrs. R. B. Sargent, Russellville, proceeds of her son's Missionary Convention, \$20; Pineapple ch., by D. W. Ramsey, pastor, \$10; Palmist St. ch., Mobile, by C. A. Pearce, balance of pledge to Powell for Mexican schools, \$50; Jones Stephens, Coosa Co., by J. S. Mahaffy, \$1.45; net proceeds of bequest of Mrs. M. D. Ellington, late of Tuskegee, by W. H. Barnes, Att'y at Law, \$4,488.75; Legacy of late James Headen, by J. D. D. Renfro, V. Pres., \$500; by J. D. Harrell, Mt. Pisgah ch., \$5; and L. M. Soc. of same, \$6; First ch., Enfield, by R. B. Hart, Jr., \$20; by T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., (of which \$2.40 for Italian missions, \$18 for Mexican missions, \$12.50 for Powell's work in Mexico, and \$24 for Bible woman with Miss Whilden, Canton), \$190. Total, \$5,369.37.

ARKANSAS.—M. S. Miller, Ozark, \$20; Miss Roberta Ruckner, by C. W. Callahan, \$21; Springfield ch., by R. F. Wilson, \$10; sundry parties, by J. A. Johnson, Morrilton, \$5.40; Shover Spring ch., by J. J. Byers, \$5.40; N. O. Denison, Warren, \$5; J. K. Brandaway, Rondo, by J. A. Johnson, \$4.90; Mt. Zion ch., by S. W. Cochran, \$25; Lake Village ch., by J. G. H. Shams, \$58.75; R. E. Tucker, Bryant, \$2; Bartholomew ch., by Hogan Allen, \$10; Wm. B. Lewis, Lee Camden, \$2; Hope ch., by J. D. Jameson, pastor for support of J. H. Fager, \$20; El Dorado ch., by J. M. Hertz, \$5; Spring Creek ch., by I. C. Robertson, \$7.50; Atkins ch., by D. J. Warren, \$5.30; Ozark Miss. Band, by Mrs. A. L. Crundup, Pres., \$10; Loneoke ch., by J. D. Fletcher, \$15.50; by J. B. Scarce, F. M. S., \$40; Lake Village ch., by Miss Mattie McConr, \$21; Mrs. M. M. Morris, and M. L. Morton, \$2; Gen. Asso., West Ark., and Indian Territory, \$2; Corvair, \$1; C. A. Gowen, Cedarville, \$2; Carrie and Joseph Scott, from their S. S. classes, Maywell, 75c each, \$1.50; First ch., Fort Smith, by John Ayers, Tr., \$23.45; G. Norworthy, New London, \$10. Total, \$382.45.

CALIFORNIA.—Chinese ch., San Francisco, by J. B. Hartwell, \$10.25.

FLORIDA.—By W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec. and Tr., \$142.50.

GEORGIA.—W. M. Soc., West Point ch., by J. W. Bishop, \$14; S. S., "Warren" chapel Macon, for Bros. Walker and Pruitt, by Hugh M. Willett, Supt., \$3.35; by G. W. Tumbull, Calhoun ch., \$10; and W. M. Soc. of same, \$5; Bible class, First ch., Atlanta, by C. J. Lee, \$3; Smyrna ch., by W. A. Overton, \$4; Rockmart ch., by James McBride, \$8; A Friend, \$45; by J. H. DeVette, Tr. M. B., (of which \$23.75 from W. M. Soc. of Carrollville ch., for Miss Moon, \$15 from W. M. Soc. of a Grace 7 College, \$10 from W. M. Soc. of Holmes, \$200 from Second ch., Atlanta, \$15 from W. M. Soc. of Crawford ch., for Woman's Work in China; \$50 from Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Shorter College, for Miss Moon; \$41.50 from Woman's Miss. Soc., Second ch., Atlanta, for Mexican schools; Warrenton ch., \$15; and A. S. Morgan, of Warrenton ch., for W. L. Kilpatrick's pledge for Mexican schools, \$1,298.66. Total, \$1,891.01.

INDIANA.—Mrs. Bettie P. Kinsley, New Maysville, by J. R. Graves, \$2.50.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—W. P. Blake, Missionary, Enfield, on account of pledge at Waco for "Mexican building fund," \$10.

KENTUCKY.—Collins at Miss. S. Schools, Louisville, by Jno. A. Haynes, Tr. Miss. Soc. S. B. T. Seminary, \$1.25; Mt. Sterling ch., by R. T. Bean, Tr., \$64.75; by T. T. Eaton, V. P. Mrs. S. S. St. Louis, \$1; and W. B. Moody, \$6.75; Louisville ch., by G. F. Bateman, Tr., \$30; by Jno. T. Middleton, Tr. Buffalo Lick ch., \$30; and Christiansburg ch., \$23.55; Campbellsville ch., by W. B. Arvine, for Jno. R. Davis, \$14; Cox's Creek ch., by J. M. Sallee, pastor, \$75; by T. T. Eaton, account Louisville subscriptions in Mexican school enterprise, \$1,100; also by same, for Children's Miss. Soc. of Walnut St. ch., Louisville, \$1; for Miss. Soc. of Mexican School Enterprise, and \$10 for educating out of African children, per Mrs. Davis, \$30; by W. H. Lewis, Tr., \$10; Children's For. Miss. Soc., S. S. of Owenion ch., by J. C. Revell, \$30.35; by J. H. Dorman, Tr. Miss. Board Concord Asso., \$50; Davies Co. M. Board, by Jas. H. Parish, Tr., \$35; G. C. Lovelace, Massach., by J. H. Shuck, \$2.40; S. S. Cable St. ch., Louisville, by H. H. Roberts, for Miss Mattie Roberts for S. S. work in China, \$12.55; Miss Ellen Spurge, send Testaments to heathen children, by J. G. Kendall, cor. First Cold ch., Lexington, by R. Ryland, \$3.67; by R. L. Thurman, Agt., \$1,063.50; Loneoke ch., by A. W. Richardson, \$13.25; New Bethel ch., by R. W. Morehead, \$18; Walnut St. ch., Louisville, by Theodore Spelden, Tr., (of which \$50 for "Mexican Building Fund," \$220; Chs. of Gasper River Asso., by F. M. Welburn, through T. Spelden, \$15; Bowling Green ch., by M. Miller, pastor, \$25; Bloomfield ch., by Thos. Hall, \$10; Wm. Soc., \$20; First ch., by Mary C. Ryan, \$30; Madison St. ch. and S. S. Convention, by J. W. Walker, \$37.42; L. Aid and Miss. Soc., Sharpshurg ch., by J. K. Nunley, \$15; Mt. Pleasant ch., Shelby Co., by O. L. Hall, pastor, \$13.25; Sulphur Fork Asso., by O. S. Porter, Tr., \$14.62; First ch., Covington, by C. M. Rondonish, Tr., \$28.65; Miss. Board Bethel Asso., by C. S. Long, Tr., \$43.20; Lebanon ch., by A. C. Graves, \$20.10; Simpsonville ch., by T. A. Moore, \$22.60. Total, \$3,108.40.

LOUISIANA.—A little girl in S. S., Bayou Rouge ch., by Henry Benson, pastor, \$2; by J. A. Walker, M. Agt. Red River Asso., \$1; by J. A. Walker, \$1; and Gilgal ch., \$4.45; W. M. Soc., Saline, by M. V. Sweat, Sec., \$5; by C. W. Tomkins, Keechi ch., \$25; Sundry parties, \$17; S. S. Second ch., Mansfield, \$10; by Miss A. T. Perkins, Second ch., Mansfield, \$1 each for J. S. Tomkins and R. S. Ebbeloff, \$2; by J. A. Hackett, V. P. L. M. Soc., First ch., Shreveport, for Mexican Missions, \$5; L. M. Soc. of Shreveport, for Mexican Building, \$52.50; First ch., Shreveport, for "Mexican Building," \$20; balance pledge, \$25; by J. P. McElroy, Tr. La. C. B. Convention, for African Missions, \$15.50; Coushatta ch., by G. W. Hartfield, \$34; Young Christian Helpers, Monroe ch., by Miss Laura James, Tr., \$20; Coliseum Place ch., New Orleans, by J. R. Juden, Tr., for pledge "Mexican Building Fund," \$25; L. M. Soc., Salem ch., for Mrs. Crawford, by Miss A. D. Witherspoon, \$10. Total, \$226.45.

MARYLAND.—Echhart ch., by Joshua Levering, Vice-Pres., \$5; High St. ch., Baltimore, by James P. Frame, Tr., \$10; Seventh ch., Baltimore, by W. H. Perkins, Tr., \$218.90; Mt. Airy ch., Balto., by Henry Taylor, Tr., \$50; Eutaw Place ch., Balto., by Joshua Levering, \$135.57; Lee St. ch., Balto., by Geo. McGee, \$10; Franklin Square ch., Balto., by W. H. Rutherford, Tr., \$401.20; S. S. Eutaw Place ch., Balto., by J. Levering, for support of Cheung Kwong and the new station of San Hing, under charge of bro. R. H. Graves, \$140; First ch., Balto., by E. Calvin Williams, \$816; Hamden ch., Woodberry, by Joshua Levering, \$10.40; Annanuel ch., \$178.86; and S. S. of same, by A. J. Lowndes, Tr., \$53.14. Total, \$1,619.55.

MISSISSIPPI.—J. C. Robert, Centerville, \$10; Fellowship ch., by L. S. Foster, pastor, \$10; Wm. Thigpen, Jr., for his deceased father, for China Missions, \$50; Octobeha Asso., by L. B. Fancher, Tr., \$3; Clear Creek ch., by R. G. Hewlett, \$28; The Little Workers of Aberdeen, for girl in Miss Moon's school, by Miss Blanche Simpson, Cor. Sec., \$15; Providence ch., Grenada Co., by T. M. Talbert, \$4; by B. H. Whitfield, Sec., \$308.19; by S. H. Sibley, Hazlehurst ch., \$50.90; County Line ch., \$1.10; Mrs. Savage, Okolona, \$1.25; sundry churches, by O. D. Boe, \$10; Annanuel ch., Columbus, by Mrs. Bettie Gaston, \$1.00; Annanuel (colored) ch., Amite Co., for African missions, by J. C.

Robert, \$5.75; Mississippi Asso., by W. Z. Lea, \$20; Panola ch., by W. W. Dickens, \$25; Friendship ch., through Tr. John T. Mabry, by John Powell, \$4; Blue Mountain ch., by M. J. Jones, \$10; Bethesda ch., by A. H. Booth, \$5; W. M. Societies, by Mrs. A. J. Quinche, Cor. Sec., \$33.48; J. M. Soc., Carrollton ch., for Mrs. Sewn, by Mrs. E. W. Mathews, Tr., \$1.40; First ch., Meridian, by R. H. Gill, Tr., \$9.95; M. P. Lowrey, from Ripley and other churches, (of which \$2.80 from Amaziah ch., through W. E. Berry,) \$20.10; New Hope ch., by O. D. Bowen, \$8.20; Columbus ch., by W. L. Jobe, \$57.10; Mrs. W. B. Barksdale, Hardy, \$10; (of which \$5 from Mrs. S. A. Barksdale, for brother Simmons,) \$5; Sardis ch., by P. H. Lowrey, Tr., \$27.60. Total, \$456.27.

MISSOURI.—By R. S. Duncan, agent, \$2,133.43; First ch., Rolla, by A. W. Gibson, pastor, \$6.37; Fayette ch., by Leland Wright, \$44.40; S. S. Second ch., Liberty, by L. W. Shouse, Sec., \$7.60; Booneville S. S., by C. W. Hazell, Supt., \$6.27; Orient Band, Carthage ch., by Mrs. J. B. Hardwick, for girl in Miss Moon's school, \$3. Total, \$2,221.07.

NORTH CAROLINA.—A Friend to Missions, Chowan Co., \$9.50; by O. M. Williams, Tr. W. B. Convention, \$200; Warrenton Miss. Soc. for support of Chinese girl in Miss Stein's school, by C. G. A. Thomas, \$5; by John C. Corcoran, Cor. Sec., \$256.81; Mt. Zion ch., Watauga Co., by E. F. Jones, \$5; by L. H. Montague, Tr. B. S. C., \$790; Youth's Miss. Soc., First ch., Wilmington, by W. C. Peterson, Sec., \$1.30; Pleasant Grove ch., by Jos. L. Carter, \$1.95; Salisbury ch., by J. F. Tuttle, for Mexican schools, \$9. Total, \$1,105.66.

NEW YORK.—American Tract Society, grant for use of brother R. H. Graves, \$150; by Mrs. Augusta Carto, from Chinese class in Trinity ch., N. Y. City, for Chang Kum Sing, with brother Graves, \$25. Total, \$175.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Mrs. M. E. Hewitt, Bamberg, (of which \$1 for Mexican missions,) \$2; Antioch ch., by H. A. McIntosh, Tr., \$2.58; by A. P. Abell, Tr. Ex. Com. Greenville Asso., \$16.65; First ch., Charleston, by A. J. Thomas, \$5; Churches of Saluda Asso., by E. B. Murray, Tr., \$1.20; Union ch., \$4.60; York Asso., by W. M. Matthews, Tr., \$1; by W. T. Scafe, Union, \$2.55; Holly Springs ch., by T. J. Earle for Tr., \$7; James A. Hoyt, Greenville, for Mexican Building Fund, (pledged at Waco), \$25; Harmony ch., by W. H. Edwards, \$10; Hopewell ch., by John M. Jordan, \$5; by J. W. Martin, sundry churches, \$17.67; Taxahaw ch., by C. Manly, Vice-Pres., \$5; by W. H. Timmerman, Phillips ch., \$4; and Mrs. H. M. Timmerman, \$2.50; Third Div. Edgemoor Asso., by T. R. Denny, Tr. (Union meeting), \$7.50; Yorkville ch., by J. E. Covington, \$3; Welsh Neck ch., by Jno. Stout, \$10; R. N. Pratt, \$4; Marlboro Union, by H. T. Eberle, Sec., \$24.30; by J. D. Pitts, Bethel ch., \$1.60; W. M. Soc. Chestnut Ridge ch., \$5; and anonymous, \$3.40; Green Pond ch., by C. Manly, Vice-Pres., \$11.65; A Friend, \$37.50; Darlington ch., by B. W. Edwards, \$24.20; Batesburg S. S., by W. H. Plunkett, \$15.16; Union Meeting, Edisto ch., by J. O. Browne, \$4; sundry churches, by W. D. Turner, Tr., \$4.60; \$46.08; Johnston ch., by W. D. Turner, Tr., \$4.60; Piedmont Asso., by A. W. Huggins, Tr., \$6.55; Bethel ch., by W. O. Cain, \$5; Mt. Joy ch., by T. J. Taylor, \$6.20; Bethel ch., and "a friend for postage," by C. Manly, Vice-Pres., \$10.10; Violet Society, Citadel Sq. ch., Charleston, for Miss Whilden's school, by G. W. Melver, \$30; Mrs. M. E. Woodfin, \$1; Shiloh ch., by J. H. Courtney, \$4; collection at Harlewell, by J. T. Morris, \$3.90; Greenville ch., by J. T. Hostick, Tr. B. M., \$33.25; Bethabara ch., by Geo. H. Bell, \$5; White Pond ch., by H. W. McElmore, \$4.20; Wm. G. Gonslock, Tr. Broad River Asso., \$10; Beech Island ch., by H. L. Mayson, Tr., \$4.70; Sugar Creek ch., by L. O. Hinton, \$10; Upper Dun, Sugar Creek ch., by N. B. Williams, \$2.55; Corinth ch., by G. M. Norris, Tr., \$2.70; Cheraw ch., by A. L. Evans, Tr., \$4; Anderson ch., by T. P. Bell, \$10.45; Chester ch., for Mexican schools, by A. T. Atkinson, Tr., \$5; Sunday-school of same, \$1.40; Williams ch., and S. S., by C. E. Horton, \$10; Calvary ch., by R. T. Holladay, \$1; by T. Morris, \$4.60; \$50; Four Holes S. S., by G. M. Tolson, \$10; Beaufort ch., by A. O. Wilkins, pastor, \$45; Citadel Square ch., Charleston, by G. W. Melver, (of which \$57.35 for Mexican schools), \$113.65; Salem ch., by Jno. H. Randolph, \$2.20; Blackstock ch., by C. P. Shirley, \$5; Bamberg ch., by J. F. Bulst, \$7.60; Bolling Springs ch., by D. W. Willis, \$10; Lancaster S. S., by L. A. Williams, \$1; Twelve Mile River Asso., by J. T. Holladay, \$12.20; Ninety-Six ch., by C. M. Miller, \$2; Steel Creek ch., by J. T. Morris, \$4.60; "Shuck" Miss. Soc., First ch., Charleston, by Miss Lizzie Nipson, Sec., \$3.30; Newberry ch., by John B. Carville, Tr., \$10; McCormack ch., by B. T. Miller, \$2. Total, \$64.75.

TENNESSEE.—Sycamore Fork ch., by George Turney, \$5; Big Hatchie Asso., by S. P. Thomas, Sec., \$130.55; Big Hatchie Asso., by a member, \$5; First ch., Nashville, by C. H. Strickland, \$50; by Jno. L. Moses, Tr. T. G. Asso., \$17.45; Edgemoor ch., by W. M. Woodcock, M. Tr., \$60; Columbia ch., by W. C. Grace, pastor, \$10; by Jas. Waters, M. S., \$91.34; Charville ch., by W. J. Ely, \$13.35; Mt. Zion ch., by R. E. Elkins, Tr., \$2.75; Jno. In Vinum, by A. J. Brandon, \$4; L. M. Jones, Trenton, \$5; Pettit, for T. P. Durham, Sharon, \$5; Matt. Hillman, Fayetteville, \$5; Miss Sallie Hale, Madisonville, \$5.92; R. O. Horner, for his church, \$2. Total, \$411.60.

TEXAS.—A. T. Farrar, Rogers' Prairie, \$5; Zion Hill ch., by J. R. Kelley, \$2.50; Jno. Spangler, Leesville, \$5; by A. T. Hawthorne, Agt., \$1,001.02. Total, \$1,012.57.

VIRGINIA.—Juvenile Miss. Soc. for Mexican Missions, by Mrs. E. S. Childs, \$10; by Wm. Illyson, "Ivy Soc.," Second ch., Richmond, for Mexican School Pledge, \$10; and Bureau Soc. of same, for same, \$10; C. R. Dickinson, pledge Mexican Schools, \$5; "Foresters," \$10; Ninety-Six ch., for Mexican Schools, \$5; An old lady's dollar, \$1; Mrs. M. Daniel, Lewis Co. H., by Miss Jones, for Italian Missions, \$5; "G. B. Taylor" class, S. S. Lexington ch., for Italian Missions, J. B. Taylor, \$20; Miss Mary M. Pleasants, Hollins Institute, for Mexican Schools, \$1; C. T. Burgess, Manchester, \$7.50; Sandy Creek ch., by J. H. Gill, \$5; Manly B. Curry, First ch., Richmond, for Mexican Schools, \$10; J. P. L. Woodward and wife, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$10; Mrs. M. Chalkley, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$10; S. G. I. Herring, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$2; Jno. Chamblin, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$2; R. A. Gresham and P. B. Mason, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$1 each; J. C. Davidson, Winchester, \$2; Mrs. L. M. Rutherford, First ch., Richmond, for Mexican Missions, \$10; Miss Annie M. Ford, First ch., Richmond, for same, \$1; Evergreen Miss. Soc., Union ch., by W. E. Davis, Sec., \$5; Infant Class Danville S. S., by Miss Mary L. Lacy, for support of girl in Mrs. Graves' school, \$1; M. Soc., First ch., Richmond, by Mrs. Tupper, \$3; Infant Class S. S., First ch., Richmond, for support of girl with Mrs. Graves, by Miss Kate S. Winston, through Superintendent, \$18; Red Lane ch., by Miss Nannie G. Jennings, \$5; Millstone ch., by Mrs. Mary A. Lacy, \$4; Little Workers Miss. Soc. (Clutham ch., for Mexican Schools, by Miss M. S. Martin, \$11.65; Front Royal ch. and S. S., by J. G. Council, \$11.70; Y. L. Miss. Soc., First ch., Richmond, by Mrs. H. M. Walther, Tr., for support of Miss Stein, \$50.44; L. M. Soc., Washington, Rappahannock Co., by Miss S. Carter, \$6.65; by Norvell Ryland, Tr., \$3.00. Total, \$43.87.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Henry Hess, Fayette Co., \$1.50; A friend to missions, \$5; Fayetteville ch., \$2; Childs' Union Mission Band, by Miss M. J. Jones, \$6c; Mrs. A. O. Palmer, Jefferson Co., \$2. Total, \$11.25.

AGGREGATE.—\$22,513.13.