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THE CONVENTION IN CHATTANOOGA.

The convention which has just been held was one of great good for all departments of our work. There seemed to be a desire to know and do the best things for the highest good. The spirit of brotherly love and earnest devotion to God's cause seemed to actuate the brethren. The great prosperity of our Seminary and the Sunday-School Board delighted the brethren. The year had been a good one for the Home Board. While they reported some debt, yet it was overset by much-needed church building expenditures.

The Foreign Board reported the most glorious year of its history in conversions on the foreign fields. There were 735 baptisms, and the missionaries seem full of hope.

The heavy debt on the foreign mission work, however, depressed the brethren, but they prayerfully and nobly took hold of it and said it must be lifted. We have never seen a deeper interest in foreign missions, and the delightful way in which the brethren subscribed over \$10,000, to be paid by July 1, augurs well for the work.

The sisters in their meeting took up the subject and in a few minutes ran the subscription up to twelve thousand. Every Baptist in the South should rejoice, and take part in paying the debt on our work by July 1. The plan adopted was to divide our indebtedness into 300 shares, at \$100 a share. One brother took ten shares (\$1,000), others five shares (\$500), some two or three shares, others a part of a share. We hope to get all.

But to do this many churches must help. We hope the pastors will present the matter to the people. What is given must be over and above the regular gifts, and must be sent by July 1. Many brethren and sisters will give if only the subject is presented to them.

We returned from the convention feeling that the Lord had been with us as we waited in the assembly of his saints.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN BOARD REPORTS.

We rejoice as we consider God's blessings on the work. The large number of baptisms call for thanksgiving and praise. The missionaries are full of hope.

Dr. H. H. Harris, after very efficient service as president of the board for nine years, resigned to take a professorship in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. C. H. Winston was elected in his stead.

The consolidated JOURNAL did not take well with the people. The subscription list decreased very much. (As to the disposition which the convention made of the JOURNAL see page 57.)

FINANCES.

The receipts of the board from all sources were \$108,150.56 for the year. The expenses of collecting in the various States were \$6,094.41. Our indebtedness May 1, for money borrowed, was \$25,140.71; our chapel fund, \$6,760.00, making a total of \$31,900.71.

The interest account has been very heavy, \$2,039.68. We need \$10,000.00 in cash every month to pay for the work. We always begin to get in debt the first month of the year, even while the convention is in session. Special efforts have always been made just before the convention, and then for several months after the contributions are very small. The past year, for instance, we needed, to meet current expenditures from May 1, to October 1, about \$50,000. We received in that time \$23,140, thus forcing us to borrow nearly \$27,000 in addition to our other indebtedness, and then pay interest on that sum. In eleven months, less than \$70,000 was received for the work, and in April, the twelfth month, over \$35,000 was received. Thus one-third of all given was received in the last month. Are we honest with God in carrying on his work in this way?

We need to change our method of giving. Many churches should give in May, June and July.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Board has had a committee appointed to get up a tabulated statement of all property held by the Southern Convention in the different foreign mission fields.

The visit of Mr. L. C. Irvine, of Rio, Brazil, to this country during the year gave us a good opportunity to hear of the work from a business man's standpoint. He is quite active as a Christian man, though engaged in secular employment in Brazil. He reports fine progress in our work there.

The American Baptist Publication Society has given the Board \$300 for Bible work in foreign lands.

Your Board makes an exhibit of maps and foreign curios at the Convention, and hopes each delegate will examine the same.

During the spring, we held a special week of prayer. We call on our brethren and sisters to pray more for this work; pray for our missionaries; pray for God to open the hearts of our people; pray for your Board and its officers.

The Maryland Mission rooms, 9 West Lexington street, Baltimore, Md., keep an excellent supply of tracts and missionary literature. We would commend them to churches and pastors.

It may not be known to some that the Board has not given a dollar in several years for buildings in foreign lands, except what has been given us for that special purpose.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Union during the past year is worthy of note. The sisters have been earnest and zealous, and while the year has been a hard one to raise funds, they have done well, as will be seen by their report. They have raised \$22,799.55. They not only gather funds, but disseminate information, and in many ways are helping to turn and train the minds of the people towards the great work of missions. The devil grinds down and oppresses women more than men in foreign lands. Our sisters are doing well in helping to send the gospel, which alone lifts and exalts woman to her true, high position in every relationship of life.

During the eight and a half years Dr. G. B. Taylor, Jr., had charge of the Sunbeams, \$25,901.88 was raised. As he has given up this work, the Board has asked the Women's Missionary Union to take charge of this department.

ITALY.

In Italy the outlook is very hopeful. There have been seventy-nine baptisms, and the young churches seem more active, more liberal in gifts, and to be increasing in solidity.

BRAZIL.

In Brazil the work has advanced gloriously. From the different stations come tidings of God's blessings and advance movements. Several persons of prominence have been baptized. Notable among these is the ex-canon Dr. Ottoni, who is now pastor in Rio.

The press at Bahia is turning out many tracts, and the *Good News*, a paper published at Campos, is accomplishing much good. A spirit of inquiry as to the Gospel seems to be among the people.

See below extracts from the reports of different brethren.

BY Z. C. TAYLOR, BAHIA.

It gives me pleasure to make a cheering report for 1895. John

Baptist helped me at Bahia during the year. In the early part of the year Canon Ottoni, a noted priest, was baptized. About the same time a rich planter entered our ranks. A medical student, and a town councilman of a neighboring town, also an ensign or lieutenant of police in another town, were among the most noted persons baptized. In the three churches of the Bahia mission there were 65 baptisms, and 7 additions by letter and reconciliation; 5 dismissed by letter; 14 excluded, and 2 deaths.

BY W. B. BAGBY, RIO.

With great thankfulness of soul we send you this report of the work and state of Rio Janeiro mission for 1895. It has been a year of much visible progress for our cause in all Brazil, and in this progress our Rio mission has richly shared. The Holy Spirit has graciously manifested His presence with us in converting souls and enduing his people with power, faith, and zeal. The number of baptisms is four times greater than that reported for the preceding year, while the membership of the churches, as a whole, is considerably greater. One new church has been constituted.

RIO JANEIRO.

In the city of Rio Janeiro, where we have long toiled amid many adverse circumstances, our church and cause has taken on new life, and the outlook is very cheering. In the beginning of the year the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the congregation, and attendance and interest began to increase. This interest increased and continued during the year, and we were cheered by the conversion of a goodly number of souls, and the addition to the membership by baptism of twenty-one persons. In June the church resolved to assume half the support of a pastor and all running expenses of the church.

THE NEW BUILDING.

In our last report we stated that we had been enabled to purchase a good building for a chapel in Rio. After patient waiting and much labor we were rejoiced to see the building completely remodeled and fitted up for its new use, and in August the house was solemnly dedicated to the service of God in the presence of a great crowd of witnesses and well-wishers. It has already proved a great blessing to our cause in this city, and our congregations are large and inspiring. During the four months since the church was dedicated hundreds of people who hear the gospel nowhere else have here listened to its glad invitation. This chapel will be a lasting and untold benefit to Christ's cause in Brazil's metropolis.

We again return fervent thanks to the brethren at home for this gift to South America.

BY W. E. ENTZMINGER, PERNAMBUCO.

Last year was a bad one for us in every way. In membership there was only a net gain of nine members.

The present year, however, has opened up with much better prospect. In two months we have baptized nineteen more than during all last year. At Nazareth, the place where we were so persecuted some months ago, last month we organized a church of sixteen members, and on last Sunday I baptized six more into its membership, making twenty-two members, and this in less than one year of labor. Many more are interested, and we confidently hope that the Lord will increase the church's membership to fifty before the end of this year. The church has begun life on the self-supporting plan, and is already beginning to prepare to build a little house of worship. Do pray for these brethren.

S. L. GINSBURG, CAMPOS.

Rev. S. L. Ginsburg sends a very cheering report; 126 baptisms in the Campos Mission alone. He writes:

The spiritual state of the church is—considering all circumstances—good. Only two were excluded, one for persisting in her desire to marry an unbeliever and the other for frequenting balls and theatres.

Some say the thermometer of a church is the contribution list, and if that is the case we believe that the Campos church would not be far behind. You will find that each gave about 25 mil reis, i. e., about \$12.50 each, if exchange were at par, or about \$5 at the present low exchange. If every Baptist in the Southern Convention would give likewise, oh, what a mighty spiritual revolution there would be!

The members are working hard to raise money to build a house. Last April we managed to buy a good lot in the center of the city for which we paid 4,850 mil reis (about \$1,000).

CHURCH IN SAN FIDELIS.

This church is a power for good in a dark centre of idolatry and sin. Its influence is felt, and people readily acknowledge the Author of all this good. We remember the time when people warned us not to go to this place; its bad fame was such that few dared to visit this city without being well armed. To-day, praise the Lord, all is changed; the gospel has transformed many things, and is spreading its virtuous influence all around.

Last year forty-four candidates were baptized; the total membership is now fifty-six. The church is only eighteen months old.

Pastor Antonio F. Campos, who was ordained to the ministry last July, is now in charge of this church, and is doing a wonderful, good work, especially amongst the farmers that live around this city. Many have made public profession of their faith in Jesus, and still many more are inquiring after the truth. Pray for them.

CHURCH IN GUANDIU.

This church was organized in June, 1895, with 24 members from the Campos church. The history of this church is really like a chapter out of the Acts of the Apostles. All the members live on their little farms, in the midst of many other farmers, bitter enemies of the gospel, and yet they stand true and firm, winning many souls for Jesus. In the last six weeks they gained 28 more companions, of which number 18 separated themselves to organize the Santa Barbara church. Brother John D. Manhæ is in charge of the work, and he visits this place twice a month. This he does voluntarily, without any remuneration from anybody.

SANTA BARBARA CHURCH.

In this place we organized a church on the 15th day of November, 1895, with 18 believers from the Guandiu church. Since then four more have been baptized. The brethren are faithful and true. Their zeal for the cause is something to be admired. Pray for this young flock of Jesus!

MEXICO.

In this country the work is doing well; 177 baptisms reported. The cause sustained a great loss in the death of the consecrated, beloved brother, M. Gassaway.

There was a glorious revival in Saltillo last year, which resulted in many conversions in our Madciro Institute.

The self-support idea is working more and more, and with good results. Several church-houses are being built without expense to the Board. Many Bibles and Gospels are being sold—though in some cases, they have been gotten by the priests, even by theft, and burnt.

AFRICA.

The work has moved on well; our force was small, being decreased by death and removal, but good results crowned the efforts of the workers. The natives are taking part in building their chapels, and in other ways helping forward the work.

CHINA.

The work in South China (Canton and vicinity) has prospered. Dr. Graves is back on the field, and with him our talented young brother, R. E. Chambers. Much work has been done in the interior by the faithful workers.

Many tracts and Bibles are being distributed. The brethren in this mission have training classes where they gather the people and teach them in Bible truths; in this way they are getting the natives prepared to be leaders and teachers among their own people. Of the ministerial class Rev. E. Z. Simmons writes:

Ministerial Class.—This is composed of young men studying for the ministry who have been examined by a committee of our best pastors and preachers as to their call to preach. Several were rejected by this committee. The first half of the year there were fifteen, and the last half fourteen. These were under my instruction four days each week—three days at my house and one day at the academy. Three days in the week Bro. Lei Tsai Leung gave them instructions in “Notes on Parables” and in Homiletics. They have been required to write a short sermon for criticism each week. Twice during the year they have accompanied Brother Greene or myself to the country for evangelistic and colportage work. In this way we get good work out of them, as well as teach them how to preach and sell tracts. We also learn what kind of work each one is capable of doing.

This class should be increased and the course of instruction extended. These men should be expected to do some active missionary work all the time they are studying. Through this Bible school we may expect to have more efficient pastors, preachers, and evangelists.

SHANGHAI AND CHINKIANG.

The year has been one more of patient toil than of manifest results. Several of the older missionaries were away from the field, and the young missionaries were acquiring the language and learning the people. In October, an association was formed and steps taken to develop the native Christians in schools and mission work.

NORTH CHINA MISSION.

This mission was greatly disturbed by the war in the first part of the year, but that having passed they report that this is the most successful year in their history. Dr. H. A. Randle, our medical missionary, reports 5,243 patients treated.

The churches have shown increased liberality in their contributions, and many baptisms are reported.

JAPAN.

Perhaps in no one of our missions have we a more consecrated, earnest, and worthy missionary force than in Japan. The last year has been a trying one for them. The Japanese, elated with victory have turned a deaf ear to the Gospel. But our workers have faithfully sown the seed, and we believe the day is not distant when we shall hear of glorious results in Japan. The missionaries are training the young converts in self-reliance and benevolence.

STATISTICS.

The following are the statistics showing the condition of the work in all the fields: Number of churches, 98; out stations, 128; male missionaries, 38; female, 48; ordained natives, 34; unordained native males, 67; females, 8; baptisms, 735; present membership, 4,295; Sunday-school scholars, 1,713; houses of worship, 30; number day schools, 31; scholars, 851; contributions, \$5,553.20.

Taken altogether the year has been one of gracious blessings. We have a noble band of workers representing us in foreign lands. We thank God for what He has done through them, and with renewed faith and courage press on in the work.

EARNEST WORDS.

We give our readers stirring words from some brother who did not send his name, but put his heart in what he wrote. Oh for a thousand to feel as this brother does. Read what he says:

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

1. Shall we curtail the work? Shall certain of our missionaries be recalled, and stations already occupied be abandoned? Do you think we can justify a retreat? Upon what grounds? Must we fall back because we cannot go forward? The command is: Go forward. What shall we do?

2. Can we change our time of giving to the F. M. B., so that the funds for the work will come at the beginning instead of at the close of the "Convention year?" Last year we paid \$2,000 interest on money we were compelled to borrow to meet the pressing demands of our missionaries, because the churches withheld their gifts until the close of the year. Could your church send its offering earlier in the year?

3. Can you assist in the payment of our debt? It is our debt. A debt of love, of faith, and of honor. It is ours. We Baptist of the South contracted it. Will you help pay it? Please let the Board hear from you as early as possible.

WHO SAID, "RETREAT?"

These are times that call for brave men and heroic women. Hot and fierce the conflict rages! All along the line the cry comes for more men and more ammunition! Just now, some one said we must retreat, shall we?

"Soldiers of the Cross, the hour is coming when the note of victory shall be proclaimed throughout the world. The battlements of the enemy must soon succumb,

the swords of the mighty must soon be given to the Lord of Lords. What! soldiers of the Cross, in the day of victory would'st thou have it said that thou didst turn thy back in the day of battle? Dost thou not wish to have a share in the conflict, that thou mayst have a share in the victory? Wilt thou throw down thy sword? Shall it be with thee as when a standard bearer fainteth? On, on, ye lion-hearted men of God, to the battle once more, for ye shall be crowned with immortal glory."

A DEMAND FOR THE HOUR.

"We want enthusiasm in God's work. We find it in the world. Men are desperately in earnest in business circles. Hell is in earnest. When men are willing to give their lives to work for God, then He will take such men and use them.

"One thing I admire about Garibaldi—his enthusiasm. In 1867, when he was on his way to Rome, he was told that if he got there he would be imprisoned. Said he: 'If fifty Garibaldi's are imprisoned let Rome be free. And when the cause of Christ is buried so deep in our hearts, that we do not think of ourselves but are willing to die,' then we will reach out and save our fellowmen. Five years ago I went to Edinburgh and stopped a week to hear Dr. Duff, the returned missionary speak. A friend told me that the year before he had spoken and fainted during his speech. When he recovered he said: 'I was speaking for India, was I not?' And they said: 'You were,' then said he: 'Take me back and let me finish my speech.' In spite of protests, he was brought back. He then said: 'Is it true that we have been sending appeal after appeal for young men to go to India, and none of our sons have gone? Is it true Mr. Moderator that Scotland has no more sons for the Lord Jesus? If it is true, though I have spent twenty-five years there and lost my constitution, if it is true that Scotland has no more sons to give, I will be off to-morrow, and upon the shores of the Ganges witness for Christ.'"

This is the spirit demanded by times like these! Enthusiastic consecration, not of our sons only, but of our substance also. There are times when the timid and afraid go back, and when the self-indulgent stoop down and drink. There are times when the gainsayer and opposer get in their work. But the three hundred! God's picked three hundred they will go forward, and with them He will win. Will you be one of them?

THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

The consolidated Journal did not seem to please our people. The subscription list fell off very much. Neither board seemed pleased with the arrangement, and so the convention in Chattanooga gave instructions that the arrangement be discontinued and each board publish its own literature. The old subscription list is to be filled out by each board with its future publication. The Foreign Board will publish THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL as heretofore. Some changes will be made, beginning with the July issue. We will have illustrations, and hope to make it attractive. The idea is not to issue a dollar magazine for the few, but a journal of information in reference to our work for the thousands of our people. There are good dollar magazines for those who desire them and a number of our leaders ought to have them. The price

of the JOURNAL will be 35 cents for a single copy, or 25 cents when in clubs of ten or more. We hope each pastor will feel interested in getting a club in his church. Appoint some live brother or sister to look after this in your church. It will help to awaken a deeper interest. Any church is in a better condition to work when interested, as Christ would have us, in the salvation of the world.

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DR. HONORIO BENEDICTO OTTONI.

In November, 1894, Dr. Ottoni, a vicar in Brazil, asked leave of his bishop to make a trip to the United States. He was dissatisfied with his surroundings in the Romish Church in Brazil. On the vessel bound for the United States he met our missionary, Rev. R. E. Neighbor, on his way home. He was impressed with his walk and conversation. The treatment Bro. Ottoni received from the Catholics in this country still further tended to awaken him. He went to his hotel, fell on his knees and prayed for light and life. He arose a free man in Christ. He turned over his priest's clothes to the hotel-keeper to guard for him and has never returned to get them. He returned to Brazil and was baptized by Rev. Z. C. Taylor at Bahia, March 4, 1895. He gave up a high position and a pension from the government yielding him over \$2,000 a year to become a plain gospel preacher, but, as he said, he "wanted peace."

He has since married an excellent sister of the Juiz de Fora church, and has been called as pastor of our church in Rio. He is highly spoken of by all the brethren as unassuming, modest, earnest and consecrated. Being a fine speaker, many are attracted by his preaching. We give below a letter recently received from him:

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 de March, de 1896.

Brother Secretary,—In response to your esteemed letter which you kindly addressed to me—and which, as this that I am writing, was translated by Bro. Bagby—in the first place I ask the blessings of God upon you, upon our denomination in the United States of North America, and upon the Board of Missions, which so many and beneficent services has done to humanity and to our cause in Brazil.

A canon in the Romish church, as you know, I battled in the ranks of Romanism or of error twenty-two long years as a priest, where I never found peace, tranquility of conscience, or happiness.

When a young man, speaking in the pulpit to the people about the religion of God, I did nothing more than preach the Pope and *his religion*, and not Jesus. So neither I myself was happy, there in the pulpit, nor were the people who heard me. The reason is simple. Rome teaches salvation by works, and not by grace through

faith. In Romanism the people find the priest offering salvation, and absolving their sins and not Jesus. In Rome men expect to find salvation at life's end by their works and not in the beginning of life, as the gracious work of Jesus. Romanism with its idolatry is thus taught in this country in this sad state for three hundred years. It has its *brotherhoods*, which have control of goods, lands and houses to the value of many thousands of dollars, and which hold grand festivals and furnish amusement to the people—spending vast sums of money. What we here see to-day is exactly what was seen in olden paganism in Ephesus, in Corinth, and in Athens. The customs here are the same as those old times; licentiousness stalks forth all around in fearful ways. I cannot in a letter describe the deplorable state to which Romanism and paganism have reduced this country, worthy of a better lot. As Bro. Bagby can tell you, I have now been preaching the Gospel to all classes of my countrymen, and recently to the President of the Republic himself, showing him that only the religion of Jesus Christ can save this country and not political methods employed by him. The bankruptcy of science is proved. The promises of science in the end of the passing century have failed, and only the religion of Jesus can make men happy in this life and save them eternally. Much does my country owe to the sacrifices of the North American Mission. Not to speak of services anterior to my time and personal knowledge. We have here in Rio Janeiro our brother W. B. Bagby, who as an untiring preacher of the Word of God has journeyed through great centers of population in the country, as in Juiz de Fora, Campos, Nictheroy and Santos, all important cities, and has founded churches with immense sacrifice, which to-day are flourishing and enjoying the blessings of God. There is also important work with blessed fruits in Pernambuco, Bahia, Para, Minas, State of Rio and the Valley of the San Francisco River. More than ever the cause of the Gospel takes on new life and a development hitherto unknown in this country.

It appears that God has chosen this as the epoch of the establishing of His kingdom among us here. And frankly the greater part of the blessing is given to the Baptist cause, and it is this Church which has attracted the public attention more than any other. The people are already recognizing our baptism as the true one, as I myself did. The blessings which God has granted to His people are so many that only in a series of letters could I attempt to tell them all. I continue to work with Bro. Bagby in this city, where the opportunities and the welfare of the cause demand our work,

Asking the blessing of God upon you all, I am, with esteem, a brother in Christ and grateful servant.

DR. HONORIO A. OTTONI.

MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IN BRAZIL.

As early as 1850 the Convention considered the propriety of starting mission work in Brazil. Rev. T. J. Bowen went out to Rio de Janeiro in 1859, but, on account of shattered health, he had to return in 1861.

Just after the war in this country, Gen. A. T. Hawthorne went to Brazil, and became very much interested in that country and its evangelization.

Rev. W. B. Bagby, of Texas, after consulting with him, offered himself as a missionary, and with his wife sailed in 1881. A year

later they were joined by Rev Z. C. Taylor and wife. Soon other missionaries followed. But we have been very unfortunate in the return of many who have gone out—they not being able to stand the climate. It is particularly trying on women. Yellow fever and small pox prevail, and have hindered the work. Still, the work has gone gloriously forward.

Rev. W. B. Bagby is now located in Rio, and there is a thriving church there. They have a good house of worship, the gift of brethren in this country. A number of other churches are established in the vicinity.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor is located at Bahia, and the work there is doing well also. He has a good printing press, and, connected with it, an industrial school.

Rev. W. E. Entzminger is located at Pernambuco. The work is developing, and the outlook is hopeful. He is very anxious for a house of worship.

At Campos, Rev. S. L. Ginsburg has been very much blessed, as you see from notices of his work in this issue of *THE JOURNAL*.

Rev. J. J. Taylor, Juiz de Fora, and Rev. Jos. Aden, at Mexico, are also among our active missionaries.

We have now in Brazil six male and five female missionaries, with six ordained natives. There are fourteen organized churches, with a membership of 1,237. Last year there were 273 baptisms. The work is very encouraging, and promises great results in the near future.

VIEWS OF BRAZIL.

BY E. Y. MULLINS.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

The United States of Brazil is the youngest of the South American republics. In 1889 the monarchy which had existed from the beginning was displaced by the present form of government. Brazil was first a Portuguese colony, having been discovered and colonized about the year 1500. In 1822 the independence of Brazil was proclaimed, and until 1889 it remained independent in government, as a constitutional monarchy.

The causes which led to the change to republican form of government in 1889 were various. The proximity of the United States of America, with our wonderful material prosperity, was a pervasive and constant influence which affected the minds of the Brazilians in favor of our form of government. Then, too, thousands in Brazil were weary of priestly and churchly domination, and insufferable obstacles to progress which this domination continually interposed. The ignorance and superstition and indolence, fostered by the Romish faith, were in the way of Brazil's progress, and her more discerning sons discovered this fact. No doubt ambition, selfish and personal, entered into the motives of many of the leaders who overthrew the former government, but nevertheless the change in Brazil's form of government was a distinct advance in the line of modern civilization and progress.

It would be unwarranted to assert, however, that the Brazilian people as a whole were anxious for a change of government. The few and not the many accomplished the result, as is usually the case in all great movements in advance. The mass of Brazilians then, as now, were indifferent upon the subject of the form of government. In fact, this indifference is a key to Brazilian character in many of its aspects. They are not a patriotic people. They are lovers of pleasure and ease. They are fond of social enjoyments, easy in morals and life. They seem, at least up to the present, incapable of the intense patriotic devotion of many other peoples, as for example the French.

BLESSINGS OF THE NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The boon for which all true patriots in Brazil and all the missionaries had longed and prayed was religious liberty. Until the recent change in the form of government the grip of the priesthood upon political affairs was complete. The Romish Church was the centre around which all else in Brazilian life revolved as planets around the sun; though such a figure fails to impart a true conception of the state of things, unless we can imagine the sun stripped of its light. For Romanism is ever an eclipse of Christianity rather than an unveiling of its power. Under the new government religious liberty in a thorough-going way has been established by law. This, of course, does not imply that all the benefits of religious liberty are practically realized as yet. Old custom and tradition persist in many ways and places. Public sentiment is not yet up to the level of the new law, and until this condition is reached there will be more or less of persecution. But the mighty facts remain that the Gospel has been set free in Brazil, and in due time its triumphs will be as widespread as the bounds of the country.

RESOURCES OF BRAZIL.

Brazil is one of the most fertile countries in the world. It lies on the eastern side of South America between four degrees north and thirty-three degrees south. Thus it will be seen that a large portion of the land lies under the equator. The Amazon valley is one of the most luxuriant regions on the globe in its varied forms of vegetable and animal life, though along this river conditions are not favorable to health. This, with the frequent overflow of the mighty river, render it improbable that this part of Brazil will ever become a densely populated region. The elevated table-lands of Brazil are salubrious and attractive as places of residence.

Coffee is the great staple of Brazil. It is also rich in minerals of various kinds. Iron, and coal, and silver, and tin, and other metals exist in large quantities. Diamonds also constitute a considerable portion of the wealth of Brazil. Almost every fruit which can be named is found in Brazil. The vast resources of this young republic have been scarcely touched as yet by the easy-going natives. The future of Brazil, industrially, is easy to forecast. A picture of what is to be in Brazil is presented to us in the present conditions in Mexico. The industrial revolution now in progress in Mexico is due to free government, religious and civil liberty, and open Bible, education, and the advent of railroads and telegraph. The same causes will produce a similar result in Brazil. Of course the greatest need of Brazil, in this new era of her development, is the pure Gospel.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF BRAZIL.

Brazil has embarked upon a new era educationally. She now has, for the first time in her history, a public school system. As a sample of Brazil's condition

educationally, prior to the change of government, take a single fact. In the province of Bahia, which is the home of the Catholic archbishop, and which had a population of 1,400,000 in 1890, there were 962,720 who could neither read nor write. This is a fact which scarcely needs commentary as to the educational policy and spirit of the Romish hierarchy. It is this policy which has kept Brazil back in the onward march of nations. It is this which has made the Brazilians a sluggish and indolent people intellectually, industrially, and religiously. Such education as was fostered under the old Romish domination was superficial and mechanical. Children were taught to memorize lists of the names of saints, catechisms, etc. Their reasoning powers were not stimulated, and the mind was left undeveloped. Hence it has been that new ideas were slow in finding a lodgment in Brazilian minds. People were content with the past in religion and in commerce. Brazil has thus remained through the four hundred years of her history a practically undeveloped country. It was not until recent years that her people became conscious of their own country's resources and possibilities.

MISSION WORK IN BRAZIL.

The first effort to plant Protestantism in Brazil was by the Huguenots in 1555. A colony from France was installed near Rio Janeiro under the leadership of Villegagnon. John Boles was afterwards among them, a heroic preacher and martyr to the Protestant faith. Persecutions raged so fiercely against the little colony that it made comparatively little progress towards evangelizing the Brazilians, and was finally stamped out of existence. In modern times the Methodists (Northern) deserve the credit of beginning mission work in Brazil. This was in 1836. The Presbyterians (Northern) began in 1859, and the Episcopal Church of the United States in 1860. There were various individuals who also labored in various parts of Brazil with varying degrees of success. Southern Baptists planted a mission in Brazil in 1881. Their work has progressed from the first with most gratifying results, and is now in a prosperous condition.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN BRAZIL.

BY Z. C. TAYLOR.

For four hundred years Romanism kept Brazil, as other parts of South America, in total blindness of the Scripture. As a consequence, ignorance has prevailed with all its attendant miseries. Although all Catholics, there are constant wars, internal feuds, killing and slaughtering of one another. The great question is, who shall rule and be the greatest at the cost of others. Their politics is therefore stronger and deeper in their hearts than their religion.

When the light of civilization reached Brazilian shores and caused her to throw open her ports in 1824, so long kept closed by the wily Jesuits against any visits of Protestants, then the Christians were so deeply interested in oriental missions as to neglect this part of the American Continent. Even American Christians chimed in with Europe, sending all her missionaries to the far East. Judson's first impulse was toward South America.

The old man of sin, the pope, was still a temporal king with armies at his command, and all missionaries of the Cross feared to enter his territories. The bloody inquisitions in Spain, Portugal, and their spirit lingering in all Catholic countries, as these of South America, were fresh in the memory of these early pioneers, and they

preferred the cannibal islands of the sea, the jungles of Asia and Africa rather than encounter Catholic atrocities.

On his way to India the sainted Henry Martyn touched here at Bahia, and seeing idols as numerous as Paul saw them at Athens, exclaimed: "Crosses there are in abundance, but when shall the doctrine of the Cross be preached to these benighted people?"

The reformers in Catholic France were the only ones who dared to defy the cruelties of this Catholic country. Twelve missionaries came out on an expedition, but the whole number was betrayed by the captain of the vessel, some were sent back to the mother country in a leaky ship that never arrived; others fled to the wilderness among the Indians, but were hunted out and prisoned. One noble man lay in Bahia's inquisition prison eight years, but was afterwards executed in Rio, the great Jesuit apostle Ancheita having tied the knot of the hangman.

Is it any wonder that Christian missionaries preferred to face the Buddhists, the Indians, the pagan Africans, or the cannibal islanders, to the inquisitions of the pope, drunk and thirsty for the blood of Jesus' messengers? Catholic countries were the last to get the Gospel.

Before the close of last century, and at the beginning of this present one, missionaries were already scattered over heathen China and India, in pagan Africa, and the islands, but the date of evangelization of Catholic countries dates about the year 1850 or later, and that very feebly. We might be safe in giving the true date of evangelical missions in papal lands at 1870, when the pope was thrust out of his last temporal possession as king of Italy. And what have we missionaries in these old Catholic dominions received at the hands of Rome's emissaries but hatred, opposition, persecution, imprisonment?

Science came ahead of us and prepared the way for us. The railroad, telegraph, the steamer, machinery, all Protestant inventions, gave respect to the foreigner, from motives educational, commercial, or economic. Catholic teaching develops the mind and keeps the people in ignorance and infancy; therefore Catholics have never invented anything useful, but rather turned all their inventive genius to new forms of cruelty, inquisition machinery, to cause greatest agony; and also have been prolific in the invention of idols and various forms of idolatry, which all will admit is the lowest order of genius—diabolical genius. With this rapid glance over the past one can better appreciate the present signs of the times in Brazil.

The Presbyterians and Congregationalists came about the same time, 1860. Tolerance for evangelical worship was passed in the National Congress shortly afterward. Happily the first missionaries were men of intellect, faith and perseverance, but progress drags slowly on. In 1878 the Methodists, and in 1891 the Baptists, followed. Slavery was abolished in 1887 over the priests' heads, and in 1889 imperialism fell, and the last vestige of it was swept from the Western Continent, and Brazil was the last to adopt the republic. The first cabinet was composed of the best men; the constitution was copied largely from that of the United States. Church and State were declared separate, and complete liberty given to all; the priests stood paralyzed and looked at the dissolution of their ambitious projects. Civil marriage was declared to be the only legal one. Then they raised a murmur, which has grown to an open war with the State since that time. The Romish Church says hers only is legal; the State says hers only will be recognized before her tribunals. The priests are marrying thousands and sending them away to their homes, telling them they are married and need not go to the civil authorities.

The consequence is Brazil is being flooded with bastards, and about twenty or thirty years from to-day this new disgraced generation is likely to enact as bloody a scene with the priests as was the French Revolution. In politics the nascent Republic has not gone well, as might have been expected. Thirty thousand priests are so many deadly enemies to the Republic. By their murmurings they have disaffected the people toward the Republic. Discontent and strife are everywhere. Feuds are in nearly every State, and the government has not been able to maintain its honor and integrity. In the constitution all persons who swore allegiance to a foreign power were excluded from office, but priests have been elected, and by their intriguing have obtained reductions, favors and help, so that to-day the government is in danger of falling into the hands of the priests again, though continuing under the name of a Republic.

The last idol procession—burial of an old wooden idol called “the Lord”—this Romish sham of re-enacting the crucifixion of our Savior—all the soldiers, marine and land army, the State legislature, the governor of State, and other State officials, with every police band, was invited and joined in the idol procession.

The priests are aroused to an activity never before known. They sally out in the streets and shake the hands of officials on every corner; they parade their idols in street processions; march their seminary and orphan students along the streets. They are multiplying parishes and bishops and filling up their convents all with the material that comes to their hand. In Brazil enough did not go to their monasteries and convents, and so they ordered them by ship loads from Europe. There were 80 of these foreigners in one large monastery; recently yellow fever broke out among them and several died, and the others fled to the interior, and now the fever is scattered over the city. The friars followed our track and preached hatred and starvation against our brethren. A pestilent fever broke out wherever they went, destroying and depopulating several towns, and caused a general panic in all that section. Priests have fled their parishes, and yet among a membership of nearly one hundred not a believer has suffered, and our brethren are doing the burying. One idolater picked up her saint and ran into the streets, saying she would cross off the disease with her saint, but she was down next day with the fever and died in two days.

Better signs are these: There are to-day about 100 evangelical preachers in Brazil. There are about 7,000 professed believers, with say 20,000 adherents to the gospel. There are seven newspapers and evangelical presses. Thousands of tracts and books are sold every year. Three or four Bible societies sold last year 60,000 copies of Scripture. The largest school in Brazil is Presbyterian, in the city of S. Paulo, having more than 500 students. Protestant coffee, shoes, medicines, etc., now find the most ready sale. One of our brethren, far up in Amergosa, is constantly denounced by the priest as a dangerous heretic, but in his tin trade he cannot furnish the great amount of work given him. Catholics do bad work and cheat; we teach our brethren to do good work and deal honorably, and God gives them trade. A sister in the same city had her house invaded by a priest, followed by a mob, and was there denounced, but she told me since then her work as dressmaker had increased. In Valenca our brethren made superior sandals, which took the name of “tamancos protestantes,” sought by all Catholics. Our brethren who prepare coffee have good sales, the people knowing it as pure, or, as they say, it is so much sugar, or other mixture. Dr. Butler, Presbyterian, told me he had made a most popular pill and which he intended having patented as “Protestant pills.” There is a tacit feeling that whatever a Protestant does or says is to be relied on. Another case: In the

State of S. Paulo recently a fraud, wishing to gull the people, passed himself off as a Protestant, but being imprisoned for crime, when tried by the jury was absolved at once when he was known as a Protestant.

Though diminished in force and means, last year there were some 250 baptisms among Baptists, nearly twice the number of previous years

Another sign of the times : Recently there came from the adjoining State of Piauh, the brother of a congressman, declaring his desire to be baptized, saying that he wished me to go to his State, and that on the day he was baptized in the presence of his people, there were 100 more he thought ready to follow him. He bought and bore back nearly \$50 worth of Bibles and tracts to distribute among his people. He told me to ask a married missionary out ; that he would pay his expenses from the United States and his salary here after arrival. The congressman, his brother, is in hearty favor of same, and they are rich in this world's goods Now, where is the man, with a wife competent to teach their women the Scriptures, as well as lead them to a higher plane of life? It is 1,500 miles interior from Bahia, easily reached by rail and steamboat on the great San Francisco. Who will come?

A last sign : There slept in my house last night a merchant image maker and dealer. It is his second visit ; he comes asking baptism. He lives in an adjoining town and to-night (D. V.) he will be baptized.

Thus the darkness is disappearing in Brazil, the morning light is breaking, the sons of earth are waking to penitential tears. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, is being fulfilled in Brazil ; these dumb Catholic, pagan idols are to disappear and Jesus be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

NOTES.

Rev. J J. Taylor, of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, has been translating into Portugese Dr. Broadus's "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons." He expects to publish it soon.

The American Baptist Publication Society, through their secretary, Dr. A. J. Rowland, has given to our work \$200 in addition to the \$300 recently sent.

In the reports from our mission fields one is struck with the self-support idea as it is being taught by our missionaries and being developed on the various mission fields.

A letter has been received from Brother C. E. Smith and his party, telling that they have gotten as far as England all safely. They expected to sail right away for Africa, as soon as they could get a vessel.

We were all very glad to see Brother and Sister J. H. Eager at the Convention. They are both looking very well and are quite hopeful about the work in Italy.

Miss Sarah Hale, of Mexico, was also in Chattanooga at the Convention. She will remain awhile with friends in East Tennessee. Her many friends are glad to welcome her home again.

Rev. Thomas McCloy, our missionary from Canton, China, ran down to the Convention from Louisville, Ky., where he is taking lectures.

Brethren Pierce and Lawton, who have been down with typhus fever, we are glad to hear are both well again.

It was noticeable how the kindred of our missionaries gave in the collection at the convention. Certainly those who give their children will give their money.

The Calvary Baptist Church, of Richmond, Va., Rev. H. A. Bagby, pastor, has unanimously decided to change their time of taking foreign mission collection from February, to October before, so as to assist in keeping the mission work out of debt. This is one of our most liberal churches and it has thus led off in the movement suggested by the Convention that the churches take collections for foreign missions earlier in the year. Other churches have the matter under consideration and will act soon.

Some asked, "Will the subscriptions made at the Convention be paid." We answered, "Yes, the brethren meant what they said and will pay, and in many cases more than they promised." Already responses are coming and largely in excess of the promises. A check has just been received and lies before us for over three times the amount promised. We praise God and take courage.

Miss Lilian McDavid, who has been working in Saltillo, Mexico, as one of our Missionaries, has had to return home on account of bad health. She is much beloved in the mission, and we regret to hear of her continued illness.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From April 15th to April 30, 1896.

ALABAMA.—Cubohatchen ch., by J. C. P. \$15.36; Uniontown ch., by J. C. H. \$17.80; Columbia ch., by W. C. C. \$31.45; Sumterville ch., by J. B. S., \$2.00; Rev. W. P. Hatcher, 75c.; Form Creek S. S., by R. F. W., \$1.00; Salem ch., 20c.; Hepzibah ch., by J. A. M., \$5.00; Mt. Zion ch., by R. E. T., \$10.12; Bethel ch., by N. D. C., \$2.10; Beulah ch., by N. D. C., \$1.02; Piney Grove, by N. D. C., 91c.; New Zion, by N. D. C., \$1.41; W. C. Bledsoe, Sec., Japan \$5.00; China \$5.50, Miss Kelly \$23.90, Birm. Miss., \$21.25.—\$307.61; El Paso S. S., by M. T. W., \$2.00; A. J. Lambert, \$5.00; Ararat ch., by J. M. B., \$2.20; Leesburg ch., by J. N. B., \$2.80; Vance ch., by R. M. V., \$2.02; J. T. Stephens, Tr., Warrior River Asso., \$7.40; Friendship ch., by W. J. T., 90c.; Trussville ch., by D. N. T., \$15.17; Rock Springs ch., by H. L. S., \$4.00; Antioch, \$1.05; Beulah, \$1.25; Mt. Tabor, 85c.; Pilgrim Rest, \$2.35; Pleasant Grove, by W.

W. F., \$1.50; New Hope, \$1.20; La Fayette, First ch., by G. E. B., \$40.00; Deatsville ch., by G. E. B., \$2.75; Harmony ch., L. A. S., by Mrs. J. B., \$6.18; W. C. Bledsoe, Sec., Miss Kelly, \$19.00; Birm. Miss., \$34.34—\$488.79; Jasper ch., on Western Recorder offer, by G. D. O. R., \$5.00; Grand Hill ch., by D. H. H., \$9.30; Montevallo ch., by W. S., \$10.00; Zion ch., by J. M. H., \$5.00; W. C. Bledsoe Cor. Sec., \$281.28; Providence ch., \$3.00; Providence L. M. S. (Miss White), \$8.00; J. A. White, \$2.50; Montgomery ch., by W. D. G. (N. Maynard), \$24.00; Hebron ch., by A. C. S., \$3.60; S. S. Miss. Day, by J. M. F., \$1.12; W. C. Bledsoe, Cor. Sec., \$127.52. Total, \$1,465.46. Previously reported, \$5,239.87. Total this year, \$6,705.33.

ARKANSAS.—Mrs. E. Longley Cor Sec., (China)—Washington \$1.50 Dardanella, \$1.25, a friend 10c.;)\$7.30; Macedonia ch., by

J. A. T., 85c.; Dutch Creek ch., by J. A. T., \$1.05; H. L. Thomas, \$13.66; Ozark, W. M. S., \$6.50; Washington ch., by W. H. C., \$2.35; Ozark ch., by C. C. W., \$6.05; Jim Wallace, Jr., ch., by C. C., \$6.05; Jim Wallace, Jr., \$5.00; Bethel ch., by J. M. C., 65c.; Woodlawn ch., by N. C. D., \$2.00; Portland ch., by N. C. D., \$1.50; Center Pt. ch., by R. F. R., \$3.00; New Bethel ch., by R. F. R., \$2.10; Oak Grove ch., by R. F. R., \$3.20; Point Deluce ch., by R. F. R., \$2.50; St. Charles ch., by R. F. R., \$1.10; Big Lagrue ch., by R. F. R., \$2.50; New Hope ch., by R. F. R., \$2.50; Robt. F. Routh, by R. F. R., \$3.10; Flint Creek, by J. N. E., \$6.75; Providence ch., by H. P. H., \$1.00; Fair View ch., by H. P. H., \$1.40; J. F. Brice, \$1.25; Conway ch., by W. B. P., \$10.50; L. A. S., Dardanelle ch., by A. H. A., \$5.00; E. B. Miller V. P., \$91.72; Siloam Springs ch., by L. H., \$2.35. Total, \$186.88. Previously reported, \$1,062.46. Total for this year \$1,249.34.

FLORIDA.—Paran ch., by J. S. W., \$2.85; Tampa ch., by W. W. O., \$25.00; W. N. Chaudoin, \$25.00; Union Hill ch., by J. E. W., \$1.00; W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., \$30.00; F. F. Jerkins, \$5.10; Arcadia ch., by S. D. F., \$7.10; W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., \$50.00; C. Winston, \$3.60; Dr. Edwards and wife, \$1.00; Kissimmee ch., by J. C. M., \$28.66; W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., \$100.00; S. S. M. Day, by J. M. F., 78c. Total, \$280.09. Previously reported, \$486.81. Total this year, \$766.90.

GEORGIA.—T. W. Tison, \$1.00; W. M., and A. S., Vineville ch., by M. C. H., \$8.00; Mrs. M. R. McLure, \$19.50; Calvary ch., by J. S. O., \$2.35; Rocky Mt. ch., by J. S. F., \$2.60; Benevolence ch., by C. W. M., \$2.50; Young L. Miss. So., Columbus, by E. W., \$19.00; Walnut ch., by G. L. B., \$1.35; Antioch ch., by G. L. B., \$2.55; Union Academy, \$1.40; Damascus ch., by W. H. G., \$3.80; A. Friend, \$5.00; Americus ch., W. M. S., by J. R. S., \$13.17; Corinth ch., by R. J. W., \$3.55; Salem ch., by R. J. W., \$2.70; Brunswick ch., by W. M. G., \$15.50; Western Recorder offer, by J. L. F., \$5.00; First ch., Columbus, by J. E. E., \$108.51; First ch., Columbus S. S., by J. E. E., \$26.49; Eden ch., by D. D. T., \$1.35; Greensboro ch., by C. A. D., Jr., \$17.45; Antioch ch., by J. T. N., \$1.10; New Providence ch., by R. O. S., \$3.15; Woodlawn ch., by A. G. C., \$5.00; Concord ch., by O. O. W., \$1.60; Union Grove by O. O. W., \$1.30; Ebenezer ch., by O. O. W., \$1.30; Long Creek ch., S. S., by H. B. C., \$7.34; Molena ch., by F. M. B., \$2.58; Macedonia ch., by F. M. B., \$3.67; Whitesburg ch., by F. M. B., \$2.41; Salem ch., by F. M. B., \$3.47; Perry ch., by M. A. J., \$15.15; Talbottom ch., by J. A. C., \$2.25; T. M. Galphin, for W. M. S., \$5.00; Look-out ch., by J. A. M., \$1.25; Curtis ch., by T. M. G., (Rudd), \$25.00; J. G. Gibson, Treas., (Powell), \$25.00; \$305.84; Broadway Foreign Sch., by Mrs. T. D. O., \$5.00; Flowery Branch, \$2.85; Clarksville, \$1.52; Flat Creek, \$3.33; Pleasant Hill, \$1.80; Broadway Bible and Working circle (Bra. girls), \$10.60; S. S. M. Day, by J. M.

F., \$1.52; L. M. S., Davisboro ch., by Mrs. T. J. O., \$10.00; Cross Plains ch., by B. B. S., \$3.70; Clear Springs ch., by B. B. S., \$1.96; Shiloh ch., by B. B. S., \$2.15; Suwarne ch., by B. B. S., \$2.22. Total, \$696.83.

Previously reported, \$12,363.78. Total this year, \$13,060.61.

INDIANA.—J. S. Murrow, \$5.00.

Previously reported, \$2.00. Total this year, \$7.00.

KENTUCKY.—Black Jack ch., by A. M., \$1.25; Sunbeams First Baptist ch., Bowling Green, \$3.35; M. L. Fugate, Treas., \$33.25; Flemingsburg ch., \$20.35; Blandville S. S., by J. H. P., \$2.47; Lewisburg S. S., by C. N. B., \$3.01; M. S. So., B. T. Sem., by H. B. T., \$135.00; G. W. Norton, \$50.00; W. H. Newman, \$100.00; Zion ch., by J. W. N., \$2.00; Western Recorder offer, by W. M. K., \$5.00; Cloverfoot ch., by W. B. R., \$24.00; Oakdale, S. S., by T. B. G., \$2.00; W. H. Mitchell, \$2.00; G. W. Given, by F. H. K., \$50.00; W. M. S., by Mrs. H. C.—Christmas offering, \$43.26; Mt. Vernon, to McCollum, \$34.06; Broadway, to Braz. girls, \$46.40—\$291.44; Sunbeams, to Peyton Stephens, \$4.20; German Baptist ch., by W. R., \$6.35; H. M. Aulick \$4.00; Cedar Creek ch., by C. W. D., \$15.70; Locust Creek ch., by W. C. P., \$85.75; J. W. Warder, Treas., \$1,797.83; Rev. J. J. Cooper, for his churches, \$11.01; W. J. Agee, Western Recorder offer, \$5.00; J. W. Warder, Treas., \$302.12; E. W. Barrett, Western Recorder offer, \$5.00; South Cumberland Assn., by S. C. J., \$5.00; Mt. Pleasant ch., by A. J. W., \$10.40; Thos. McCloy, for Miss. School, \$1.00; Mt. Tabor ch., by J. A. T., \$11.00; D. S. Edwards, Western Recorder offer, \$5.00; Maysville ch., by J. P. T., \$62.15. Total, \$2,965.43. Previously reported, \$7,545.09. Total this year, \$10,510.52.

LOUISIANA.—G. A. Turner, Treas., \$150.00; Arcadia La Mis. So., \$5.00; Aletha Cox, \$2.35; P. B. Wright, \$5.00; G. A. Turner, Treas., \$150.00; Mansfield ch., by R. F. T., \$9.00; Mansfield, S. S., \$2.00; Central Com., W. M. S., by Mrs. W. V. C., \$11.65; A Brother and family, \$70.00; Valence st. ch., by F. C. G., \$91.05; Arcadia ch., by G. W. H., \$27.00; G. A. Turner, Treas., \$140.00; E. O. Ware, Treas., \$40.00. Total \$703.05.

Previously reported, \$1,036.75. Total this year, \$1,739.80.

MARYLAND.—Fulton Ave. ch., by G. W. L., \$21.26; W. F. M., So., by Mrs. E. L.—Christmas offering, \$2.38; Miss White, \$55.16; \$301.64; W. F. M., So. Miss White, \$10.00; \$62.92; Franklin Sq. ch., by J. L., \$50.00; Riverside ch., by J. L., \$14.23; Hereford ch., by J. L., \$9.70; Calvary ch., by J. L., \$4.95; Forest, \$3.00; Eastport ch., by J. L., \$7.96; Eutaw Place, S. S., (native preacher China), \$140.00; Eutaw Place ch., \$699.25; First ch., Baltimore, by C. M. P., \$68.78; J. P. Foams, Treas., \$79.35; Fulton Ave. ch., by J. H. T., \$5.63; Rockville ch., by J. H. T., \$3.20; Fourth Baptist ch., Baltimore, \$15.87; Joshua Levering, \$105.49; W. E. Robertson, \$7.00; Fuller Memo. ch., by W. M. G., \$30.00; Mary E. Berry, 50c. Total \$1,630.75.

Previously reported, \$4,292.15. Total this year, \$5,922.80.

MISSISSIPPI.—Clear Creek ch., by R. G. H., \$6.30; A. V. Rowe, \$100.00; Pleasant Grove ch., by W. A. S., \$2.10; Pleasant Grove S. S., by W. A. S., \$1.10; D. P. Harris, by W. A. S., \$5.00; Friendship ch., by W. G. S., \$2.00; Hinkle Creek ch., by T. F. H., \$3.50; New Hope ch., by J. W. S., \$1.00; Pochuta ch., by W. S. O., \$4.55; Holly Springs ch., by E. D. W., \$2.75; Corinth ch., by J. B. S., \$25.00; Osyka ch., by D. M. R., \$1.60; Bethel ch., by J. W. S., \$2.55; Bethesda ch., by D. A. F., \$10.00; Palestine ch., by J. L. P., \$7.50; W. M. S., Bethesda, \$5.00; De Soto S. S., by C. H. M., 75c.; Ripley ch., by J. C. S., \$25.00; Mrs. A. D. Whitfield, by R. F., \$3.00; Robt. Frazer, \$30.00; Clear Creek ch., by R. G. H., \$1.25; Concord ch., by R. G. H., \$4.75; Longtown ch., and L. M. S., by F. P. T., \$20.00; Crystal Springs W. M. S., \$7.50; Junior Circle, Clinton ch., \$2.50; Miss Bessie Miller, \$2.00; Miss Carrie Leavell, \$3.00; Okalona ch., by W. J. D., \$34.30; Shiloh L. M. S., by A. G. P., \$4.50; A. F. Davis, \$6.00; Little Springs ch., by W. H. C., \$5.65; Mt. Pisgah ch., by J. F. W., \$2.00; Oak Grove S. S., by J. H. M., \$1.65; Nettleton ch., by H. T. A., \$4.00; Mt. Olive ch., by T. R. B., \$25.00; Iuka ch., by T. R. B., \$8.25; Camp Creek ch., \$6.75; Bethlehem ch., by T. C. S., \$4.00; Bethany ch., by J. H. L., \$2.45; M. A. Burkhalter, by J. H. L., Mt. Pisgah ch., by M. A. B., \$2.60; C. E. Smith, \$8.10; Mt. Horeb ch., by D. A. C., \$1.70; J. S. Cobb, on Western Recorder offer, \$5.00; E. P. Douglass, Western Recorder offer, \$1.50; New Prospect ch., by E. P. D., 55c.; Philadelphia ch., by E. P. D., \$1.75; Fair River, \$3.00; T. J. Bailey, Treas., \$500.00; Galilee ch., by W. W. B., \$25.00; E. B. McLain, \$2.50; T. J. Bailey, Treas., \$242.00; A. J. Vallandingham, \$5.00; Miss Sprewell, \$5.00; Magnolia ch., by W. P. P., \$15.25; W. M. S., Magnolia ch., by W. P. P., \$2.75; Pontotoc ch., by R. A. C., \$8.05. Total, \$1,521.80.

Previously reported, \$3,556.25. Total this year, \$5,077.55.

MISSOURI.—Caruth ch., by G. W. R., \$9.05; Wilson, S. S., by G. E. T., \$2.00; Nelson ch., by G. E. T., \$6.26; J. E. Watson, \$1.00; Pleasant Hill ch., by W. H. O., \$6.90; Pleasant Hill, W. M. S., \$4.75; Pleasant Hill, S. S., \$1.25; Gilcud ch., by J. O. W., \$6.10; A. E. Rogers, Treas., \$180.00. Total, \$1837.31.

Previously reported, \$3705.86. Total this year, \$5543.17.

NORTH CAROLINA.—N. C. Convention, by J. D. B., \$500.00; Tryon ch., by T. T. B., \$2.25; Carrie Lee McLean, (new Miss to Japan), \$10.00; J. Q. Adams, (new Miss to Japan), \$20.00; Mrs. Frank Bennett, (new Miss. to Japan), \$5.00; A. R. Pittman, (new Miss. to Japan), \$10.00; Mrs. J. A. Dodson, (new Miss. to Japan), \$10.00; Tryon ch., by T. T. B., \$3.50; J. L. Allen for self and wife, (new Miss. to Japan), \$10.00; N. C. Convention, by J. D. B., \$500.00;

Miss Laura Lazenby (R. T. Bryan's Sch.), \$5.00; Rich Fork ch., by J. H. M., \$2.00; Bridgewater ch., by W. P. H., \$2.00; J. M., Stoner, Treas., \$11.68; Foreign Mission expense &c., \$660.86; J. W. Morgan, \$10.00; S. S., Miss Day, by J. M. F., 53c.; J. D. Boushall, Treas., \$1000.00. Total, \$2762.82. Previously reported, \$3361.00. Total this year, \$6123.82.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Ebenezer ch., by D. E. L., \$4.75; A. Friend, 20c.; Edisto ch., by D. H. C., \$2.12; Philippi ch., by W. E. G. H., \$1.16; Mt. Joy ch., \$3.43; Red Branch ch., by W. F. A., \$1.55; Red Oak Grove ch., by L. F. D., \$5.35; Parkville ch., by L. F. D., \$11.48; Greenville Ass., by W. W. K., \$19.41; Dry Creek, S. S., by J. H. E., \$3.72; Healing Springs ch., by J. J. R. (Wesley Lawton, \$3.00); \$3.00; Healing Springs, W. M. S., by J. J. R., \$3.00; Mt. Gallagher ch., by B. L. H., \$2.00; New Hope ch., by R. H., \$2.50; El Bethel ch., by J. E. C. J., \$3.37; Crooked Run ch., by E. T., \$2.00; Bethel ch., by B. S. B., \$23.35; Florence, S. S., by W. M. W., \$5.92; Beaufort ch., by A. C. W., \$7.00; Beaufort ch., S. S., \$10.75; Memorial ch., by T. P. M., \$1.00 Rev. J. W. Sanford, \$2.50; Glendale ch., by L. R. T., \$6.30; Gowensville ch., by J. A. W., \$8.25; Horeb ch., by J. W. C., \$5.00; Buffalo ch., by G. A. H., \$3.00; Red Bank ch., by J. N. E., \$8.00; G. M. Morris, \$5.00; J. F. Felder, by G. M. N., \$1.00; Mt. Zion ch., by H. K. E., \$8.00; Providence ch., by H. M., \$1.95; First Baptist S. S., Columbia, \$25.00; Sanford ch., by C. W. S., \$1.46; Spartanburg, S. S., by W. T. D., \$10.00; Green-Street Baptist ch., by J. R. A. A., \$7.00; Green-Street, S. S., \$10.00; Green-Street, L. A. S., \$3.00; A Buist for W. M. S., \$5.00; Rock Hill ch., by H. R. M., \$4.12; Bamberg, W. M. S., by C. P. E., (Lawton), \$5.10; Springtown ch., (Lawton), \$7.22; Ghurts Branch ch., (Lawton), 95c.; Fort Lawn ch., by D. H. J., \$4.00; Chester ch., by E. L. A., \$35.00; Batesburg, W. M. S., by T. R. C., \$10.00; A Friend, \$1.05; McCormick ch., by R. E. H., \$3.49; Mt. Zion ch., by E. H. L., \$5.00; Clarks Hill ch., by G. H. B., \$1.42; Beulah ch., by B. M. C., \$2.25; Sims School House, S. S., by W. L. B., \$1.00; First ch., Columbia, by W. C. L., \$44.00; Aiken ch., by E. E. B., \$12.62; Aiken ch., Y. P. M., \$1.13; Williamston, S. S., by J. A. E., \$10.00; Parksville, S. S., by H. W. D., \$1.45; Lawndesville ch., and S. S., by O. J., \$2.52; Mt. Moriah ch., by J. R. M., \$3.00; Florence ch., by W. J. B., \$38.49; Flint Hill ch., by W. F. B., \$9.36; New Pisgah ch., by R. B. M., \$2.87; Rev. J. A. Tuten, \$4.00; Midway ch., by W. B. McK., \$4.60; Manning, S. S., by J. O. G., \$8.10; Mrs. E. L. Stevens and daughter, \$2.00; Shiloh ch., by J. D. S., \$2.46; Fair Forest ch., by J. D. G., \$11.74; Fair Forest, L. M. S., \$3.00; Fair Forest, S. S., \$3.04; McCormick ch., L. A. S., by B. A. M., \$4.01; Treadway ch., by F. P. W., \$5.00; Damascus ch., by J. S. W., \$5.00; Buck Island ch., by J. C. G., \$3.80; Beulah ch., by A. E. F., \$1.00; Walnut Grove ch., by J. H. S., 60c.; Beulah ch., by J. H. S., 75c.; Mt. Tabor ch., by J. H. S., 64c.; Georges Creek ch., by A. B. K., \$3.80; Washington ch., by J. T. H., \$3.39;

Bethel ch., by D. H. C., \$1.41; Willow Swamp ch., \$2.43; Bethany ch., by G. E. B., \$11.00; Pleasant Hill, S. S., by W. M. S., \$1.40; Mt. Pisgah ch., by J. J., \$2.80; North Fork, by J. S. M. F., \$1.77; North Fork Sunbeams, (Sun Mis.) 65c.; Georges Creek ch., L. A. S., by T. B., \$5.60; Mt. Pleasant ch., by W. H. P., \$1.92; Grassy Pond ch., by A. J. M., \$2.10; High Hill ch., by S. P. H., \$1.12; Graham ch., by J. T. H., \$2.95; Bethesda, by S. M. B., \$2.50; Zion Hill, \$2.82; Cedar Springs \$12.00; Double Springs ch., by J. N. T., \$8.60; Batesburg ch., by W. B. P., \$5.00; Packolet ch., by J. J. K., \$3.00; Ridgeway ch., and S. S., \$24.05; Winnsboro ch., by J. F., \$16.15; Bellview ch., by W. A. W., \$3.00; Black Creek ch., by J. B. H., \$3.00; Camp Creek ch., J. H. B., \$1.75; W. M. S., Orangeburg ch., by Mrs. B. M. F., \$10.00; Welcome ch., by J. P. M., \$2.76; Fellowship ch., by T. S. C., \$3.60; Mt. Lebanon ch., by J. W. M., \$3.40; Friendship ch., by S. G. B., \$5.50; Enoree ch., \$2.58; Bethel ch., \$1.35; Maybrinton ch., 45c.; Prosperity, \$1.56; Cross Hill, \$2.32; Langley ch., by W. A. Mc., \$3.00; Pine Forest ch., by W. A. Mc., \$1.20; Second Newberry, S. S., by J. D. M., \$2.10; Whitmore ch., by J. D. M., \$2.40; Lancaster ch., by W. C. T., \$13.29; Beavercreek Assn., by J. W. S., \$22.68; Elko ch., by W. H., (W. A. Lawton, \$5.00); \$5.00; Brunson ch., by W. H. (W. W. Lawton, \$4.50; Graham's ch., by W. H., (W. W. Lawton), \$6.50; Graham's ch. b. W. H., \$6.55; Norway ch., by W. H., \$4.80; Mt. Calvary, by W. H., \$1.00; Sulphur Springs ch., by W. P. S., \$6.41; Green ch., by W. P. S., \$5.50; W. M. S., of Green ch., by W. P. S., \$2.75; Santee by A. Mc. A. P., \$12.00; Philadelphia ch., by J. R. A., \$5.90; Joyce Branch ch., by A. B., \$2.00; Welsh Neck ch., by A. M. S., \$16.26; Abbeville ch., by W. D. B., \$12.91; Mt. Zion ch., by H. K. E., \$8.00; Poplar Springs ch., by H. K. E., \$3.00; Buffalo ch., by H. K. E., \$1.05; Fairfield ch., by H. K. E., \$3.60; Mt. Moriah, by H. K. E., \$1.70; Sunbeams, Rehoboth ch., by J. L. O., \$2.15; Lowndesville ch., by O. J., \$2.31; Barnwell ch., W. E. E., (W. A. Lawton, \$9.25); \$14.25; Hartsville ch., by J. W. L., \$1.37; Cash from friends, \$3.00; Due West ch., by H. P. Mc., \$15.36; Young Reapers Soc., by H. P. Mc., \$2.24; Due West., S. S., by H. P. Mc., \$2.40; Wolf Creek ch., by R. G. C., \$12.79; Pelzer ch., by W. T. T., \$15.00; Berea ch., by A. J. L. T., \$5.32; Miss L. Chaplin, \$2.00; First ch., Greenville, by W. C. B., \$169.81; Mt. Armon ch., by J. B. A., (W. W. Lawton), \$5.00; Sally ch., by H. J. S., \$4.20; Buffalo ch., by R. E. P., \$4.00; First ch., Greenville, by C. S. G., \$5.00; Mrs. Jno. Stout, Cor. Sec., (W. W. Lawton, \$1.00; Sunbeams, Mis. \$2.50); \$36.41; T. M. Baller, Cor. Sec., \$36.17; Wolf's Creek ch., by R. G. C., \$1.75; First ch., by R. G. L. N., \$3.25; Sunbeams First ch., by R. G. L., \$8.00; Central Com. W. M. S., by Mrs. Jno. S., \$13.58; Mt. Elon? ch., by E. H. H., \$4.00; New Prospect ch., by A. J. D., \$20.00; Bishopville ch., by G. S. J., \$6.46; "A Friend," \$3.54; Ninety-six ch., by F. O. S. C., \$15.00; Rutherford Street ch., by R. C. G., \$2.27;

L. M. S. Rutherford Street ch., by R. C. G., \$3.25; Ridge Springs ch., by Miss C. D. W., \$23.46; Jonesville ch., by W. E. G. H., \$2.30; St. Stephens, S. S., by I. S. R., \$2.00; W. F. J. Cox, Treas., Saluda Assn., \$305.51; Hodges ch., by W. C. M., \$1.35; Ararat ch., by T. J. B., \$3.00; Mountain Creek ch., by J. M. R., \$3.25; W. W. Keys, Treas., Greenville Assct., \$52.07; Blackville ch., by A. B., \$2.50; Summer-ville ch., by D. L. A., \$11.00. Total, \$1976.85.

Previously reported, \$8175.97. Total this year, \$10152.82.

TENNESSEE.—Union Grove ch., by W. S. D., \$2.15; Eld. J. R. Stinson, \$1.30; G. W. Laffery, \$3.00; Talbott ch., by C. B., \$3.00; W. W. Woodcock, Treas., (China, \$5.00; Mrs. Sloans, S. S., class for Miss Lottie Price, \$3.00); \$299.20; R. K. Dawson, 25c.; Concord ch., by S. S. H., \$12.78; Walnut Hill ch., by S. J. H., \$1.60; Alpha ch., by J. E. S., \$6.83; Dyersburg ch., by B. F. W., \$20.00; Ladies' Auxiliary Dyersburg ch., \$5.00; Friendship Assn., by G. S. B., \$14.21; Jellico ch., by Mrs. S. K., and Miss J. C., \$10.08; J. M. Newmans Estate, by J. B., \$75.00; Mrs. Isaac Buchanan, by W. N. W., \$25.00; Fair View ch., by J. B., \$1.70; First ch., Jackson, by W. I. O. C., \$17.22; Mission Jewels First ch., \$5.00; Mrs. Bettie Garrett, \$5.00; Mrs. G. W. Thomas, 50c.; M. O. Crumpler, \$20.00; S. S., Miss., day, by J. M. F., \$6.30; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$548.83; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$64.50. Total, \$1145.06.

Previously reported, \$6126.18. Total this year, \$7271.24.

TEXAS.—M. D. Early, Sec., \$1603.82; Campbell ch., by H. B. P., \$5.00; Lancaster ch., by J. M. R., \$6.00; Brownwood ch., by W. D. G. A., \$2.50; Mrs. J. L. Whittle, \$10.00; W. M. S. Abilene, by Mrs. W. Y., \$8.00; Mrs. M. C. Ligon, \$1.00; Mariana ch., by W. D., \$5.25; Mariana ch., S. S., by W. D., \$1.45; S. S., Miss. day, by J. M. F., \$4.93; Mt. Vernon ch., by L. R., \$10.00; Ben. Wheeler ch., by A. J. G., \$10.00; Orange ch., by J. J. B., \$5.00; M. C. Early, Treas., \$1200.00. Total, \$2872.95.

Previously reported, \$5279.28. Total this year, \$8152.23.

WESTERN ARK., AND INDIAN TER., —Gen'l. Con. W. Ark., and Ind. Ter., \$59.75; J. B. Cranfill, \$10.00. Total, \$69.75;

Previously reported, \$216.60. Total this year, \$286.35.

VIRGINIA.—Vesuvius ch., by M. R., \$2.70; Norvell Ryland, Treas., \$3000.00; Gwathmey Memo. Soc. Woman's College, \$17.57; G. J. Price, \$1.00; Enon ch., by J. H. F., \$2.00; Mt. Vernon ch., by M. L. G., \$5.00; "A Friend," \$5.00; Jennie Lou Estes, \$2.05; Republican Grove ch., S. S., by G. B. F., 64c.; Venable-Street, W. M. S., \$5.00; Mrs. Anna Shell, by A. E. D., 25c.; S. S., Miss. day, by J. M. F., 91c.; Norvell Ryland Treas., \$5300.00; Mrs. A. C. Estes, \$5.00; Mrs. Sager, \$1.00; Mrs. Hickman, 50c.; M. and G. Hickman, 10c. Total, \$8348.72.

Previously reported, \$12310.76. Total this year, \$20659.48.

WEST VIRGINIA.—M. W. Thurmond,

\$6.00; Barnwell ch., Western Recorder offer, \$5.00. Total, \$11.00.

Previously reported, \$8.00. Total this year, \$19.00.

WESTERN N. CAROLINA.—W. N. C. Convention, by J. M. S., \$24.33. Total, \$24.33.

Previously reported, \$576.58. Total this year, \$600.91.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Christian End Soc., Gay-Street ch., by B. C. B., \$10.00; B. Y. P. U., by J. B. B., \$125.00; First ch., by C. A. S., \$100.00. Total, \$235.00.

Previously reported, \$1330.91. Total this year, \$1565.91.

BRAZIL.—Brazilian Jewelry, by S. L. Ginsburg, \$9.40.

Previously reported, \$686.26. Total this year, \$695.66.

JAPAN.—J. W. Collum, (new Miss'y to Japan.) \$25.00.

Amer. Bap. Pub. So., \$300.00. Total, \$28,775.98.

Previously reported, \$78,148.90.

Grand Total, \$106,921.88.

Receipts for Foreign Missions from May 1st to May 15th, 1896.

ALABAMA.—Cusseta ch., by J. M. V., \$5.33; Cusseta, S. S., \$4.94; Young Cadet So., Cusseta ch., Xmas off., \$5.50; La Place ch., by W. P. W., \$2.20; L. A. S., Roanoke ch., \$5; S. S., \$5, by A. S. S., \$10; Salem ch., by H. E. W., \$1.55; Harmony ch., by W. L. E., \$2.60; Mt. Pleasant ch., by J. A. W., \$4.25; Yancy Sunbeams by H. P. S., \$3.28; Fordton, by B. G. H., \$1.33; McIver, \$1; A sister, 50 cents. Total for year, \$42.48.

ARKANSAS.—A. A. Andrus, \$10; Mrs. Mollie Harrison, \$1, \$10; Maynard ch., by L. F. M., \$6.60; Forest City ch., by J. M. P., \$2.65; Paragould ch., by T. B. K., \$16.25; J. W. Sykes, \$1; E. B. Miller, Immanuel S. S., Little Rock, \$3.43, B. Y. P. U. 45 cents, Batesville, \$11.50, \$15.38; E. B. Miller, Vice-Pres., \$5; Miss Lula Brown, \$5; Bentonville ch., \$5. Total \$66.88.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Washington Second ch., S. S., by R. M. H., \$50; Mt. Tabor ch., by C. C. M., \$3. Total, for year, \$53.

FLORIDA.—W. A. and M., First ch., Lake City, by W. S. R., \$10. Total, \$10.

GEORGIA.—Jackson Hill ch., Atlanta, by G. S. B., \$20; Jackson Hill ch., by G. S. B., \$5; Sunbeam So., No. 2, Americus, Ga., by J. R. S., \$30; Chattahoochee Valley ch., by W. L. S., \$6.81; W. M. S., Ashburn ch., by Mrs. W. A. M., \$3; J. G. Gibson, Tr., \$112.88; Hawkinsville ch., by J. B. L., \$50; Duffy ch., Savannah, by N. F., \$15.92; Beulah ch., by A. J. C., \$3; New Hope ch., by A. J. C., \$1.51; M. Knight, \$2; Americus ch., by J. R. S., \$61.30; Lyerly ch., by G. D. E., \$3.28; South Salem, W. M. S., by J. S., \$1; Milltown ch., by T. A. T., \$5.60; Benevolence ch., by M. B. L. B., \$5.72; Broomwood ch., by M. B. L. B., \$9.92; New Bethel ch., by M. B. L. B., \$12.42; Sardis, \$8.05; Hephzibah, W. M. S., by W. B. F., \$3; Hephzibah Sunbeam, by W. B. F., \$2.25; Chicamauga ch., by A. L. K., \$13.65; Lebanon ch., a sister, by W. W. A., \$30; Summerhill ch., by W. W. A., \$10; Oak Grove ch., \$1; Miss Wright, Tr. (W. H. Sears), \$100; H. R. Bernard, for a sister, \$20; W. M. S. Gainesville, by J. A. W., \$16; G. P. Bush, Piney Grove ch., \$3.20; Telfairville, \$5.31; \$8.51; Capitol Ave., Atlanta, by Mrs. T. R. B., \$10; J. R. Brown, \$100; J. H. Jenkins, \$1. Total, for year, \$672.62.

KENTUCKY.—J. M. Jackson, Western

Recorder offer., \$2.50; L. M. S., Columbus, Western Recorder offer., \$5; Lizzie Arnold, 10 cents; W. M. W., by Mrs. H. C., (Christmas Off., \$27.45; J. W. McCollum, Mt. Vernon, \$34.45), \$128.95; Forks Elkhorn ch., Sunbeam, by H. K. S. (Girl Madero Inst.) \$20.50; B. F. Proctor, \$26.50; Colton, S. S., by S. H., \$2; Carlisle S. S., by W. E. M., \$5; Versailles S. S., by P. V. B., \$5.04; Mrs. Mary W. Johnson, \$25; B. T. Mayhugh, \$5. Total, for year, \$225.03.

LOUISIANA.—J. L. Furman, for Stephen Gay, \$1; Mrs. Martin, 50 cents—\$1.50; Bluff Creek ch., by S. J. H., \$2.35. Total for year, \$3.85.

MARYLAND.—North Avenue ch., by J. L., \$85.85.

MISSISSIPPI.—First ch., Meridian, by R. H. G., \$8; Flora ch., \$17.25, S. S., \$3.25; by G. H. G., \$20.50; Marian ch., by J. W. S., \$8.15; Wesson ch., by G. M. M., \$130.44; Forty-first Ave. ch., Meridian, by A. C. U., \$18.37; Mrs. Winnie L. Powell, for Supt. and S. S. class, \$10; Guntown ch., by T. A. J. B., \$5; Clear Springs ch., by M. A. B., \$1.50; W. T. Ashford, \$5; Pleasant Ridge ch., by A. J. S., \$3.15; W. W. Coodry, \$5; Mrs. N. J. Landers, \$5. Total for year, \$220.11.

MISSOURI.—Hallby Grove ch., by E. P. S., \$1.30; A. E. Rogers, tr. (W. M. S., \$23.44), \$773.26; Nelson ch., by G. E. T., 73 cents. Total, for year, \$775.29.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Jno. A. Oates, for "Little children," \$1.97; Tyron St. ch., by M. H. P., \$75; E. A. Storey, \$1; Sandy Springs ch., by R. J. T., \$1.05; S. B. Riddle (collections), \$7.25. Total \$86.27.

TENNESSEE.—Clarkeville ch., S. S., by D. F., \$19.75; M. L. Freeman, by R. M. C., \$23.60; Mrs. Rosie McLain, \$1.50; W. L. Brown, Western Recorder offer., \$4; Evant ch., by D. W. W., \$2.80; Pleasant Hill ch., and pastor, by F. P. D., \$14.25; Miss Carrie Mullins and Miss Carrie Davis, by H. H. H., \$5; Mrs. F. S. Moore, \$1; Mt. Zion ch., by C. J. D., \$1.15; W. M. V. collection at Convention (McCollum House), \$25.88; W. M. U., collection at Convention (on debt), \$1.52; Birchwood, by H. P. Fitch, \$4.61; Central Ave. ch., Cleveland, by H. P. F., \$2.75; P. F. Henderson, \$2; J. W. McKenzie, \$5; General collection at Convention (on debt.) \$20.87. Total for year \$138.68.

TEXAS.—W. F. Wells, Big Spring ch.,

\$3.55; St. Johns, \$1.50; Liberty, \$2, \$7.05; Mrs. Lou F. White, \$10; Miss Jennie Martin and mother, \$5; J. H. Myers, Western Recorder offer, \$5; Dr. S. A. Hayden, by J. H. M., \$4; Pleasant Valley ch., N. N. R., 75 cents; Colmesnell, by B. L. M., \$2.60; Mrs. Bush, by R. C. Pender, \$5; D. James, Centre Point ch., \$5; Abeline Sunbeam, \$5; Mrs. B. H. Carroll, \$20. Total, \$76.40.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—S. B. Ezell, Tr., \$19.71; Harmony ch., by R. H. F., 17; M. W. Gordon, from Western Recorder off., \$5; Donald's ch, by J. F. A., \$14.04; D. W. Key, Pelham ch., \$7.81; Rutherford ch., Sunbeam, \$7.21; \$15.02; Second ch., Columbia, by W. Y. A., \$18.74; Oak Grove ch., by T. S. B., \$1; Reedy Fork S. S., by T. H. P., \$1.40; Aiken S. S., Convention, by E. E. B., \$8.18; Philippi ch., by W. H. T., \$8.90; Spring Hill ch., by S. N. W., \$8.40; Dudley ch., by S. N. W., \$4.75; Steep Bottom ch., by R. T. C., \$3.13; W. M. S., Rabura Creek ch., by C. G., \$3.35; Darlington S. S., by C. B. E., \$4; J. H. Moody, \$1.20; Plum Branch ch., by M. C. H., \$1.50; Abingdon Creek, by F. McC., \$5.65; Mt. Pisgah S. S., by E. L. C., \$1.31; Mrs. S. E. Babcock, \$5; Sardis ch., by R. F. M., \$4.85; Richland Spring ch., by H. I. R., \$2.20; J. W. Conerly, \$1.25; Sardis S. S., \$1.36; J. M. C., \$1; \$3.61; Friendship ch., by W. F. C., \$5; Pine Grove S. S., by C. H. W., \$3; Beaverdam ch., by J. B. B., \$2.15; White Pond, ch., by J. B. B., \$3.25; Cannon St.,

ch., by E. W., \$2.50; Princeton ch., by C. H. R., \$4.30; Mt. Olive ch., by C. H. R., \$1.45; Chestnut Ridge, by C. H. R., \$1; Rehoboth ch., by G. W. B., \$1.20; Friendship ch., by J. B. P., \$7.50; Bethel ch., by L. C. E., \$2; Black Swamp ch., by J. G. W., (W. W. L.), \$5; W. G. Whilden and wife, by C. S. G., \$10; Wm. Haynsworth, for W. W. Lawton, \$10; Mrs. F. H. Bethen and daughter, \$25; Brunson ch., by W. Haynsworth, \$42.50; Brunson ch., (by) L. M. S., by W. Haynsworth, \$2.50; Double Pond, by W. H. (W. W. Lawton), \$3.50; Bolling Springs ch., by B. F. W., \$11.90; C. M. Douglass, \$10. Total, \$311.69. Less returned to Rev. H. K. Ezell, sent by him by mistake \$8. Total for year, \$303.69.

VIRGINIA.—Liberty ch., Sunbeam, by M. C., 58 cents; Gwathmey Sunbeams, by A. S. H., (girl in Madero, School.), \$25; Saltville Sunbeams, by Mrs. A. O. (girl, Mrs. Hartwell's School.), \$15. Total for year, \$40.58.

WESTERN N. C.—J. M. Stoner, Tr., (Miss Price), \$10.93; J. M. Stoner, Tr., (Miss Price), \$25.32. Total, \$36.25.

W. VIRGINIA.—Charlestown ch., by S. W. C., \$2.56.

OHIO.—A. L. Vickers, Western Recorder offer., \$5.

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MISSION-CARD TOPIC FOR JUNE, 1896.

BRAZIL.—"There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Missionaries, 14; native assistants, 6; stations, 23; churches, 14; membership, 610; baptisms, 133; Sunday-school scholars, 50. Contributions, \$2,038.50.

13: 39; Matt. 13: 40-43; Gal. 6: 7, 8; 2 Cor. 9: 6.

4. Leaflet—"A Glance at Baptist Work in Brazil," by Rev. Solomon L. Ginsburg. To be read in its five sections by five persons.

5. Solo or duett.

6. Item.—"Brazil with her vast area and 16,000,000 people has one missionary only to every 130,000 souls. The excuse is sometimes offered: 'The Roman Catholic Church is evangelizing these countries, and hence we are not needed there.' To evangelize is to teach. Romanism teaches nothing. It gives no light. It forbids them the God-given privilege of reading the sacred Scripture."

7. Roll-call of missionaries in Brazil, with items of information.

8. Prayers for each by name, and for the place where each is at work.

9. Hymn—"From all that dwell below the skies."

STUDY TOPICS.—*Needs—men for old fields and for new. Advance last year. House at Rio. House needed at Campos. The press—power and need of. A notable conversion.*

PROGRAM FOR JUNE. 1896.

SUBJECT—BRAZIL.

"Think rather of the work than of the praise."—INGELOW.

1. The Lord's Prayer in concert.

2. Hymn—"Sow in the morn thy seed."

3. Bible-reading on seed-sowing—Matt. 13: 33; Eccles 11: 6; Matt. 9: 37, 38; Mark 4: 14; Matt. 13: 38; Matt. 13: 19-22; Matt. 13: 23; Psa. 126: 5, 6; Matt. 13: 25; Matt.

10. Business.
11. Reports from the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union at Chattanooga.
12. Collection. Doxology.

Monthly Missionary Literature.

THE CHURCH CONCERS, SOCIETIES, AND YOUNG PEOPLE.—Rev. Solomon Ginsburg, Campos, Brazil, has written the monthly leaflet for June. It is called "A Glance at Baptist Work in Brazil."

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Young People's Leader (75 cents) and *Kind Words* (50 cents) are able aids to young people. For free sample copies of the two above papers send direct to Baptist Sunday-School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The following delightful account of W. M. U. anniversary at Chattanooga has been most kindly furnished by Miss F. E. S. Heck, President, who gives the graphic touch of an eye-witness and participator in the exercises, impossible to one who, like the editor of this department, was not thus privileged. All our friends will feel greatly obliged to Miss Heck for her beautiful service rendered to so many readers. The Band Department, owing to pressure on space, will be omitted this month, as usual, on account of the W. M. U. annual report.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie W. Armstrong, was presented in print, and, by her request, not read at the meeting, to save the time. As it is the report of work done through the year, it will be printed in full in the July Journal.

A. A.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S. B. C.,
Chattanooga, May 8, 9, 10, 11, 1896.

At the close of each annual meeting

there are never lacking some who say: "This meeting has been the best that ever has been, or ever can be." This sentiment, though very truly the feeling of those who express it, is never quite true of the past and cannot be of the future.

Each session of the Union has some features which make it best, and all these *bests* gathered into one will by and by make a meeting better than all. The proofs which the eighth session of the Union can bring forward to sustain the claim that it was the best were the large number of delegates and visiting ladies present, the freedom of discussion, the number taking part in these discussions, the earnestness and harmony pervading the whole, and lastly, growing out of these, the largest mission collection ever taken during such a meeting.

It became evident a few minutes after the first session was called to order by the President—Miss F. E. S. Heck—that this session promised to be one of the most largely-attended meetings of the Union. The large and beautiful Presbyterian church, tendered to the ladies for this occasion, within a square of the church in which the Convention was in session, was well filled with Chattanooga and visiting ladies, while nearly every State reported its full quota of a vice-president and four delegates.

Mrs. G. W. Nelson, Chattanooga, in the opening devotional exercises, said she brought a message to the ladies. It was: "*Go Forward.*" She dwelt upon the Pyramid of Character in 2 Pet. 1: 5, 6—"Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue," etc. This pyramid, reaching from earth to heaven, rises step by step in the making of character.

Mrs. L. D. Eakin, Chattanooga, in welcoming the ladies, called it the Plucky Town, exhibiting this virtue in inviting the Convention and the Union. But its citizens counted themselves happy in being the entertainers of

such ladies. Chattanooga was, she believed, the most interesting town of its size in the world. All its hospitality, its beauty, its interest, was now for those it entertained. The birds sang for them; the flowers smiled for them; while the lofty Mount Lookout cast its protecting historic shadows over them.

Mrs. B. D. Gray, Alabama, not being present, Miss Wright, Georgia, responded briefly on behalf of the Union and visiting ladies.

Miss Heck, in her annual address, invited her hearers to briefly review the world-events of the year, that they might trace their bearing on missions, whose world-wide interests brought them together. God is in all history. He interprets but one. We might not hope to read His purposes as Israel's seers divinely called, but he who would might endeavor to spell out God's meaning in these events of to-day, provided only he use the alphabet of grace—Alpha and Omega—God before all, in all, and wielding all unto His ends.

The year 1895 would, in the coming century, be marked with the black scar of war and the blood-red cross of persecution. When the last session of the Union had met, the world-astounding defeat of China by Japan was just completed. The little island pigmy was counting up her gains and dictating terms to the ill-governed giant. Actual mission work in Japan had no doubt suffered, but amid the horrors of war Christianity had made her presence felt. Christ's cross, forty years ago trampled on with cursing, had become the sacred shield behind which the members of the Red Cross Society bent in Christly mission above the dead and dying, while the world, Christian and pagan alike, united in praises of their wise humanity. More marvellous still! Christian chaplains ministered to a pagan army, and Bibles were sold and given away by the thousand in prison and in camp. In the conquered country it seemed not so

well. May 28, 1895, on the first day of the Great Dragon, riots broke out in eight provinces, and on August the first robbery and fire led up to murder. Then missionaries went from China's soil to join the noble army of martyrs. In the mean while this martyr army is growing apace.

Armenia's soil is becoming drenched with Christian blood. For twenty months the nations have looked on idly, while morning after morning scenes of agony have been painted before them. But did we realize what it meant? Fifty thousand dead, and half a million starving! While nations hesitate Clara Barton acts, and thousands bless her name and deeds of mercy under the Red Cross.

Madagascar, last year a mission marvel, working out for itself Protestant Christian civilization, was a newly-risen Christian kingdom. Now the unjust claims of Catholic France have been imposed upon her. Madagascar was free no longer but in name. Cuba's conflict was a year old, but of this she did not dare to speak. It was too difficult to speak dispassionately. Our brethren were there. We thanked God for the release of Diaz, but should ever remember the Church now left in the midst of war, without a leader. This was the dark side of the picture; but there were signs of hope.

The full sowing of the Bible in Japan would bring its harvest. Despite the war good news comes from the missionaries in China. In India, a country ever dear to Baptists, a grand movement Godward stirred the people, and thousands were asking for baptism. In Europe, Persia, the fierce persecutor of all dissenters, had modified her policy towards them, and admitted the Bible to free circulation. In Italy such circulation had been going on for some years. Our missionaries in our own Continent—in Mexico and Brazil—were prospering, and the harvest in excess of the sowing; for Central and South America, excepting Mexico, were desti-

tute of evangelical missions than any other country, *pagan or civilized*.

At home our Home Board reported as the year's harvest 5,600 souls added to the mission churches at home while to mission churches in all mission lands there had been added this year 62,000 converts. Amid these times of darkness and signs of hope the Christians at home had been doing much and little. Debts loaded down the mission work North, South, East, and West. Mission debts were the problem of the hour. By the creation of a sentiment against debts the ladies could help, through their societies, to wipe them out, by urging the societies to give more largely in the summer months than at any other time of the year; by urging each *missionary* Baptist to give something to missions; and by being willing to be the servants of the Church, collecting gifts for missions, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Miss A. W. Armstrong, Baltimore, presented the Corresponding Secretary's report for the year. An enormous amount of work had been done by the Corresponding Secretary, to whose untiring efforts, night and day, winter and summer, so much of the success of this Union is due. What this work has been can be judged to some extent by the fact that that 8,112 letters had been written, and more than 178,000 leaflets, papers, etc., distributed. But this work had not failed of its harvest, and the report is one of rejoicing. The various lines of work of the Home and Foreign Boards were carefully gone over, and all show gratifying success. Of the boxes to foreign missionaries she said: "A doxology to God would be appropriate in this connection. 358 boxes against 224 for last year, valued at \$21,475, carried necessities, comforts, happiness and hope into hearts and homes that would have known none of this cheer without them. The increase shows a

deepening and broadening sense of the needs and worth of our frontier missionaries. Let no less be done in this direction; it is none too much. But with this growing knowledge of Home Mission work let moneyed contributions, which have been already stimulated by nearer acquaintance with the missionaries' life, increase year by year, according to our increasing abilities and members.

Last year the Home Board asked for \$25,000, and the societies reported \$33,542.64. The Foreign Board had asked for \$5,000, an advance over the nearly \$25,000 given last year, but only \$22,799.55 had been reported. It was believed that had times been more prosperous the full amount asked for would have been reached. The importance of Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools was specially emphasized. The educational feature of the day will tell upon the future as well as the present. Its repetition year by year cannot fail to make its lasting impression for God and good.

Looking over the whole work, Miss Armstrong said:

Over the heaped-up wealth of letters, reports, statistics, etc., lying before us, from which to construct the eighth annual report to Woman's Missionary Union assembled in Chattanooga, there seems to wave a bright banner. As its folds open to the breeze we read its Heaven-born inscription:

"To God be the glory: great things
he hath done."

Let this be the key-note to our song of thanksgiving, and, in the review of the year's work, the source of our keenest joy. Faithfulness over our few things here is the Saviour's ground for reward by many things hereafter. Our report is a general summary of this "faithfulness" throughout our borders, which the Master has graciously crowned even now with the present reward of success. If the comparatively few engaged in this effort

to tell the glad gospel news afar and near have accomplished much, who can compute the results if all were actively at work? What better definite aim for the new year could be steadily and prayerfully set before each of us than the winning of one more worker apiece to the cause of missions? We cannot reach all our members at once; each one of us can reach one. "Hand-picking is a choice method in the garden of the Lord.

We have sounded the key-note of praise for success. Had we only maintained our last year's record of \$48,500, in this time of strain and stress, we should have designated that success. The Boards, Home and Foreign, called on us last May to aim for \$55,000. We have reached it; we have exceeded it; for our total of collections in money and frontier-box values is \$56,000, or \$8,200 advance over last year. The Centennial collection of 1892, our banner year, was more than \$62,000. As our second high prize of attainment for the coming year, could we not set before us the reaching once more this top-notch in our history, now that we are, for the first time, within seeing distance of it? If we doubled our working membership, as first suggested, we should not stop at adding \$6,000 to our treasury. The first attainment secures the second.

Dr. J. M. Frost, in speaking of the recommendations of the Sunday-School Board to the Union, dwelt on the importance of interesting young people in Southern Baptist missions. He told of a missionary, now in Japan, who had been converted by reading *Kind Words*, as a child, and followed this up by a number of similar incidents. Mrs. Gambrill, Miss Broadus, Mrs. Burnham, and Mrs. John Eager (Italy), bore testimony to the value of the same paper. Mrs. Eager's experience, giving a glimpse of child-life in the missionary family, was particularly interesting, showing, as it did, how the Christian children, shut in from the unholy sights and sounds of a Sunday in

Italy, were entertained and instructed by this same monthly visitor.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Union were this year presented under the divisions of "Missionary Vowels," as follows: "A," Apportionment; "E," Express Fund; "I," Information; "O," Offerings; "U," Unity; "W," Writing; "Y," Young People. Mrs. J. W. Starnes, Asheville, N. C., read extracts from a leaflet, explaining briefly the importance of these vowels in mission work. Mrs. J. L. Burnham spoke earnestly on the necessity of the first vowel—"Apportionment"—in our own Union work.

Dr. Tichenor, after speaking briefly of these recommendations of the Home Mission Board—that the societies give thirty thousand dollars to Home Mission work, half in money and half in boxes, the week of self-denial, work among the foreign population, and support of our missionary publications, made a most earnest appeal for work among the colored women in and around our homes. For years Christian women had been exerting unconsciously an untold influence on the women of this race. Now he asked that they would consciously and in organized ways awaken to the great responsibility resting upon them for the betterment of their colored neighbors. It was impossible for any people to rise above the moral level of its women. White Christian women in the South held a leverage power to uplift the colored women around them, such as was possessed by no other power on earth. He believed this to be the greatest mission work of the present to which they were called.

Mr. Diaz came to speak to the ladies for a few moments of the needs of the poor among the Cuban Baptists. The men he said, were gone to the war. The services were in the hands of the women. The last persons he baptized were three girls who had been supported in the

Cuban school by societies in the United States. These girls were now teaching at different stations the lessons they had learned in the every-day Sunday-school.

In better times it was the custom of the church at each communion season to make a contribution for the help of the poor. Now there was no man to conduct such a service. The church was without leaders, yet the need for such help was greatly increased by the war. He asked if in the spirit of love the sisters here would not take up this work of love for the poor Christians there.

After a collection as many as could get near enough shook hands with the "Apostle of Cuba," as some love to call him, while he promised to return the next day to tell more fully of his work.

Friday afternoon the Chattanooga ladies tendered a reception to Union and visiting ladies, some three hundred partaking of their graceful hospitality. At this social meeting it became more evident than before what a large number of mission society leaders had come seeking new and tried methods of work and looking forward to the help and inspiration they were to carry back to the home society. Few things show more plainly the deepening hold of woman's mission work upon the hearts of the ladies than the large and yearly increasing number who came in some instances many hundred miles to the Union's meetings without being delegates, or receiving entertainment.

Time and space would fail even to mention all the helpful things brought out in Saturday's session, or the names of those who said them. Three missionary vowels were discussed, "E," Expense Fund; "I," Information, and "O," Offerings. Under each head were given seed thoughts for many a full harvest of future work. Miss Mary Taylor, of Tampa, Florida, had struck the key-note of the day in the opening Bible-reading on Consecration, and again and over

again this thought of self-giving, including all-giving, came up.

Mrs. Aven, Mississippi, in speaking of the necessity of each Central Committee having an expense fund, told how this matter, of such vital importance to the work in each State, was arranged in Mississippi. This brought on a most helpful discussion of ways in different States, and none could listen to the various plans given without being impressed with the vast amount of work done at little cost. This is owing to the constant endeavor of Central Committees to exercise a wise economy, and to the fact that as a rule none of the officers of committees receive any compensation for their services.

The vowel "I—Information—brought out a number of opinions as to the great importance of taking, giving, and reading missionary literature, the discussion being opened by a paper by Mrs. Lyle, Louisiana, read by Mrs. Crouch, of the same State. Mrs. John Eager, Italy, gave some amusing yet appalling instances of ignorance, as shown in letters sent to her. Such questions as these were not uncommon: "Do the Italians speak English, or do you find it necessary to learn their language?" "Are there any Catholics in Italy?" "Have the Italians ceased to practice the barbarous custom of binding the feet of their women?"

Mrs. Barnes called "O," Offerings, the perfect letter, so easy to say and remember; so hard to make perfect. A perfect self-surrender was required of us; a submission as perfect as the lamb upon the altar, "for such is our reasonable sacrifice." "Ye are not your own—ye are bought with a price"; but were we not much more like runaway slaves than dutiful servants, seeing how little—not how much—we can give our Master. Mrs. Eager pleaded for the offering of the lips. Mrs. Burnham for the offering of prayer, praying daily for some missionary, mentioning him by name. To this

end she urged the ladies to so press and support the Missionary Calendar that its publication might be resumed. Miss Bulhmaier said, put *ourselves* with the offering, for that meant all.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the day was the reception of a new auxiliary—that of thirty societies in Indian Territory, who, under the name of “The Women’s Society for Christian Work,” asked for admission to the Union, that they might gain instruction from their “elder sisters” and aid in their work. Mrs. McComb, the Indian woman, who had been sent to represent these Indian societies, stood before the Union in her plain calico dress and spoke to them, through her husband as interpreter. Many eyes were wet, and heart spoke to heart in language understood by all alike. Two new auxiliaries were added to the Union this year, and both were heartily welcomed, coming from the very centre of our civilization, the District of Columbia, and the other from the outer-edge of our territory; yet both, strange to say, monuments in a sense to the work of our Home Board, for more than half of the twelve churches in the former have been helped by the Home Board, while the work of Baptists in Indian Territory has been one of the most successful missionary enterprises of the country.

SUNDAY, 3 P. M.

Sunday afternoon is always looked forward to as the time especially given to the missionaries in attendance on the Convention.

On this occasion there were present Mrs. Eager, of Italy; Miss Bulhmaier, of the German mission in Baltimore; Miss Sallie Hale, of Mexico; and Mr. Diaz. Mrs. Gwathmey, late president of the Union, presided, and in opening the exercises said she had thought on coming to Chattanooga of many Bible texts she wished to bring for the consideration of this meeting, but as one after another had

spoken they had taken her texts. Evidently the same thoughts—the need and desire for greater consecration—was borne in upon all. Mrs. Eager spoke of the women of Italy, saying they were in bondage. The young women were prettier than American women—an ugly young woman was the exception, and so was a pretty old one. Young women were not allowed to go to the front door alone; they must be continually attended. At twelve they went to confessional, an ordeal dreaded by their mothers. They were bound by superstition. They wove palm branches in their windows to keep out demons, and constantly consulted dream-books. They were great believers in the lottery and played constantly. They worshipped the Madonna, and their religion was Mariolatry. They thought a woman would best understand a woman. Relics were worshipped. Among the famous relics in the various churches might be mentioned the swaddling clothes of Christ, the Virgin Mary’s veil, three heads of John the Baptist, the rope with which Judas hung himself, and a feather from the wing of the Angel Gabriel.

Miss Hale said that everything Mrs. Eager had said of Italy was literally true of Mexico. It might all be said of that country, with only a change of names. She, however, would show that Catholicism in Mexico was idolatry—the idolatry of Mary and the saints. Catholic theologians admitted that in some cases prayer to Mary was more quickly heard than prayer to God. When the Catholics told their rosaries there was one prayer to Christ to ten to Mary. Certain images of her were supposed to be more powerful to heal than others, and numbers went from place to place worshipping these images.

Mr. Diaz told of the progress of the Cuban Church and the recent persecutions. Twenty-five had been baptized this year, making a total membership of 2,775, while there were 1,300 children in the Sunday-schools and many in the every-

day Sunday-schools. He called them every-day Sunday-schools because they studied the Bible every day. Many of the children knew the four Gospels "by heart." As the war progressed the Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Methodist missionaries were driven from Cuba, one of the latter being killed. They try to scare him, but he is too old to scare. They say that the Baptists teach that the soul may be free, and they will make men want to have a free government. The report comes back from Spain that when the war is over 20,000 more priests will be sent to Cuba. The young men do not like this, and so they go to war. One night, while they are praying, a dynamite bomb is thrown into the church. There is a tremendous crash, but they keep on praying. When, at the close of the service, they are praying, another bomb is thrown; but again no one is hurt, and the prayer continues. They met to hold the communion service, which is held on a week-night, and at which there are usually six or seven hundred present. This time there are twelve or fifteen hundred there. He does not know why, but he preaches to them. Then suddenly the strangers begin to shout for freedom, and they know that they have come in to make it appear that the Baptists are raising a rebellion.

Diaz organizes a large number of Red-Cross stations, where they give medicines to the sick and wounded. He is accused of giving medicines to the Cubans. His house is searched, and, though nothing is found, he and his brother are thrown into prison. They are kept there six days, and are forced to sit in different cells with their faces to the wall, being closely guarded, and not allowed to turn round or speak. At night they lie in the corner, with their faces to the wall. This is the sixth time he had the honor to suffer imprisonment for Christ. At last he and his brother are examined. There is no fault found in them, and they suppose

they will immediately be released. Instead, men came and put additional bars in the windows, knock and hammer in the court-yard, and seem to be preparing a scaffold. He thinks his time to die has come, and begins to sing. His brother in the next cell joins in the song. They are told to stop—they must not speak; but they will not stop; they can but die. While they sing, like Paul and Silas, the doors are opened, and they are free. They hastened to the church, where the members were gathered, and unexpectedly walked in among them. There they stayed, praising God, until twelve o'clock. The next day he was ordered to leave the island, and after four days, making what arrangements yet remained for the protection of the people and property, he, his wife and child and brother came to the United States. In six or eight months Cuba would be free, and in ten years he believed the whole island would be won for Christ.

Miss Bulhmaier, of Baltimore, spoke of her work among the immigrants landing at that port. It is not generally known that it is the second largest entry port in the United States, many thousands of immigrants landing there each year. To help them in landing and open their hearts by kindness is her first endeavor, that she may speak to them of Christ, direct them to the German Baptist churches in the cities to which they are going, and to give to give to those who have them not Bibles in German, Polish and Swedish. The Bible is thus sent with the new comers to every part of the United States.

Monday the session was marked, as had been said, by the largest collection ever taken at any meeting of the Union. It has not been the custom to make any efforts for large collections on these occasions, but now the Foreign Board was weighted down with thirty thousand dollars in debt for our mission work, and all felt that this must be wiped out before

we could hope to go forward. The debt had been divided into three hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, and ten thousand dollars had been pledged in the Convention. Dr. Willingham, when he addressed the Union, said he had given much time and thought to preparing an address for this occasion. He could not deliver this now. He asked help on the debt, so earnestly and feelingly laying the necessities of the case before the ladies, that in a few moments those present pledged themselves to give and raise in their home societies more than \$1,500. Tears rose in many eyes, as in closing their willing offering the givers sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and rejoiced that God had made them thus willing to give and undertake for Him.

The vowels "U," Unity, "W," Writing, "Y," Young People, were discussed. Writing, Miss Daisy Hutson said, should not be confined to the Central Committee, but each one interested in mission work might and should use her pen to interest some one else. Mrs. Gambrell had, she said, written 2,000 letters to the societies in Georgia this year. She tried to let each society hear from her once a quarter at least.

Mrs. Mina Everett, Texas, told of being asked by a colored woman if she was "de missionary lady who exhausted them to good works." So we had to write and write again until some were *exhausted* to take up this work. Mrs. Wells, in speaking of Young People, said she believed her vowel to be the most important of all. We must have the young people for missions. Miss Hollie Harper told something of her work among the children in Dallas, how they were gathered into children's meetings, both on week days and Sundays.

Mrs. Gambrell presented the report on Obituaries, and Mrs. J. L. Burnham on Resolutions. The last of the State reports, all of which had been of much in-

terest, were read, and the meeting drew towards a close. The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the unanimous election of Miss F. E. S. Heck, Raleigh, President; Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Baltimore, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Nellie Martine, Baltimore, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer. The closing moments were spent in a number of sentence prayers, after which the eighth annual session of the Union adjourned to meet in Wilmington, N. C.

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Florida.....	371 53	1,499 44
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Kentucky.....	1,373 81	2,730 37
Louisiana.....	220 93	796 19
Maryland.....	1,818 24	4,981 02
Mississippi.....	644 52	611 11
Missouri.....	1,254 63	2,491 29
North Carolina.....	2,430 58	2,010 13
South Carolina.....	3,008 72	1,451 02
Tennessee.....	934 03	2,404 90
"Young South"....	322 70	3 95
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