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NEWS FROM "OUR HOME FIELD."

TEXAS.

Rev A. J. Holt, D. D., Supt. of Missions and Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, makes the following report of the joint work of the Baptists of Texas and the Home Mission Board:

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 3, 1889.

REV. I. T. TICHENOR, D. D. Cor. Sec.,
Atlanta, Ga.,

DEAR BROTHER.—I hand you enclosed our regular quarterly report. I also hand you the usual receipts for money collections, etc. Our missionaries have done about as usual for this season of the year. The unfavorable weather has prevented many congregations from assembling. When you remember that many of our frontier stations are under brush arbors, you will see how impossible it is for them to meet in wet, cold weather. Still this is the best we can do. I have organized many a church under an arbor in western Texas.

Money matters with us, still continue to be very close. The cotton crop, which we hoped would be quite large, has proven to be very short. This has crippled all our work. Were it not for the noble assistance of the Home Board we could not hope to maintain half such a work as we report to you this quarter. I am trying to secure 100 men and women to give our work \$100.00 each this year. I have so far found twenty.

Dr. Law is working nobly for the Home Board. We hope he will succeed. Both the man and the work he represents deserve the largest success. After all that might be said of the efficiency of our work yet it is sadly true that we are but half in earnest. Did we but realize what momentous issues depend on our activity and consecration, I feel that we would not sleep well while so inactive. With the 80 missionaries that

we have just reported we ought to set the West on fire. We ought to evangelize the whole of this State in one year. May God, our God, give us a greater measure of zeal and consecration in His service. Pray the Lord to bless us. We are having many things to trouble the peace of Zion, pray that we may forget the things that are behind and reach out to those things that are before and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling.

With many kind remembrances of your past kindness, I remain,
Yours faithfully,

A. J. HOLT, Cor. Sec.

religious visits, 5,112; pages religious literature distributed, 30,889; collected for State missions, \$3,927.95.

LOUISIANA.

Rev. C. W. Tomkie, Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana State Convention, gives the following as the report of 23 of our missionaries for the quarter ending November 31st, 1888:

Miles traveled, 23,970; sermons preached, 1,245; restorations, 50; received by letter, 91; baptisms, 384; total received, 525; general meetings held, 81; churches organized, 5; tracts distributed, 23,680; prayer meetings

freshings from His presence. Bro. Geo. Robt. Cairnes assisted me in a meeting which was commenced January 2d and closed the 21st. We had large congregations from the first. Our membership has been greatly revived. Twenty-two have been baptized, four received by letter. Others await baptism, having been received or signified their desire to unite with the church and the influence of the church greatly extended. All the expenses of the Mission have been met, and new efforts projected to advance our cause.

The interest and large attendance continues since the meeting closed, which, with the payment by the Home Board of the balance against the church, has given a new impetus to our cause, and placed our denomination, in this city, on vantage ground never occupied before.

Our converts are from families who are permanent residents, and those whom we have had the privilege of instructing in the doctrines and usages of the church.

I know that I voice the minds of the entire membership of the church when I convey to you our appreciation of your sympathy, and wise counsels and help. May you be spared many years to bless the church with your large experience and direction of our denominational affairs. Our Sunday and industrial schools continue to bless and reach those whom we want to reach, and this meeting, more than others we have held, evidences the sure and steady introduction of Bible Christianity among the people.

Yours fraternally,

M. C. COLE.

MISSOURI.

The work of our Board among the Germans of Missouri is exciting general interest, and we are looking for good results from it. We are just now arranging for the appointment of other missionaries, and the enlarging of the work.

We give in full the following as a specimen of the reports we receive from our German Missionaries, who are laboring among their own people: Report of Rev. F. Sievers, Missionary Pastor Kansas City, for the Month of December, 1888.

Dear Brethren: The last month of the old year has been a time of special labor for us. For nearly two weeks we had Bro. J. M. Hoeftlin with us, and after that Bro. F. Kiefer, our German Evangelist from Texas, on his trip to Europe, has been with us for some days; during this time we had every night meeting. The dear Lord has answered our prayers, and has blessed His word. The last Sunday night in the old year two rose



REV. JOHN A. BROADUS, D. D. LL.D.,
Professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

Report of 80 missionaries for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1888:

Days labored, 4,745; stations supplied, 462; Miles traveled, 33,150; sermons preached, 2,539; exhortations and other religious addresses, 940; total religious addresses, 3,479; baptized into mission churches, 238; received by letter and restoration by mission churches, 338; total received by mission churches, 576; professed conversions, 360; churches assisted in organizing, 20; prayer meetings assisted in organizing, 58; prayer meetings attended, 557; Sunday-schools assisted in organizing, 66; elders or bishops assisted in ordaining, 7; deacons assisted in ordaining, 20; meeting houses built in connection with labor, 6; cost, \$2,000.00;

held, 174; families visited, 1,628; Sabbath schools organized, 11; societies organized, 2; religious visits, 282; subscribers to Baptist Chronicle, 66; subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal, 62; letters written, 180; subscribers to Home Field, 5; amount paid missionaries, \$5,372.30; amounts in church building, \$1,317.25; addresses, 224; bibles and testaments distributed, 183; houses under construction, 4; Journals and Home Fields distributed, 260; number of missionaries employed, 28.

New Orleans.—Letter from Rev. M. C. Cole.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 28, 1889.
Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D.D.,

Cor. Sec. H. M. B., Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR DOCTOR.—Gracious blessing has God given us this month, in re-

for prayer, and Monday night, the last in the old year, three more asked for prayer. One of them is converted; the others are still praying for forgiveness of their sins. But our hope is that the dear Lord will help them all. Our Sunday-school entertainment, on Christmas, has been in all ways a success, as our hall on Troost avenue was so crowded that many of the people had to stand during the recitations of the children. So we passed from the old and enter into the new year with great encouragement, and good hope for many blessings for us from the Lord, to win many souls for Christ our Saviour.

Sermons preached, 17. Prayer-meetings, 5. Religious visits, 33. Tracts distributed, 30. Lord's Supper, 1.

We feel that the Lord has encouraged and awakened us, and blessed our feeble efforts. We desire your prayers that we may continue in the work.

I remain your brother in Christ,
F. SIEVERS.

Kansas City, January, 8, 1889.

N. B.—Tonight two more are converted. Bless the Lord!

Our very efficient Vice-president for Missouri, Rev. Dr. G. W. Hyde, sends this following to the *Central Baptist*, which may well find a place, also, in "*Our Home Field*," as it will be useful in other States as well as in Missouri:

President A. K. Yancey, of Hardin College, in enclosing me a personal contribution to Home Missions says: "I believe that Cuban Mission and the work of Diaz is one of the wonders of the 19th century. Who can tell what the end will be?" This seems to be the opinion of many, but why every Baptist does not pray heartily and send me a liberal contribution for this glorious work of the Lord, is a strange thing. Even some of our prominent pastors, who praise the work, have never yet raised a dollar towards its support! Isn't this strange indeed?

Bro. J. C. James, of Kansas City, says: "I take great pleasure in sending you the inclosed check for \$180, being amount of our Calvary Sabbath-school contributions to Cuban Missions. The brick scheme is an eminent success, especially in enlisting the children and leading to an intelligent appreciation of the work by the smaller scholars. I hope the Sunday-schools throughout the State have very generally adopted the plan, and that they have found it as helpful as it has proved to us."

Many of our best Sunday-schools have done nobly in regard to this Cuban work. I would be glad to furnish "brick cards" gratuitously to all who will use them. And now that our Board has bought so cheaply that magnificent house, that will put the cause in Cuba upon such a good basis, will not every church, Sunday-school and Woman's Missionary Society in the State take hold and help to pay for it?

Rev. G. A. Crouch, Missionary of

the General Association in Northeast Missouri, in making an address on missions, happened to speak of God's signal blessing upon the labors of our Home Mission Board. After the meeting a brother walked up to him and handed him a contribution for Home Missions, saying, "I have been a member of the church one year, and have never had the opportunity given to me to give anything for missions." Some pastor was to blame for not giving that brother the opportunity to give. And oh! how many are failing to do their work for missions in Missouri! This negligence is hurtful to the churches and must be highly displeasing to the Master.

I beg and beseech the pastors of the State to give the people information upon Home Missions (as well as other missions) and give them the opportunity to give. Information! Opportunity! These are our watch-words. Blessed are the people that have both! And thrice blessed will be the day when not only every church will consider and take collections for missions, but when every member will try to do something to advance the cause of his Saviour. Could this desirable consummation be reached I would feel that the millennium was almost beginning to dawn.

G. W. HYDE,
Vice Pres. H. M. Board.
Lexington, Missouri.

MARYLAND.

The following reports of our missionaries explain themselves:

Report of Work Among the Chinese for the Month, Beginning Nov. 20, and Ending Dec. 20, 1888.

Number of laundries visited for religious instruction, 32; number in which an opportunity was given me for teaching, 27; number of visits made in the interest of the schools, 11. The visits to the laundries have been continued as usual. In a few instances there has been opposition manifested to the truths of Christianity—men declaring that what I taught was false. This has usually been by opium-smokers, or men living lives directly opposed to the pure teachings of Jesus—men who would not come to the light lest their evil deeds should be reproved.

In some instances there has been, on the part of the unconverted, only indifference manifested; in others there was manifested a joy on hearing of Jesus and His great salvation and gratitude to the messenger who had brought the tidings. Some of the church members (belonging to other denominations) listened so earnestly and attentively to the exposition of a chapter in one of the gospels, that it was a pleasure to read and talk to them.

Our High Street Monday-school was closed recently, as most of the scholars had not time to come on Mondays for study.

I am hoping to be able to work up an interest in another part of the city, and, later on, to open an afternoon or evening school.

The Eutaw Place Baptist Sabbath-school seems to be in a prosperous condition. It numbers twenty-four pupils. They are regular in attendance and diligent in their studies. They listen respectfully and attentively to the Bible lesson, in Chinese, and sing the Moody and Sankey hymns, in Chinese, as heartily as if they were in their own land.

From time to time one and another scholar tells me he loves Jesus, loves to pray, and loves his Bible, and I cannot help from hoping and believing that the heaven of the Gospel is working silently, but surely—that some who are now secret disciples of Jesus will have grace and strength given them to enable them publicly to acknowledge Him as their Lord and Saviour. Oh! that God would give me many souls from among the Chinese in America!

LULA F. WHILDEN.

Report of Rev. G. R. Waller.

Herein I send my report of service rendered during month ending 20th of December, 1888. My place of residence is 420 Pine street. My post-office is Baltimore, Md. My field of labor is among the colored people of the State of Maryland:

Weeks' labor during the month, 4; churches supplied, 2; other stations, 3; sermons delivered, 14; addresses delivered, 11; prayer and other religious meetings attended, 28; baptisms, 1; received by letter, 1; number of Sabbath-schools, 3; number of pupils converted, 1; miles traveled in the performance of my labors, 248; religious visits to families and persons, 59; pages of tracts distributed, 400; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 6; young men preparing for the ministry, 2.

Is your church faithfully practicing the system of finance recommended by the Board? Yes.

GARNET R. WALLER, Missionary.

Notes—Regular Appointments.

1. *Kirkham, Talbot Co.*—Membership, 32; average attendance, 45; Spiritual condition, good; no addition during the month; supply, once a month, Sabbath-school teachers, 6; scholars, 30.

2. *Trinity, Baltimore*—Membership, 26; average attendance, 60; Spiritual condition, good; interest increasing; received by letter, 1; received by baptism, 1; Sabbath-school teachers, 10; scholars, 57; converts, 1.

Evangelistic Work.

1. *Easton, Talbot Co.*—Began Mission work there last month. So far the outlook is hopeful. They have a good hall, and the meetings are well attended. Bro. L. E. Miller, who is a school-teacher, and who also is an educated, devoted Christian, aids them in my absence. He also works in the mission at Royal Oak.

2. *Royal Oak*—Missionary work is still going on at this point under the care of Kirkham church. The attendance is good at every meeting.

Report of Rev. R. A. McGuirm.

Herein I send my report of service rendered during month ending 20th of December, 1888. My place of resi-

dence is 12 Charles street, Annapolis, Maryland. My post-office is Annapolis, Maryland. My field of labor is among the colored people of Annapolis, Maryland, and vicinity, First Baptist church.

Weeks' labor during the month, 4; sermons delivered, 8; addresses delivered, 1; prayer and other religious meetings attended, 8; restored, 3; total in fellowship, 30; number of members contributing, 25; average number in congregation, 35; number of Sabbath-schools, 1; number of pupils, 18; number of teachers, 3; religious visits to families and persons, 15; pages of tracts distributed, 75; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 1. My people have paid on my salary \$12. My people have paid for Maryland missions \$1.

Is your church faithfully practicing the system of finance recommended by the Board? Yes.

R. A. MCGUIRM, Missionary.

GEORGIA.

The following consolidated report for the quarter ending December 31, 1888, of the labors of the ten colored missionaries employed jointly by the Home Mission Board, the Georgia State Board, and the Colored Convention, will be read with interest, and will show that this co-operative work is progressing well:

Number of missionaries, 10; the months of labor, 31; the stations supplied, 122; number of sermons preached, 594; addresses delivered, 329; prayer-meetings held, 232; other religious meetings, 174; baptisms, 51; received by letter, 7; Sabbath schools organized, 15; associations visited, 8; letters written, 319; miles traveled, 10,534; meeting-houses commenced, 19; churches constituted, 6; ministers ordained, 5; deacons ordained, 7; women's missionary societies formed, 76; religious visits to families, 477; money collected for building churches \$175; collections for State missions during the quarter, \$422.19.

The above is certainly a very creditable showing, the missionaries are good men, and the outlook for their work is decidedly hopeful.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The following letter was not written for publication, but it gives details of interest about the Levering School which we are sure our readers will be glad to see, and so our Bro. Wright, the efficient Superintendent of the school, must excuse us for giving his letter in full:

Letter from Prof. J. O. Wright.

LEVERING MISSION, Wetumka, I. T.,
January 5th., 1889.

DEAR BRO. TICHENOR.—As I have not written for some time, I thought I would let you know how we are getting along at the Mission. We have had a prosperous session, so far. We have excellent help this year, and all take hold with a will to advance the school. Most of the scholars take considerable interest in making advancement. We had much trouble at the beginning of the session, on account of some running off, which

was somewhat discouraging, but they were mostly new ones just brought in. This seems to be a prevailing habit the Indian children have as far back as I can learn. But I am glad to say we are not troubled so much now with this evil as we were a few years ago. The parents I think are as much to blame for this as the children. Our average the first quarter was 101. We closed the school on the 21st of December for holidays, to reopen on January 1st. The children are very slow in getting back. Our stock are doing well. We have about 80 head of large hogs and shoats, besides a good many pigs. We are fattening 34 head of hogs. We had the misfortune to lose the short horn bull which Bro. Hyde secured for the Mission. That leaves us with one Jersey. Our crops did well. We raised about 3,000 bushels of corn 300 bushels of turnips, and 150 bushels of sweet potatoes besides other vegetables. We put up about 100 tons of hay, millet and prairie grass.

We have received some valuable contributions. From the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland, 3 boxes of clothing for school valued at \$615.95. Ladies of First Baptist Church of Baltimore, 1 box clothing for school valued at \$55.00. Ladies Missionary Society of Mossey Creek, Tenn., 1 box clothing for orphan girl, \$10.70. Ladies of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., 1 box clothing for orphan girl, \$10.00. Children's Mission Circle, LaGrange, Ga., cash for orphan girl \$70.00. Ladies of East Tenn., 17 quilts for school, \$30.

The above societies who sent to orphan girls each have one adopted here as a special object to work for.

We are very much indebted to Miss Sallie Hale, now a missionary to Mexico, for working up an interest in these latter societies in behalf of Levering Mission.

The sets of blacksmith and carpenter tools which we received last year are very serviceable to us. If we only had the means to employ a good mechanic now to teach some of the boys, I would like it very much.

I hope the day is not far distant when Levering Mission will be on a sound basis. Though the way seems dark now, I pray the Lord to bless means to relieve us of this great debt, and enable us to push forward His work to greater results.

I pray that God will abundantly bless the work of the Home Mission Board in their great work for the blessed Master.

Remember those at Levering in your prayers.

Your Brother,

J. O. WRIGHT.

Letter from Rev. J. S. Morrow.

LEFLORE, IN. TER, Dec. 31, 1888. DEAR BRO. TICHENOR: I am here an hour, and write you a few lines to wind up the old year.

Have just got here from Rock Creek church, holding a little institute, and ordaining three native Choctaw preachers. The rains and

consequent high waters prevented my going in my private conveyance, ninety miles, and so I had to come around by railroad through Texas 250 miles, and then out twenty—a hard trip. Cold, wet, muddy; several nights up until 12 and 1 o'clock, and forded several streams in this twenty miles, just short of swimming. I am tired, full of cold, muddy from head to heels, but am happy.

We had a good meeting. The Lord blessed us. All full bloods—saw one white man only. They were hungry for information, and came through the rain and wind and listened to every word. Three days only. We had services all day long, and two nights. The three ordained are good, promising men—a place and a work ready for each one. Suppose I give you an itemized account of the work the three last Lord's days, and the week days full also:

3d December—9 o'clock, two miles, married a couple; 10 o'clock, one mile, baptized one; 11 o'clock, one mile, preached and held church (special) meeting, and went one mile and baptized one; three miles to dinner—total, six miles. 3 o'clock my wife held children's meeting and talked to women. 7 P. M. I preached and organized a Sunday-school, and my wife organized a Woman's Missionary Society; 9 P. M. I married another couple, 10 miles riding.

4th Lord's day—9:30 Sunday-school, eighty pupils; 11 preached; 2 P. M.—five miles to marry a couple; 3 P. M.—three miles, preached and received two for baptism, and back three miles; 7 P. M.—preached.

5th Lord's day—Yesterday at 9 A. M.—preached and then conducted examination fully and carefully—three candidates to be ordained: gospel ministry—Christian experience—call to ministry, Bible doctrines—church government—giving to gospel, etc. Two of these three through an interpreter. Bro. Logan Charity presented bibles, Bro. O. Lassechubbie, charge to candidates, Bro. Jackson James, charge to church and prayer, and I wound up the whole with exhortation and advice to all parties. Services four hours.

2:30 P. M.—preached and presented claims of Colporteur missionary work, (Bro. Olassechubbie), and also the Indian work of our Territory Convention, and raised some money and some pledges—\$16. 5 P. M.—married a couple (Indians); 7 P. M.—preached.

I am not ashamed of this year's work, at least since May. I have traveled several thousand miles in the Territory, much of it on horseback, and in wagon or buggy. Heat, cold, wet, dry; have visited thirty odd of the churches, and preached, instructed and aided, among Muskogees, Seminoles, Choctaws, Chickasaws, red, white, black; have given away to the Lord's various causes out of my own salary over three hundred dollars, and am very thankful for the opportunities to give. They were worthy and needy, and I

am happy. Good-bye, the train is coming. Yours,

J. S. MORROW.

Quarterly Report of Rev. J. S. Morrow.

Days of service, 92; miles traveled, 4,260; churches supplied, 17; stations supplied, 7; sermons preached, 63; exhortations, 56; prayer meetings held, 61; religious conversations, 226; persons baptized, 9; received by letter, 5; restored 3; excluded, 1; died, 5; pages of tracts distributed, 2,000; bibles distributed, 9; testaments distributed, 17; No. of letters written, 277; No. of Sunday schools, 11; No. converted from Sunday school, 3; No. of persons professed conversion in connection with my labors whom I have not baptized, 6.

Report of Rev. Wm. McComb.

REV. I. T. TICHENOR, D. D.:

Herein I send my quarterly report, ending Dec. 31st, 1888:

Weeks of labor during quarter, 13; churches supplied, 15; preaching at out station, 1; sermons delivered, 23; addresses delivered, 11; prayer meetings attended, 13; Indians restored, 5; Indians baptized in connection with my labor, 7; miles travelled, 650; religious visits to persons and families, 9.

I have secured places for five young ladies in the State of Missouri to be educated and trained for missionary work in this Territory. They will enter school this month. This has been one of our great needs. We want educated women to make leaders in our Women's Missionary Society.

Wm. McComb,

January 1, 1889. Missionary.

STATE WORK.

KENTUCKY.

The two letters following, from the efficient corresponding secretary of the State Board, to the *Western Recorder*, give very interesting statistics of the work of our brethren in Kentucky for State missions, and show that while they are liberally sustaining other causes, they are not neglecting the work within their own borders:

Editor *Western Recorder*—Seventeen thousand dollars were raised and expended for mission work in Kentucky from June 1, 1887, to June 1, 1888. This includes what was given for State and District missions and State and District Sunday-school and colporteur work. There were employed by the State and the District Boards not less than 140 missionaries and colporteurs. These labored, in round numbers, 10,000 days, preached 5,000 sermons, made 12,000 religious visits, and received into the churches by letter and baptism 2,000 members. They raised \$40,000 for church building and improvements. They distributed 50,000 pages of tracts and sold \$6,000 worth of bibles and other religious books. We could add largely to this list of statistics, but these are enough for our purpose. They show the magnitude of the missionary work being done in the State. The money which sustains it

is raised, for the most part, under our Kentucky missionary system, now adopted, with one or two exceptions, by all our District Associations. A fact of great significance and of great promise is, that this money was given in a way to foster the missionary spirit and systematic benevolence. It does not include a legacy or one large subscription. It came from the Baptist masses and the growing activity of church life.

J. W. WARDER.

Report for the six months ending November 30, 1888:

Days of labor, 3,160; number of sermons preached, 1,803; average attendance at preaching services, 112; number present at all the services, 201,936; number of churches supplied, 45; number of out stations supplied, 24; number of prayer-meetings attended, 377; the number present at all the prayer meetings, 12,441; average attendance at these prayer-meetings, 33; number of religious visits, 6,934; number of families without a bible or testament, 239; number of professed conversions under their ministry, 608; number of baptisms under their ministry, 260; number of additions by letter under their ministry, 321; number added by relation, 55; amount raised for church buildings, lots or improvements, \$6,318.44; amount collected for Missions and Sunday-school and Colporteur work, \$530.33; number of Sunday-schools organized, 25; number of missionary addresses, 134; number of Sunday-school and colporteur addresses, 123; number of bibles and testaments sold, 663; value of bibles and testaments sold, \$973.11; number of bibles and testaments given away, 161; number of other books sold, 772; value of these books, \$1,459.89; number of pages and tracts sold and given away, 15,435; number of Sunday-schools at mission churches and stations, 52; number of pupils in these schools, 3,243; number of classes in these schools, 284; number of volumes in libraries, 569; number of papers taken, 1,226; amount contributed to missions and other benevolent objects, \$200.11; number of church members in these schools, 1,113.

The statistics above are not complete. They are fuller than we have been able to present heretofore. The missionaries are furnished with printed tables specifying the items we wish put in their reports. But among sixty missionaries and colporteurs it were surprising if all were prompt and none careless in making full monthly reports. The District Mission work is usually in advance of the State work in amount expended and results accomplished. The District Sunday-school and colporteur work we estimate to be fifty per cent. less. J. W. WARDER.

THOSE CLUBS FOR "HOME FIELD," which YOU promised to raise, are now very much "in order." But if you have not promised a club, you ought to have done so, and we will be glad to hear from you all the same.

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ATLANTA, GA., FEB., 1889.

THE HAVANA HOUSE.

Dr. Tichenor was a very happy man when, on the night of January 23d, he started to Cuba with money in hand, with which to make the first payment (twenty thousand dollars) on the theatre in Havana, upon which he had an "option" until the 1st of February.

He had a right to be happy, for we had, by God's blessing and the help of the brethren, accomplished a grand undertaking.

When he came back from Cuba in November and recommended the buying of this theatre, some of our wisest brethren doubted the feasibility of the scheme, and especially whether so large a sum could be secured during December and January, the worst months of the year in which to take collections.

But the Secretary imparted some of his enthusiasm to other members of the Board, we went to work, and the responses have been in the highest degree gratifying.

We had collected for the Havana house all of the money needed for the first payment, except about two thousand dollars. Every dollar of that was promised, and would have been in hand, but for several unforeseen hindrances, and our treasurer, A. D. Adair, Esq., with his accustomed liberality, quietly advanced the money needed, and sent Dr. Tichenor on his way rejoicing, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Brother Diaz, who wrote: "You will have the money, because we been done pray the Lord to put it in the hearts of the people to give it."

But let none suppose that we need no more money on this account.

We must, of course, pay back the money advanced, and at the end of a year we will have another payment to meet, and must collect the money during the year, and not wait for season pressure at its close. Indeed, we hope to make an arrangement by which we can discount our notes for the deferred payments, and thus use what cash comes in for this purpose to very great advantage.

We had hoped that before going to press we would be able to receive

from Dr. Tichenor a statement of the completion of the whole matter, and an announcement of the time of the dedication, and the details of an excursion to Cuba at that time. But we have not yet heard from him, and must refer our readers to the weekly papers for this announcement. Suffice it to say now that we have complied with our part of the contract, and hope that ere this our church in Havana is in possession of that splendid property.

Just as we are going to press, we have received the following letter from Dr. Tichenor, from which it will be seen that though waiting on "the law's delay," there seemed no real obstacle in the way of our securing the theatre:

HABANA, CUBA, Jan. 30, 1889.

DEAR BRO. JONES: You have already learned about my detention in Florida. The failure of the East Tennessee train to connect with the South Florida, at Jacksonville, cost me four days of time and expense.

Monday we had a gale at Tampa, and on Monday night the good ship, Olivette, was so beset by the northern, that she was unable to leave the wharf until Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock.

The sea was rough all the way to Havana. As I am never sea-sick, the principal inconvenience I suffered was being confined to the cabin. The wind was so cold that it was unpleasant on deck. This was a disappointment to me. I love the sea. I love to watch "the change of its wild waves play." I love its ever-varying aspect of calm, or breeze, or storm. I love to watch the shadow of the clouds upon its waters that sometimes seem like islands resting upon the bosom of the deep. I love, when tossed upon its heaving breast, to think of what the Psalmist said: "The sea is His and He made it." It is God's work and seems to me to bespeak his power and Godhead even more than the solid land.

We gaze upon its wild waste of waters and call it the barren sea; and yet it is the mother of all living things upon the globe. Byron says, "From out thy slime the monsters of the deep were born," but this conception of the great poet is far below the grand reality. From its womb of waters were born the rock-ribbed continents, every island, whether beneath the icy pole or in the tropic's torrid clime, was heaved up from old ocean's depth. "All life is from the sea," says Science, and in this assertion she best reiterates the saying of Revelation. Science would always find herself nearer the truth if she would heed the teachings of the Bible. Moses was the greatest of all the scientists, and his teachings will abide the test of all coming time, and stand accepted and admired when the old and wrinkled earth shall grow cold in its last decay, and the dying sea give up its dead.

Somewhat, I never sleep away the early morning hours when coming to Havana. The usual period of re-

pose I cut short, and I wake to see the morning clouds that hang over the sea scarcely discolored by the coming dawn, and I watch for the light of old Moro Castle, as for the star that beams on the forehead of the coming Day.

There is something peculiarly attractive to me about our work in Havana. Its unnoted beginnings, when one man, without money and without influence, stood alone on the island, with nothing but his Bible and his trust in God,—its great trials, for its history is but an ever-varying panorama of the bitterest and most unrelenting persecution that priest and potentate could devise—its marvelous success, for nothing in the history of modern missions has surpassed it—its outlook of glorious hope for Cuba, and for all Spanish America,—kindle in my heart emotions that possess me, and so control me, that when I am coming to Cuba I feel like one who "hears the honest watchdog's bark bay deep mouthed welcome as we draw near home." There is a charm in the spot where the first souls made their good confession; where they were buried in the likeness of His death; where they have met, and when wild persecutions raged without, drawn near to God, and felt like the fledgeling in its nest on the branches of the storm-tossed tree; in the little white-walled cemetery, where sleep the last martyrs of our faith, awaiting the resurrection of the just; that lifts me so far above the dull things of sense and clay that

"My spirit floats in liquid light,
Like skiff upon a sapphire sea."

When the ship came to anchor in the harbor of Havana, there was Diaz awaiting me. His interest in my present mission was keen, and he awaited my coming as the answer to the many prayers that had gone up to God for his work and for Cuba.

Yesterday we spent in preliminary arrangements for closing the contract and securing title to the property. These Spanish people are proverbially slow, and all their forms of business and legal methods seem framed to sustain this reputation.

While the owner is evidently anxious to close the contract and get the money which he knows is awaiting him, it is now impossible to say how many days it may take to complete the transaction.

Diaz is impatient of these enforced delays. When he was made "a new man," he seems to have been thoroughly transformed, and to have imbibed the spirit of the people among whom he was born again. He is not a Cuban, but an American in all his methods and activities. Years, and a constitutional tendency to deliberate action, have so calmed my Anglo-Saxon blood, that I am more patient than he of these delays.

Yesterday we visited two of the schools, and found them both full, more than seventy pupils in each. One of them was under the tent which Diaz has pitched on a lot about two miles from the Prado.

Last night worship was held there. There were about 700 present, though a circus was exhibiting its attractions not more than a square away. Diaz preached, and as usual held his audience to the close, though half of them were compelled to stand during the entire service. When will we be able to afford proper accommodations for the multitudes that are flocking to hear the Gospel? This mission is in a part of the city where we have had no preaching before its establishment, about a month ago. It is very promising.

But Diaz is waiting for me, and I must close. Good bye.

Your brother.

I. T. TICHENOR.

NOW FOR OUR GENERAL WORK.

We have necessarily had much to say about Cuba, and have been directing our energies toward securing the Havana house; brethren in other departments of the work may have thought that we had forgotten them. But this has been by no means the case, and we propose now to push our general work with renewed energy. There has been, and is, danger that interest in Cuba might lessen contributions to other work of the Board, and we have been keenly watching this point. We have been gratified to see that our general receipts have kept up so well, and are in considerable excess, so far, of what they were this time last year.

But we must beg our brethren to see to it that this continues. We cannot afford to push our work in Cuba at the expense of other departments of our great work. We want money for Cuba, but not a dollar less for Home Missions in our vast and needy field on this side of the sea.

A SKETCH OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

was to have appeared in this number, but we have failed to get in time certain data necessary to complete it, and must defer it until our next issue. We give in this number cuts of Drs. Broadus and Manly. [The cut we gave of Dr. Boyce in our January number is, we think, the best we have seen in any of the papers.] and hope in our next to complete the list of the original Professors of the Seminary, with a likeness of Dr. Wm. Williams. We hope also to give a cut of the beautiful new dormitory building.

The Assistant Secretary of the Home Mission Board is not now, has not been, and does not expect to be "Associate Editor and Business Director of the *Kind Words Series*." Such an announcement was made in November because he had consented, on certain conditions, to comply with the request of the Publishers and the wish of the Board, and to act in that capacity. But the conditions were not met, he resigned the position, and, as a matter of fact, has never served in it a single hour.

THE FEBRUARY *KIND WORDS* TEACHER is another proof that no

mistake was made in securing Rev. Dr. Shaver as Editor. For long years we have admired Dr. Shaver as among the ablest, and most versatile of our Religious Editors, and his success as Editor of *Kind Words Teacher* will greatly enhance his reputation. Able, scholarly, accurate, sound to the core in his theology, of exquisite taste in his selections, and wielding a graceful and facile pen, it is very difficult to find his equal, and those who fail to take the *Teacher*, under his editorial management, will make, in our judgment, a great mistake.

FUNERAL OF DR. JAMES P. BOYCE.

It was to us a great disappointment to be denied the sad privilege of attending the funeral of our old teacher, which took place in the Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20th, but we were glad that our colleague, Dr. Tichenor, could be present, as representative of the Board. We extract the following from the report given by the *Western Recorder*:

The funeral of Dr. Boyce took place on Sunday evening, in the Broadway church, of which he was a member. In deference to his often expressed opinion, there was no display of crape. But there were many and beautiful floral designs. The most beautiful was a large harp of rare white camellias sent by the First church of Augusta, Ga. The offering of the Seminary students was placed above the pulpit. It bore the inscription, "Your boys will ever love you."

Around the coffin sat the students of the Seminary, to which he had given his life-work. In the centre front pews were his family and relatives, and beside them, the Confederate Association of Kentucky, who came in a body to render a last tribute of honor to their dead comrade. Behind them, and on the platform, were leading ministers from all parts of the South.

Dr. Eaton presided. After prayer by Dr. Tichenor, and reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Lansing Burrows, Dr. Weaver led in prayer.

Dr. R. M. Dudley gave out the hymn, composed by Professor M. B. Allmond, expressly for the occasion, as follows:

DEAL GENTLY, LORD!

Deal gently, Lord! Our souls are bowed,
In grief; our hearts are fraught with tears;
Shed sunlight on the passing cloud,
And chase away our rising fears.

Deal gently, Lord! Thy mighty ways
Are of as ours: O Blessed name!
Teach us in sorrow still to praise
Thy goodness and thy love proclaim.

Deal gently, Lord! For we are weak;
The archer, Death, has smitten low
Our leader, and we pray Thee speak
And cheer us in this hour of woe.

Deal gently, Lord! In darkness led
Thy fiery pillar lead the way;
Bring us, though lost within the host,
Unto the bright and better day.

Deal gently, Lord! Our dead shall be
New souls to fill our hearts with love;
New peace and joy in man and Thee;
New hope and faith in Heaven above.

Dr. Eaton expressed the sorrow which all felt that Dr. Manly's illness prevented his speaking, as he

was to have done, and Dr. Broadus, the only other surviving member of the original faculty, paid his tribute of love and honor to Dr. Boyce.

DR. BROADUS' ADDRESS.

There are some occasions in which we must repress the natural tendency to impassioned eulogy of our departed. When we are dealing with a character of Doric simplicity and elevation, the usual words of praise seem incongruous, and it is better to err by defect than by excess.

Let me speak with moderation if I can. Two weeks more of life, and James P. Boyce would have been sixty-two years of age. Alas, we expected there would have been ten years more of good work. His parentage was remarkable; the mother,

ton. He also had large business connections in New York. He was a man in the largest meaning of the term. His figure was large and commanding, his eyes piercing and kindly. He was a benefactor of the best works in the city—the Orphan House and Charleston College. To these he gave a large sum for the personal expenses of the students; many eminent men have been aided by the Boyce fund—a familiar name in that city, once the so fair City by the Sea. When he died, leaving his large interests, he left as active executor of all, a son twenty-five years old, who was a minister of the gospel. James Pettigru Boyce, who had been educated in the city schools, and who, at the age of fourteen, he had put in his store, direct-



REV. B. MANLY, D. D., LL.D.

Professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

sister of a celebrated South Carolina judge; his father, a great business man, who aided in many of the great developments of the city of Charleston, having moved from Newberry to that city, at the age of thirty. He became very much the wealthiest man in Charleston. As commission merchant, cotton factor, banker and railroad builder, he showed great business talent, was always recognized for integrity, doing the right thing, or his not doing it at all. I am told that it astonished the old business men to see him associate with so many kinds of people, whom he trusted, and by whom he seldom lost. Later in life he was President of the Bank of Charleston, by far the greatest bank in the South. He founded the largest factory, and led in building the longest railroad line at that time in the United States, from Charleston to Augusta. He built up Charleston in many industrial ways. He was Senator in the South Carolina Legislature, when that was a most dignified body. He aided in extending the commercial interests of Charles-

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HIS CONVERSION.

Before he was fully grown he was converted in a meeting held by the celebrated Richard Fuller, and baptized. Not very long afterwards he announced that he was impressed to become a minister of the Gospel. Strange determination! With his father's wealth and opportunities, how inviting other openings seemed. He was ambitious; he knew the value of property; he could have become a great lawyer, or judge, or statesman; this favorite child of fortune refused all this. I can see the look of light in his eyes as he

said, "I have made up my mind to be a minister of Christ." Do you suppose that he regretted this last fall? There have been other such sons. I know such another one in a Southern city. There ought to be many more. O, that sons of rich men would choose wisely, what a tribute they might pay to the Gospel of Jesus Christ! God grant that there may be many more such. He then studied at Princeton, taking a three-years' course in two years. He did this by extraordinary exertions, his young wife kindly co-operating in preparing his notes.

Then he edited a paper at Columbia, S. C., where he was pastor. After his father's death, he resigned to take charge of his affairs. He gave largely to all good causes, he gave to encourage others to give. He gave so largely some people thought he was wasting the estate, and some thought the estate was far greater than it was. He loved to give, and the half of his gifts will never be known. So many of his donations were made with such delicacy. In 1855 James P. Boyce was twenty-eight years of age, and was made Theological Professor at Furman University. He had six or seven students who studied two or three hours daily. He saw such work was usual in other colleges; he thought of organizing one general theological school.

In 1856 he delivered his inaugural address, entitled 'Three Changes in Theological Education.' All that I can say is that the leading features of that address have been incorporated in the Seminary he founded. A year later he went to work to obtain funds from wealthy Baptist planters for endowment. It was arranged in 1857, and in 1858 organized, and in 1859 went into operation. Thirty years ago how bright its prospects were, with its ample endowment, and more students than any other similar institution. In the middle of the second session came the war—the greatest civil struggle in human history. Everything was swept away. At the end of the war the Seminary was suspended, and the professors scattered. He called us together, urged us to renew the work, saying, 'If we give it up now, it will be a whole generation before the brethren make another effort, and though the endowment is gone, we have no debt.' We talked it over a whole day. One said: 'Maybe the Seminary will die, but we will die first.' Alas! one of the four died over a dozen years ago. Boyce and I were at his bedside and at his grave—alas! a thousand times alas! Now the pillar of the whole enterprise has fallen, but the institution will rest secure, though the death of James P. Boyce at any time until six or seven years ago would have destroyed the Seminary. I don't think the strongest type of a man is one who stands unmoved, but rather he who feels deeply, yet does not despair. Such was true in this case. Many times it seemed impossible to go on, and but for his heroic efforts, efforts which cost ten

years of his life, the Seminary would have closed. He had lost by far the greater part of his fortune; but he made up his mind that the Seminary should not fail. Bless God! he lived to see it safe. Friends, you do not know the future he dreamed for it. O that Southern Baptists would rally round it and say it shall have that future!

NOT AS AN IDLE DREAM.

I speak not the plans of an idle dream, but of the great projecting mind, who knew whereof he hoped.

Now, in conclusion, a few words regarding his character. I used to say James P. Boyce was a grand man—good timber. Whoever found a flaw in his make-up? That is a strong statement; I bear that testimony now. I knew him better than I knew my own brother; he was a man of extraordinary good judgment, as his father was. Business men here can testify to that. What an adviser he was; in small as well as large matters. He had great knowledge of character, great insight.

He was a man of strong conviction, decided opinions, tenacity of purpose. He knew why he thought a thing was right. And yet it was never impossible to convince him of a wrong opinion; still it was not easy to do so. He was always willing to hear what one had to urge for a change of opinion. He always saw good reason for his pertinacity. He was a man utterly regardless of personal considerations, ever willing to wait for a better judgment. And yet he was so considerate of other people. In the highest and broadest sense he was a generous man, a man who liked to think well of people. If he was ever extravagant it was in praising friends. In the ordinary sense of generosity, no one can tell in how many ways he developed this. A little boy ten years old, who bears his name, was always receiving gifts from him, and he said to his mother, "People must be very kind to their namesakes." He was a man of honor. I am using a term some of you will not understand when I say James P. Boyce was a South Carolina gentleman. He was in the highest sense a Christian gentleman; that ought to be the highest type of man. I never saw him impatient, save when some one had acted in an ungentlemanly manner. He was a deep and strong thinker. People who saw his great business talents and experience could hardly be persuaded that he was a profound thinker. The Scotch-Irish blood runs in Calvinism; they say Calvinism compels men to think. James P. Boyce was, from life-long study, led to believe that God's word taught that which men called Calvinism. If you want to see old, straight, upright, outright Calvinism, you would do well to read his "Abstract of Systematic Theology." It is prepared as a text-book for students, but it is a good book for lawyers and business men. A leading organ of opinion in this country, though not agreeing with Dr. Boyce as to theological views, said that as a text-

book for students, it was without a fault.

AN ADMIRABLE TEACHER.

He was an admirable teacher, not, perhaps, arousing enthusiasm at the outset, but students who co-operated learned to love him more to the end. He had the same style of teaching as his great teacher Wayland. Everything was to be analyzed and thoroughly understood. One student at the first session, afterward a colleague of ours, now a professor at Harvard, told me many times that James P. Boyce grounded into him the truths of God's word, and the fact that they all hung together or fell together. He was also a great reader of poetry. I never knew a man who read so much of recent poetry. He was rich in his make-up, exhibiting a love of art in every way. He would stand entranced before a beautiful picture. Two months ago he grew strong enough to go to a great gallery and gaze at the pictures—Oh, if he had gone there a few years earlier. He was a great preacher. If he had given his life to it, he would have become a very great preacher. At times when his soul was stirred he exhibited great strength, and when tender emotion moved him, how melting he was! There are many things one ought to say, but I can not. In his last months, after it became apparent that he could not work, he wrote that he could never teach again. Soon after I wrote (what none even in this city knew) about the gift of our library building, where his own grand and beautiful books could rest, he broke out in a pean of praise: "We don't know, my dear friend," he said, "how good our heavenly Father has been to our institutions." Once he wrote that he had no choice, life or death; that if the question was referred to him, he would refer it back again. At last the end drew near. The physician advised them not to tell him. I think this was wrong, that news would not have shocked him; it would only have steadied him. He talked in his delirium, his mind may have wandered; they could not tell one word from another. His last words were something about "Seminary—students"—I do not know what the something was. O, if others had known him as I did, the thought of his dying solitude would stir the souls of our brethren in Louisville and all the land to do for that institution what he desired, while yet the early grass grows on his grave. In long years to come men will go forth from the Seminary he founded, some to teach and some to preach, all bearing the influence of his high Christian character, his noble spirit of love to God and humanity, and shall accomplish good.

Then followed admirable addresses by Judge Alexander P. Humphrey, of Louisville, and Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, of Richmond, which we regret we have not space to give.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Kerfoot concluded

the services at the grave, which is in the centre of "the Seminary section," in beautiful Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville.

An immense crowd, despite the rain and snow, packed the church to its utmost capacity, and hundreds who wished to be present were unable to get in.

Among those who came from a distance to attend the funeral we mention Drs. J. L. M. Curry, J. M. Pendleton, I. T. Tichenor, H. A. Tupper, Sr., W. M. Pratt, S. H. Ford, R. M. Dudley, Lansing Burrows, W. H. Williams, J. A. Kirtley, and Revs. T. C. Stackhouse, R. L. Thurman and J. W. Loving. Dr. Pendleton came all the way from Austin, Texas, expressly to be present at the funeral. Dr. Burrows was sent by the First church of Augusta, Georgia, to bear expressions of their sorrow.

The vast assembly were very solemn and attentive. Every heart seemed to feel bereaved. Telegrams of condolence were received from Colonel J. D. Pickett, Superintendent Public Instruction for Kentucky, from Drs. C. C. Bitting, J. O. B. Lowry, and others.

The following came to Dr. Broadus from Ocala, Florida:

Florida Baptist Convention, now in session, sends Christian condolences, and will hold memorial service at the hour of the funeral.

(Signed) W. N. CHAUDOIN,
President.

The floral designs were very numerous and very beautiful. Dr. Wm. Harrison Williams of the Central Baptist, says:

"One of them more than any other touched us. It was in the form of a vase capped by a shock of matured wheat, contributed by the students, and on it these words: 'Your boys will ever love you.' Ah! 'boys,' you weep not alone. The confines of the Seminary do not limit the loving remembrance in which James P. Boyce will ever be held."

Yes! our dear young brethren at the Seminary may rest assured that their touching tribute finds an echo in the hearts of their older brothers who in their widely scattered fields—from Boston to California, from Dakota to Florida, from China to Mexico, from Africa to Brazil, from Italy to Texas—send back a hearty amen to the sentiment, "Your boys will ever love you."

Memorial services have been held, and suitable resolutions adopted at various points all over the country. In Atlanta a joint service was held at the Second Baptist church, on Sunday night, the 20th of January, at which Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of the First church, and Rev. W. C. McCall, of the Third, made eloquent and appropriate addresses to a large congregation.

When the death of Dr. Boyce was announced in the New York Baptist Ministers' Conference, Rev. Carter Helm Jones was called on to speak as "his old pupil," and responded

in a feeling tribute to his honored and loved old Professor.

As he sat down, there arose a venerable and noble-looking gentleman who began an eloquent and touching speech by saying: "You have heard from the pupil of Dr. Boyce. I ask you to listen to a few words from his old teacher. I taught him Greek when he was a student at Brown University."

The speaker proved to be Prof. J. R. Boise, LL. D., of Chicago. The incident thrilled the large number of ministers present.

God grant that the death of this noble man, this great Teacher, this peerless leader of our hosts, may be sanctified to the good of all, and that, as we enshrine him in our hearts, we may rally around and sustain more earnestly than ever before the Seminary to which he consecrated his life, and which must ever remain his most fitting monument.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.—PLAN OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, ATLANTA, GA.

The Second Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga., adopted, five years ago, at the request of Dr. McDonald, their pastor, a plan to secure from the members monthly contributions to missions. The plan has resulted in increasing very largely the contributions of the church to missions. The treasurer of the mission fund of the church, Judge John T. Pendleton, has furnished, at our request, the following account of the plan and its workings.

We distribute among the congregation, at our annual meeting, on first Sunday in January, cards, at the top of which is printed the commission as contained in Matt. xxviii: 19-20. Then follows a promise to give so much monthly to the mission department of the church during the year, in lieu of public collections. There are two blanks—one for the amount and the other for the signature. These are signed and returned to the treasurer, who furnishes each contributor with twelve small envelopes, into which the monthly contributions are put with the name of the contributor written on the back. These envelopes are then dropped into the contribution basket.

The advantages of this plan over the quarterly collection plan, or the collection when the agent comes along, are many. The amount raised is largely more. We raised about \$600 under the old plan—\$200 for each of the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and \$200 for our State Board. We raised under the new plan, the first year, \$1,620, which has been increased every year until it reached, this year, \$2,250. This results from the fact that we reach more persons than the ordinary collection does, and secure small monthly contributions from persons who never gave anything before, because they could not give much and thought their small contributions were not wanted. This is especially true of children. We have from 20

to 30 contributors among the small children, who give from five cents to twenty-five cents a month. The amount received from these children is not much, it is true; but it is developing the spirit of benevolence which will make them large contributors in the years to come.

But above this, the real reason of this large increase is the fact that a person who, at the first of the year, makes a promise of so much to be paid monthly, to cover all the contributions for the year, will look at it more as a matter of principle and devotion to the cause of Christ than he would be likely to do if called upon at various times to make cash contributions. In the latter case, the lack of money and the necessities of the present sometimes prevent us from giving what we should, especially when we think, as we are apt to do, that another collection will be taken up during the year and that we will be in a better condition to give then than now.

Another benefit is the opportunity furnished for special contributions. It is frequently the case that people have special reasons for making an offering to God, which they will make if they have a good opportunity, but which they will possibly not make if they do not.

Last year a young brother told me one Sunday after service, to call at his office the next day. I did so, and he gave me \$400 in gold, and told me that he had made it a short time before, and after thinking what he would do with it, had concluded to give it to the Lord. I have two or three times opened envelopes without any names on them, and found large sums of money; once \$200, and at another time \$100. These were evidently gifts to the Lord, prompted by some special circumstances.

THE CHILDREN'S KINGDOM.

A SERMON IN YOUTH, BY REV. H. PETTY, OF VA., AUGUST, 1888.

Text: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. xix. 13.

Behold what gracious words! What loving words are here. Set forth by Him who came, The saddened heart to cheer.

Suffer the little ones, Ye have to come to me; Let no one say them nay. For Christ can make them free.

'Tis taught us in His word, How hearts are made anew; How, by the Spirit's power, Heaven is brought to view.

How 'e'en the little ones Are made alive to God How they are washed and cleansed Through the Redeemer's blood.

How, without rite or seal, By priestly hands applied, From every stain and race, Jesus has for them did.

All such will heaven receive, All such will heaven love; Bright jewels they will be, Gained round Christ's throne.

Then, mothers, dry your tears, Let not your hearts be sad, Y' little ones are all, In snowy whiteness clad.

Thy true, no nearly drops, Yet touched their infant brow, No want of our soul's love, Need your worst fears arouse.

For in God's house on high, Each one doth sweetly rest; For I from all sin and guilt, They are supremely blest.

Oh! scarcely the grace, The grace so freely given, That gives the infant face Admittance into heaven.

Oh! what a countless throng Will go her by and by, With crowns and palms and song, With one triumphant cry.

All hail to Him who once! Was for the sinners slain; All hail to Him whose blood Can cleanse from every stain.

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PRAYER-CARD TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

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From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles. Mal. 1: 11. In charge of missions in five continents—stations in China, Africa, Brazil, Italy and Mexico. Receipts for the past year \$86,385.

"Some reasons for supporting Foreign Missions," is the title of a tract suggested by the Programme for Missionary Meetings. It is written by Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard, and can be had for 2 cents at Maryland Baptist Mission, Room 10, E. Fayette St.

These little leaflets, so modestly announced as suggestions month by month, are already forming a valuable library of missionary information. Unique in this respect that here only can Southern Baptists find collectively the history of their mission fields, traced from the beginning of the work to the present day. Many interesting facts are thus being preserved in permanent form by the fore most men of the denomination, for the work goes unceasingly on.

Thirty thousand Christmas envelopes were printed by the Executive Committee. The list appended shows the number sent to each State on application. It will be noticed Florida's name does not appear. This was for no lack of sympathy for the good cause; a contribution was sent but, owing to the condition of the State after the terrible scourge of last summer, no envelopes were asked for: Alabama 300; Arkansas 455; Georgia 1200; Kentucky 915; Louisiana 675; Maryland 3450; Mississippi 1200; Missouri 1233; N. Carolina 655; S. Carolina 4575; Tennessee 640; Texas 550; Virginia 2076. Total 28,724. As yet the money returns have not been reported to Executive Committee.

The committee have still some envelopes on hand and would be glad for prompt orders, for while Christmas is passed the work is not ended.

It is gratifying to report that Brick

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A slight effort meets, sometimes, with a liberal return. A package of literature was sent to Alexandria, Va., and a Brick Card was slipped in as a suggestion. Result, an order for 50.

The following letter from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, shows how wide-reaching these little efforts may prove.

"YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec., '88.

Miss A. Armstrong.

Maryland Baptist Mission Room: DEAR MADAM—The publications mailed to me recently were duly received. Many thanks for the paper, "Our Home Field," and the pamphlet giving Convention statistics. The news from Cuba stirred my soul. The Lord is honoring His word in a wonderful manner in that island. I pray that your Board may share richly, and yet more richly, in the Master's blessing in the future, and that Diaz, so signally favored by God, may live long to preach Jesus to his fellow-countrymen.

We gave a missionary concert in our church recently, in which the body of our program consisted of readings by the young people of the story of the Cuban Mission, from its inception. It proved a very interesting and profitable evening's entertainment. The large congregation present was intensely stirred. When the incident of Diaz baptizing his mother was read, handkerchiefs were brought into use in all parts of the house. Since that evening I have had to answer many questions about Cuba. Wishing you, and the interest with which you are connected, which are honoring the name of our common Lord, a grand success, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

M. B. SHAW.

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RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD S. B. C.

From January 1st, to February 1st, 1889.

[N. B.—These receipts include what comes actually into the hands of our Treasurer, and do not embrace moneys raised on the field and expended in our "co-operative" work. These last amounts are sent us in vouchers and will be embraced in our final report for the year as being as truly a part of our receipts as those now acknowledged.]

ALABAMA.—Florence, \$2.06; Mrs. G. R. Farnham, Evergreen, "brick books" for Havana house, (additional) 4.25; "Little Gleaners," Jacksonville, Havana house, 23.60; Tuskegee, Havana house, 20.00; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Home Missions, 158.03; Cuba, 6.35; Havana house, 19.30; D. P. Bestor, Mobile, Havana house, 50.00; Thomas H. Watts, Montgomery, Havana house, 50.00; Mrs. T. A. Mooring, Livingston, Havana house, 5.00; E. S. Berryman, Mobile, Havana house, 25.00; T. G. Bush, Mobile, Havana house, 50.00; First Church, Montgomery, Havana house, 293.35; Mary F. Nettles, Havana house, 2.00; Nannie Weather, Havana house, 5.00.

Total \$750.89.

Previously acknowledged, \$2,100.73.

Aggregate since May, \$2,851.62.

ARKANSAS.—Gov. J. P. Eagle, \$50.00; Bentonville Church, 2.55; Hamburg Church, Cuban Missions, 3.30; Geo. West and Wife, Eureka Springs, Havana house, 10.00; W. A. Society, Ozark, Havana house, 8.50; Clear Creek Association, Havana house, 2.10; Eureka Springs Sunday-school and Church, Havana house, 5.05; Arkansian, Havana house, 5.00.

Total, \$89.50.

Previously acknowledged, \$147.65.

Aggregate since May, \$237.15.

D. C.—Fifth Baptist Church, Washington, for Havana house, \$100.00; W. Woodward, Havana house, 50.00.

Total, \$150.

Previously acknowledged, \$190.10.

Aggregate since May, \$340.10.

FLORIDA.—Mrs. S. Ara Baker, Umatilla, Miss Diaz, 25; Sarah McKinley, Havana house, 2.00.

Total, \$2.25.

Previously acknowledged, \$163.83.

Aggregate since May \$166.08.

GEORGIA.—W. M. S. Big Sandy church, for Miss Minnie Diaz, \$1.32; W. M. S. Rochelle, Miss Diaz, 2.28; W. M. S. Rehoboth, Miss Diaz, 2.49; W. M. S. Boxley, Miss Diaz 10.40; C. B. Williamson, Macon, Havana church, 50.00; Covington, Havana church, 19.34; L. A. Duggan's Sunday-school class, Cuthbert, Havana house, 2.50; Lumpkin church, Havana house, 6.10; McDonough, church, Havana house, 15.14; J. A. Vallance, Fair Play, Havana house, 13.00; Greensboro, for Havana house, "A member of Greensboro church," 50.00; Mrs. F. A. Stocks, 100.00; J. H. Moncrief, 10.00; F. H. Ivey, 10.00; R. W. Branch, 5.00; A. S. Parker, 5.00; James L. Brown, 1.00; T. S. Hall, 1.00; L. C. Torber, 1.00; J. H. Gheesling, 1.00; cash 65.

Total from Greensboro, \$634.25.

Mrs. M. J. Wagon, Smyrna church, Havana house, 1.00; Sunday-school class of Jessie Simpson, Cuthbert, for Havana house, 2.00; G. W. Colquitt, Palmetto, for Havana house, 1.50; Brick cards, Beat Springs, Havana house, 1.66; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, for Indian Mission, 5.00; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 21.60; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 37.40; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, for J. S. Murrow, 26.00; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, for Home missions, 28.25; Beulah Pittman, Havana house, 5.00; J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 37.00; J. H. DeVotie, Home missions, 1.00; J. H. DeVotie, Home missions, 2.07; J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 44.75; Dr. A. R. Williams, Havana house, 1.50; Ladies' Missionary Society, First Church, Augusta, Havana house, 60.00; Mary Perkins, Woodstock, for Macedonia church, Fla., 2.00; G. W. Colquitt, Palmetto, Havana house, 1.50; J. C. McMahon, Athens Baptist church, Havana house, 50.00; First Baptist church, Macon, Havana house, 20.00; Milledgeville, from "brick cards" Havana house, 6.00; Lizzie Willingham, Missionary Society First church, Macon, Havana house, 10.00; Member of Hopeful Baptist church, Havana house,

1000; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 8.40; Second Baptist, Atlanta Home Missions, 30.00; Second Baptist church, Atlanta, Havana house.

I. E. Brown, 100.00; A. D. Adair, 20.00; G. B. Adair, 100.00; Mrs. Rozean, 150.00; E. H. Thornton, 100.00; Mrs. W. Gordon, 50.00; Henry Hillier, 30.00; J. T. Pendleton, 25.00; S. L. Abbott, 25.00; Dr. J. H. Lowe, 25.00; J. M. Lendon, 25.00; Porter King, 10.00; R. H. Randall, Havana house, 5.00; E. C. Chastain, Havana house, 5.00; A. Calloway, Havana house, 5.00; M. E. Davis, Havana house, 5.00; F. A. Malone, Havana house, 5.00; P. H. Alston, Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. J. Pendleton, Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. Cox, Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. S. Root, Havana house, 1.50; Misses O'Keefe, Havana house, 2.00; W. L. Woodson, Havana house, 1.00; Mrs. E. B. Blackall, Havana house, 1.00; Mrs. Fitzgerald, Havana house, 1.00; Capt. John M. Edge, Havana house, 5.00; W. Johnson, Havana house, 10.00; E. Calloway, Havana house, 10.00; W. Parker, Havana house, 5.00; Cash, Havana house, 10.00; W. S. Armstrong, Havana house, 10.00; Miss L. McDonald, Havana house, 1.00; I. T. Tichnor, Havana house, 10.00; Miss Grubb, Havana house, 2.00; B. Turner, Havana house, 10.00; A. C. Briscoe, Havana house, 10.00; J. M. Brown, Havana house, 25.00; Cash, Havana house, 1.00; A. G. Chisolm, Havana house, 25.00; Miss L. Chisolm, Havana house, 10.00; Mrs. Wooley, Havana house, 25.00.

Total from Second church, Atlanta, \$1,865.60.

I. Wm. Jones, First church, Atlanta, Havana house, 33.33; Calvary Sunday-school, Havana house, 5.00; Sunbeam Calvary, Havana house, 2.55; Willing Workers First church, Atlanta, 2.00; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, 5.24; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Indian Missions, 11.82; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 12.73; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Havana house, 12.73; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, 11.00; Missions, 18.95; Dr. J. H. DeVotie, Indian Missions, 9.20; First church and Sunday-school, Havana house, 15.00.

Total for January, \$1,485.44.

Previously acknowledged, \$1,161.13.

Aggregate since May, \$7,049.57.

KENTUCKY.—Bethel church, Bethel Association, \$30; John G. Kendal, Cash, Havana house, \$5; Mrs. T. D. Osborne, brick books, 1; Miss Nettie Shuck's, S. S. class, Paducah, Havana house, 1; Madisonville S. S. Havana house, 3; Mt. Vernon church, by B. W. D. Seelye, Havana house, 50; Broadway church Louisville, 95.10; Miss Maggie Kirtley, Bullittville, Havana house, 10; Miss Rebecca McCarty, (through Mrs. T. D. Osborne, Louisville), brick cards, Havana house, 1.75; Glasgow, by Rev. H. T. Daniel, Havana house, 30.05; Arthur Peter, Walnut street, Louisville, Havana house, 10; H. L. Shoudy, Louisville, 100; Theo. Harris, Louisville, 50; George W. Norton, Louisville, 150; J. T. Eaton & Co., Louisville, 25; Dr. T. T. Eaton, Louisville, Havana house, 195.20; Drs. T. T. Eaton and H. A. Tupper, Jr., Louisville, 100; J. P. Harrison, Louisville, 5; A. Sister, Louisville, 1. Total, \$1,735.20.

Previously acknowledged, \$1,354.16.

Aggregate since May, \$4,777.36.

LOUISIANA.—Mrs. E. W. Winstead, Simsbury, for Havana house, \$10; Valencia street, N. O. Havana house, 3.00.

Total, \$13.60.

Previously acknowledged, \$14.05.

Aggregate since May, \$27.65.

MARYLAND.—Franklin Square Church, Baltimore, \$24.50; E. Levering & Co., Eutaw Place Church, Baltimore, Havana house, 1.00; Rev. Dr. F. M. Ellis, Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Havana house, 25; W. H. M. Society, Maryland, Havana house, 112.35; W. H. M. Society box, valued at 1.00.

Total, \$1,261.85.

Previously acknowledged, \$2,264.48.

Aggregate since May, \$3,526.33.

MISSISSIPPI.—Crystal Springs church, \$26.65; Alfred Christopher, Calvary S. S., Meridian Havana house, 1; S. S. Class Miss Lena Hogan, Starkville, Havana house, 5.00; H. E. Shaw, Slate Springs, 2; Capt. John B. Gretnada Havana house, 5; Miss Soc's of Miss College, Clinton, Havana house, 19.25; D. E. Mitchell, Poplar Springs, 7.70; Union Co. S. S. Convention, 34.45.

Total, \$110.

Previously acknowledged, 215.75.

Aggregate since May, \$264.65.

MISSOURI.—I. Ingram and wife, Slagle, 40; Wm. H. Shepherd, Springfield, Havana house, 10; Bartow Hubard, Moscow, Havana house, 1; Rev. Dr. George W. Hyde, V. P. collections, Peyton estate, 1.00; other collections, 1.97; 91; a member, through Rev. D. T. Paulsen, Lafayette, Havana house, 20; Miss Lucy Starke's infant S. S. class, Cor. Havana house, 2.00; T. Roan, Liberty, Havana house, 2; New Hope church and S.

S., brick cards, through Miss Lizzie Bassett, Havana house, 6; Elder D. S. Brockus, Schofield, brick cards, 2; Master Henry Williams, Ulica, brick cards, Havana house, 8.20; Master Floyd Botts, Meadville, brick cards, Havana house, 2; Miss Carrie M. Owen, Novelty, brick cards, Havana house, 4.00.

Total for the month, \$2,484.61.

Previously acknowledged, \$4,118.45.

Aggregate since May, \$6,603.06.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Missionary Society, Judson College, for Mrs. George Hicks, I. Ter., \$5; Moore's chapel, 1.55; Flint Hill mission, Havana house, 9; Goldsboro church, Havana house, 15; Sunbeams, Greenville, Havana house, 5; W. F. Boyd, Charlotte, Havana house, 9.

Total for the month, \$44.55.

Previously acknowledged, \$97.16.

Aggregate since May, \$1,001.71.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Blackstock church, \$10; Union county S. S. convention, 33.45; Marlboro Union, Pedee Association, 65.04; Richland county Baptist Union, 3.73; Liberty Baptist church, Piedmont Association, Havana house, 2.50; Flat Rock, Piedmont Association, Havana house, 50 cents; Johnston church, 8.56; 2nd Baptist church, Newberry, Havana house, 75 cents; Raban Creek S. S., Havana house, 2.15; Seneca City church, 6.80; Darlington church, 9.43; C. K. Henderson, Aiken, Havana house, 13; Dudley S. S., Havana house, 3.50; B. W. Seymour, Havana house, 10 cents; D. W. Alderman, Havana house, 1.40; Cheraw church, 3; Rev. B. W. Whilden, Havana house, 3; Upper Marion Union, Pedee Association, 25; Sumter church, 7.50; Mount Joy church, Union county Association, 3.70; Ridge Springs church 23.36; Ridge Springs Children's Missionary Socy, 3.30; Williston church, 1.16; Friendfield, 1.90; T. P. Smith, Melver & Co., Charleston, Havana house, 100; Miss M. E. McIntosh, corresponding secretary Central Committee W. M. Society of S. C. Havana house, 95.55; R. J. Williams, Greenville, Havana house, 3.44; Phillips church, 5.45; Miss M. E. McIntosh, corresponding secretary W. M. Societies for S. C. Industrial School, N. O., 173.98; for Havana house, 140; Greenville, 31; Prosperity, 755; A. P. Abell, Havana house, 10; Mrs. A. Strubling Westminster, Havana house, 13; D. W. Atmore, Havana house, 6.31; Mrs. M. L. Lorton, Maverick Mills, Havana house, 5.

Total, \$768.31.

Previously reported, \$1,578.86.

Aggregate since May, \$2,346.37.

TENNESSEE.—S. S. class of Mr. J. W. Acuff, Bell Buckle, Tenn., 55; Working Society, N. Edgefield, Cuban Mission, 3.80; W. M. S. of Penning, 4; S. S. class of Mr. S. T. Powers, Knoxville, for Cuban Missions, 12.66; Mrs. J. E. Peck, Havana house, 20; Big Hatfield Assn., 12.40; Trezevant church, (through brick cards by Mrs. Ella P. Newbill), 6.80; Martin J. Seile and Mrs. Peebles, Nashville (brick cards), Havana house, 4; Home Missionary Society, Winchester, 5; W. M. S. Immanuel church (brick cards), Havana house, 2.40; W. M. S. Carthage, church, Havana house, 2; Mill Creek S. S., Havana house, 5; Thomas Green, Mill Creek, Havana house, 1; Martin S. S., Havana house, 4; W. M. Duncan, First church, Nashville, Havana house, 50; L. M. Shofner, Mulberry, Havana house, 1; Evie Brown, brick books, Havana house, 2; 1st church, Knoxville, Havana house, 1; Mrs. G. W. Nelson, Havana house, 15; Rev. O. L. Hall, V. P., 60; Rev. O. L. Hall, for Havana house, 15; N. P. Little, Havana house, 4; Mrs. G. A. Lofton, Havana house, 2.50; S. S. class L. A. Duggan, Havana house, 2.50; W. M. S. Woodstock, Havana house, 15.33; Knoxville, Havana house, 12.66; Waukauga, Havana house, 5.

Total, \$309.87.

Previously acknowledged, \$633.49.

Aggregate since May, \$943.36.

TEXAS.—Peter Kiefer, Bryan, Havana house, 5; G. W. Bettions, Tescana, Havana house, 10; Mrs. M. L. Blackenick, Havana house, 3; Mrs. Emma Lang, Havana house, 3; Mrs. Minnie Slaughter, Veal, Dallas, from Brick book club, for Havana house, 22.50; Dr. A. J. Holt, 12; Mary A. Mears, Havana house, 2; Mrs. A. B. Davis, for W. M. S. Havana house, 6.50; W. M. S. First church, Dallas, Havana house, 23.95.

Total, \$140.26.

Previously acknowledged, \$543.65.

Aggregate since May, \$683.91.

VIRGINIA.—Richmond, First Church; H. C. Barnett, Havana house, 20.00; R. W. Powers, Havana house, 25.00; D. D. Davis, Havana house, 30.00; C. T. Davis, Havana house, 10.00; Second Church; E. D. Starke, Havana house, 10.00; W. J. Whitehurst, Havana house, 15.00; C. W. Turner, Havana house, 15.00; Brick Books in S. S., Havana house, 5.00; Surge: Church collection, Havana house, 20.00; J. Willis Willis, Havana house,

5.00; Fulton Church, Havana house 15.19; First Church, and S. S. Lynchburg, Havana house, 719.33; Norfolk, First Church, Havana house, 20.00; Free Mason St. Church, Havana house, 105.00; Be-ky Avenue Church, Havana house, 10.00; Park Avenue Church, Havana house, 10.00; Atlantic City Church, Havana house, 6.55; Shouder's Hill, Havana house, 5.00; Suffolk Church, Havana house, 25.00; St. Stephens, "Brick Cards," Havana house, 13.25; Carmel, Havana house, 1.40; P. Walker, "Brick Cards," Havana house, 1.90; Harrisonburg S. S., 4.70; Salem, Roanoke county Sunday School, Havana house, 100.00; W. M. S. Salem, Havana house, 13.00; Sunday-school, Bridgewater, Havana house, 1.90; Sunday-school, Singer's Glen, Havana house, 2.00; Warrenton, Havana house, 10.00; Sunbeams, Mt. Moriah, Amherst county, Havana house, 10.70; Beth Car, Halifax county, Havana house, 12.15; North Fork Havana house, 1.00; Beth, Shiloh Association, Havana house, 2.20; Sunday-school, Lexington, Havana house, 14.15; Fincastle, Havana house, 5.00; "A Lady" of the Cupeper church, Havana house, 25.00; Dr. G. Rowe, Havana house, 2.00; W. M. S., Fork, Fluvanna county, Havana house, 10.00; W. M. S. Staunton, Havana house, 15.50; First Church, Danville, Havana house, 25.25; Black Creek Church, by M. Lankford, Havana house, 10.00; Glade Spring, Havana house, 6.25; W. W. Woodard Saluda, Havana house, 5.00; Newport News, Havana house 13.25; Norvell Ryland, Tr. for Home Missions 234.00.

Total, \$2093.63.

Previously reported \$495.86.

Aggregate since May, \$756.48.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Chas. A. Keyser, San Francisco, Cal., Havana house, \$25.00; Rev. Dr. T. D. Anderson, Providence, R. I., Havana house, 10.00; A. Henrich, Platte Centre, Neb., Havana house, 5.00; Wm. Bloedon, Platte Centre, Neb., Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. Annie Luther, Bagby, Brazil, Havana house, 2.00; Deacon J. S. Paine, Boston, Havana house, 500.00; J. C. D. Carr, Galatia, Ill., Havana house, 5.00; Missionary Circles, Buffalo, N. Y., (through Miss Annie Griffith), Havana house, 28.00.

Total, \$500.00.

Previously acknowledged \$894.35.

Aggregate since May, \$1,474.55.

Grand total for January, \$13,558.91.

Previously acknowledged, \$7,909.51.

Grand aggregate since May, 1888, \$41,252.12.

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