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### TEXAS.

We have received from Secretary Cranfill the report of 88 missionaries—supported jointly by the State Mission Board of Texas and the Home Mission Board, and had purposed publishing the report as it came to us; but as we find in the *Western Baptist* the substance of the report submitted to the Texas Board, which contains some additional facts of interest, we transfer it from that paper as follows:

To the Board of Directors of the Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN—I herewith submit my report for the first quarter of current conventional year. I entered the work with some serious embarrassments, chief among which was a debt hanging over our Board. The total amount of that debt, including some afterward allowed, was \$1,546.22. I take pleasure in stating that of this amount \$1,221.22 have been paid. The balance of the debt is held by Bro. Holt and is not due till February 1st. The amount is \$385.00. The pay roll of all that was due missionaries as made out by Bro. Holt has been cleaned up; and according to that estimate of what was due missionaries when I took charge, we do not owe any missionary a cent for work done behind October 1, 1889.

When it is remembered that I took charge of the work with a treasury absolutely empty; that the association period was almost over; that the State Convention, each year freighted with a great harvest mission fund, had been held; that during the quarter I have just paid over \$500.00 for minutes; that other expenses have been unusually heavy,

and that I entered the work without experience as Superintendent of Missions, this result is especially gratifying.

The following is a summary of the work done by 88 missionaries during the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1889.

Days labored, 4874; stations supplied, regularly and irregularly, 305; miles traveled, 42,343; sermons preached, 2,580; exhortations and other religious addresses, 1,120; total sermons and other religious addresses, 3,700; baptized into Mission churches, 309; received by letter and restoration by Mission churches, 386; total received by Mission churches, 695; professed conversions, 376; churches assisted in organizing, 19; prayer-

miles traveled, 9,193; sermons preached, 221; members received, 119; professed conversions, 16; Sunday-schools organized, 8; Elders ordained, 1; pages literature distributed, 55,554; religious visits, 503; church houses built, 6; cost, \$2,418.

The collections for the quarter of the superintendent and missionaries are \$5,240.40. This shows a net increase over a corresponding period of last year of \$1,313.45 and an increase over last quarter of \$1,291.30. This added to the contribution of the Southern Baptist Convention, makes a grand total of \$6,746.40, which is more than was raised in any quarter of last year.

No new year-dawned on a



REV. GEO. B. TAYLOR, D. D., MISSIONARY TO ITALY.

meetings assisted in organizing, 44; Sunday-schools assisted in organizing, 74; prayer-meetings led, 834; elders or bishops assisted in ordaining, 8; deacons assisted in ordaining, 18; pages religious literature distributed, 96,443; religious visits, 5,615; church houses built in connection with labor, No. 12, cost, \$4,818.00; books, Bibles, etc., distributed, No. 703, cost, \$274.00; collected for State Missions, by missionaries and superintendent, \$5,246.40; contributed by S. B. C., \$1,500.00; total, \$6,746.40.

A comparison of this report with the one for a similar period of last year, will show the following increase in work done:

Increased in days labored, 129;

more auspicious outlook than greets our mission work at this time. There is harmony, unity and concert of action all along the line. I feel that this is to be the greatest year's work that we have ever been enabled of God to do. I earnestly ask your prayers that the Lord will open the hearts of the brethren, that he will open the ears of the people, and that he will enable me to rightly perform the great work that is upon me. I never did so feel the need of prayer, of sympathy and of the wisdom and grace that come from the hand of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CRANFILL,

Cor. Sec.

We cordially congratulate the able

and efficient Secretary (Bro. Cranfill), the zealous and self-denying Missionaries, the Baptists of Texas, and the supporters of the Home Board generally, on the above excellent report, and on the bright outlook for the future. Let it stimulate us to renewed zeal, and to a forward movement along the whole line that may do more than ever before to win the coming millions of that great empire for God and for Truth.

### INDIAN TERRITORY.

Report of J. S. Murrow, for quarter commencing October 1st, 1889, and ending December 31st, 1889.

Days of service, 92; miles traveled, 2,561; places preached at, 19; sermons, 41; prayer-meetings, 37; religious visits, 236; persons baptized, 9; received by letter, 4; restored, —; dismissed by letter, —; excluded, 1; died, 5; total in fellowship, —; tracts and papers distributed, 4,000; copies of Scripture sold, 13; number of Sunday-schools visited, 11; number of pupils, 400; number of teachers, 52; number of books in libraries, —; new Sunday-schools organized, 1; amount of collections, \$73.45; letters written, 332; religious conversations, 165.

We give the following letters from two of our efficient laborers among the Indians:

LEVERING MISSION, WETUMPKA, I. T., Jan. 1, 1890.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.:

DEAR SIR—We are now having a two weeks vacation; we commence school again 1st Monday in January. The boys and girls are nearly all at home. We have had a very prosperous session thus far. We have the girls organized into a missionary society, to help principally in the missionary work among their people. We are trying to get the pupils interested in the Master's work.

We have had beautiful weather thus far; we are making use of it in preparing for spring; we have thirty or forty acres of ground plowed for early planting. The boys have made nearly 5,000 rails to reset our fences. Our stock are doing splendidly.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as convenient, I remain your brother,

J. O. WRIGHT, Sup't.

January 6th, 1890.

DEAR BRO. DR. TICHENOR—I am a few days late in forwarding my report but I couldn't send it any sooner. I was protracting a meeting the last of the month, and the first day or new year's day. We carried our meeting six days which resulted in thirteen additions, ten restored and three by baptism. One new church house has been built this winter, which is an addition to our



substantial and commodious church houses. All of our churches are working along peacefully and harmoniously, looking forward to the advancement of the Lord and Master's Kingdom. The dedication of this new house will be on the 19th day of this month. It will not be long till all of our Muscogee and Seminole churches will all have respectable and substantial meeting houses, in fact our churches are advancing and progressing with the times. Your brother in Christ,  
WM. McCOMBS, Missionary.

## VIRGINIA.

Report of J. B. Taylor, for quarter ending December 31, 1889. Residence and post-office, Lexington, Va.; field of labor, Lexington and vicinity, and the two institutions—Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. Weeks labor, 13; churches supplied, 1; other stations, 2; sermons, 41; addresses, 40; prayer and other meetings, 35; baptisms, 14; received by letter, 4; restored, 1; total in fellowship, 112; number Sunday-schools, 2; pupils 135; teachers, 16; pupils converted during year, 15; miles traveled, 100; religious visits, 55; pages tracts distributed, 1590.

Have conducted recently interesting special services at the Institutions, in which there were a number of conversions; also a meeting of two weeks at Lavesia, near Lexington. I have secured for the Baptist denomination a very valuable lot in the new town of Buena Vista.

J. B. TAYLOR.

## CUBA.

The illness of Mrs. Diaz, now happily convalescing, has deprived us of our usual reports from Cuba; but our readers will be glad to see the following letters and to learn that our work still progresses favorably in "the Gem of the Antilles."

HAVANA, CUBA, Jan. 1, 1890,

Dr. J. Wm. Jones:

DEAR BROTHER—I hope you will pardon me for not writing sooner, but unfortunately it was caused by a very serious illness of my wife. Immediately upon my return from the United States, she was taken suddenly ill and was at the point of death for over eight days, and from that time on still continued very sick for fifteen days. When I considered her well on to her recovery, she had a relapse and was again terribly sick, and I only now have the assurance of her being out of danger at this late date. The Lord has been merciful and spared her life once more, which we almost despaired of at one time. We are aware that the Mission in Cuba has been the subject of prayer during the month of November in the South, and we already are experiencing the results of that season of prayer; our entire mission is in a most satisfactory and flourishing condition, prosperity and animation manifesting it-

self on all sides. Members are active and anxious to work; and professing themselves happy in their faith. Over one hundred are now waiting for baptism. On the 15th, we had our customary examinations,—public examinations of the children of all the Baptist schools in Havana; the results proved very encouraging and satisfactory, showing us plainly that they are progressing and improving their time; they received their corresponding prizes, bands and medals. The 25th we gave them a Christmas festival; there were recitations by a number of the pupils, singing, the distribution of the sweetmeats, presents, etc., and last but not least a tree; the entire aspect of the house was very pleasing and great happiness prevailed amongst the children, who wore their prizes received during the examinations, and blew their trumpets and whistles, etc., received Christmas eve; about 3,400 persons were present at the festival and young and old all seemed to enjoy themselves alike.

I have had the pleasure of receiving Gov. James S. Boynton, of Griffin, and W. A. Johnson of Atlanta, in my study. I took pleasure in showing them through our House of Worship, pointing out to them all its advantages; they were much pleased with the locality being so central, having such a large capacity, and so generally adapted to our wants, that they said they were more satisfied with having seen that than anything they had visited during their stay in Havana, and remarked that the Board could not have made a better investment in this place.

A great excursion of teachers from the Southern States has visited Cuba lately and I was very much disappointed to think that I could not attend them personally as I should like to have done, but through the illness of my wife I was unable to leave her, they being here just at that time. Wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year and also to the entire churches of the South,

I remain your brother in Him,

A. J. DIAZ.

HAVANA, Jan. 21, 1890.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor:

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 3d of January and December 30th came together at hand.

You don't know, my Bro., how terrible a trial I have had since I left you. On the first place my wife was very ill and I worked with her for a month and a half myself along to save her, and with the help of our good Lord I did. I was at her bedside day and night, and left her only when I went to preach the word of God. In those Sunday I had no time to prepare any sermon, and the affliction of my heart on the other side. I thought many times my congregation did not like my sermons because I open the Bible at any place and preach for one of the text that was before me, but I tell you the Lord gave me words and

thought, and the congregation was satisfied with those sermons.

Our work in general continues in the same prospect, enthusiasm and perseverance. Let me give you the details of our missions and their improvements.

My mission is in good condition; nevertheless we have many sickness in it. After my wife sickness just two days afterward I thought I'll have time to take a rest of two days, but on the same time fifty of the congregation was very ill with "Grippe." Suppose how I was to visit them twice a day and buy myself the medicine because many were very poor. Another thing, you know they all live scattered in this town, and a long distance one from the other; some live in Las Puentes, and I have eight cases there. In order to visit them all, I get up at 4 o'clock and get through at 7 p. m., and many times at that hour was my breakfast and dinner time. The number I have lost in this occasion was: one of Typhoid fever and two of diphtheria. (children.) Nevertheless, I get through at 7 o'clock. Our meetings never was interrupted because I commenced them at 8 o'clock. To-day I only have six cases in hand, and hope they be all right soon.

The Christmas tree was celebrated on the 25 of Dec. and the church was full to its almost capacity. I did not baptize many on this last quarter because I have not made the baptisms yet on the new church. I thought we was able to dedicate the church (building) on this fall, but you see how busy I was. I have not a single minute to spare. You know how is this people; when they are not Christian they are slow for everything, and specially for the work; and as I know if I was not present to see the work done by myself the work never will be done. And this is the reason why we can't dedicate on Feb. The Lord knows better than ourselves. By the month of April I think will be ready, but this time is too late for our American people to come to Cuba.

Bro. Cova's mission will baptize 100 believers next Wednesday evening. His mother is not well at present, and he have the "Grippe" since last night. The Rev. A. Godines has been sick too, with fever and consumption, 1st degree. Bro. Cardenas is helping him during this month.

Bro. Bueno is doing a good work in San Miguel. They have made an application to our church here for some lumbars to build a house there. One of the members gave free a lot in a good location. They have ready on hand \$150.00 for the handwork and promise to pay \$20.00 a month to pay the money we expend in lumber, etc. Another member gave another lot, one acre, for the cemetery purpose. This church you know is a new one and see how the members understand their duties. We have commenced the new year with many new blessings from our Master.

Yours in Him,

A. J. DIAZ.

## HOME MISSIONS AT THE S. C. CONVENTION.

The following is the report on Home Missions adopted at the last meeting of the S. C. Convention:

"Judging from our contributions, we fear that the magnitude and importance of the Home Mission work is not duly appreciated by South Carolina Baptists. If our people would become familiar with the work and its needs we are persuaded that their interest in and contributions for it would increase year by year. Under the blessing of God, the Home Mission Board has accomplished much in the past, is engaged in a great work now, but there are many important fields yet unoccupied, and the future bids fair to tax its capacity to the utmost. In fact, the work has but fairly begun. A calm and careful study of the religious situation in the South will convince the most skeptical of this.

## 1. The Work Among the Native Whites.

One-half of the adult population of the South are non professors of religion. A majority of these are simply indifferent to its claims, a small number are opposed to it, while there is a numerous begrimed and degraded class, which the church does not touch with the hem of her garment. In addition to this, there are more than three million boys and girls of school age in the South who never see the inside of a Sunday-school, and many of them have never heard the "Story of Redeeming Love." These children may be found in the quiet country neighborhoods, in the growing mining and factory towns, and in the large cities. New Orleans with a population of more than 250,000, has barely 7,000 children in the Protestant Sunday-schools of the city. If we turn to the professors of religion, we find that many of these give no evidence of conversion, but are merely formally and mechanically connected with the churches, others are lukewarm and undeveloped, while only a small minority are actively engaged in church work. Surely there remains much land yet to be occupied. The State Boards are doing all they can to meet this destitution, while the Home Board is supplementing their work with a force of 338 missionaries.

## 2. The Work Among the Colored People.

There are more than seven million colored people in the South. They are increasing in numbers, having nearly doubled since the war. They are here to stay. They are ignorant, superstitious, immoral, yet they are patient, inclined to be religious, and have shown a capacity of great development. In their present condition they are a standing menace to our political, social and religious institutions. The "Negro Problem" is upon us and this generation must in a large measure solve it. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation, and we believe that it is the only means by which this problem can ever be solved aright. If the gospel can make a negro in the



heart of Africa Christ-like, it can do it in South Carolina. Just now we believe that a negro's soul in the South is worth a little more than it is in Africa. The Home Board is doing something for this people in the way of theological instruction and co-operation with their State Conventions, and is anxious to do more if it only had the means.

### 3. *The Work Among our Foreign Population.*

Foreign immigration to the South, has been comparatively small since the war, our entire foreign born population being about 700,000, not including Missouri, 336,883 of these coming within the last nine years, and the greater portion within the last five years. This has been a great blessing; for if the foreign immigrants, immediately after the war, had poured into the South in her prostrated and discouraged situation, as they did into the Northern and Western States, our Southern civilization and religions would have been almost obliterated. We cannot but recognize the hand of a kind Providence in all this. God has given us an opportunity to recuperate and prepare for a great work. For the South is to-day facing a Northern and foreign invasion that is likely to double our white population within the next ten years and perhaps change the face of this whole Southland. The tide of population is already turning Southward. Within the last nine years the Northerners in the South have increased 58 per cent, and foreign born 52 per cent. Besides every Southern State is putting forth every effort to induce immigration, and this effort is aided and abetted by railroad officials and church dignitaries. The Board is doing something for this foreign element, but not a tenth of what it ought to be doing, nor of what it would be doing if it only had the means.

### 4. *The Work Among the Indians.*

Students of Indian history tell us that the popular idea that this race is dying and will soon be extinct is a mistake. That while many tribes have decreased, and some become extinct, others have decidedly increased, so that there are probably as many Indians in North America now as there were when this country was first settled by Europeans. The Board's work among this people is confined chiefly to the civilized tribes and is principally educational. We are not doing anything scarcely among the wild tribes.

### 5. *The work in Cuba.*

This work still progresses gloriously. The reports of Bro. Diaz read like bulletins from the field of battle. At this time the Board is most deeply interested in raising the balance of the money needed to pay for the house of worship in Havana. And it is earnestly hoped and recommended that the Convention at this session will make arrangements to pay South Carolina's portion of this debt. This money cannot be raised

by hat collections, and it should not interfere with other work. Let this Convention devise some means for the payment of South Carolina's portion of this debt.

T. M. GALPHIN,  
For Committee.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MASTER'S CAUSE.

BY REV. B. G. MANARD.

To many, this system is a petty nuisance—"child's play." They cannot afford to be annoyed by "making change" and putting the amount securely in the prescribed envelope. Of these objectors, but few have investigated the practical workings of the divine plan. Now let us see the possibilities and wisdom of the Scriptural direction—to lay aside every week in store as the Lord has prospered.

1. It secures system. There is much in this. Persons who cultivate the habit of doing a given thing, beget in themselves a law to continue to do this. After a time it cannot be easily denied or resisted.

2. It secures certain amounts. If we give weekly we will very naturally have some stated amount to contribute. Such is experience.

3. Not only certain amounts will be in the mind, but a preparation for the stated supply of this amount. Sacrifices will be made to maintain the standard assumed, which would not otherwise be done. How easy to procrastinate when we have a margin of time.

4. It secures interest in the amounts contributed. As the contributor's mind is called to his habit and pledge, his interest centers on his means, and he is more or less drawn out in this direction. His thoughts are intensified by frequent prayer, while a sentiment of consecration hallows the spirit and the life.

5. It secures more means from the churches. All can practically give impetration to the divine plan. Not a church member but that can give the cent—the something. It might require self-denial with some, but the more frequent the sacrifice is shared, so much the better. If they were all thus they would be more potential for the good.

6. It secures more means and more promptness in the management of the church. The business liabilities can be met at a given time and promptly. A glance at the books will indicate an approximate of the funds for each week or month. There are no uncertainties. The quarterly, semi-annual, annual plan—either one of which is uncertain. Deaths, removals, or failures in business, either may occur—far more possibly than in the weekly. The pastor gets his money every week, if in town or city where the stated services are weekly. This, owing to whether the stated services are weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.

7. It secures means without embarrassment. The poorest can contribute his mite without the knowledge of any one except the treasurer.

He places his amount in his envelope, seals, addresses and drops it into the basket as it is passed, or sends it to the church for the treasurer, if he cannot attend in person. Those sitting at his elbow may not know anything of his contributions. It is an independent way of doing for the Master, and yet as humble as devoutness could dictate. I have heard the verifying speech in many a church business meeting. One rose and said: "If I had been called on for my dues at the close of the quarter, I would have been embarrassed. By the new plan I am paid up and have not missed it."

Another, a boot-maker, who had a large helpless family to support, and who occupied rented property, said: "I am pledged for one dollar and fifteen cents per week. Had I delayed my payment until the close of the year I would have been bankrupt. I would have sold my shop and turned my family into the street. But I paid every week and have not felt my contributions, and the Lord has most marvellously blessed me." Another: "I give ten cents per week. I get one dollar for this time. I pledged five dollars and twenty cents. I have not missed my contribution. But were I called on for the whole amount it would not be with me. Some demand would have consumed it." These speak for the divine commandment.

8. It secures a commendable rivalryship. The non-doing are inspired to do by seeing others doing. The member notes the doing and is provoked to do good deeds. Heb. 10:24.

9. It secures a reasonable collection from the general congregation. The stranger noting the members contributing, like the delinquent member, is provoked also to give. Hand some sums of money are gleaned by this example.

10. It saves time, and unnecessary worry in hunting up those who make pledges. There are plenty to withhold their dues and thus make the work onerous on church officials. I have known treasurers to spend as much as an entire week annually, in hunting up the good people who had not met their obligations. By the scriptural plan the time may not exceed thirty minutes every week; and no worry about it, nor hard feelings—none. Let all try the plan. Experiment along this line of divine appointment. It has the assurance of blessings. "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "God loves a cheerful giver." "Give and it shall be given you; and good measure pressed down unto shaken together and running over." "Try me," says God. So do. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24.

How precious and enriching this exercise, and how withering to the soul the withholding.

11. And more than all, it is the divine order and command, and has the assurance of the divine approbation. "Upon the first day of the

week let every one lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2). This requires a trustful faith—the giving of even the small, and looking to Him who increases for the needed supply. The woman gave to the prophet of her last cake, and and this in the presence of her starving child and the consuming famine, yet it was the giving that was the increasing. Neither the oil in the cruse, nor the meal in the barrel wasted. Do we wait until we have the abundance, our covetousness will make us tarry in fixing the limitation. Read the widow's story in the 17th chapter 1st Kings, and be encouraged to trust and obey accordingly. God's plans are always applicable and practicable.

### STATE WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have spoken frequently of the activity and success of our brethren in South Carolina, in pushing their work, and gave in our last a notice of the meeting of their State Convention at Florence.

We have just received from the efficient Secretary of the Convention, Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, a copy of the minutes, and we call from the report of the Executive Committee the following summary of the labors of their missionaries:

"The results of their labors may be gathered from the following summary of work: Missionaries, 72; stations occupied, 152; miles traveled, 124,738; days engaged in actual service, 6,775; sermons and addresses delivered, 4,952; prayer-meetings held, 1,381; religious visits made, 12,680; conversions, 727; baptisms, 617; received by letter, 300; restored, 42; total additions to the churches, 959; total membership in churches at mission stations, 4,160; churches organized, 11; churches built, 4; expended on church buildings, \$4,125.44; Sunday-schools organized, 56; number of Sunday-schools, 117; number of teachers, 461; number of scholars, 4,389; contributions of Sunday-schools, \$246.51; stations collecting monthly for missions, 59; quarterly, 64; number of Woman's Missionary Societies, 30; subscribers for *Baptist Courier* secured, 60; for the *Foreign Journal*, 90; raised for State Missions, \$835.94; for Bible and Colportage Work, \$54.55; for Home Missions, \$75.66; for Foreign Missions, \$178.94; for endowment of Furman University, \$49.50; for Ministerial Education in Furman University, \$59.11; for Ministerial Education in the Theological Seminary, \$48.15; pages of tracts and pamphlets distributed, 730,929."

HAVANA HOUSE.—We have secured in cash and pledges forty thousand dollars for the house of worship in Havana. Sixty thousand is all that is needed. We have no fears but that the entire amount will be raised in time to meet the payments as they fall due.



## OUR HOME FIELD.

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The price of OUR HOME FIELD has now been reduced to 25 cents per annum, for each paper, regardless of the number taken by churches or individuals. We thus furnish an eight-page, illustrated paper for a mere pittance, and urge pastors and others to exact themselves to extend our circulation.

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J. WILLIAM JONES, EDITOR.

A. C. BRISCOE, BUSINESS MANAGER.

ATLANTA, GA., FEB., 1890.

THE SECRETARIES OF THE HOME BOARD have carefully abstained from any participation in the recent discussion, which grew out of the employment by the American Baptist Publication Society of three negroes to write articles for the *Baptist Teacher*.

They did not even announce the fact on platform, or in papers, and had no agency whatever in inspiring any adverse criticism that has been made. They have not chosen to reply to some very unbrotherly and unkind insinuations that have been made against them, and they do not propose to do so now.

But we find in the *Christian Index* of Jan. 23d, the following editorial which we make no apology for transferring to our columns that our readers generally may see it!

A TIME TO QUIT.—"There is one phase of the discussions which are prevailing among certain of our exchanges that, we submit in all honesty, ought to disappear and that quickly. It is humiliating in the extreme to demand that our honored Secretaries of the Home Board, and that body of brethren as well, shall disavow connection with every thing that happens in this world. We shall presently have them called upon to declare that they were not present and abetting the Barnwell lynching or the Baxley beating. If it pleases men to express their opinions, either by letter or by printed article in the secular press, upon any subject, that right is certainly to be accorded them. If others are not pleased with such utterances, let these who are dissatisfied therewith, confine their strictures to the authors, who are of age and are able to speak for themselves. But it is cruel, and to borrow an expression from one of our contemporaries, it is wicked, to require the Home Board to resort to private letter or public card to cleanse itself of unjust imputation. It is a good time to quit now, when one of our Secretaries having written a private letter to one of our contemporaries, the gist of the letter is published, and followed with the stinging imputation that "the fact remains" that somebody did something, "whether or not he is connected with the Home Board or *Kind Words*." That reaches the climax of discourtesy, and indicates a good time for the applause which terminates a discussion. Our Home Board and its Secretaries are certainly loyal to the best interests of our Convention, and are worthy of unlimited confidence, to say nothing of decent respect or fraternal consideration. Let the discussion continue on its merits, if it is thought profitable and interesting, but let these imputations on our Home Board cease. The brethren who compose that Board are not seeking to disintegrate and destroy our Convention and its work, nor do they constitute themselves into a council to review the personal actions of individuals, over whom they could not exercise control if they had any disposition so to do. Nor should they be required to rush into the presence of denominational censors, hat in hand, with celerity disavowing connection with matters that are not pleasing to some of the brethren. As to the merits of the case itself, the *Index* stands like a calm and sedate matron, as well befits its dignity and age, ready to speak when the occasion would appear to require; whether that occasion has come may be a question of doubt, but there is not the slightest question that the time has come when "wicked attacks" on our Home Board should cease. If anybody is attending strictly to his own business, certainly that may be said of each of our Secretaries and of each brother of the Board who leaves business and home to pray and talk over the momentous interests that are committed to them by the Providence of God and the Southern Baptist Convention."

We make no apology, of course, for giving our readers this month excellent likenesses of two of the most efficient missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Drs. George B. Taylor, of Rome, and W. D. Powell, of Mexico, for, besides the general truth that "the field is the world," and the fact that we have a profound interest in all the missionaries of the Foreign Board, we seem to have an especial claim on both Taylor and Powell.

Bro. Taylor was once an efficient missionary of the Home Board, and the editor recalls with peculiar pleasure the days when we rode, and slept, and ate (or starved), and worked together, as we followed old "Stonewall" in those famous marches, and campaigns which won for him and his "Foot Cavalry" immortal fame. And we recall with even more pleasure those later days when we were co-laborers in the beautiful Valley of Virginia, and formed ties of friendship and brotherhood which time can never sever.

And so we give our readers this picture of one of the truest, noblest,

most consecrated, and most efficient missionaries whom we ever knew, and we wait to him across the waters the fervent prayer, "God bless you, Brother George, and guide, and keep, and help you in your grand work for the Master."

As for Bro. Powell, if he was not once a missionary of the Home Board he ought to have been, for he was baptized by one of our missionaries, who was himself baptized by a missionary of the Home Board, and he frequently crosses the border and comes over into Texas among our missionaries. And, then, Powell is everybody's man in the grand work he is doing, and everybody wants his picture, while we offer him our best wishes and most fervent prayers for a yet richer blessing on his labors.

REV. S. HENDERSON, D. D.

This honored brother, so long known and so highly esteemed by his brethren all over the South, celebrated his golden wedding on the 16th of January.

The Alpine church, of which he had formerly been pastor for seventeen years, requested that they might give him and his amiable wife an entertainment on that day. Invitations were sent to many of his friends in Alabama and other States, and that noble church prepared a reception befitting an occasion so worthy to be honored. The day was bright and beautiful; the sunshine was golden; the joyous throng poured into the well filled sanctuary. Bro. M. H. Lane, the pastor, presided. The choir, aided by two of Dr. Henderson's grandchildren, furnished music appropriate to the occasion. After prayer Rev. Dr. Teague, who has been Bro. Henderson's life-long friend, made a most admirable address, in which he referred to the long and useful lives of the pair who for fifty years had walked hand in hand the pathway of the righteous. He dwelt touchingly upon the fact that while he had gone forth to preach the Gospel she had been the burden-bearer, quietly, patiently, lovingly caring for the things at home.

To Dr. Tichenor was assigned the duty of delivering the presents kind friends had brought as expressions of their love. They had come not only from the members of the Alpine church, but from Talladega, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and from Atlanta and Columbus, Ga.

Touching lines accompanied some of them, which drew tears from many eyes.

When the presentation was concluded, Bro. J. E. Welch, a member of the church, no longer able to restrain his emotions, arose and expressed on his own behalf and that of other members of the church their tender remembrance of the labors of their former pastor, their deep love for him, and their abiding interest in his welfare. The elegant diction in which he clothed thoughts born

of his heart's deep love made this brief and unexpected address the gem of the occasion.

The Alpine sisters are famed for the generous tables they spread, but on this occasion they excelled themselves. It was a royal feast to which the large assembly was invited, and of which they partook with undisguised satisfaction. Then followed an hour of pleasant social intercourse, in which music formed a charming part, and then the multitude dispersed. It was an occasion never to be forgotten.

May the fulness of the blessing of our Father attend our Brother and Sister Henderson, until they are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

WHAT THE CHILDREN CAN DO.

One of our most valuable and efficient co-laborers for some years has been Miss Nora Graves Hailey, of Knoxville who (as editor of the "Young South" column in the old *Baptist* and in the *Baptist and Reflector* since the consolidation) has been using her graceful pen and consecrated zeal to promote the cause of missions among the children. In the issue of the *Baptist and Reflector* for January 9th, she thus sums up the work for the past year:

DEAR CHILDREN—One year ago we began our work for Cuba, and now that the year has gone, would you like to know how much we have raised and sent to Dr. Tichenor for Cuba? Would it make you feel better and more determined to work harder for Jesus this new year? Well, let us see if it will. I hold receipts for \$50 sent in April, \$20 in May, during the Southern Baptist Convention, \$65 sent in September, and I hold \$56.82 yet to be sent, making in all \$182.62 we raised last year (1889) for Cuba, besides which we have raised \$11.50 for seating our Young South Chapel in Mexico.

Now, how many who read this can say, "I helped send that, with a prayer for God's blessings upon it?" How many can say, "I helped all I could to raise that for Cuba, but, God helping me, I will do more this year?" And how many will read this and say, "I had no hand in that good work, but my hands shall no longer be idle; I will deny myself more and work for Jesus this new year?" We have many new readers, many who never before had this way open to them to work and contribute their mites for missions. And now that the new year is before them, I hope no one of our readers will dream the year away with folded, empty hands. I have not time to write more, but I know an extract of a little poem, I want to give you right here, after wishing you, each and all, a happy New Year. But, dear reader, it will not be a happy year, if you shall have but empty hands to show at its close. How was it last year! Lovingly,

AUNT NORA.

We bid "Aunt Nora" a hearty Good-speed in her "labor of love," and pray



for richest blessings on the dear children who are co-operating with her.

And we say to pastors, Sunday-school workers, and parents everywhere, only give the children a chance, and they will largely swell our contributions for missions now, and be the cheerful, liberal givers of the future. We feel constrained to add that we know of no better way to train them than to see that they read, and study the mission lessons and other missionary intelligence in *Kind Words* series, where they can best learn the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in both the *Home* and *Foreign* fields. We know of no other Sunday-school series from which our children would learn anything of the work of our own Boards.

#### EXCURSION TO HAVANA AND DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH POSTPONED.

We very much regret to be compelled to announce a postponement of the excursion to Havana and dedication of the Baptist church house there.

When Bro. Diaz returned to Cuba in November last, it was understood that he should at once make the necessary arrangements to have the excursion and dedication the last of January or early in February.

But the protracted illness of his wife, followed by an unusual amount of sickness (*La Grippe*) among his people, the failure of some of his letters to reach us, and other causes have combined to delay the arrangements until it is now so late in the season that by the time we could have every thing in readiness it might not be safe, for our people to visit Havana.

We are, therefore, reluctantly constrained to say to the large number of brethren and sisters, who had signified their purpose to go on the excursion, and others who were contemplating it, that we have decided that it will be, on the whole, best, to postpone until next season the excursion and dedication.

We repeat our deep regrets at disappointing so many of our brethren and friends, but if the delay will, as we hope, enable us by collecting the pledges on the second payment, and securing also the amount necessary for the third payment, to dedicate the house *entirely free from debt*, then we shall have indeed, a grand occasion—one worth waiting for a year.

L. T. TICHENOR,

Corresponding Secretary.

Atlanta, Jan. 29th, 1890.

THE FAILURE OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS TO RECEIVE THEIR PAPERS is a source of very great annoyance to us, and we always use our best endeavors to rectify any failures that are brought to our attention.

We have every reason to know that the mails have been very much out of joint for sometime past, and that there have been inexcusable failures to deliver mail properly directed and placed in the office.

But we beg of our subscribers two things:

1. Notify us as soon as the failure occurs. We will, then, send you at once a duplicate of the missing paper, and try to trace the cause of the failure.

2. Have a little patience with us, and be sure to write in the kind and courteous tone which characterizes most of the complaints which we receive, and not, as a few have done, in the tone and manner of a master scolding his servant for neglect of duty, if not charging him with criminal misappropriation of his funds. We try to attend promptly to every complaint that reaches us; but we attend with much more pleasure to the one couched in courteous phrase.

OUR WORK.—The Board has never been so pressed with important applications that it cannot meet. Its work, growing steadily year by year, is now increasing more rapidly than

Cuba, and animated them with an earnest desire to do something to help him.

They resolved to work and make money, which they might give for this object. Each one selected his own method. Some of them picked cotton; one brought milk every morning for a neighbor for which she received a small remuneration; but all worked, and saved the proceeds of their labor. At the end of three months they came together and their total earnings were \$12.00. This sum the young lady has forwarded with these facts to the Home Mission Board. Who can beat the Little Lamplighters of the Alpine church, Alabama?

THE *KIND WORDS* SERIES of Sunday-school publications, which the Board is publishing under instructions from the Southern Baptist Con-



REV. W. D. POWELL, MISSIONARY TO MEXICO.

ever. This arises from the rapid increase of our population and especially from the startling growth of our cities. Atlanta has added fifty thousand to her population in the last ten years, and is growing now more rapidly than ever. Many other cities of the South have experienced similar growth. The amount invested in industrial enterprises in 1889, in the South was more than \$300,000,000 and this year it will be greater. If we keep pace with this rapid progress we must largely increase our mission work.

The Board in the last seven years has increased its work, and the results of it ten-fold upon a five-fold increase of funds. Now if our churches will give us a ten-fold increase of funds over seven years ago, we will double our present work and meet substantially all the demands that may be made upon us. Brethren, you can do it and be the richer and better for doing it.

WHO CAN BEAT IT?—A young lady, a member of a country church in Alabama, gathered together last October a band of fourteen small boys and girls. She told them about Diaz and

vention, is increasing in patronage and popularity.

We have the most gratifying commendations of this series from some of the most competent judges to be found in our land. They do not hesitate to say that it is fully equal in intrinsic merit to any other similar series in the country.

There is every reason why this should be so. We have among our Southern Baptists men and women who are as capable of furnishing Sunday-school literature as in any part of the world.

The *Kind Words Teacher*, under the editorial management of Dr. Shaver, aided by a large number of able writers, furnishes in every number most valuable instruction. Its expositions are always sound in doctrine, correct in exegesis, and lucid in their explanations. There is no better help for our Sunday-school teachers than this. The quarterlies which follow the same line of instruction are under the management of Dr. S. Boykin, whose life has been devoted to furnishing Sunday-school literature for our Southern Baptist Sunday-schools, assisted by some of

the most judicious instructors in the South.

We are glad to see our brethren all over the South rallying to the support of this work of our Southern Baptist Convention.

#### RENEWALS.

A large number of our subscriptions have expired, and renewals are very much in order.

*Twenty-five cents* is a very small matter to each individual, but it is important to us, and we beg that there may be a constant stream of renewals and new subscriptions flowing into our treasury. Reader, do not wait until you finish this paper, but stop right here and send us a postal note (or stamps if not stuck together) for twenty-five cents, or if that is an inconvenient sum to send just get three others to join you and send us one dollar, or rather it will be best to send the dollar before you lay this down, and you can get the subscribers afterwards.

#### THAT FERTILIZER.

Palestine was the land that God selected for his chosen people. He gave them many instructions in regard to the management of it. It was, so to say, His model farm, and its people were His tenants. He taught them how to make the land "yield its increase," so that they might be able to pay the tithes He required. Here is the fertilizer He recommends:

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst out with new wine." Let all our brethren try it. He says it shall never fail.

#### WOMAN'S WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

In order that our sisters in other States may see what has been accomplished by the noble Baptist women of the Palmetto State, we give the following "report of Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies," which was presented at the recent convention:

"The Central Committee respectfully report that they have received during the year \$4,903.10 from 139 societies and twenty-eight Sunday-schools and children's societies. Appropriated as follows: For Foreign Missions, \$3,365, of which \$1,180.80 was the Christmas offering for the Ping Tu Mission, North China; for Home Missions, \$1,163.62, of which \$511.06 was for the Havana house of worship; for State Missions, \$332.77, and for the expense fund of the committee, \$41.71.

"The Mary Harley Committee has placed the work, which they have fostered with so much interest, into the hands of the Central Committee, with a view to bringing all the work for missions in the Sunday-schools under the care of this Committee, and at the request of the Executive Committee of Woman's Mission So-



eties, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, this Committee has undertaken to help the Sunday-school children in mission work; quite a valuable collection of interesting tracts and leaflets for this work has been already gathered.

"The Committee are under many obligations to the brethren, who so kindly and efficiently represented our work in the meetings of the Associations.

"The Committee had three representatives in the Woman's Meeting held in connection with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis. The Executive Committee was again located at Baltimore and the same officers appointed.

"The Executive Committee is supplying valuable help in the way of literature for our work, and an additional supply is furnished by the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 10 E. Fayette street, Baltimore.

"A meeting of women is held in connection with the meeting of this Convention, to discuss plans and methods of work, and the Committee earnestly hope that the Convention will understand that there is no intention or disposition to make the work of the Committee independent of the Convention.

"It is proposed that the women and children of the State shall be invited to again make a Christmas offering for the Ping Tu Mission, North China."

#### THE FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE JOHNSTON, S. C. CHURCH.

We clip the following from the *Baptist Courier* that it may have circulation and consideration in other States, as well as in South Carolina:

"We are indebted to Capt. J. B. Patrick, of Anderson, for the following letter addressed to him by Rev. W. T. Hundley, of Johnston, in response to inquiries concerning the financial plan of the church at Johnston. The consent of Bro. Hundley has been procured for its publication, and we take pleasure in giving it to our readers. There are some features in this plan, as the writer remarks, which would not suit other communities, but there is much to commend in the systematic arrangement of the church's affairs, and the application of business principles to its finances is just what ought to be done in every instance. It is difficult to understand why men who pursue a secular calling with diligence and assiduity will fail to apply a like principle in the conduct of the temporal affairs of the church. An astute deacon who manages his own business with shrewdness and consummate skill, by which means he keeps out of debt and is growing rich, perhaps, will often neglect and delay the financial matters under his charge as a church official until a debt accumulates and the church is embarrassed by reason of his indifference. A member who is prompt and punctual in the discharge of his own obligations, who would not think of allowing his notes

and drafts to be protested at a bank, will frequently allow the good name of his church to be dishonored by failure to redeem its pledges or bear its just share in the enterprises fostered by his denomination. He has well defined plans in the pursuit of his daily avocation, but none for the service of his Master. It is not so much the plan, as Bro. Hundley intimates, as the diligent and faithful prosecution of almost any plan, which will produce permanent and satisfactory results. But still we think there are two features of the Johnston plan which secure much of their success in the management of church finances. One of these features is the assessment of the church members, by which a definite sum is agreed upon and the income of the church is made secure. Baptist churches seldom employ this method, but we cannot find any serious objection to it. The members make the assessment themselves, and hence it is relieved of the objectionable feature given to this plan of raising money in other organizations. If an assessment was laid upon the church by the pastor or the deacons, without the explicit direction of the church itself, we would join in its condemnation. But it is entirely competent for the church to select discreet brethren, without regard to official position, and instruct them to arrange an equitable assessment to raise a given sum of money. The other feature which commends itself, although seldom tried in our churches, is the custom of exhibiting the record at the close of the year, so that the delinquents may be properly classed. There is opportunity for friction in this feature it must be admitted, but if the church deliberately agrees to follow their plan, and any member is unwilling that his name and his contributions shall be made known, the remedy is at hand, and he can apply for his letter at once. After this plan has been put into operation the difficulty no longer exists, for every one joining this church afterwards will cheerfully acquiesce in the arrangement, or decline to become a member. But we will not detain the reader any longer from a perusal of Bro. Hundley's letter, which is as follows:

JOHNSTON, S. C., Jan. 13, 1890.

Capt. John B. Patrick, Anderson, S. C.:

MY DEAR BRO.—I feel honored that you, among others, should seek information regarding the financial plan of the Johnston church. Pardon me for not having answered your inquiry of December 9th before now. Really, dear brother, we have no plan peculiar to ourselves—nothing new—nothing original. Our methods are very much like those of many other churches. We try to work our plan, and we succeed fairly, but not to our satisfaction—never will we reach that point—nor should we.

I will, as briefly as possible, give you some of the general features of our way of doing things. I cannot enter fully into details.

In the first place, we have a church treasurer, through whose hands every cent of money, from every branch of church work, passes. He receives—he disburses for all the departments. Woman's Mission Society, Sunbeam Society, Sunday-school, church—all turn over their funds to him, and he reports for them quarterly to the church Conference. So you see the church is at the back of all the funds and authorizes their disbursement as she sees best. This is right. This binds every department to the church and saves us from outside independencies.

Again, the church is divided into many committees. We work as many of the members as possible. We have a committee on missions and education whose business it is to solicit an annual contribution from every member of the church, to be paid quarterly with the pastor's salary, or at the same time. Last year this committee received subscriptions to missions from every male member in the church but twelve, and on the 31st December every cent of said subscriptions had been paid. At the business meeting in January, the chairman of the committee read out before the church the names of the twelve delinquents, along with the names of those who had subscribed, with the amounts. This stimulates and encourages all to do better.

No special collections are allowed for any purpose in our church. Basket collections are taken every Sunday in Sunday-school and at preaching service. These collections form a sinking fund out of which the incidental expenses of church and Sunday-school are met, and special calls answered.

Then we have a pastor's salary committee, whose duty it is take the assessments made by the assessment committee at the beginning of the year, and collecting them, to deposit with the church treasurer, from whom the pastor draws his salary at stated periods. This committee, at the annual meeting of the church, the first Sunday in January of each year, reads out the names of all who have paid and of all who have not paid, with the amounts. This does good in the way of bringing many up to time who would otherwise be careless and indifferent.

We have a Woman's Mission Society, meeting once a month. With their monthly dues and special offerings they are enabled to raise from \$150 to \$200 annually for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. About fifty of the lady members of the church belong to this society. Their contributions are all sent up through the church treasurer. We also have a flourishing Sunbeam Society, composed of many of the Sunday-school scholars, and presided over by one of the lady teachers. They work, too, through the church channels.

We have the following committees appointed for 1890:

Assessment Committee, 14; Mis-

sions, 2; Pastor's Salary, 3; Religious Literature, 4; Auditing Committee, 3; Basket Collections, 2; Revision of Roll, 7; Church Improvement, 3; Furman University, 6; Sunday-school Committee, 3.

So you see we are pretty well supplied with committees. I wish there was room for more.

Our Religious Literature Committee distributes tracts and works for the circulation of *The Baptist Courier*, *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Home Field*.

Our Committee on Church Improvement has reference to the beautifying of the church house and the preservation of the property. When repairs are needed they make the suggestion to the church and the church acts upon it.

On some of the committees there are several lady members.

Thus I have tried to give you an outline of our way of working. I know it is defective. But of all the plans we have tried this succeeds the best. A church needs the plan that will suit its own case best, and each church must work out its own plan. The way in which we do things might not suit at all at Anderson or Greenville. Of one thing I am persuaded, however, and that is that every church should have one treasurer, and but one, and through his hands all funds for all religious and educational purposes, from all the departments of church work, should be disbursed to their desired ends as indicated by the church. Of course, each department may have its own treasurer, but said treasurer is but a convenient channel leading into the general treasury.

And now you have it for what it is worth. I do not expect everybody to agree to it as being even a good plan. Until we can find something better, we shall work it for all it will bring us. Yours very fraternally,

W. T. HUNDLEY.

#### PROGRESS OF SABBATH REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES.

We have received a copy of the admirable address of Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Secretary of the "American Sabbath Union" made in Association Hall, New York, December 29th, 1889, and we regret that our space will not allow us to publish in full this able presentation of a subject in which all of our people are vitally interested, and which is especially connected with the work of *Home Missions*, since a proper observance of the Sabbath is very essential to the success of our missionaries, and the proper prosecution of their work. We can, however, only give the following extracts from the address:

"The best Sabbath-keeping section of the United States lies along our Eastern Coast between Delaware and Mississippi. This is partly due to the fact that so few noxious weeds are transported to that section from Castle Garden. Politicians there have no 'German vote' to fear.



Southern mechanics are mostly Americans, and the negro laborers are friends, not foes, of the Sabbath. The South is "solid" for the Sabbath.

Rum and railroads, however, with the aid of the United States mails, are making ugly breaches in the wall of Sabbath rest, and the "New South's" manufacturing attractions bring new perils with new gains, which make it important for the friends of the Sabbath there to organize more thoroughly for its defence.

Baltimore calls to mind the National Lay Congress of Roman Catholics, which, after correspondence and conference with the American Sabbath Union, passed its famous resolution in favor of co-operation with Protestants in Sabbath reform, of which the following is a full and correct copy:

"There are many Christian issues in which Catholics could come together with non-Catholics and shape civil legislation for the public weal. In spite of rebuff and injustice, and overlooking zealotry, we should seek alliance with non-Catholics for proper Sunday observance. Without going over to the Judaic Sabbath, we can bring the masses over to the moderation of the Christian Sunday. To effect this we must set our faces sternly against the sale of intoxicating beverages on Sunday. The corrupting influence of saloons in politics, the crime and pauperism resulting from excessive drinking, require legislative restriction which we can aid in procuring by joining our influence with that of the other enemies of intemperance. Let us resolve that drunkenness shall be made odious, and give practical encouragement and support to Catholic temperance societies. We favor the passage and enforcement of laws rigidly closing saloons on Sunday and forbidding the sale of liquors to minors and intoxicated persons."

This does not mean that the millennium is to be built in a day. This is only a proposal of courtship, and the parties thus far have approached each other shyly. In two cities such a union has not turned out well. In one case a Roman Catholic ecclesiastic was put in command for an attack on the saloons, and it never came off. New recruits should not be made commanders, but tried veterans rather. In the other case several Roman Catholics talked well and gave well in preparation for a similar war, but when election day came old facts proved stronger than new reforms. Nevertheless this Baltimore action is vastly important. Roman Catholic priests and papers, if not stalwart allies at first, will at least be friends rather than foes of Sabbath reform. Let it not be thought strange if priests are as loth to offend the saloon keepers in their flocks as Protestant pastors are to offend their rich parishioners whose Sunday trains are filling their pockets even while the preacher is filing their ears.

Washington is associated with four

of the wonders of the year—one on the dark side—the darkest of the year—the inauguration Sunday.

Is it not a wonder that the coming to power of a Sabbath keeping President should have been celebrated by the very masterpiece of God-defying, law-defying Sabbath desecration, not by soldiers and citizens only, but by Congress also. The greatest wonder of all is that the Christian men of Congress did not, as on a former occasion, prevent a Sunday session, by denying the right of Congress to require Sunday work of any of its members, and retiring in a body and so destroying the quorum. Instead of such a protest, there was only the shallow jest, called up by a Sunday motion relating to the Sunday Rest Bill that it was not proper to work on such legislation on the Sabbath.

Thank God, if we have not a Sabbath-keeping Congress, we have at least a Sabbath-keeping President and cabinet.

The following is the full text of the President's Proclamation against Sunday work in the army. General Orders, No. 50.

#### HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY.

#### ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 12, 1889.

The following order of the President is published for the information and guidance of the Army, viz.:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, June 7-'89.

In November, 1862, President Lincoln quoted the words of Washington to sustain his own views, and announced in a general order that—"The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service. The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest, the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors, a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the Divine will demand that Sunday labor in the Army and Navy be reduced to the measure of strict necessity."

The truth so concisely stated cannot be too faithfully regarded, and the pressure to ignore it is far less now than in the midst of war. To recall the kindly and considerate spirit of the orders issued by these great men in the most trying times of our history, and to promote contentment and efficiency, the President directs that Sunday morning inspection will be merely of the dress and general appearance, without arms; and the more complete inspection under arms, with all men present, as required in par. 950, A. R., 1889, will take place on Saturday.

BENJ. HARRISON.

By the President:

REDFIELD PROCTOR,

Secretary of War.

By command of Maj. Gen. Schofield:

J. C. KELTON,

Adjutant General.

Official:

MARYLAND BAPTIST MISSION ROOMS.

We have several times before called attention to the grand work of the energetic and efficient women in charge of these rooms; where can be had anything and everything in the way of mission literature. The recent report of the accomplished Secretary shows the work done for the year ending Oct. 1st, 1889, as follows:

Letters written, 317, Postals written, 307, Packages mailed and expressed, exclusive of local sales, 3,631 Prayer cards printed, 23,000, Brick cards printed, 15,000, 4 Programmes printed, number of copies, 4,000, 3 Circulars printed, number of copies, 8,000, 22 Leaflet and Pamphlets, number of copies, 39,000, Leaflets purchased, 13,706.

The Treasurer's report shows cash received during the year, \$1,442.43, and expenditure, \$843.11, and a balance of \$599.32, with which to begin the new year.

All honor to these Christian women who so admirably combine intelligent consecrated zeal with practical wisdom and skill in the management of their work.

And let us say again that pastors, W. M. Societies, and mission workers generally, who need any kind of mission literature, would do well to write to the Mission Rooms, No 102, East Fayette St., Baltimore.

#### DIAZ AND HIS PEOPLE

A most important element of the success of our work in Cuba has been the affectionate confidence of the people in Brother Diaz and their devotion to him.

In no improper, but in a very important sense, "his word is law" among them, while they look up to and follow him with the "confiding love of children. As illustrating the feeling of the people for him, we have asked the privilege of copying the following extract from a letter written to Brother Diaz, by his wife, concerning the reception of a letter which he wrote the church in Havana after his arrival in Atlanta on his last visit:

"We had a very good congregation at church, and Brother Perez was appointed to preach. After the preliminary service we took a collection, and then Alfredo came in a great hurry and gave your letter to Brother Perez. And after the collection he read the letter, and you should have seen the whole congregation weep and cry just like children. Perez was here to-day and told me that when I write to you to send you his love and ask you not to write your letters to them like Paul did because you make them cry, the whole congregation, and him too. He did not know how he would be able to make a sermon."

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#### Prayer-Card Topic for February, 1890.

Japan.

"The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee." In 1859 two missionaries sent to Japan by S. B. C., and lost at sea. Two new missionaries appointed this year.

Study Topics.—Size, situation and population of the island empire; its religion and government. Are Missions to Japan successful? Does now seem to be God's time for Japan?

The leaflets for month are both new publications from Mission Room. "Japan," by Rev. T. P. Bell, gives a sketch of the religious history of the island and ends with a mention of our pioneer missionaries, Rev. J. A. Brunson, of South Carolina, and Rev. J. W. McCollum, of Alabama, who, with their wives, sailed in October, 1889, for their new field of labor. "Japan, the Sunrise Kingdom," is a little gem from the pen of our well-known and graceful writer, Mrs. Fannie Roper Feudge.

The Executive Committee held its regular session in Maryland Baptist Mission Room, on January 9th, 1890. The Corresponding Secretary presiding, in the absence of Mrs. Rowland. The following report was presented:

Christmas Envelope Distribution, 1889.

Envelopes, 43,120; circular letters, 3,860; programmes, 2,876.

ENVELOPES.—Alabama, 1,318; Arkansas, 1,002; Florida, 1,084; Georgia, 5,479; Kentucky, 1,502; Louisiana, 1,004; Maryland, 2,708; Missouri, 3,186; Mississippi, 10,051; North Carolina, 52; South Carolina, 4,825; Tennessee, 1,597; Texas, 1,302; Virginia, 8,010; total, 43,120. Total envelopes distributed, 1889, 29,075. The total expense for providing and sending this literature to Central Committees was \$100.81. By items as follows: 4,000 circulars, \$18.50; 2,000 programmes, \$20.50; 4,500 envelopes, \$45.00; express postage and wrappers, \$16.81. We hope to report next month a large yield from this sowing. The sum raised will be a matter of interest to all, but this cannot be known unless societies in forwarding their amounts will state, it is the Christmas offering for Pingtu.

Preparatory to arranging a programme for annual meeting, Miss McIntosh has written to each vice-president asking for suggestions, as it is earnestly desired to make these yearly gatherings seasons of increasing interest and inspiration. Letters of response have been received from the following ladies and their contents noted: Mrs. H. Hatcher, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. L. B. Tilford, DeLand, Fla.; Mrs. Davis San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. A. M. Hilman, Mississippi; Mrs. Wm. F. Elliott, Missouri.

The Corresponding Secretary has written to each Central Committee, calling attention to Article VII in Constitution. Those desiring changes must give notice in due form.

Orders are coming in for the wooden barrels adopted by Executive Committee for Missionary collections. Last year 225 were distributed; this year up to date, 1,791 have been called for. Each band is in two parts held together by a label. Owing to pressure of work it is sometimes im-



possible to paste these labels on before sending off the orders. Central Committee will please see that this is done prior to distribution. When feasible it is suggested the barrels be painted, as this makes them more attractive. Some samples are being prepared by Executive Committee.

Learning that Dr. Tichenor would address the Maryland Baptist Home Missionary Society on January 29d, it was moved that he be invited, while in the city, to meet the Executive Committee, time and place to be decided on later. It is hoped that Dr. Tichenor's engagements will allow him to accept this invitation, as much pleasure is anticipated from this hour of social conference.

#### RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

FROM DECEMBER 31st, 1889, TO JANUARY 25th, 1890.

ALABAMA.—Mt. Lebanon church, Havana house, \$9.15; Miss Annie G. Tart, Livingston, Havana house, 5.00; Miss N. McCraw, Alpine, Havana house, 12.00; Mrs. M. R. McCluer, Havana house, 5.00; Hartsboro church, Havana house, 3.00; Seale church, Havana house, 4.40; St. Francis St. S. S. Mobile, Ala., Havana house, 25.00; "Judson Sunbeams," Verbena, Havana house, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$68.55.

Previously reported, \$3,043.64.

Aggregate since May, \$3,112.19.

ARKANSAS.—Mrs. G. W. Puryear, Jonesboro, Havana house, \$2.00; Miss Nannie Mullins, 6.00.

Total for month, \$8.00.

Previously reported, \$315.43.

Aggregate since May, \$323.43.

FLORIDA.—W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec., for Havana house, \$10.00.

Previously reported, \$154.25.

Aggregate since May, \$254.25.

GEORGIA.—Gainesville, Havana house, \$5.00; W. M. S. Reynolds church, through Baptist basket, 3.35; Sunbeams, 1st church, Atlanta, 2.00; J. H. DeVotie, Cor. Sec., Havana house, 10.20; J. H. DeVotie, Cor. Sec., Mrs. Moore, 4.55; J. H. DeVotie, 175.62; J. H. DeVotie, Indians, 10.37.

Total for the month, \$201.09.

Previously reported, \$4,183.83.

Aggregate since May, \$4,384.92.

KENTUCKY.—W. M. S. Forks of Elkhorn, \$9.00; Rev. Dr. J. W. Warder, Cor. Secretary, 112.70; New Haven, Havana church, 5.00.

Total for month, \$126.70.

Previously reported, \$3,201.40.

Aggregate since May, \$3,328.10.

LOUISIANA.—Valence Street S. S., New Orleans, \$3.31; Gillis and Mattie Friserson, 2.00; Brick collection (unknown), 2.00; Mrs. M. A. Rains, Brick Card, 2.00; Miss Jessie Durham, Brick Card, 1.00; Mrs. E. A. Bishop, Brick Card, 1.00; Miss Gertrude Tomkies, Brick Card, 2.00; Master James Tomkies, Brick Card, 2.00; Abney Robert Durham, Brick Card, 2.00; "Sunbeams," Valence street, New Orleans, 2.00; Ladies' Mission, Valence street, 4.00; Master Dossell Tomkies, Brick Card, 2.00; Mrs. P. H. Carter and others, Brick Card, 5.70; Mrs. E. Bramly, 1.90; Miss Alice Gordon, 1.10; Mrs. P. K. Branch, 4.00; Mrs. Smith, 2.00; Mrs. Cain, 1.00; Bayou Rouge church, 2.00; Bayou Chicott, 2.10; Hester D. Kimball, 1.00.

Total for the month, \$74.56.

Previously reported, \$77.71.

Aggregate since May, \$152.27.

MARYLAND.—Aggregate since May, \$5,137.74.

MISSOURI.—L. F. Johnston, Ashland, Havana house, 2.00.

Aggregate since May, \$5,228.59.

MISSISSIPPI.—Olive Branch church,

42.00; E. S. Manning and wife, Havana house, 100.00; Rev. J. T. Christian, Cor. Secretary, 930.59.

Total for the month, \$1,072.59.

Previously reported, \$69.85.

Aggregate since May, \$1,141.44.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Aggregate since May, \$1,246.52.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Batesburg church, \$20.00; 1st division Edisto Association, Havana house, 7.00; Eliza Tindal, Havana house, 1.00; D. M. Alderman, Havana house, 25.00; Lake City church, 2.66; Liberty church, 1.33; R. W. Sanders, Chester, Havana house, 5.00; Greenville Baptist church, Havana house, 88.40; Bethel S. S. Havana house, 3.50; Miss Janie Pevy, Havana house, 2.00; Branch S. S., Washington church, Havana house, 2.30; New Prospect church, 25.00; Laurens church, 7.50; Chestnut Ridge church, 5.00; Rabun Creek church, 2.50; Due West, S. C., Havana house, 12.85; T. M. Galphur, Havana house, 20.00; Holly Grove church, Havana house, 5.55; Beaver Dam church, Havana house, 6.22; Marlboro Union, 59.00; Patsville S. S., Havana house, 2.00; E. E. Blount, Tolersville, Havana house, 10.00; Cheraw church, Havana house, 10.90; Chester S. S., Havana house, 13.75; Mt. Zion church, Spartanburg, 5.13; Bethel church, 4.00; Cartersville church, 2.30; W. M. S. Elko church, Havana house, 5.00; Walterboro church, Havana house, 5.25; Bamberg church, Havana house, 7.01; Mrs. M. E. Hewitt, Bamberg, Havana house, 5.00; Johnston church, Havana house, 9.00; Fort Lawn, 7.75; C. B. Bobo, Sedalia, 1.35; J. M. Bostie, Lawtonville, 2.00; Mt. Pleasant church, 3.30; Allens Chapel, Havana house, 3.10; Great Salkehatchie S. S., Havana house, 5.00; Great Salkehatchie, W. M. S., Havana house, 5.00; Healing Spring church, Havana house, 5.00; Chesterfield C. H., Havana house, 2.35; Mt. Moriah church, 2.50; Sumter church, 9.30; Greenville Association, 8.31; W. M. S., Flint Hill, Havana house, 10.00; Flint Hill church, 3.00; Williston church, 4.06; Hartsville church, 7.62; Horn's Creek church, 4.28; Mispah Missionary Society, Florence, H. I., 2.40; Greenville, Havana house, 26.75; W. M. S. of S. C., Havana house, 236.91.

Total for the month, \$7,311.13.

Previously reported, \$3,069.84.

Aggregate since May, \$3,800.57.

TENNESSEE.—Wildersville church, Havana house, \$6.30; Mrs. M. S. Underwood, Union City, H. H., 21.00; East Tenn. Association, 6.00; New Hope church, 1.40; New Hope S. S., 10.75; Sunbeams 1st church, Nashville, Havana house, 4.00; Central church, Memphis, 150.00; 1st church, Memphis, 150.00; Rowan Memorial, Memphis, 200.00; O. L. Hailey, V. P., 43.25; W. M. S., 5.00; Murry City, Havana house, 8.00; 1st church, Chattanooga, 18.00; "A Sister," Pocahtons, 1.00; Mrs. M. S. Carver, Memphis, Havana house, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$617.70.

Previously reported, \$918.36.

Aggregate since May, \$1,536.06.

TEXAS.—Mrs. Sarah Graves, Navasota for Havana house, \$2.00; W. M. S., 1st church, Dallas, H. H., 20.00; W. M. S., Laveria, 3.65.

Total for the month, \$25.65.

Previously reported, \$276.62.

Aggregate since May, \$302.27.

VIRGINIA.—T. J. Nottingham, Norfolk, Va., Havana house, \$100.00; Miss Mary S. Hunter, Marion, H. H., 4.00.

Total for the month, \$104.00.

Previously reported, \$5,642.05.

Aggregate since May, \$5,746.03.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs. A. L. Peabody,

San Diego Cal., for Havana house, \$25.00.

Royalty on Kind Words, 250.00.

Total for the month, \$275.00.

Previously reported, \$1,214.40.

Aggregate since May, \$1,489.40.

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