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LETTERS FROM REV. A. J. DIAZ.

We have received the following, which contain many things of especial interest:

HAVANA, CUBA, February 18, 1890.
Rev. J. Wm. Jones, D. D.

DEAR BROTHER EDITOR: During the month of October, and the greater part of November, I was in the States preaching for the purpose of trying to collect means to assist in making the payment on our Havana house. I preached in numerous cities and towns, where I was invariably received well and made to feel very welcome. I met with success, and felt amply repaid for my time, besides bringing with me gratifying recollections from all parts. I attended the Conventions at Missouri, Alabama, and North Carolina; that Convention was held at Henderson. There I received very marked attention, as was also extended to all the brotherhood. I was especially invited to take meals in several private families, and no means were spared to make my stay there most agreeable and pleasant; finding in all my sojourn in the States the greatest hospitality possible.

I was also in Tennessee and St. Louis, meeting with the same kind attention everywhere, feeling very welcome and at home. In LaGrange, Ga., I remained forty-eight hours, stopping at the Female College, where I was received most amiably, as by all the Baptists. I had occasion to talk to the young ladies three times while there, and I visited very thoroughly the institution, and was very agreeably impressed with the complete order and arrangement of

the entire rules and regulations of the college. I observed perfect order in all the classes, and entire harmony in all the proceedings of the institution. I was particularly pleased with the laboratories, Chemical, Astronomical and Mineral; carrying away with me a very high and favorable opinion of the college and its inmates.

Prof. Cox made me the kind offer to board and educate my youngest sister there free of expense, and was even so amiable as to wish to take her with them at the time of the

HAVANA, CUBA, Feb. 21, 1890.

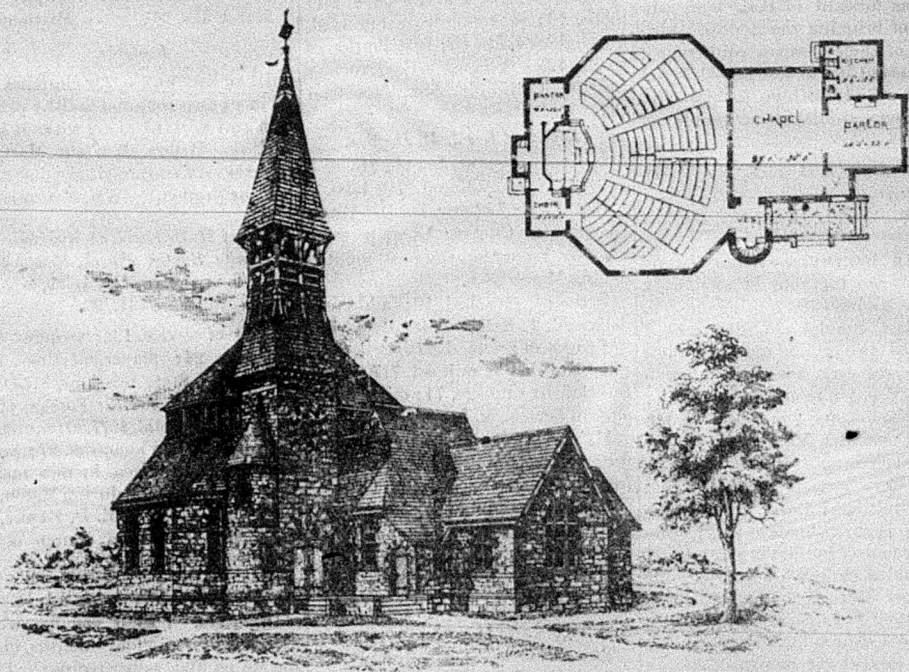
Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.:

I am well satisfied with the progress of our Sunday schools, but we are struggling under great difficulties, as we have not sufficient Bible lessons. We need many Bible explanations, Sunday school papers, tracts, etc., and printing is so expensive here that we have not the means to have it done, and it is absolutely necessary for us to have these things for the benefit of the schools. I have been calculating the matter over in my mind, and have come to the con-

HAVANA, CUBA, Feb. 28, 1890.

Rev. John William Jones, Editor Home Field:

DEAR BROTHER—On the last Saturday of the month we held our usual general meeting of the Havana church. The representatives of the different missions were present, and each missionary giving a detailed description of the month's work. The time was fully taken up, and very satisfactory accounts were rendered. Much enthusiasm prevails among the workers, and their efforts are crowned with success.



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teachers excursion to Cuba in the early part of the winter. I feel greatly indebted to all our Baptist friends I had the pleasure of meeting in the States, for their kind hospitality manifested towards me during my stay there, and shall always remember it and think of it with very agreeable recollections, and gratifying results. Dr. Tichenor made us one of his short visits last week; taking a general view of the work, appearing satisfied with the progress. The church in San Miguel del Padron continues in a flourishing condition, promising a brilliant future. Last week nineteen were baptized there. The prospects are encouraging.

Yours in Him, A. J. DIAZ.

clusion that I can furnish all the necessary printing in our church, if you could and would be willing to provide us with the necessary type that I will include in this letter for your consideration, and I have the printing done gratis here by members of the church, who are willing to assist us in this matter. I could have a semi-monthly paper and all Bible leaves, lessons, tracts, and so on, if these type could be bought by the Board and sent us. I am very sorry to call your attention to these often occurring necessities, but it is unavoidable for the advancement of our schools, and I consider it very important.

Your brother in Christ,

A. J. DIAZ.

The entire mission is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition. Mr. Bueno, the missionary of San Miguel del Padron, was also present at the meeting, giving us encouraging and cheering news of that mission, a large number having been added to that church during the past month.

There is any amount of sickness amongst us at present, keeping me occupied every moment of the day, leaving no rest neither day nor night, as I am practicing among them, and all must be attended, church-members or not, as they are all needy and are deprived of the means of securing medical aid when necessary. I am particularly rushed now, as we are having an epidemic of the dreaded disease, diphtheria.

Yours in Him,

A. J. DIAZ.

GERMAN MISSIONS.

Here is the monthly report of Bro. F. Sievers, our German missionary in Kansas City, Mo. We began this mission about two years ago. Work among the German population is hard and slow at first; but the Teutonic pluck of these brave and consecrated missionaries faces difficulties which would utterly discourage many of our preachers of Anglo-Saxon blood.

Read this letter which we print just as it is written. This house of worship will be built. Such devotion to the Master's work. Such willingness to sacrifice for Him will be rewarded. He, whose are the cattle upon a thousand hills, and who turns the hearts of men as the streams of water are turned, will bring them helpers in the time of their need.

Our warmest feelings go out to this little band of noble brethren, who, guided so wisely by their self-sacrificing pastor, are so courageously moving forward in their high mission of bringing the tens of thousands of their German countrymen in Kansas City to the knowledge of Christ. God continue to bless and help them, and let all our people say amen!

Monthly Report to the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from Rev. F. Sievers, Missionary at Kansas City, Mo., for the Month of February, 1890.

DEAR BRETHREN—I am happy to tell you that our Mission work here in Kansas City is going on well. The last Sunday in February I baptized two young men who show themselves very active in mission work; also, we received one family from Kansas, and one young woman from Concordia, Mo. Our members take much interest in the work.

We have already made the first step, and as I think, in the right way, to begin at home at first in collecting money for buying a lot and to build a church. I believe our members do their utmost part, because they feel the great needfulness to have a church for their own, and better located for our work among the Germans in this great city. Considering that our members are all hard working people, and only still a few in number, as our present membership is forty-four, and yet for this purpose we took up an extra subscription which amounted to \$697, to be paid the first of October. Besides this, we have already in cash and subscription \$603 from the church members and from our friend, Bro. Abshagen, \$1,500. This gives us \$2,800, and this money is only from our German Baptist of this City. Next week I think to start on a collection trip to our German churches in the State. It will take much of my time to get sufficient money to carry out this so needfully work, as the lots are very high in this city; that cheaper what we heard of are \$150 the front foot, and at least we need fifty feet front to build on. As soon as we have the money

to pay for the lot, then we intend to build a church at the cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000. All our members who are voluntary to help in collecting money are furnish with little books for this purpose, to collect by their friends. Nevertheless, we know very well that this great undertaking is too much to be carried out by our small church and our German friends, but we hope that our American churches will help us in this great and needed work.

Work done. Sermons preached, 12; prayer meetings, 4; young people's meetings, 4; baptized, 2; visits, 67; tracts distributed, 150; Lord's supper, 1.

In fraternal love—yours in the Lord,

F. SIEVERS.

Missionary Pastor.

Kansas City, March 13, 1890.

Report of Rev. E. Otto.

Monthly report ending March 31, '90.

Weeks of labor 4 and 2 days; sermons, 13; prayer-meeting attended, 8; religious visits, 85; Distribution of tracts, 125.

E. OTTO.

Box 90, California, Mo., Moniteau Co.

Report of Rev. J. M. Hoefflin.

St. Joseph, Mo.

March 27th 1890.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.—DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST: I hereby send you my report for the past month, ending March 28th.

Sermons preached, 10; addresses delivered, 2; Religious family visits, 24; pages of tracts distributed, 684; miles traveled by railroad, 717; miles traveled by carriage, 74; miles traveled on horseback, 5.

My health is much impaired at present, having recently suffered from a second attack by la Grippe. Traveling becomes very burdensome.

Yours in Christ.

J. M. HOFFELIN.

874 Newell Road, Muscatine, Iowa.

Extract from Letter from Valence Street, New Orleans.

Two years ago when the Board commissioned Bro. Merrill as pastor of Valence street church, we had a small membership (about thirty). During his two years' labor with us there have been added to the church fifty-three, twenty-nine of whom were buried in baptism. The Sunday-school shows considerable gain. Average attendance in 1887, 76; in 1888, 88; in 1889, 131.

Money collected in Sunday-school, '88, \$123; money collected in Sunday-school, '89, \$139; money to missions in Sunday-schools, '88, \$10.62; money to missions in Sunday-school, '89, \$18.43. Nineteen have joined the church from the Sunday-school during the two years.

Other branches of church work have grown proportionately, viz: The Industrial School, the Ladies' Aid Society, Young People's Aid Society, and Ladies' Foreign Mission Society.

In entering upon the third year, with Brother Merrill as pastor, everything is encouraging. Funds are being raised to carpet and seat our house, and increase the library; already we have about \$500 for these objects.

Yours fraternally,

F. C. GREGORY,

WM. W. CHARLTON,

Deacons Valence Street Church, New Orleans, La.

Report of Rev. Wm. McCombs.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Corresponding Sec'y.—Herein I send my quarterly report, ending March 31st, 1890.

Weeks labor during quarter, 12; churches supplied, 7; out station, 1; sermons delivered, 19; exhortations or addresses, 11; prayer meetings attended, 12; other religious meetings attended, 7; Indians restored, 9; Indians baptized, 5; miles traveled, 440; ministers I assisted in ordaining, 2.

Wm. McCOMBS,

March 31st '90. Missionary.

Remarks.

DEAR BROTHER.—Our churches are all in a prosperous and healthy condition and working along without any friction. Hence all of our Master's work is very encouraging.

Your Brother, WM. McCOMBS.

Report of M. D. Early, as Missionary at Trinity Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn. From Dec. 1, '89, to March 31, '90.

Days of service, 121; sermons, 44; addresses, 24; prayer meetings, 15; visits, 198; State missions, \$145.00; Home Missions, \$66.25; Foreign missions, \$66.25; total, \$277.50; churches organized, 1; new members, 27; Sunday-schools organized, 1; new members, 80; professions during March, 2.

M. D. EARLY.

Amount raised on church debt, \$900.00.

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 1, 1890.

DEAR DR.—I send you herewith my report for the four months, ending March 31st, as per request. The Lord has greatly blessed us in our work here from the very beginning. We broke the ground for the new church on the tenth day of December last, and the first Sunday in March we held our first service, when we organized the church with twenty-four members. We organized the Sunday-school the third Sunday in March, with sixty members. We now have in the classes eighty. Our prayer-meetings are well attended, and full of interest. One profession last week and one Sunday. We continue the meetings this week, with hopeful outlook for good.

The outlook for our cause in the city is better than for years, if not than ever before.

We hope to do something for your Board before the meeting in Fort Worth. Your brother,

M. D. EARLY.

Report of Dr. J. B. Taylor, of Service Rendered During Quarter Ending March 31, 1890. P. O., Lexington, Va. Field of Labor Lexington and Vicinity.

Weeks labor, 13; churches supplied, 1; other stations, 2; sermons delivered, 40; addresses, 39; prayer, etc., meetings, 28; baptisms, 2—others awaiting ordinance; received by letter, 2; Sunday-schools, 2; pupils, 140; teachers, 16; pupils converted since January 1, 2; miles traveled, 50; religious visits, 65; pages of tracts distributed, 1,800; sent for home missions, \$—.

In addition to serving the Lexington church, your missionary is conducting meetings in the country adjacent. We have a mission station at East Lexington, across the river. Your missionary also has a large student's Bible class, and holds frequent services with the students and cadets at the two institutions, Washington Lee University and Virginia Military Institute, where some four hundred young men are assembled from all over our country. A number of these, who have been converted and baptized here within the last few years, are now active, useful ministers, or lay workers, in various sections of the South and West. On various accounts, work done in this important field is very far-reaching.

J. B. TAYLOR.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

is a part of the great mountain region whose marvelous resources and rapid development make it one of our most promising and inviting fields.

Rev. John Ammons, the Cor. Sec. of the Western Convention of North Carolina, in sending us reports of missionaries, says of the work in Jackson county, in charge of Rev. James G. Ammons, who reported forty-nine days' service, fifty sermons, eighty-six professions and fifty-six baptisms: "This brother is doing a splendid work, he will bring the churches into co-operation with the brethren in the convention work."

"I visited this field a short time since and find that all they need to bring them into the work is leaders. They need to be told what is to be done and how to do it."

Of the work in Liberty and Ducktown Association, he writes: "This is a new mission, and I am much pleased with the work of Bro. Hall and with the hopefulness of the field. He has much opposition to encounter, but he is not easily discouraged."

Of Hot Springs, he says: "This is one of the most important points in Western North Carolina, and our church is doing good work."

The church at this point has been organized and a good house of worship built since our Board began to help these brethren.

The many railroads that are now being constructed to reach the material resources of this mountain region must work a wonderful change in it. Its rural districts are almost exclusively Baptist, and we must hold them against all comers and be prepared to establish churches in all the new towns that will spring up in the charming valleys among these mountains.

EAST TENNESSEE AS A MISSION FIELD.

We have just received the following communication, which presents strongly a matter of such importance that we take the liberty of publishing it, that our readers may see the nature of the applications which the Board are continually receiving.

We most heartily endorse the claims of that beautiful region, as they are presented in this application, and, while the appeal has not yet been presented to the Board, we do not hesitate to say that if the Home Board should decline to enter into co-operation with the State Board of Tennessee for active and aggressive work in that important field, it will be only because the churches fail to contribute the necessary funds. But we believe that as our Southern Baptist churches come to appreciate the great and growing importance of this magnificent region (extending through South West Virginia, Western North Carolina, East Tennessee, North Georgia, and North Alabama), they will pour into our treasury the money and enable us to dot with our Mission stations the whole territory, which, in the judgment of many wise business men, is the coming section of "our country."

We say now to our honored brethren of the committee, that we will do our very best to secure the needed appropriations for them. But here is their letter:

Executive Board Tennessee Association to Home Board S. B. C. and State Board of Missions for Tennessee:

DEAR BRETHREN—We are deeply impressed with the importance of East Tennessee as a mission field, and we desire to call your careful attention to the opening fields in this part of the State. New railroads are being built in every direction, and new towns are springing up almost like magic.

Multitudes are crowding into this territory, from everywhere. Many of them are Baptists, but most of them are not; and a large proportion of them are not Christians at all. These are the advance guards. The trains are loaded where they come from, and soon they will be unloading in East Tennessee. The coming tide has run over the mountains, like the old Mississippi over the levees. Our local forces are wholly inadequate to meet the demands, and the demands are upon us. Quick, or we shall be swept back!

We desire to mention, in particular, the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville Railroad, the Knoxville Southern, the Knoxville and Northeastern; and above Knoxville, the C. C. C., at Johnson City, the projected roads at Jonesboro, Rogersville and Morristown, and we know not where next.

The towns of Cumberland Gap, Oteyville, Harriman, Cardiff City,

and Lenoirs are places needing immediate attention. And to-morrow there will be as many more.

The near future will witness the transformation of East Tennessee. The Baptists have it now, but we must have help from beyond to hold it. We therefore ask that you send your Secretary to view out the land (we refer more particularly to State Secretary), and ask that missionaries—strong men—be put wherever he may judge it wise.

It is our opinion that such a course would greatly stimulate East Tennessee Baptists, and induce them to give more liberally; so much so as to largely meet the increased demands upon the Boards.

We believe this matter merits your earliest attention.

O. L. HAILEY, CARTER HELM JONES, J. A. NEWMAN, Committee. Approved by the Executive Board Tennessee Association, in session at First Church, Knoxville, Saturday, March 29, 1890.

W. S. BRYAN, Moderator.
O. L. HAILEY, Clerk of Association.

We are glad to receive "with the compliments of the editor" (the Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D.), the Baptist Year Book for 1890. The American Baptist Publication Society is, among many other ways, doing great service to the cause by publishing the Year Book, and a wiser choice for editor could not have been made. The wonder to us is that every Baptist does not want a copy of the Year Book. Every American Baptist State and general organization is described, the name and address of every ordained Baptist preacher in the United States given, with full information of institutions of learning and of charity, a full list of Baptists periodicals, with full denominational statistics, etc., etc.

The present number of regular Baptists in the United States is 3,070,047. There were 144,575 baptisms, or an average of about 400 a day for the entire year. The amount of money contributed, so far as reported, foots up the royal sum of \$10,199,259.61. This is an average of more than three dollars a piece for all our members.

Georgia reports the largest number of baptisms, 14,114. Texas comes next with 12,851. Then follow North Carolina with 9,891, Mississippi, 681, Kentucky with 8,930, Missouri with 8,557, Virginia with 7,370, Tennessee with 6,607, New York with 6,437, Illinois with 6,161, Alabama with 6,140, and the rest with smaller numbers.

In contributions New York leads with \$1,515,030.29. Next come Massachusetts with \$1,039,878.31, Pennsylvania with \$880,508.73, Illinois with \$535,110.34, New Jersey—little New Jersey—with \$507,324.21. Then comes Kentucky with \$453,758.42, followed by Ohio with \$404,761.89, Missouri with \$385,471.65, Michigan with \$349,933.

21, and Virginia with \$331,363.08.

The list of institutions of learning reported included 133, with property aggregating \$19,659,864.

The organization of 664 churches is reported, and the dedication of 359 new houses of worship. The names are given of 24 ministers received from other denominations during the year, of whom 12 came to us from the Methodists.—*Western Recorder.*

REPORT OF REV. DR. W. H. MCINTOSH.

We have several times had occasion to speak of the noble work among the colored people, with which our honored and beloved brother, Rev. Dr. W. H. McIntosh, is crowning his long and useful life.

We take the liberty of publishing in full, the following letter which accompanied his report, and we are sure that loving hearts all through the bounds of the convention will join us in fervent prayers for the old Secretary and efficient missionary of that Board, that the Great Physician may heal him, and that the comforts and consolations and sustaining grace of the gospel may be given him, while he bears the pains of his sickness, and the keener sorrow of being laid aside, even temporarily, from his loved work:

MACON, GA., APRIL 1, 1890.
Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board;

DEAR BROTHER: I herewith forward my Annual Report. I prosecuted my work with a good measure of success, and with encouraging results, until the last of November, when I was stricken with a disease that disqualified me for further service. I have hoped that I would be able to resume my duties, but so far have hoped in vain. Whether I shall be restored sufficiently to render any service to the blessed Master is known only to Himself. If it is His will that I shall serve Him in the promotion of His cause, I shall gratefully return to it, and if it is His will that I shall in silence suffer His will by His grace, I trust I shall be ready for either service or suffering. Never has the gospel been as precious as since my affliction. My anchor holds. Not what I have done, but what Christ has done for me in His finished work of redemption, is my only hope. I gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Boards in continuing my salary, and the affectionate interest of my former pastoral charges. Siloam Baptist church, Marion, Ala., and the First Baptist church, Macon. From many parts of the country expressions of sympathy and affection have reached me that have touched my heart deeply. With my prayer for the blessing of God upon each one, and that you may all be more useful than I have been, I must close this report.

Affectionately, your brother in the kingdom and patience of our Lord,
Wm. H. McIntosh.

Institutes held, 8; conventions attended (col), 1; addresses delivered, 12; preachers in attendance on institutes, 34; deacons in attendance on institutes, 34; lectures delivered, 48; sermons delivered, 7; associations attended, 4; miles traveled, 2,980; traveling expenses, \$64.28.

Report from ten colored missionaries in Georgia for the third quarter, ending February 28, 1890.

Months, 27; number of stations, 92; sermons preached, 476; addresses delivered, 277; prayer meetings, 269; other religious meetings, 141; baptisms, 10; received by letter, 32; Sabbath-schools organized, 29; associations visited, 3; letters written, 375; miles traveled, 8,848; meeting-houses commenced, 26; churches constituted, 4; ministers ordained, 4; deacons ordained, 8; Women's Missionary Societies formed, 31; religious visits to families, 991; money for building churches, \$974.78; collections for State Missions, \$533.66.

THE KIND WORDS SERIES is constantly increasing its circulation, and giving new evidence of its enhanced value to our Sunday-schools. Several times recently the publishers have been unable to supply large orders because they did not come in time for them to print enough to supply the extra demand. From all parts of our territory we are receiving the most gratifying evidence that there is a growing conviction on the part of our people of the necessity and value of this series.

That noble preacher on the frontier, who walked thirty five miles in dead winter, and waded the Pushmataha river in order to meet his appointment to preach the glorious gospel, is not likely to be without a horse much longer as our veteran Missionary Superintendent, Rev. E. L. Compere, has taken the matter in hand and is raising the money to buy him a horse. Several contributions have been sent, and others wishing to help can send direct to Rev. E. L. Compere, Dallas, Polk county, Ark.

We clip the following from the Baptist Courier:
METHODS OF RAISING MONEY FOR CHURCH PURPOSES.

[The following extracts are from an address delivered by Rev. Charles S. Pomeroy, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, before the Presbyterian General Assembly, several years ago, in which he considered the questionable modes of raising money for religious objects. It is likely to hit a few of our readers, but we hope all will give it a careful consideration.]

Habits that sadly quench the best beneficence hold many a church in bondage. Astonishing how many roundabout, tortuous, crooked ways have been devised to get money for Christian uses without the simple, old-fashioned way of giving it; to worm it, and screw it out of people dexterously, without their knowledge; to extract it under the anesthetic of some entertainment, some festival, bazaar, lottery, or what not; while Christian men and women, calling it church work, supposing they are serving God, cater and act

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J. WILLIAM JONES, EDITOR.
A. C. BRISCOE, BUSINESS MANAGER.

ATLANTA, GA., APR., 1890.

DENOMINATIONAL TEACHING IN SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In its report to the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Mission Board said:

"Some of our pastors have expressed the opinion that the International series does not fully meet the needs of our Sunday-schools; that we should have something which shall bring our denominational principles and practices more frequently and more strongly in contact with the minds of our children. The Board sympathizes with this view, and respectfully suggests to the Convention the desirableness of adopting some measures, either by modification of the International Lessons, or something in addition to them, to meet a want so vital to the best interest of our churches."

This suggestion of the Board was entirely overlooked by the Convention. Since then the matter involved has been discussed in some of our denominational papers. The *Religious Herald* has sought the opinion of a number of prominent brethren as to catechetical instruction in our schools and has obtained many responses favorable to such teaching. There is a strong sentiment in favor of teaching our Baptist principles and what they are worth to the world in some form to our children. The Convention might well give direction to such a movement, so that it would be most wisely and efficiently made. A committee of able brethren might be appointed by it to consider this whole question, and after carefully thinking it through either report to the next Convention or make known to the denomination through other channels the conclusions it had reached.

This matter need not be complicated with any other question. Somebody must furnish us Sunday-school literature, and whoever may do it ought to be in a position to supply us with that which is best adapted to the needs of our children.

This work of Sunday-schools ought to receive more attention from

our Southern churches. A little investigation of statistics will surprise and possibly sadden us. With about 26,000 white and colored churches in the South there are reported only about 11,000 Sunday-schools. We say reported, because quite a number of our associational minutes do not give the number of Sunday-schools connected with their churches. But making all due allowance for this omission, it is safe to say that not more than one half of our churches are giving any attention to the work of Sunday-schools.

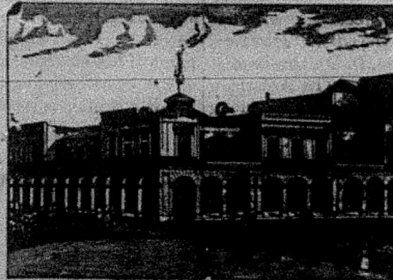
Another matter of surprise is, that while these churches aggregate about 2,400,000 members their reported Sunday-schools show less than 600,000 in attendance. It is safe to conclude that the numbers in our Sunday-schools are only about one-third the number of our church members.

For example Georgia reports:

Churches, 3,256; members, 308,428; Sunday-schools, 1,708; in Sunday-schools, 80,897.

Kentucky reports:

Churches, 1,921; members, 215,596; Sunday-schools, 812; in Sunday-schools, 45,868.



THE HAVANA HOUSE.

We gave a year ago a large cut of the house purchased in Havana for the use of our church there; but the smaller cut given above is said to be a better picture of this splendid property, and so we let our readers have the benefit of it.

Mississippi reports:

Churches, 2,528; members, 187,724; Sunday-schools, 795; in Sunday-schools, 32,557.

North Carolina reports:

Churches, 2,411; members, 232,265; Sunday-schools, 1,454; in Sunday-schools, 99,666.

Tennessee reports:

Churches, 3,202; members, 201,283; Sunday-schools, 614; in Sunday-schools, 24,057.

Virginia reports:

Churches, 1,818; members, 291,075; Sunday-schools, 999; in Sunday-schools, 81,903.

Another humiliating fact stares out from these figures. The deficiency in Sunday-schools is as great in our white churches as among the blacks.

We will not pursue this subject further at this time.

We have only to say in conclusion that the figures gathered from the Baptist Year Book, are certainly the most reliable that can be obtained, and they painfully suggest the necessity of more efficient work in this direction.

A PUBLICATION BOARD FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost, pastor of the Leigh Street church, Richmond, has given notice that he will offer at the approaching meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Fort Worth, the following resolutions, which he will ask to have referred to a committee of one from each state:

Resolved 1. That to the Boards already existing we add another, to be elected at this session of the Convention, and to be called the Board of Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolved 2. That its Board of Managers be elected as provided for in Art. V. of the Constitution, and located as may hereafter be determined.

Resolved 3. That the Committee on Nominations, besides recommending the Board of Managers, be requested to recommend also the place of its location.

Resolved 4. That the Sunday-school literature, known as *Kind Words Series*, including all contracts with publishers, writers and others in the

Secretary (Mr. M. T. Sumner) and the Board generally—it has prosecuted the work under the instructions of the convention, has taken no step without its approval, and has always held itself ready to obey its orders in this as in other things.

If, therefore, the convention should adopt the resolutions the Board will cheerfully acquiesce, will rejoice to be relieved of this care and responsibility, and while thankful that the *Kind Words Series*, under its management, has grown into such proportions as to make the convention deem a new Board necessary, will give that Board its hearty co-operation, and will hail with joy a success in this great enterprise of which their work has been but the beginning.

ROUTES TO THE CONVENTION are so numerous and the railway officials so polite and accommodating, that it would be difficult for us to say which is best, even if it were proper for us to do so. After interviews with the courteous gentlemen who represent the several routes, we feel constrained to exclaim, with the old song:

"Oh! I could be happy with either
Were 'tother dear charmer away."

But jesting aside, we congratulate the delegates to the Convention this year that they have several excellent routes from which to choose, and would advise them to read carefully the advertisements in this issue of HOME FIELD, study the schedule, and make selection of the route that suits them best. From what we can learn many of the delegates will go by each route, and there is no danger of not finding genial companions which ever way we go. There will evidently be a large delegation from the Atlantic coast, the Mississippi valley will pour in its full quota, and Texas alone would fill Fort Worth, especially as the "Spring Palace" will be in full blast at the time.

But we shall have a *Texas welcome* (and we know by pleasant experience what that means) and hearty entertainment, and we doubt not an interesting and profitable meeting.

Treasurers, State, District Association, or church, having money for the Home Board should forward it at once. Our Treasurer, A. D. Adair, (one of the most efficient with which any Board was ever blessed) will positively close his books on the night of April the 30th, and funds coming in after that date will be too late to go in this year's report.

COLLECTIONS FOR HOME MISSIONS are still very much in order, and we beg pastors and churches to give us, if possible, at least one collection and forward the money before our books close. We will need every dollar that we can secure, and beg our friends not to forget us in the final distribution of mission funds.

interest of its publication, be transferred from the Home Mission Board to the Board of Publication.

Resolved 5. That it shall not be within the province of said Board to publish other literature than that committed to its care by these resolutions, except such as may be necessary to the greater efficiency of the series, or as the Convention itself may hereafter direct.

Resolved 6. That any profit accruing from said publications, after a liberal allowance for the conduct of its business, the Board of Managers shall appropriate as the Convention may order from time to time.

Dr. Frost sustains his resolutions in a very able article in the *Religious Herald*, and there have been other articles, *pro* and *con*, in that and other papers.

We express here no opinion as to their merits but give the resolutions for the information of brethren who may not have seen them.

We will, however, say this much: The Home Mission Board originally assumed the publication of *Kind Words* by order of the convention and against the protest of the then

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and practice harlequinades, even to utter exhaustion.

For nothing wears on the flesh like such things. It's not done either, merely for the fun of the thing, for hilarity, the social cheer of it. This might be well enough for its own sake. No harm in fun at proper times and places. But the purpose of these ingenious, surprising displays is to raise money for the gospel and for God by offering a *quid pro quo* to worldly purchase. These financial arts, money-getting novelties to amuse men for pay, to sell, not indulgences in Tetzels' Romish fashion, but assorted pleasures, banquets, theatricals, commission goods, articles of handiwork that in hard cash often cost the Christians who furnish them more than they bring at the sale or auction or raffle, where they are disposed of supposedly for God.

We don't throw stones here among the denominations. We all live in houses more or less thoroughly glazed, and we are not sinners above all the Jerusalemites. Over the water they have been rushing that kind of trade for years. Only a few months ago a vestryman of the English Church, opening a fair for church emolument, remarked: "It has been said, perhaps truly, that from the number of bazaars held, one would think the church of England was founded upon pen-wipers and pin-cushions." However that may be, many wrongs don't make a right.

Perhaps extenuating circumstances may commend the transgressors to mercy. But nobody doubts that Christ's church has often been degraded, compromised, weakened in her towers of strength by such performances, frequently engineered to bolster up plans of ambitious expense that ought never to have been dreamed in the first place.

I know the object of these financiering schemes is not so much to gain more funds from the local flock itself, as to *save the purses of the flock*, by offering baits to catch, for their aid financially, the people of other churches and other denominations, who, in turn, play this same game on them, when they get a chance. It is to draw in the outside multitude, who sneer and laugh in their sleeves to see the church of God marshalling this siege upon their pocket books to *spare their own*, and descending for their support of gospel effort to the methods of the hustings and the market and the play-house, if not the gambling table.

Is there any excuse for it? I never heard one that would hold water more than a sieve. The minister who suffers the perpetration of some things that are done to raise his salary well deserves to go without it. Nothing sooner brings dry rot into the very tissue of the church's benevolence.

Let me ask you to push with all your might the scriptural and in-

valuable principle of proportionate giving, according to the means of the giver, with gratitude and conscience both invoked to make the decision for God. To set aside a definite proportion of property enlarges the sense of dependence upon God, carries God into the business of life, and recognizes him as a partner. It brings a man into practical fellowship with Jesus Christ in the work of the world's redemption. Start it young. Train the children into it. Posthumous beneficence, giving with a dead man's hand, is not the ideal. Give with a living hand, thrilling to the finger-tips. Teach men to be their own executors, to administer their own estates for God. With a proportionate giver there is no friction, no pressure. He acts as steward, as almoner. His only question is, Where shall I best invest the Lord's money? The plan suits small incomes as well as large. It is as easy tithing the tenth cent as the tenth dollar.

Schiller tells us somewhere of the thunder, that if you break it up into disconnected notes, it becomes a lullaby for children. But pour it forth in one united peal, and its royal sound shall shake the heavens. When the varied voices of our church shall become united into one acclaim in favor of the principles we aim to further, Christ shall have his own in the property as in the hearts of our people, and that happy promise shall hasten for which we pray, "Thy kingdom come."

HELP FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.

Words of ours can add nothing to the appeal which comes from the stricken town of Fayetteville, Tenn., and the afflicted Baptist church there. We shall be glad to give our mite, and we hope that there will be general and liberal responses.

"The Baptist church at Fayetteville is in ruins. At 9 p. m., March 27, when that terrific cyclone swept through our town and country this building was literally razed to the ground, and is now a shapeless heap of splinters and debris. At the same time over two hundred buildings of the town were either demolished or badly injured. Among others, five out of ten of our churches were lost, two out of three of our college and school buildings destroyed—all complete wrecks. This conveys some idea of the general devastation.

"We beg attention of our denominational friends and well-wishers, to our peculiarly helpless and deplorable condition.

"This Baptist church was organized in 1879, and, being without a house of worship, had to rent and occupy our town hall up to '88 for our place of meetings, when we abandoned even that in the effort to economize and swell our little building fund with that rental. There were but few of us. However, with an energy akin to despair, we were all the while trying to raise and save money to buy a lot and build a house. Through the

untiring and consecrated determination and zeal of a few good sisters—with their concerts, exhibitions, lectures, dinners, suppers, etc., and a few brethren, who canvassed the community, visited neighboring churches, begging a dime here and a dollar there, till, from over five hundred different sources, in dribs and drabs was obtained sufficient to start the work in '88, and by hiring hands by the day and taking hold with our own hands, the house went up, and was completed and dedicated in November, '89, and clear of debt except about \$200.

"The building, we thought, was beautiful, and equal in capacity and appearance with the best sister structures of the town. With the most rigid economy—saving the expense of contractors, architects and superintendents (doing this part ourselves)—we got the house at less than \$3,500—a house reasonably worth \$5,000.

"With the aid of our State Board of Missions, we called Rev. F. W. Carney as pastor in January last, and cherished the hope and belief that we could be self-sustaining after this year, and numbered with the working and helping churches of the State. Our membership had already increased fifteen in the past two months of regular service. We were happy and confident in prospects that seemed hopeful—our hearts buoyant and cheerful—we had a home at last, and were really delighted and grateful as children with a new found toy. But alas! in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the winds came and twisted and crushed "the dear old pile" as an egg shell into a mass of ruin and tangled wreck, and beneath this interminable heap of rubbish lie buried our hopes and toils of years.

"Brethren, friends, will you help us? We had already exhausted, and more, our every source of help at home. And, besides, our neighbors are now as helpless as we. Shall we despair? give up? disband? It must remain with you who are more fortunate to answer. We can build up again with your help—just a little from each—just a crumb from your table of abundance. Will not each Christian who reads this send us something? Will not each pastor read this to his congregation, and give us a mite collection at just one of his services? Will not each Baptist paper give this appeal just one insertion, and with a brief but prayerful and friendly notice?

"We pray for an early response, and, if possible, desire to rebuild our church before the next winter comes.

J. H. BURNAM, Church Clerk.

F. W. CARNEY, Pastor.

N. B.—Forward all donations to R. N. Whitaker, Church Treasurer, Fayetteville, Tenn.

WHAT N. C. BRETHREN SAY ABOUT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have had occasion to quote before, from the *Biblical Recorder* some

of the utterances of North Carolina brethren, as given by their efficient mission secretary, Rev. Dr. C. Durham.

We give below some more of the same sort, and beg that our brethren everywhere will catch their spirit:

Rev. R. T. Vann says:

"The Master has recently called from among us into foreign fields thirty of our brethren and sisters—three times as many, lacking three, as the entire foreign force of the Southern Baptist Convention ten years ago. This surprising fact is God's clear call to us to rally to their support, a call mightily reinforced by their own inspiring self-sacrifice in the voluntary surrender of nearly half of their salaries.

"For the last few years the work of the Home Mission Board has lain heavier on me than any of our denominational enterprises. The astonishing growth of our country's population, the heavy and polluting tide of immigration rolling in upon us, and the manifest design of Rome to capture America confront us. These perilous forces must be met by a pure gospel all along the line. Let us move up promptly to the front. Little time remains for collections, as the Convention meets in May. We must do quickly what we do."

Rev. W. B. Royall says:

"It is my purpose to take up collections for missions before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is indeed a time of great destitution, but in such times may often best be realized the blessedness of giving. It was when the churches of Macedonia were 'in a great trial of affliction' that 'the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.' And this is the testimony in behalf of the Hebrew Christians at the time that they were enduring a 'great conflict of sufferings': 'Ye both had compassion on them that were in bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your possessions, knowing that ye yourselves have a better possession and an abiding one.'

Rev. L. R. Pruett says:

"As to collections for Foreign and Home Missions before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, we will respond with our money and hearts. Giving, I hope, for the support of these Boards will be one of the joys of our services. Any service without the spirit of giving is a service in which the liberal soul of the poor widow cannot be made fat. We are going to do all we can for the work."

Rev. J. R. Maynard says:

"I am taking collections for Foreign Missions, and as soon as I get round with this mission, I shall go to work for Home Missions. If every pastor will do his best, which is nothing but our duty, we will get the desired amount. And I find it requires a man with no little backbone to stand up square for the mission cause even among what is called mis-

sionary churches. Some of the oldest brethren in one of my churches recently tackled me upon the subject with the charge that I took up too many collections, intimating that I was keeping some from paying me my salary on these grounds. I say to brethren, and I have said it in the pulpit, and I stick to it, I will not serve a church as pastor that will not approve of my taking collections for the spread of the gospel. And if my brethren, or even any church, refuse paying me my salary because I advocate the mission work, they can hold their money in their pockets. As poor as I am, and as much as I love money, I can never, no, never, give up my Christian principles and privileges for money. I am a Missionary, and I do thank the Lord that I am, because it is by his grace that 'I am what I am.' The older I get the more I think of the Lord's work, and how much more could be done in the saving of souls if all would just do what they could."

Rev. J. M. Bridges says:

"At the Elizabeth church we pledged fifty dollars for missions. To raise this money I appointed three sisters who went to work, and now have \$43.00 in hand and paid over. The Ross Grove church pledged \$20.00, and they work on the same plan and are doing well. For other purposes we take a public collection every meeting, and thereby meet all our pledges for home and other missions. The best plan I have ever tried is to keep the matter before the people every meeting."

Rev. J. C. Sorrels says:

"You may count me fifteen dollars for Foreign Missions, to be paid by the 31st of April. I have ten dollars of it subscribed now, and can get the other five dollars on my mission."

Rev. J. N. Booth says:

"Yes, take a collection on the second Sunday in each month for Home Missions, and Foreign Missions on the first in each month, except March, June, August and November. Besides these collections, we have just organized a Ladies' Mission Society, which will supplement the collections."

Rev. G. W. Harman says:

"You may rest assured that I will do what I can for missions, and I shall not forget Home and Foreign Missions during the next two months. May the Lord bless you in your work."

Rev. A. W. Price says:

"I take collection at every preaching service for some purpose in every one of my churches. We have a regular schedule, and take up for certain objects at certain times during the year. Then if any special call is made, we take up a special collection. Will take up collection for Home Missions during next quarter."

Rev. J. B. Harrill says:

"You may put me down as one who will promise to take a collection for Home and Foreign Missions by the time mentioned."

Rev. G. L. Merrill says:

"Put me on your list for a collection from my churches for missions between this and April 15th."

Rev. J. L. Britt says:

"We take collections every meeting, but I am sorry to say they are small, owing, they say, to scarcity of money. I promise to do all I can."

Rev. B. Ward says:

"I see in *Recorder* a request from you that all the pastors take collections for Home and Foreign Missions before April 15th. I for one will do it."

Rev. H. W. Norris says:

"I expect to take collections and do what I can for Home and Foreign Missions between now and the last of April. May God bless us in supporting the work he has given us."

Rev. G. W. Greene says:

"I hope to take collections at all my churches for Foreign and Home Missions between now and the last of April."

Rev. C. N. Donaldson says:

"We take up regular collections in all of my churches for Home and Foreign Missions. You need feel no anxiety as to my three churches—Winton, Harrellsville and Bethlehem. They are all in line for the Boards, with active missionary societies, and I will keep them there."

Rev. J. A. Campbell says:

"I have already taken a collection for Home and Foreign Missions this month, and will complete a collection for each object before the time named. *Am trying to double our contributions.* God bless you in your efforts to increase the contributions and interest in the Master's work."

Rev. John P. Boyd says:

"I will take up collections at my three churches for Home Missions in February, having done this at each of them thus far this month. During March and April I will take collections at each church for Foreign Missions. At Polkton church we have taken two collections each month, so far for each of the objects you name in the *Recorder*. I am trying to do what I can to get my churches worked up to their duty along these lines."

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas says:

"The Christian is God's steward, and every cent he handles is trust funds. What we call giving is only appropriating trust funds. Let us appropriate God's property according to the necessities of his kingdom. What we call giving to missions is only paying the Lord's servants what they have honestly earned and richly deserve."

Rev. N. S. Jones says:

"I am in full sympathy with every department of our mission work, and will earnestly engage in trying to bring our State among the front ranks in Home and Foreign Missions when we shall meet in the next Southern Baptist Convention. I verily believe we owe more to the Foreign Mission field than almost any people or State. I cannot see it otherwise when I re-

member the number of our missionaries and the sacrifices they are making. The world for Christ."

Rev. B. Craig says:

"I will see to it that each of my churches (Ahsokie, Mt. Tabor and Union) take up a collection for the objects you desire by April 15th. I hope we may do much for the Master."

A COLORED METHODIST BISHOP ON SENDING THE NEGROES TO AFRICA.

Bishop Turner, of Atlanta, is unquestionably one of the ablest and most influential negroes in the country. He has recently written a letter to ex-Senator Bruce, who is opposed to the bill of Senator Butler for aiding the emigration of negroes to Africa, from which we make the following extracts—not, of course, as endorsing all he says, but that our readers may see the views of this leader among his people:

"Thousands and hundreds of thousands of us are no more fit to go back to Africa than we are fit to go to Paradise. Thousands of us would be a curse to the continent, especially that portion of us who have no faith in the negro or his possibilities, or even his future probabilities, who worship white gods, who would rather be a white dog on earth than a black cherub in Heaven, who are fools enough to believe the devil is black, and, therefore, that all who are black are consanguineously related to him; ignorant black preachers who will stand up in the pulpit and represent this and that species of crime and vice as being as black as sin; and still another portion of us, who will study for years in college, and even graduate, to follow the high calling of a waiter or a bootblack, as though classic lore was a prerequisite to such an exalted occupation, who had rather be a white man's scullion than a black man's prince, who regard Africa as next door to hades, while it is the richest continent under Heaven. And still another class of us, who, while professing to be Christians, will work as hard to dissuade young ministers from going with the Gospel to the land of our progenitors as if they were going to leap over a fatal precipice; who pretend to be serving God and have no aim higher than to get to Heaven to be white; who profess faith in a bodily resurrection from the dead and yet expect that resurrected and glorified body to be white; that class of us who would rather go forty miles to hear a white ass bray than a hundred yards to hear a black seraph sing."

"Now, sir, if it is this kind of negroes you refer to, I say, with double emphasis, it would be 'nonsense' to talk of their returning to Africa. Such prattle would be but the jargon of folly. Every colored man in this country who is not proud of himself, his color, his hair, and his general make-up is a monstrosity. He is a curse to himself and will be to his

children. He is lower than a brute, and does not deserve the breath he breathes, much less the bread he eats. Any man, though he be as black as midnight, who regards himself inferior to any other man that God ever made, is simply a walking ghoul and ought to join the invisible companions at the first opportunity, unless he does it to the extent of his natural or acquired ability."

"And when you say they have no desire to go to Africa, I say, who know the real condition of our race as well as any man who lives, a million at least of them desire to go somewhere. They want freedom, manhood, liberty, patriotism, or the right to protect themselves. At least a million of us have found out that this nation is a failure: that it either cannot or has no disposition to protect the rights of a man who is not white. Not a court in the nation has given a decision in favor of the black man in twelve years. The Supreme Court is an organized mob against the negro, and every subordinate court in the land has caught its spirit. Buy a railroad ticket in Washington for the Rio Grande, and I will give you a hundred dollars for every meal of victuals you purchase, unless you go round the back way and enter the kitchen and eat amid filth and smoke and then pay as much for it as the queen of England would have to pay. Take your own State, Mississippi. A few weeks ago I walked up to the ticket window to purchase a ticket for Atlanta, and the agent told me to go out and come around to the back window and I could buy a ticket. I remonstrated against such proscription, and he replied by saying: 'We make Senator Bruce go round there, and you'll have to do the same, and all other niggers.'"

"I have not space here to describe the infinite resources of Africa and show its special fitness to be the future theatre of the elevated and cultured negro. Let it suffice to say that it is the giant continent of the world. It is the Eden of earth, and will in time be the heart of the globe, sanitarily, commercially, and evangelically."

Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini, and He will put the civilized world under contribution for the enlightenment of that continent, be the agents and actors Republicans or Democrats, Pope haters, negro lovers, monarchies, churches, explorers, diamond hunters, gold diggers, ship sailors, wise men, fanatics, cranks, enthusiasts, or slave catchers."

"I am not anathematizing the whites about these things. I am not denouncing the South any more than the North, for the decision of a Northern Supreme Court is the author of it all. I find a white man is a white man and a black man is a black man, be he Northerner or Southerner, and the great question which confronts is, What will the black man do? You (Senator

Bruce) say, all of you stay here and wait for better times. I say, let us pray God and man to pass the bill of Senator Butler, and let a line of steamships be started between here and Africa, and let such of us as believe that we are not monkeys and can do something without the white man's domination go and try the experiment.

"What could Congress or the President do for us if they had the will to better our condition? What can all the people of the United States do for us when the court, as a last resort, declares that the negro is a dog, and when no power in the nation can overrule their decision? You may rest your hopes upon the *ignis fatuus* of times getting better, but I shall regard the evils complained of above as the voice of God and nature calling upon the negro to arise and do something for himself, and Senator Butler and his bill as a heaven-sent aid to our race.

H. M. TURNER."

Atlanta, Ga., March 12th.

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—OF—

Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary S. B. C.

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Prayer Card Topic for April, 1890,
Italy.

"Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Missionaries and native assistants, S. B. C., 15; Stations, 14; Membership, 350. Great need for church buildings.

Study Topics.—Does Italy need the gospel? Has the sword of man prepared the way for the sword of the Spirit in Rome? History of Baptist missions in Italy? What are the hindrances to gospel work? Is the Pope a prisoner? Is there chance of his return to temporal power.

"A pressing need in Italy," is the leaflet prepared for missionary Societies during month—an earnest plea for chapels sent forth by our missionary in Rome, Rev. J. H. Eager. "St. Peter's with standing-room for more than 50,000, cost above fifty millions of dollars, more than all the Baptist churches in the Southern States; the Cathedral of Milan, about the same sum. With more than twenty stations and sub-stations we have only two church houses of

our own, one in Rome and one in Torre Pellice." Mr. Eager asks for a contribution from every society reading the tract.

Gleanings from Letters.

Alabama: The Centennial Committee is enlisting the services of excellent women to carry on its work, so laying a foundation for substantial progress. Mrs. Eager, Vice-president, finds that missionary literature is a great stimulus and a most practical help in introducing the work among the country churches. Christmas offering to Pingtu \$114.68.

Mrs. Telford, of Florida, feels the need of maps with mission stations marked.

Georgia: Mrs. Stainback Wilson has received several hundreds of dollars since quarterly report closed. She has issued a circular urging the Georgia ladies, by remembrance of past good deeds, to raise the sum still owing on Mr. Z. C. Taylor's printing press in Brazil. Mr. Taylor writes: "Our press is up and our tracts, etc., are hailed with delight."

Kentucky: Miss Broadus reports a successful "Evening on Japan" entertainment. There was no charge for admittance, invitations were issued, printed on Japanese handkerchiefs, containing advertisements from many Louisville merchants and over \$100 was realized.

Louisiana: Mrs. Barrett, Corresponding Secretary, is not discouraged in her work. The State does better every year. Mrs. Penick, President, is looking for a State Missionary.

Maryland reports a visit on February 27th, from Mr. T. P. Bell, of Richmond, by invitation of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. A conference was held with ladies of Executive Committee, and an address made in the evening at 7th Baptist church.

Virginia: The mission rooms are proving a real impetus to the work, where volunteer labor can meet with the Centennial Committee and assist in the correspondence and mailing of literature. Tuesday and Thursday mornings of each week are thus occupied.

Barrels

are being sent out in large numbers to the different states. The change of receptacle seems to have stirred up the gift of giving. It is thought best to paste the labels on before distribution. This some times causes delay in filling orders.

Preparations for the annual meeting occupy much of the time and thought of president and corresponding secretary. A new feature on this occasion will be a Question Box, a medium much used now in missionary societies for asking and receiving information on "vexed questions." A special, but necessarily limited, time will be given to the opening of this box. Those having questions of general interest to propose are requested to send them to the Executive Committee, 10 E. Fayette street, Baltimore.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the 23d Street Baptist church, N. Y., wish to undertake the support of a Chinese woman as teacher in Canton, China, provided, she can be appointed from Foreign Mission Board of S. B. C., the Northern Societies having no mission at Canton. By direction of Dr. Tupper, a letter has been written to Dr. Graves, asking if he can recommend her.

Receipts from Christmas Offering as reported by Foreign Mission Board, from February 13 to March 13, 1890.

Alabama, \$14.85; Arkansas, \$15.35; Georgia, \$10.66; Louisiana, \$2.00; South Carolina, \$1,025.03; Tennessee, \$43.43; Texas, \$65.80; Virginia, \$3.65; total, \$1,180.77.

Previously reported, \$1,289.48.

Total to date, \$2,470.25.

RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

FROM MARCH 1ST TO APRIL 1ST, 1890.

ALABAMA.—Florence church, 4.40; W. B. Crompton, Cor. Sec., 162.85; Sunbeams Eufaula, 5.00; Miss Annie Williams, S. S. class, Mobile, 12.00; W. B. Crompton, Cor. Sec., 280.00; Auburn Baptist church for Havana house, 3.60; Auburn Baptist church, 6.80; St. Francis street church, Mobile, 186.00.

Total for the month, 660.65.

Previously reported, \$3,366.30.

Aggregate since May, \$4,026.95.

ARKANSAS.—Mt. Pleasant church, 1.40; D. W. Reynolds, Reyno. Havana house, \$10.00; E. Langley, Little Rock, 9.25; Hogan Allen, Berea, 4.75; G. W. Burns, Arkadelphia, 2.00.

Total for month, 27.40.

Previously reported, \$358.18.

Aggregate since May, \$385.58.

FLORIDA.—Mrs. S. P. Shepherd, Allamont, Cuba house, 2.00; Bronson church, 2.41; Pleasant Hill church, 2.40.

Total for month, 6.81.

Previously reported, \$254.25.

Aggregate since May, \$261.06.

GEORGIA.—Sunbeam Soc., Albany, for Havana house, 5.00.

Previously reported, \$15,023.42.

Aggregate since May, \$5,028.42.

KENTUCKY.—Havana house from Owen Asso., 6.00; Havana house from W. M. S. (pledge), 25.00; Havana house from Sunbeam Soc., Ghent church, 3.10; Havana house from T. B. Rouse (pledge), 10.00; Havana House, Miss L. G. Thomas, Georgetown, 2.00; Havana house from Rev. Jno A. Lee, Brookville, 5.00; Havana house from L. H. Morris, Edmonton, 1.00; Havana house from a little girl, Cox Creek, 2.00; Havana house R. R. Early, Midway, 5.00.

Total for month, 59.10.

Previously reported, \$3,879.88.

Aggregate since May, \$3,938.98.

LOUISIANA.—M. C. Cole, for Havana house, 25.00; G. A. Turner, for Louisiana Board, 79.70.

Total for month, 104.70.

Previously reported, \$223.57.

Aggregate since May, \$328.22.

MARYLAND.—Aggregate since May, \$3,137.46.

MISSOURI.—Parkville, 1.50; Baptist church, St. Louis, 15.92; J. M. Hoellin, 131.67; Baptist W. M. Society, of Missouri, for Havana house, 12.00.

Total for month, 160.17.

Previously reported, \$3,566.33.

Aggregate since May, \$3,726.50.

MISSISSIPPI.—Miss L. Durham, Blue Mount, for Havana house, 5.00; Craw-

ford, Miss., for Havana house, 25.00; J. T. Christian, Cor. Sec., 152.70; L. M. S., Charleston, (pledge) for Havana house, 10.00.

Total for month, 192.70.

Previously reported, \$1,151.44.

Aggregate since May, \$1,344.14.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Aggregate since May, \$1,512.02.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Clear Spring church, 2.43; L. M. Coker, legacy, 500; Citadel Square Sunday-school, for Havana house, 13.34; Sunbeams, Due West, for Havana house, 5.96; Chas. E. McKoy, Due West, 5.00; Busy Bees, Ora, 1.30; Antioch church, 3.25; W. W. Keys, Tr., Greenville Association, 17.70; W. W. Keys, Tr., Greenville Association, Havana house, 6.00; Camden church, 10.34; Mt. Olivet church, 45 cents; W. F. Cox, Tr., Anderson, 42.00; Rock Hill church, 10.00; Sumpter church, 8.55; Seneca church, 6.15; Mt. Creek church, 5.00; Edgely Sunday-school, 3.41; Parkersville church, 28.50; Parkersville Sunday-school, 2.50; Gafney City church, 5.00; Bishopville church, 3.44.

Total for month, 656.60.

Previously reported, \$4,218.35.

Aggregate since May, \$4,874.95.

TENNESSEE.—G. W. Hagler, Hermitage, for Havana house, 1.00; J. T. Oakley, Henderson X Roads, 1.25; Woodbury church, for Havana house, 40.00; South Fork church, for Havana house, 3.00; a sister, for Havana house, 10.00; First church, Jackson, 57.00; Orinda church, 9.60; Minnie and Virginia Fisher, Carthage, for Havana house, 2.00.

Total for month, 123.85.

Previously reported, \$1,530.36.

Aggregate since May, \$1,704.21.

TEXAS.—C. E. Stephens, agent for Texas, \$780.74; Miss Marus Jones, Garland, for Havana house, 2.30.

Total for month, \$783.04.

Previously reported, \$371.27.

Aggregate since May, \$1,154.31.

VIRGINIA.—Norvell Ryland, Treasurer, \$1,000.00; Pearisburg church, 5.00.

Total for month, 1,005.00.

Previously reported, \$5,746.03.

Aggregate since May, \$5,751.03.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Immanuel Mission, Washington, D. C., \$7.03; V. M. Trasher, Indian Territory, for Havana house, 2.00; J. S. Murrow, Indian Territory, 20.00; Good Workers, first church, Washington, D. C., 15.00.

Total for month, 44.93.

Previously reported, \$1,589.40.

Aggregate since May, \$1,534.33.

Total receipts for the month, \$3,929.95.

Previously reported, \$29,706.4

Aggregate since May, \$33,636

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