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THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Through the courtesy of the Home Mission Board I have the opportunity of using the columns of its organ, **THE HOME FIELD**, in this special issue, which is made much larger than usual for distribution at Associations. I am desirous of having the matters of the Sunday-school Board well understood by our people, so respectfully ask for a hearing.

THE BOARD ITSELF.

It was created by the Southern Baptist Convention in its recent session at Birmingham, and located at Nashville, Tenn., with Rev. W. R. L. Smith as President, and the following brethren were appointed Vice-Presidents to represent the interests of the Board in their respective States: G. B. Taylor, Maryland; J. M. Pilcher, Virginia; M. L. Kessler, North Carolina; E. J. Forrister, South Carolina; F. C. McConnell, Georgia; C. S. Faris, Florida; D. I. Purser, Alabama; A. A. Lomax, Mississippi; E. K. Branch, Louisiana; T. S. Potts, Texas; B. G. Manard, Arkansas; A. M. Vardeman, Missouri; H. W. Tribble, Tennessee; J. N. Prestidge, Kentucky. The Convention also appointed a Board of Managers, to whom is entrusted the immediate work of the Board, as follows: G. C. Savage, C. S. Gardiner, E. E. Folk, J. E. Bailey, R. J. Willingham, R. A. Venable, W. W. Woodruff, M. M. Riley, Carter Helm Jones, J. M. Senter, G. W. Norton, G. A. Lofton, I. P. Trotter, R. R. Caldwell, and John Eastman, with T. S. Meek, Recording Secretary; M. B. Pilcher, Treasurer, and M. F. Jordan, Auditor. Every one knowing these brethren will see at once that the Board is well manned. It has been my privilege as yet to attend only two of its meetings, and the members have deeply impressed me as being men of Godly character, of brotherly bearing, of business skill, and of earnest desire to manage with wisdom and efficiency the work entrusted to them by the Convention.

THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

This is of a threefold character, but may be expressed in one thing, viz., to improve the Sunday-school cause within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. This will be done by increasing the schools in number and efficiency. The following table of statistics is very suggestive:

State.	No. of Associations.	White Population.	No. Churches.	Membership.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.
Ala...	70	830,706	1535	97,918	551	2256	22,362
Ark...	42	816,517	1125	50,407	391	747	11,829
Calif...	1	154,352	11	5,281	28	508	6,764
Fla...	18	224,431	330	19,067	181	953	6,910
Ga...	65	973,162	1622	139,004	851	3100	40,590
Ky...	58	1,588,528	1415	126,578	776	4276	46,335
La...	19	534,212	439	25,061	173	456	3,813
Miss...	1	824,149	45	7,063	9	947	9,053
Mo...	48	537,703	1186	82,138	317	1694	15,384
N. C...	71	2,524,468	1636	115,427	769	4925	37,779
N. C...	32	1,049,191	1416	135,724	1616	6337	59,790
S. C...	32	458,454	823	81,140	650	4880	39,339
Tenn...	44	1,332,971	1289	104,935	490	2297	30,919
Tenn...	83	1,741,191	2104	121,422	473	1154	18,273
Va...	25	1,014,880	767	90,000	732	7528	36,053
W. Va...	18	...	324	37,318	289	1731	12,743
Ind. T...	7	...	127	7,750
Total	552	14,622,611	19675	1,273,283	7579	43190	413,762

chase necessary literature, the Convention series of Sunday-school Helps will be donated. I believe we will be able to do a great deal of this sort of work, and shall certainly rejoice wherever and whenever the seed of life can be sown in this way. Many a soul in the future years and in the far off eternity will bless the day in which the Southern Baptist Convention created the Board.

IN THE WAY OF LIBRARIES.
The Sunday-schools of the South

better the situation? Yes, if the brethren will lay hold and help. By this very question, repeated again and again, and sent out to the churches, the Sunday-school Board may create a demand for libraries and may be of great service in their selection. The market is full of good books, but also of books worthless and hurtful. Information on books is a thing much needed and hard to get. Every one who has tried knows this to be true. Our Board certainly could not give it now, but we hope to be able to do so after a while. One of the first appeals we send out to the churches will be in behalf of putting libraries in the schools, and as the only agent of the Convention in this department of work we may send out into its territory literature that shall be a blessing to the rising generation.

PUBLISHING OUR PERIODICALS.

This is another feature of the work—one of the most important, as almost everything depends on a right literature in the Lesson Helps from Sunday to Sunday. The Convention has wisely taken this into its own hands, and has erected an agency for its management.

Following the instructions of the Convention, its Board has made a contract with a strong firm in Nashville, to print the Convention Series of Sunday-school Helps. It is strictly a printing contract, the Board itself being the publishers, having only the mechanical work done, and keeping entirely within its control the management of the literature and receiving all income from it. The bid accepted was the lowest out of eight, very much below some, and was accepted on strictly business principles, and was really very liberal in its character, and guarantees superior workmanship in the printing of our papers. This plan, besides other obvious advantages, will commend itself to the denomination because it yields nothing in the way of profit to any private individual or corporation. Its entire profit goes to the Board, or rather to the Convention through the Board. It lies in the power of the Convention to make this profit of immense force simply by people using and circulating its literature. The circulation is increasing, and might easily be doubled in twelve months' time.

THE FOURTH QUARTER.

The Board found it impracticable not to say impossible, to have the new contract go into effect earlier than for the issue of the first quarter in 1892. But special and satisfactory arrangements have been made for



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Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.

The figures were gathered from the Baptist year book and the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention. If they are incorrect I would appreciate the kindness of any one to inform me. They show an open door and a vast field for usefulness, and, besides, do not our responsibilities lie in that direction? Does not God point toward this whitening and ripening field as he bids us go forward.

SENDING A HELPING HAND.

The Sunday-school Board, working with and through State organizations, will aim to stimulate the Sunday-school cause in every State, and, where mission schools are being started which are not able to pur-

are worse off on this point than perhaps at any other. We have no statistics, but it has been said that Virginia, which is in advance of the other States in the number of its schools, having almost as many schools as churches, has "only fifty libraries." There must be some mistake about that. I would really like to know what State is in the lead in this regard. Can any one furnish the information? Seven thousand five hundred and seventy-nine is a painfully small number of Sunday-schools for the Baptists of the South, with their 19,575 churches and 1,273,283 members, but how many of even that number have anything in the way of a library? Can we find out? Is there any way to

the fourth quarter of the present year—that is to say, for the issues of October, November and December, 1891. The old firm in Atlanta, Ga., which has been printing the series for the last five years, will bring out the fourth quarter, and pay the Board a good bonus, to be increased by whatever increase may come in the circulation of the periodicals for the quarter. Whatever, therefore, may be done for the series even prior to January will be of advantage and gain to the Board. But all orders must go, as heretofore, to *Kind Words*, Atlanta, Ga., until the time of making the January order, which must then be sent to the Baptist Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn. If brethren will bear this instruction in mind, the transition will be comparatively easy. We are now in the formative period, arranging and organizing and getting into readiness, with the expectation of opening our office in Nashville early in September.

THE CONVENTION SERIES.

In a semi-official sort of way I venture to express the hope that what has been known as the *Kind Words* series, may come to be known as the Convention Series of Sunday-school Helps. Besides complying with the wish of many honored brethren, this change of name accords with the fitness of things. It is strictly the property of the Convention, and is kept directly under the control of the Convention, inasmuch as it is published by the Sunday-school Board, with its management and condition to be reported to the Convention in its annual sessions.

The Series in its Teacher and three graded Quarterlies, in its Weekly, Monthly and Semi-monthly, and in its leaflets, picture cards, and child's paper, comprises a complete line of Sunday-school Helps from the teacher to the infant class. It is already valuable as a piece of property, and has a value to the Convention far beyond its money value, and in many ways. This may be increased year after year, until it becomes really a commanding value, and a great factor in our denominational life, and a powerful agent in all the work of the Convention. To do this, requires only that the constituency of the Convention, feeling it to be their property, shall give to the Series a liberal patronage. This, of course, means that the Series must be made by those charged with its management, in every way worthy the patronage of the denomination. The Sunday-school Board will aim to do this—making a literature which will satisfy a laudable denominational pride and whose merit will entitle it to a place in all the Sunday-schools of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our advertisement in this issue of the *HOME FIELD* shows something of our purpose as to the future character of the series.

OUR MONEY SUPPLY.

Unlike the other Boards, the Sunday School Board will take no collections. It has a great work and can use all the money that comes into its possession, and use it for high and noble ends. All contributions which come to this Board must come spontaneously. One such has come—three dollars, from a little girl, in Alabama. I wish I knew her name. But her gift goes to the credit of the missionary department and will be spent in helping some mission Sunday-school in some State. God bless that giver, and let fall upon her gift the mantle of his power, so as to make it a blessing to others.

ONE MAIN SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

The only way we can ask the churches to help us is for them to take the Convention Series of Sunday-school Helps. A large per cent of the money you send with your order will go into our missionary department. I beg our schools to remember, that in taking their Periodicals, they not only stand in alignment with the Convention and support it in this great movement, but they increase the missionary power immensely. You help the Sunday-school Board, and that too without cost or loss to yourselves, as the Convention literature shall be made as good as the best in matter and mechanical execution. And in helping the Board your action tells for God upon the years that shall come after.

THE PROSPECT.

This is better than we dare to tell, or dared to hope. The most encouraging letters come to us from all over the South. Brethren say that while they "considered the creation of the Board unwise, yet they are going to give it their support, as a part of the Convention's work." I cannot tell how grateful I am to the papers and the brethren for their kind and helpful words. God helping me I shall try to serve them in a way that will win hearty co-operation. The Dover and the Concord Associations in Virginia (the only two that have met as yet) have both put their hearty endorsement upon the Board and earnestly commended its work to the churches. I was present at the Dover, the one in which all the Richmond churches are located, and received on all hands kindness that was well nigh enthusiastic. There was not one word said in public, and I did not hear of one being said in private, that was in the least adverse, but many, many, both public and private, in our behalf. I believe the Associations in the State will very generally follow the beautiful example of the Dover and the Concord.

If in other States brethren can find it in their hearts to bring the Board and its work to the favorable consideration of the Association, I

will be very grateful. The Lord is surely in this movement of the Convention. May he make it a great power for good.

J. M. Frost,
Cor. Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Fifty-third annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was held with the Natchez Baptist church, on Thursday to Monday, July 23d to 27th.

Natchez is one of the most deeply interesting historic old towns in the South, and its grand old residences, beautiful yards set with green grass and magnificent live oaks, and evidences of modern improvement and progress to be seen on every hand, make it one of the most beautiful and attractive cities I have ever seen.

The noted hospitality of Natchez was more than verified during the meeting of the Convention. The doors of the people of every creed were thrown wide open, and we were royally entertained. I was so fortunate as to have Dr. W. H. Whitsitt for room-mate, and to be the guest of Major John Rawle and his charming family in his elegant home, and I found it all the more agreeable when I recognized in my host a gallant old Confederate artilleryman.

I had the misfortune to miss my connection three times, and to be so detained as only to reach the Convention at 12 o'clock Saturday.

I am not able, therefore, even if our space would allow, to give a full report of the proceedings of the Convention, but can only briefly notice some of the salient points.

The Convention organized by the election of the old officers: Rev. Dr. W. S. Webb, President; Rev. Dr. H. F. Spinks, Secretary; and Rev. J. T. Buck, Corresponding Secretary. I heard the Introductory sermon by Rev. W. A. Mason, of Crystal Springs, spoken of in high terms of commendation. State Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday-school work, Education, the interests of Mississippi College, Temperance, etc., were duly presented and discussed. Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, of the Seminary, ably presented the claims of the "Student's Aid Society Fund," and secured pledges amounting to about \$900.

Home Missions was presented, before my arrival, in an able report by Dr. J. L. Johnson, and I learned that his speech, and those of our efficient Vice-President, Rev. W. A. Mason, Dr. W. P. Harville, and others were admirably put, and seemed to stir up the brethren to some appreciation of their obligation to do more for our Home Board in the future. The Convention kindly laid the report over until I got there, and gave me ample time to state such additional facts as might be desirable, and every assurance was

given that for the coming year we may count on much larger contributions from Mississippi.

Rev. Dr. G. A. Lofton, of Nashville, represented our new Sunday-school Board, and made, I was told, a fine speech, and a fine impression.

The Convention adopted a strong commendation of the *Kind Words* series of Sunday-school helps, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field*, and the *Southern Baptist Record*.

The pulpits of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches were all filled on Sunday by visitors and delegates to the Convention.

The question of the removal of Mississippi College excited a good deal of interest, and an able discussion near the close of the Convention, and a committee of nine, representing different sections of the State, was appointed to receive propositions from localities desiring the college and report them, without recommendation, to the next Convention.

The Convention decided to meet next year in Meridian.

There is a grand work before the 88,000 white Baptists of Mississippi, and they seem determined to come up to it with renewed zeal, energy and consecrated wisdom.

J. WM. JONES.

THE CHURCH AND MISSIONS.

Our Lord's Commission to Evangelize the world was given to his Church. To look out and send forth missionaries into all the world is, therefore, the great work of the churches. The Commission is the Church's "marching order." The command has the emphasis of duty to God and the world. Are the churches obeying our Lord's order? The encouragement God has given have already made modern missions the conspicuous chapter in the history of Christianity. No more plainly did the "pillar of cloud" move before Israel in their march, than God is moving before the churches in this work of missions. The work of grace upon our mission fields is as marked as upon those in the Apostolic age. Multiplying Pentecosts have demonstrated the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in this work. God has done it.

What shall we say to these things? Can our churches trifle with such a commission enforced by such amazing providences? The first century of missions is closing! For these perishing millions the churches have put into Christ's hands little more than the lad's gift of "five loaves and two fishes." But how wonderfully have they been multiplied! Had we given to missions as the God of missions has given to us, we might have celebrated this century of missions with the offering to Christ of an evangelized world! How are our churches to be awakened to their duty to Christ in missions? *This question Pastors must answer.*

The impulse must come from God!

We need a revival of a sense of

personal responsibility that will compel us to pay our debts to God. Success is as certain as his promises are sure. Yes, but these promises must be believed and used. Prophecy is God's voice to our churches, and must be made an *impulse to duty*, not the *excuse for inaction*.

The throne of prayer is thickly hung with his promises. Duty is imperative. Opportunities are inspiring. Encouragements are such as were never given to any other people. What then must be the responsibilities of our churches?

Oh, Church of the risen Christ! *Pray! Give!! Pray!!!* Read and meditate until these things of God are like fire in one's bones! Until you must pray! Until you must give, constrained by the love you bear Christ and his cause. You must know about missions, if you become interested in them enough to pray for them and to give to them.

Pastors and churches can secure valuable information and valuable aids from the Mission Rooms, No. 10 East Fayette street, Baltimore, Maryland.

F. M. ELLIS.

The following address was sent by the Centennial Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to all the corresponding secretaries of the State Boards and to each member of the State Centennial Committees:

ADDRESS OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

The Centennial Committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention has diligently considered the matters referred to it and has reached the following conclusion:

1. That the fiscal year of the Southern Baptist Convention beginning May 1, 1892, and ending April 30th, 1893, be observed as the centennial year of the modern Missionary Enterprise. This period will include the centennial of the sermons preached by our Brother Wm. Carey, May 31, 1892, which created so profound an interest in the condition of the heathen world, that of the organization of the "Society for the propagation of the gospel among the heathen," and the first collection made October 2, 1792, and the setting apart of Brethren Carey and Thomas for work among the heathen March 20, 1793.

2. The committee propose to adhere strictly to the instructions of the Convention to endeavor to send out and support "one hundred missionaries" in the foreign field and to increase correspondingly every other department of mission work. We earnestly desire and confidently expect that Home Missions and State Missions will share proportionately with our foreign work in the benefits of the observance of this centennial year. We are seeking for a large increase of interest, prayer and contributions in our entire mission work, both at home and abroad. To accomplish

this there must be a general co-operation of our brethren throughout the bounds of our Convention and we earnestly desire to secure your aid in attaining it. We, therefore, submit to you the following suggestions.

1. That there be the closest concert of action between the Centennial Committee for the State, appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the State Board in devising and executing such measures as shall promote the end for which we labor. For this purpose we invite your attention to some matters we think worthy of your consideration.

It is desirable to bring this movement to the notice of all our associations. It would be well to secure at least one competent man whose heart is full of love for the souls of men, who is himself instructed and capable of instructing others in the work of missions, to attend the meeting of each of these bodies of brethren and secure such time—a half day, if possible—as may be needed to awaken the deepest possible interest in the minds of these representatives of the churches. Secure the appointment by the Association of a committee to whom shall be referred the centennial work within its bounds, and whose duty it will be to interest pastors and churches, striving by every means to increase interest in mission work.

It is very desirable to secure at each of our State Conventions full time for its earnest consideration and to secure addresses from the best men whose services can be commanded. Should it be deemed best to have some eminent brother from another State to aid you on that occasion, application to Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D., the chairman of our committee, will probably result in supplying your need.

We would further recommend that at such places and times throughout the year as may be deemed best that missionary conventions or mass meetings be held, calling together large assemblies of the brethren, and by missionary addresses and other means stimulating their zeal and their liberality.

We further suggest that every proper effort be made to induce all the pastors of our churches to engage actively and heartily in awakening all their people to a larger sense of obligation and greater activity in the work of missions. The committee is aware that this is the great need and the greatest difficulty of our mission work, and we should be greatly gratified at any large measure of success that may be achieved in this direction.

As aids in this work we call your attention first to our denominational papers. Make as free use of them as possible. Arrange to have frequent communications from those best able to write interestingly on our mission topics. Most of our editors will gladly welcome such contributions. When an article of unusual

interest has appeared, if half a dozen brethren should send postal cards to the editor, commending it and calling attention to it, we are sure they would do good.

For the Committee,

I. T. TICHENOR.

Communication from the Centennial Committee to Woman's Missionary Union.

The Centennial Committee, to whom the S. B. C. has intrusted the responsibility of providing plans, etc. for a proper observance of the first centenary of modern missions, desire in the purpose set before them, and also in accordance with the instructions of the Convention (two years ago), "to add to our present foreign mission force one hundred more missionaries, and to correspondingly enlarge and increase the efficiency of all our other missionary operations." A plan of such magnitude, if carried to a successful issue, must place under tribute every agency of the denomination. Among other agencies whose interest and co-operation in this undertaking are indispensable to success, and whose fullest committal to the spirit and obligation of missions, must be constantly kept in mind as an end of vital interest to missions, and hence to the cause of our churches, we recognize that of the children and youth of our Baptist homes and Sunday-schools, and the missionary bands of our churches.

The committee is fully persuaded that to realize the largest and most satisfactory results from the training and organizing of the children and youth of our homes and Sunday-schools, and the missionary bands and missionary societies of our churches, the Woman's Missionary Union (auxiliary to the S. B. C.) must be looked to; and we feel assured they can render the Centennial Committee, and our Home and Foreign Boards such service as will largely contribute to the success we desire and which we trust shall be every way worthy of the great denomination we represent.

The committee therefore most earnestly desire and cordially invite the Woman's Missionary Union (the representatives of the Foreign and Home Boards heartily concurring) to assist them in securing from the children of our homes and Sunday-schools, the missionary bands and sisters of our churches, the best results within their influence in securing the largest benefits to our homes, Sunday-school Mission Bands, churches, and people generally, by means of the Centennial Committee's proposed missionary educational campaign, in the largest practical dissemination of tracts, leaflets, papers, maps, books, etc., and in such other lines of endeavor as the judgment of the committee and that of our Boards may from time to time agree upon.

The committee have been informed, by one of its members, of

some tentative plan suggested by ladies of the Union, including a Chapel card, Centennial certificates and other details, unanimously concur in and approve of these suggestions as full of large promise of success, and as furnishing simple and suggestive means of awakening interesting, and stimulating united effort among our Sunday-schools and the youth of our churches. We respectfully suggest to the Woman's Missionary Union that they employ in their work such aid as the Sunday-school Board may be able to render them preparing for the Sunday-schools missionary lessons, circulating in these schools books, tracts and programmes for special missionary meetings among the children.

Hoping for the special guidance of the Great Head of the Church in all our plans, and for the glory of God as the end of our mutual efforts,

We are your humble servants in the common cause,

T. T. EATON,

T. H. PRICHARD,

H. H. HARRIS,

I. T. TICHENOR,

F. M. ELLIS,

Centennial Committee.

On receipt of the foregoing communication, at a called meeting, the following preamble and resolution was passed:

"As the Centennial Committee has called upon the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to S. B. C., to assist in raising \$250,000 as a fund for chapel building, through interest excited in, and plans formulated for Woman's Missionary Societies, Bands and Sunday-schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, in pursuance of a resolution passed at Birmingham, Ala., by W. M. U., accept the invitation to co-operate with the Boards and Centennial Committee, in collecting the chapel building fund above requested and will proceed to formulate plans and submit them for co-operation early in 1892, as the Centennial Committee has fixed the date of the Centennial year from May 1, 1892 to April 30, 1893.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

We beg our pastors to do several things for us:

1. Present to their churches the great cause of Home Missions, and take a collection for the Home Board.

2. Circulate the HOME FIELD, and other Home Mission literature. We would be glad to send specimen copies of the paper, and our leaflets to all who request them.

3. *Be sure to take the paper yourself.* We send this number to many who are not subscribers, hoping to add them to our list.

4. "Brethren pray for us," and induce your people to do so.

OUR HOME FIELD.

(Entered at the Post-office at Atlanta, Ga., as second-class mail matter.)

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 exert themselves to extend our circulation.

We have also reduced our advertising rates, for the terms of which application should be made to the Editor.

All communications for the columns of the paper, and all subscriptions or advertisements, or other matter pertaining to the paper should be addressed to J. Wm. Jones, Editor, P. O. Box 361, Atlanta, Ga.

J. WILLIAM JONES, Editor.

ATLANTA, GA., AUGUST, 1891.

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ATLANTA, GA.

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THE WORK AND NEEDS OF OUR BOARD.

During the past conventional year God greatly blessed the work of the Home Board, and this rich blessing has greatly increased our needs, and our responsibilities. We give again the following summary of the work done during the year ending April 30th, 1891, and though figures are sometimes considered dry, we believe that these are eloquent and inspiring:

Missionaries.

Alabama, 21; Arkansas, 27; Cuba, 22; Florida, 32; Georgia, 17; Indian Territory, 16; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 27; Maryland, 3; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 9; Oklahoma, 6; Tennessee, 5; Texas State Convention, 138; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 24; Western North Carolina, 17; West Virginia, 3; Virginia, 1; Texas Sunday-school Convention, 23; total, 407. Of these there have labored among the foreign populations, including Indians, 31; in 1890, 22; among the negroes, 51; among the whites, 302.

Missionaries.

9,590; churches and missions, 1,000; sermons and addresses, 1,000; prayer meetings, 10,527; baptisms, 1,000; received by letter, 4,038; total missions, 9,987; Sunday-school organiza-

ed, 424; teachers and pupils, 13,200; day schools, 11; teachers and pupils, 1,200; religious visits, 67,634; churches constituted, 244; Houses of worship built, 143; pages of tracts distributed, 1,135,712; Bibles and Testaments furnished, 6,000.

We feel that in contemplating the work of the past year we have abundant cause to "thank God and take courage."

But our work fell far short of what it might have been had the churches afforded us the means of entering other fields "white unto the harvest," and for which we had, and have, the most pressing applications.

Our Treasurer's report shows that we received during the year in direct contributions from the churches \$54,320.36 and from other sources \$12,867.31, making a total of \$67,188.31; that there was raised and expended on the field for missions in our "co-operative" work \$72,741.67, and for church building \$60,463.52, so that the total receipts for the year, cash and vouchers, were \$200,393.50.

But with all our exercise of rigid economy several items of extraordinary expense brought it about that we were obliged to increase the debt with which we began the year.

Our needs

then are:

1. A large increase of the contributions of the churches. We must not retrench, but must as soon as possible greatly enlarge our work, and we have no means of doing this except as we receive the money from the churches.

We again call for the sums asked for by the Convention at Fort Worth, and apportioned by its committee among the States as follows:

Alabama, \$6,500; Arkansas, \$2,000; Florida, \$1,500; Georgia, \$15,000; Kentucky, \$3,500; Louisiana, \$2,000; Maryland, \$6,500; Missouri, \$3,500; Mississippi, \$3,000; North Carolina, \$7,500; South Carolina, \$7,500; Texas, \$7,500; Tennessee, \$6,000; Virginia, \$13,500.

We really need a much larger sum than the aggregate of these apportionments, but we will be content if brethren in each State will make an earnest, honest effort to raise their quotas.

We beg you to go to work at once, brethren, divide out the quota of each State among the District Associations and the churches, and see to it that the money is raised and promptly sent forward.

2. We greatly need a more intelligent knowledge of our work, on the part of pastors, churches and individuals. And we know of no better method of imparting this needed information than by the wide circulation of OUR HOME FIELD.

We beg brethren to canvas their churches, and send us clubs or individuals, and we will send them to all who may desire them.

3. We need more money before the

prayers of our brethren. In your public services, in your prayer meetings, around your family altar, in your places of secret devotion let the exhortation be heard and heeded: "Brethren, pray for us," that we may have wisdom in council, self-sacrificing zeal in our labors, and the richest blessings of "the Lord of the harvest" on the Board and the missionaries.

NEXT PAYMENT ON THE HAVANA HOUSE.

On the 1st of December next we have to make our second payment on our house of worship in Havana. Twenty thousand dollars is the amount of the payment, but the Convention instructed us to raise, if possible, the \$35,000, with which we could clear off the entire indebtedness of this splendid property, and we are anxious to do so.

We have carefully gone over the matter, considering what each State has already given, what it is pledged to give, and what it is able, and would probably be willing, to give, and we have determined to ask of each the following sums, to be paid by the 15th of November next:

Maryland, \$1,000; Virginia, \$3,000; North Carolina, \$5,000; South Carolina, \$1,000; Georgia, \$5,000; Alabama, \$3,000; Mississippi, \$2,000; Louisiana, \$1,000; Texas, \$5,000; Arkansas, \$1,000; Missouri, \$3,000; Kentucky, \$5,000; Florida, \$500; Tennessee, \$3,000; making a total of \$38,500.

These amounts are not excessive for any State. They can be raised by the active co-operation and systematic efforts of the brethren, and we are taking vigorous methods to secure this.

Meantime let brethren who have made individual pledges, or pledges for Associations or churches or societies, arrange to send forward the money, which will be credited to our "Building Fund," and go also into the grand "Centennial Fund" which we propose raising.

THAT "BAD CONTRACT" OF THE HOME BOARD.

We do not mean to revive the heated controversies concerning our Sunday-school series which are now happily settled and, we trust, settled forever. But there is one point concerning the work of the Home Mission Board in this matter which it is due alike to the Board and to the denomination that we should clearly state as showing the grand work which it did in establishing this series. And we speak of it the more freely because this writer had nothing whatever to do with it, and is entitled to no credit in the premises.

Brethren, in the heat of the controversy, said that the Board had tied the hands of the Convention and of the denomination by making an "ironclad" contract which was very

disadvantageous to the interests of our Sunday-school work,—that the *Kind Words* series was worth little or nothing—and that we ought by all means to "sell the concern," or give it away, in order that we might have only one series for the whole country. We clearly showed, in reply, that so far from "tying the hands of the Convention with an ironclad contract," the Board had, after the Convention at Augusta instructed it to arrange for the publication of the series, submitted the contract to the Convention at Montgomery which voted unanimously that it was "entirely approved"—that the contract, while not the best that could be made, was a good one under the circumstances—and that without the risk of a dollar the Board had received a royalty of \$1,000 per annum, and was building up a valuable property for the Convention.

But these points were warmly controverted, and sharply ridiculed and the Home Board was held up as a promoter of bad feeling, and a real obstruction to the best interests and progress of the Sunday-school work.

While feeling deeply these unjust, and sometimes unkind, criticisms, we were satisfied that time would fully vindicate the wisdom of the policy of the Board, and the Convention. That time has now come, and we are entitled to the benefit of this brief statement. When the Sunday-school Board, at Nashville, to whom the entire management of the *Kind Words* series has been committed, met recently to award the contract for printing the series, they had before them a number of excellent bids, and among them one perfectly responsible bid which offered to publish the series, pay all expenses, and give the Board a royalty of \$8,500 per annum on the present circulation, and 60 per cent. on the gross receipts from any increased circulation. The Board declines this very liberal bid for what they considered a better one, and the probabilities are that the net profits on the series for the coming year will be from \$15,000 to \$20,000, with every prospect of a large increase from year to year. And thus it turns out that the "bad contract made by the Home Board" has resulted in not only putting during the five years \$5,000 into the treasury, but in turning over to the Southern Baptist Convention property which has not cost it a dollar and for which it has not even taken any risk, which will probably yield next year an income of from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and which, we verily believe, will yield in the not distant future at least \$50,000 a year.

We would not indulge in any undue boasting on this grand work achieved by the Board, and achieved in the face of bitter opposition on the part of some of our brethren and the cold indifference of others, but we do think that we are entitled to say, under all of the circumstances, that it was not such a bad contract after

all, and the Home Board is entitled to the thanks of Southern Baptists for having created for them this splendid property—for having firmly established this series of Sunday-school literature which, under the able management of our new Sunday-school Board, will be an increasing success and blessing as the years go on, and Southern Baptists learn to appreciate more and more the importance of keeping under their own control the spiritual food of their own children. Certain it is that any business man, or firm, who should have achieved such a result, under such conditions and circumstances and in so short a time would be praised for wise business policy and zeal in the prosecution of his work.

LAST REPORT OF THE BOARD.

We are sending out large numbers of the last Report of the Home Mission Board.

We invite special attention to the statement of work done within the past year.

There were 406 missionaries employed. In this number is of course included the teachers in our schools and lady missionaries who did not conduct the religious services enumerated in the tables or perform any of the official acts mentioned.

In order to impress the minds of our readers with the amount of this work, we have divided it so as to show the average per week.

WEEKLY WORK.

Sermons preached.....	835
Prayer meetings held.....	200
Total religious services.....	1,035

Suppose these congregations averaged one hundred each, then every week our missionaries reached with the gospel message more than one hundred thousand people.

THE RESULTS

are shown as follows:

Baptisms per week.....	103
Additions by letter.....	89
Total additions.....	192

Enough to make two churches of the average size of those within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Then these missionaries built an average of three houses of worship per week, constituted four new churches, organized eight Sunday-schools, and distributed 22,000 pages of tracts.

We doubt whether any Home Mission Board of any denomination, whatever the number of its missionaries employed or the amount of money expended, can show results equal to these.

The Lord has indeed greatly blessed the labor of our Missionaries.

COST.

The entire cost of this work including building of houses of worship and as support of missionaries, as well as expenses of collection and distribution, was \$4,044 per week.

Of this amount the principal States paid as follows:

Alabama (per week).....	\$ 105
Georgia (per week).....	176
Kentucky (per week).....	107
Maryland (per week).....	113
Missouri (per week).....	80
North Carolina (per week).....	74
South Carolina (per week).....	97
Virginia (per week).....	143

The cost per capita of the entire membership of the churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention was less than one fifth of a cent per week. That is to say; if every Baptist within the Convention had given one cent every five weeks to Home Missions, we could have paid the entire cost of the work and have had several thousand dollars in our treasury.

Dr. J. Wm. Jones made a statement quite contrary to the generally received opinion when the Convention decided to have a church edifice fund. He said, "If we are to have such a fund, remember the only way to have it is for you brethren to give it." The accepted theory is that to appoint a committee and to pass some resolutions finishes up the business and nothing more is needed. Dr. Jones has some strange ideas. He actually believes that a unanimous vote of the great Southern Baptist Convention will not fill the treasury of the Home Mission Board.—*Western Recorder*.

We are afraid that there has been no change of opinion on the part of the aforesaid eccentric Secretary, and he is still waiting for remittances on account of the "Building Fund," which the Convention resolved to have.

Immersion the Act of Christian Baptism.
By Rev. J. T. Christian, D. D.

There are books and books on the baptismal controversy, but we do not hesitate to commend this one as clear, able, and very valuable, containing, in brief space, the results of the latest and most reliable scholarship, the admissions of distinguished Pedobaptists, and an excellent summary of the scriptural argument.

It is gotten up in excellent style by the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, and will be sent, post-paid, on the receipt of \$1.00, by the *Baptist Book House*, Jackson, Miss.

We call especial attention to our new educational advertisements as follows:

Southwest Virginia Institute for Young Ladies, located at Glade Spring, Va., has had a phenomenal success, but its success has not equaled its merits, for it has unquestionably done good, square, honest work in striving to carry out its motto: "Highest and broadest culture at the lowest cost."

Our personal acquaintance with the able principal, Samuel D. Jones, and his accomplished wife (a daughter of Rev. J. R. Harrison), our knowledge of the healthful location

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD —OF THE— SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

W. R. L. SMITH, President,
J. M. FROST, Cor. Sec'y, Nashville, Tenn.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. Orders for Periodicals for 1892 must be sent directly to the Board. But the series for October, November and December will be issued as heretofore by the Atlanta house, under special arrangement and with specified gain to the Board.

IN THE TEACHER FOR NOVEMBER.

W. E. HATCHER, D. D., Richmond, Va.
Will begin a series of articles on Bible Characters—six in number, and one every other month.

F. M. ELLIS, D. D., Baltimore, Md.
Begins a series of articles on Missions, running the entire year, one each month, and following the Prayer Card, issued by the Woman's Missionary Union.

THE KIND WORDS' TEACHER FOR 1892.

1. The Lesson Expositions will be from twelve of our ablest men—one for each month.
2. Drs. Hatcher and Ellis will continue their series—respectively the one every other month on Bible Characters, the other every month on Missions in general, and particularly the Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.
3. A series of six articles on Sunday-school Instruction—one every other month to alternate with Dr. Hatcher's articles on Bible Characters.
4. Twelve Denominational Papers—one each month on some distinctive feature of Baptist faith.
5. A series of twelve articles—one every month for the year—bearing especially on the portion of the Scriptures used as the Lesson Text for that month.
6. A catechism will be substituted for the Review Lesson—a catechism in four parts, but connected and continuous from one quarter to another on to the end.

THE OTHER PAPERS IN THE SERIES.

No means shall be spared to keep them up to the very high standard which they have established for themselves—with the whole series published in a superior quality of mechanical excellence.

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Weekly Kind Words.

Clubs of 8 or more, 50 cents a year; Single Copy, \$1.00.

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In clubs of 5 or more, each 16 cents.

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In packages of 5 or more, ¼ cents per quarter, or 10 cents for one year.

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The same as the Primary.

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and beautiful surroundings, and personal inspection of the course of instruction, methods of teaching, and standard of scholarship, enable us to speak advisedly and freely, and we do not hesitate to commend the school in the very highest terms.

The Teachers' Exchange, Richmond, Va., is worthy of entire confidence and liberal patronage.

Prof. W. F. Fox, its able manager, is our old college friend, and an acquaintance with him for many years enables us to give assurance that he will at all times combine strict integrity and conscientious candor with a thorough knowledge of his duties.

Washington and Lee University, endowed by George Washington, and presided over for five years by R. E. Lee, located in the historic town of Lexington, Va., hard by the graves of Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and amid hallowed memories and enchanting scenery, is an education within itself, if no books were taught.

But with an endowment of \$25,000, grounds and buildings worth \$250,000, a library of 25,000 volumes, extensive courses of instruction,

a very high standard of scholarship, and a large, able and scholarly faculty, presided over by its accomplished president, Gen. G. W. C. Lee, Washington and Lee is "keeping step to the music" of educational progress, and deserves its high rank among American universities, as it is sending out every year sons worthy of its long line of illustrious alumni, who have taken high positions in all of the professions.

A residence of six years in Lexington, and an intimate acquaintance with the faculty, the course of instruction, and all pertaining to this noble institution, enables us to speak of it without reserve, and to commend Washington and Lee in strongest terms, as every way worthy of its wide reputation and large patronage.

Brownsville, Tenn., Female College, under the able management of our old University of Virginia friend, Prof. Th. Smith, is eminently worthy of its splendid success, and we doubt not that its present prosperity is but the earnest of a still brighter future.

Read its admirable advertisement, and accept our assurance that our

honored brother, Prof. Smith, is incapable of overstating the claims of his school.

The *Georgia Female Seminary*, at Gainesville, has had an increasingly high reputation, under its present able and efficient management, and a recent visit there impressed us most favorably with its many advantages in location, buildings, course of instruction and general surroundings. President VanHoose richly deserves the success he has attained and the institute its high reputation.

The *Perry School for Young Ladies*, in Louisville, Ky., fills the need of a good Baptist school in that great city, and the success of the past year is a prophecy of what may be expected in the future. We knew the Misses Perry (daughters of our gallant Confederate General Perry) as teachers at "the Judson," in Marion, Ala., and we are prepared to commend this school in warm terms.

Liberty College, Glasgow, Ky., under the management of Dr. J. M. Bent, who has recently become its president, will more than maintain its former high reputation, and prove a potent factor in the educational system of Kentucky. We wish our brother the largest success, and cordially commend the school.

The *University of Virginia*, founded by Thomas Jefferson, stood for many years without a peer on this continent in the thoroughness of its instruction, the high standard of its scholarship, and rigid requirements of its graduates. It emblazoned on its banner, "Honorary degrees are forbidden by the laws of the University," and it has never conferred its diplomas, or degrees, except on those who, by hard work and real attainments, have reached the high standard which the University has steadfastly maintained. It is very gratifying to the friends of the University, and of true learning, to know that the grand old school has fully kept up with the progress of education, and that to-day in scholarship, honest teaching, standard of graduation, and all that goes to make a real university, it stands in the very forefront.

Its Academic Department of thirteen "schools," taught by fifteen professors and seven instructors—its *Engineering Department* of seven "schools," taught by eight professors and nine instructors—its *Medical Department* of six "schools," taught by six professors and seven instructors—and its *Law Department* of two "schools," taught by two professors and one instructor—all combine to make a university in reality as well as in name, while its Library of fifty thousand volumes, its Laboratories, its Astronomical Observatory, its Natural History Museum, and other appliances, are all

fully abreast of the times, and invaluable in its work.

Add to all this its capacious buildings, magnificent landscapes, beautiful lawns, refined and cultivated society, and the moral and religious atmosphere which pervades the place [Dr. John A. Broadus once said in a public address, that the very genius of the University is "Fear God and work"], and we do not hesitate to say that there is no sort of necessity for our Southern young men to cross the Potomac, or the Ohio, to find the university they need.

Bryant & Stratton's Business College is one of the oldest and best institutions of its kind, and is fully maintaining its reputation and success.

The *Alleghany Institute*, at Roanoke, Va., is one of the very best academies in the land. We were asked some months ago what we thought of Dr. C. F. James, its efficient principal, for the position of president of one of the largest colleges in the South, and we promptly replied: "He would suit admirably and you

The *Marion Military Institute*, located at Marion, Ala., has proven a decided success under the able management of Col. J. T. Murfee, so long the popular president of Howard College.

The excellent teaching, and superior discipline of this every way admirable school, added to the social, moral, and religious atmosphere of Marion, make it one of the most desirable institutions in the country, and every way worthy of its large patronage.

The *Virginia Military Institute* has been long called "The West Point of the South;" but we do not hesitate to say that in many important particulars it is greatly superior to the famous United States military academy, and we would not hesitate for a moment to send a boy there rather than to West Point, if we had the choice.

During our six years' residence in Lexington we were a frequent visitor to the Virginia Military Institute, conducted many meetings for the cadets, and knew most of them per-

the one hundredth anniversary of the Modern Missionary enterprise.

The committee agreed to recommend to the churches the observance of the fiscal year of the Convention beginning May 1st, 1892, and ending April 30th, 1893. This period will embrace the hundredth anniversary of Carey's great sermon preached in May, 1792; the organization of the society for the propagation of the gospel among the heathen and the first collection for that purpose October 2d, 1892, and the setting apart of Brethren Carey and Thomas to the work in India March 27th, 1893.

The State Centennial Committees appointed by the Convention consisting of the Vice-Presidents of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, together with one other brother appointed to act with them, were requested to co-operate with the State Boards of each State to bring this celebration prominently before the meetings of the Association and State Conventions and to arrange for large meetings in behalf of missions during the ensuing winter and spring.

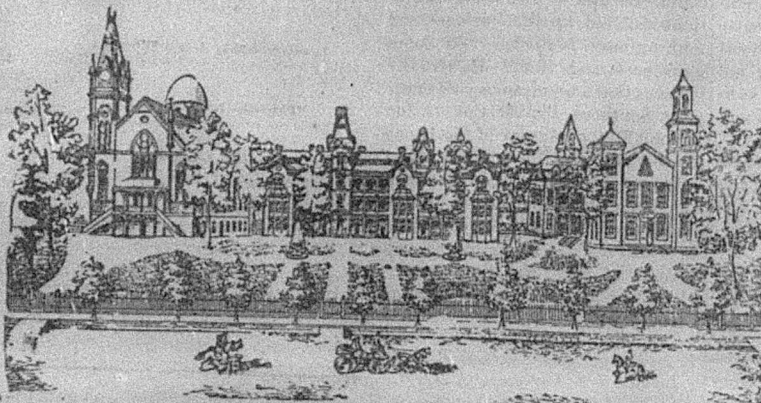
It was also agreed to hold four great meetings during the year. The first in connection with the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta next May.

To give full time for such a meeting the Boards of the Convention will be asked to request the President of the Convention to call the meeting one day earlier than usual. The second of these meetings will be held in Louisville October 2d; the third in Richmond, Va., March 27th, and the fourth in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1893.

It was determined to ask the churches for largely increased contributions during both the present conventional year and the succeeding one, so as to greatly enlarge the work of both Boards, thus enabling the Foreign Mission Board, without danger of disaster, to send out one hundred new missionaries, and the Home Board to supply the great demand for mission work on our frontier, in our mountain regions and in Cuba, where the whole Island is open to us, and especially among the colored people of the South.

It was further determined to ask the churches to raise a special fund of \$125,000 for each Board, that for the Foreign Mission Board, to supply dwellings and chapels now needed and that will be needed for the new missionaries, and that for the Home Board to complete the payment for the house of worship in Havana and to constitute a fund for church building as ordered by the Convention.

The meeting of the committee was entirely harmonious. While during



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would be very fortunate in securing him; but it would be a great pity to take him from the grand work he is now doing." Send your boy to Alleghany Institute, and he will be faithfully taught, and well-trained, amid healthful breezes, beautiful scenery, and the best moral and religious surroundings.

Richmond College has for years made its boast that it did not aspire to be "a university," nor a "theological seminary," but simply "a first-class college," and it has nobly maintained its standard. Its able faculty, composed of men who are "apt to teach" as well as possessed of the highest scholarship, its extensive courses of instruction, its high standard of graduation, its beautiful grounds and buildings, its complete apparatus and general appliances, its moral and religious atmosphere, and its other advantages combine to make it one of the very best colleges on the continent, one of which not only Virginia Baptists, but the Baptists of the whole country should be proud.

sonally, and since then we have met the young men almost everywhere we have been, and have been gratified, as a rule, to find them occupying positions of honor, emolument, and trust. General Scott Shipp, the present able superintendent, is proving himself a most worthy successor to General F. H. Smith, who so long guided its fortunes, and the Institute is grandly holding its place in our educational system.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

The Centennial Committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, composed of Brethren T. T. Eaton, of Kentucky, Chairman; F. M. Ellis, of Maryland; H. H. Harris, of Virginia; T. H. Pritchard, of North Carolina; and I. T. Tichenor of Georgia, met at Lookout Mountain July 14th, and continued in session for two days.

The special object of this committee was to arrange for the proper celebration by the churches composing the Southern Baptist Convention of

the two days there was earnest discussion of the plans to be adopted, nearly every conclusion reached commanded the hearty assent of every member of the committee.

Brother T. P. Bell, of Virginia, was present and performed commendable service as Secretary for the committee. Brother A. J. S. Thomas of South Carolina was also present by invitation as the representative of the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on "Financial Methods." An earnest spirit of prayer prevailed during the meeting.

We trust it will prove but the beginning of a day of greater consecration and activity on the part of all our people.

I. T. T.

"It was a joke," that article signed "Barnburner," which appeared in the *National Baptist*, and which we copied in our last issue. At least so it is now claimed. Well, we confess that we were "taken in," along with several other Southern editors, and we regret, of course, that we took it seriously and gave the article wider circulation.

But in justice to our editorial sagacity, we must be allowed to say that there were no internal marks of irony in the article itself—and that as its sentiments were in full accord with what has frequently appeared in the columns of the *National Baptist*, we had no reason to suspect that the article was meant in any other than a serious vein. We will only add that we hope that the next time the *National Baptist* indulges in the same line of humor, it will write at the head or conclusion of its sarcasm: "This is a joke."

Letter from Diaz.

JULY 15, 1891.

DEAR DOCTOR: Yours of July 11th is before me. It is truth that I did not write much about my trip, but was because I don't like to write much about myself; and on this trip I received many show of sympathy to me and to our church.

But I will referred some of the towns that ought to have the gospel; I mean they all needed, but if we put a church in the principal town, the small ones and the village will call for it.

Trinidad is one of the five *villas* where has shown deep interest in having the gospel. I meet a crowd on that town on my arrived and they show interest on our cause. They say they know all about our church through the papers and some of them has saw me in Havana in my church. Trinidad is a beautiful town, surrounded by sugar plantations, is on the central department of the Island.

Cienfuegos, another town, have a Baptist mission with some members. According what the pastor say, the congregation was established by Rev. Mr. Wood, of Key West, Fla. The mission is supported by the Convention of Jamaica. They work in that town

with many difficulties. In *Sta. Clara*, the Presbyterians has established a cemetery; the city government gave them free a piece of ground. I don't think they have any church yet in that place. Dr. Hall and Mr. Collazo were there and have some meetings. I presume so for what the people say.

I visit *Sta. Domingo* and stop there speaking with several person about our church, and they desire to have some meetings. In Bermeja, Union de Reyes, Colon, Jovellanos, Cardenas and Macagua, they all say the same thing with different words; they are glad to throw up the religion of the Pope and to come to our church. They all make a question in what we believed and how we baptize. They all hear the explanations with reverence and say "that is what I believed. I don't care for all the saints and virgins. I believe in God," etc.

The people have but very little idea of what is the religion of Christ.

Since I left home, I did not stop of speaking about our Master until I came back. *Puerto Principe* and *S. de Cuba*, are two important towns, the towns are composed of well educated people, the majority of them has been on the United States; and they want to have the gospel. They urge me to establish some work among them. But I postponed until the Board is able to support two missionaries there. I know that when you know this, you want to establish the work there, but I did not want to say anything yet, because I knew how is the Board at present. But if I mistake and you have the means to support a minister in *Puerto Principe*, let us open a new church there.

Last week Porto has open two new missions, with a large audience, one is in *Carmelo* and the other is in *Le Chorrera*.

We have meetings every night with a good congregation always, except last Sunday was rain and pour all day and night and I only have about 75 members on the church.

I been pray for last two months in order to collect the money for the next payment of our beautiful building. Do you know if the Lord has sent it to Brother Adair through our beloved brethren of our Convention?

1. The partition I propose to make for the school rooms soon will be ready.

2. The number of 25 girls will be complete on next week.

3. By the end of September will be ready everything for the opening of the school.

Tell Brother Adair I have received the draft he send for the missionaries, to pay salary for the month of June (\$394.08), and if he could send the next salary so it reach here by the end of this month, I'll be very much obliged to him. I don't know but I'll leave here by the 1st or 2d of August for Boston, and wish to settle the missionaries salaries before I go.

Give my best regards to all our brethren there. Yours in Christ,

DIAZ.

RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD FROM JUNE 30, to JULY 31 1891.

ALABAMA.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary, \$108.29; Cuban Missions, 3.50; Havana House 6.00; Indian Missions, 3.00; Skipper Sunbeam, Clinton, by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary, Cuban School, 5.70; Woman's Benevolent Union, 1st church, Birmingham, 30.00; Ann Hazeltine Society, Judson Institute, 23.66; Ladies' Missionary Society, Greenville church, 15.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Evergreen church, 15.00; L. B. Society, Town Creek, 1.25. Total for the month \$211.40.

Previously reported, \$46.00.
Aggregate since May, \$257.40.

ARKANSAS.

North Concord Association (Indian Missions), \$2.25; Sunbeams, Jonesboro church, 1.94. Total for the month, \$4.19.
Previously reported, \$42.60.
Aggregate since May, \$46.79.

FLORIDA.

W. M. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, general work, \$87.00; Cuban Girls, 10.00; printing press, 3.00. Total for the month, \$100.00.

Previously reported, .40.
Aggregate since May, \$100.40.

GEORGIA.

Duffy street church, Savannah, \$25.00; Third Baptist church, Atlanta, 27.00; Greensboro church, 40.00; North Georgia Convention, 100.00; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary Indian Mission, 10.00; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban Mission, 20.00. Total for the month, \$197.00.

Previously reported, \$605.55.
Aggregate since May, \$802.55.

KENTUCKY.

J. W. Warder, Corresponding Secretary, \$389.00. Total for the month, \$389.00.
Previously reported, \$88.18.
Aggregate since May, \$477.18.

MARYLAND.

Woman's Home Mission Society, Baltimore, Indian Missions, \$224.04; Cuban School, 103.24; Havana House, 102.04; General Work, 20.00; Indian Missions, 25.00; Colored People, 21.22; Cuban School, 25.00. Total for the month, \$520.55.
Previously reported, \$164.72.
Aggregate since May, \$685.27.

MISSISSIPPI.

Starkville Baptist church, G. H. Carter, \$6.00; J. T. Christian, Corresponding Secretary, 25.00. Total for the month, \$31.00.
Previously reported, \$2.95.
Aggregate since May, \$33.95.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Ben May, St. Louis, Home Missions, \$10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Richmond, 6.00. Total for the month, \$16.00.
Previously reported, \$1,572.54.
Aggregate since May, \$1,588.54.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Harmony church, Indian Mission, \$3.00; Beaverdam church, 2.40; North Carolina Convention, J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, 500.00. Total for the month, \$505.40.
Previously reported, \$38.13.
Aggregate since May, \$543.53.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Hartsville, \$8.63; Sunday-school, Blackville, 5.00; Rev. R. J. Edwards, Orangeburg, 4.50; Congregate church, Charleston Association, 1.75; Congregate Sunday-school, 2.25; Bush River church, 3.00; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society (Cuban Girls' School), 30.00; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society (Havana House), 5.00; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society (Indian Missions), 6.25; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, general work, 129.15; Rosemary church, Barnwell Association, 2.80; Missionary Society, Fort Lawn, 2.40; Saluda Association, W. F. Cox, Treasurer, 41.02; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, 2.91; Sumter Baptist church, 8.74; Enon church, York Association, 1.00; Antioch church, 2.40; Chester Baptist church, 10.00; Montanorenci Sunday-school, 2.25; Catawba church, 2.00; Shiloh church, 1.00; J. A.

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Previously reported, \$208.28.
Aggregate since May, \$532.02.

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Previously reported, \$343.45.
Aggregate since May, \$378.70.

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Previously reported, \$50.00.
Aggregate since May, \$1,050.00.

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