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ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONVENTION.

I regret that the detailed report of the Arkansas Convention, which I had purposed publishing in our last issue, was crowded out, and that our space now will admit of only a brief notice. The Convention met at Arkadelphia, October 28th to 31st, was largely attended, and was a meeting of more than ordinary interest.

Governor James P. Eagle was re-elected President, and presided with his usual ability and skill.

The usual subjects were presented and discussed, and the whole meeting passed off pleasantly and profitably.

The conclusion of the report of the Executive Board gave the following summary of work done during the past year under the efficient leadership of the General Missionary, Rev. B. G. Manard:

Whole number of missionaries employed, 28; churches organized, 11; religious visits made, 5,862; addresses made, 514; sermons preached, 2,156; prayer meetings held, 709; lectures on State Missions, Manard, 132; lectures on Sunday-schools, Manard, 110; lectures on Denominational Literature, Manard, 78; lectures on Systematic Benevolence, Manard, 103; lectures on Education, Manard, 52; received for baptism, 346; received by letter, 229; received by relation, 32; total accessions, 607; dismissed by letter, 95; excluded, 25; died, 10; total diminutions, 130; present membership of churches served, 938; number of Sunday-school scholars, 1,028; number of officers and teachers, 129; total in Sunday-schools, 1,157; number of subscribers to *Arkansas Baptist* secured, 106; number of denominational books sold, 400; collected for Foreign Missions, \$52.45; collected for Home Missions, \$9.25; collected for State Missions, \$100.10; collected for Associational Missions, \$567.50; collected for Ministerial Education, \$32.65; collected for Ouachita College Building, \$47; collected for Sunday-schools, \$208.40; collected on salary of missionaries in the field, \$410.56; paid on salary of missionaries by the Board, \$2,152.81; total expended in missionary work, \$6,163.37.

We have received from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during and on account of the year beginning November 1, 1890, \$1,449.99, and our draft for the last quarter, which has just been made, calls for \$605.28, making in all \$2,055.27 from that source. The Treasurer's report will show how much there is on hand now subject to disposal.

The calls for labor and for money are almost innumerable. We feel that something has been done—but much remains to do.

JAMES P. EAGLE, President.

JOHN G. B. SIMMS, Secretary.

Ouachita College, located at Arkadelphia, excited great interest, and \$5,000 were secured to meet a present emergency. The beautiful buildings, crowded with students, the accomplished faculty, and the noble work

Arkadelphia was all that could be desired.

It was my first visit to the Arkansas Convention, but I hope that it will not be my last. J. W. J.

ALABAMA CONVENTION.

The meeting of this body at Eufrata on November fifth to seventh was largely attended and of deep interest, and I regret that our

216; received by letter, 431; restored, 25; Sunday-schools organized, 31; Sunday-schools addressed, 197; ladies' missionary societies organized, 8; prayer meetings organized, 17; prayer meetings held, 591; number of regular preaching stations without churches, 59; number of visits to preaching stations, 213; number of churches visited, 299; number of visits made, 9,121; subscribers to *The Alabama Baptist* secured, 109; pages of tracts distributed, 6,900; meeting houses commenced, 22; meeting houses finished, 8; money collected for meeting houses, \$6,343.20.

The following extract from the report shows very gratifying progress:

"The average amount contributed for State Missions in the last ten years, per annum, is about \$7,600; and the average number of men employed annually for the same period is 58. Our contributions for the other Mission Boards have largely increased.

"In 1882 Alabama's contribution to Home Missions was \$926.96, and to Foreign Missions \$1,933.54.

"This year we give for Home Mission, \$6,347.67; for Foreign Missions, \$7,897.26.

"For the increased liberality of our people we are devoutly grateful to God; but we wonder that the contributions for State Missions remain so nearly the same.

"We think that it is acknowledged by all that the enlarged contributions for the Home and Foreign Boards are due very largely to the efforts put forth by the State Mission Board to disseminate mission intelligence and cultivate the mission spirit in the churches.

"While we would not over-estimate the work entrusted to us, we believe that State Missions lie at the foundation of all missionary progress."

Pastor Hiden and his people entertained the Convention in superb style (I was fortunate in being the guest of Sister Griffin), the people of the community seemed interested, and the meeting seems to have made a fine impression.

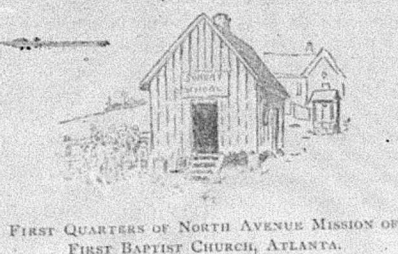
The Baptists of Alabama are a zealous, progressive people, and are entering upon a career that promises great success for the future.

J. W. J.

THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

It was, so far as I heard, the universal verdict that the session of this body at Norfolk, November 10-13, was one of the best, if not the very best, sessions they have ever held.

I have sometimes heard at these meetings, perhaps, one or two better



FIRST QUARTERS OF NORTH AVENUE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ATLANTA.



NEW HOUSE JUST DEDICATED, COSTING \$2,500.

being done, spoke more eloquently than any speaker could of the claims of this new, and vigorous institution.

I was more impressed than ever before with Arkansas as a mission field, and came away feeling that the appropriation which our Board is now making for work there, is but the beginning of what we ought to do, as rapidly as our means will allow, for that vast field of present destitution and coming possibilities.

The Convention gave me a good opportunity of talking Home Missions, and responded liberally in pledges for Havana House.

In company with Governor Eagle and wife, and the Secretary, Hon. J. G. B. Simms, I was the fortunate guest of Bro. C. M. Neely and his good wife, and had opportunity of knowing that the hospitality of

crowded space allows only a brief notice of what I should be glad to report in detail.

The convention considered and discussed Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ministerial Education, Howard College, the Judson Institute, The Centennial of Missions, State Missions, Bible and Colportage work, Woman's Work, Temperance, and other topics.

The following summary of work from the State Mission Report shows a year of efficient service:

Number of men employed, 54; days of service, 4,056; miles traveled, 27,958; sermons delivered, 2,138; addresses made, 740; churches constituted, 8; number of persons baptized, 329; baptized by others in connection with the missionaries' labors,

speeches, but I have never heard as many good speeches, or known the average to be so high. Indeed there was not a poor speech made; the brethren generally were at their best, and the tide rose very high throughout the meeting.

I very much regretted not getting there in time to hear the introductory sermon by Rev. Dr. C. Tyree, of Salem, but heard that "the old man eloquent" was at his very best, and preached a sermon of rare force and power.

The Association organized by the election of the following officers: President, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Julian Broadus, of Berryville, T. H. Ellett, Esq., of Richmond; Recording Secretaries, Rev. Hugh C. Smith, and H. Theo. Ellyson; Statistical Secretary, Rev. Geo. J. Hobday; Treasurer, Norvell Ryland; Auditor, James Leigh Jones.

The reports of the several boards [the "Virginia plan" is a board in charge of each interest represented] were of more than ordinary interest, and were especially gratifying, as it was feared that "the hard times" would cause a serious falling off in the receipts.

The report of the efficient treasurer, Norvell Ryland, showed for the year the following contributions:

State Missions, \$12,087.19; Sunday-School and Bible Board, \$6,894.09; Education Board, \$5,377; Foreign Missions, \$17,022.35; Home Missions, \$8,077.08; Ministers' Relief Fund, \$3,195.96—total, \$52,653.67.

This is slightly in advance of the preceding fiscal year, but does not include the contributions to the Orphanage, which were reported separately, and which amounted to \$10,000 for the year.

The report of the *State Mission Board*, (presented by the corresponding secretary, Wm. Ellyson, Esq., who is so grandly walking in the footsteps of his father, Hon. H. Ellyson, and doing this work without salary), was of deep interest, as the following extract will abundantly show:

"The tabulated abstract of the fields and labors of our missionaries annexed to this report, shows that during the past year our eighty-five missionaries occupied 222 stations, preached 6,369 sermons, baptized 1,044 converts, aided pastors in meetings in which 2,587 others professed faith in Christ, made 12,879 visits to families for religious conversation and prayer, organized 50 new Sunday schools, and 14 new churches, were engaged in building 19 houses of worship, and completed 12 church houses, and sustained 185 Sunday-schools at their stations.

"During the past ten years the average number of missionaries employed by your Board each year has been seventy-one, and the total amount contributed for State Missions in this time has been \$113,268.01. In these years our mission-

aries have baptized 8,652 converts, aided pastors in meetings in which 16,535 others were converted, organized 285 new Sunday-schools and 78 new churches, and built 100 houses of worship. In 1880 there were connected with our General Association 683 churches, with a membership of 69,702; and in 1890 there were 785 churches with a membership of 89,359, or an increase of 102 churches and 19,657 in membership. When it is observed that in this time the missionaries of your State Mission Board have organized 78 new churches and report 25,187 converts, it will be manifest how important a factor is our State Mission work to the growth and progress of our denomination in Virginia.

"Of the eighty-five missionaries of the Board this year, twenty-one labored in Tidewater districts, forty in Piedmont and Middle Virginia, and twenty-four in the Valley and Southwest Virginia. Those in Tidewater sections report 273 baptisms, 749 other conversions, two new Sunday-schools and one church organized, and five new church houses completed; those in Piedmont and Middle Virginia record 331 baptisms, 1,143 conversions in meetings held with other pastors, 28 new Sunday-schools and five new churches organized, and five houses of worship completed; and those in the Valley and Southwest Virginia show 390 baptisms, 695 conversions in other meetings, 20 new Sunday-schools, eight new churches organized, and two new houses of worship completed."

The discussion of this report was one of thrilling interest, being opened by an able, clear, and eloquent paper by Professor C. L. Cocke, on "Christian Evangelization, by the Baptists of Virginia," which so carried the Association that a vote was unanimously passed to print 20,000 copies in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches. The tributes of Prof. Cocke, Dr. C. Tyree, Dr. W. E. Hatcher, Rev. J. R. Harrison and others to H. K. Ellyson and his work were tender and appropriate, and the appeals for State Missions were stirring and effective. Dr. W. E. Hatcher drew a picture of "The State Missionary," which was true to the life, and which brought tears even to eyes "unused to the melting mood."

Some of the missionaries told in tender, effective strain, the story of their work and the needs of their respective fields, and I really never saw State Missions presented so admirably as upon this occasion.

The Education Board has been for years a power in Virginia and has faithfully carried out the instruction of the General Association given some years ago to "aid every worthy ministerial student that applies." The following extract from the report presented by the efficient Corresponding Secretary, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, will show the workings of the Board during the past year:

"The Education Board, in presenting its sixty-first annual report, does so with profound thankfulness to God for his blessing upon their labors during the year. The number of young men under our care is larger than for many years, and the character, as well as the number of students, is steadily improving. Our young men entering the ministry seem to be keenly alive to the importance and dignity of the work to which they propose to consecrate their lives, and they are setting out upon their mission in the spirit of true consecration to Christ. We have had under our care, during the year, sixty-two young men, fifteen of whom are pursuing their studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and forty-seven at Richmond College.

"Our Treasurer's report shows that at the beginning of the year we had a cash balance of \$766.48; received during the year \$5,377.00; total \$6,143.48; expended \$5,215.40, leaving balance on hand, October 31, 1891, \$928.08.

"It has been a source of much gratification to the Board that our work has so commended itself to the churches that for several years their contributions have been so generous as to enable us to promptly meet all the demands upon us. It is true, that if we had more money we could very wisely enlarge the scope of our operations and extend occasional help to some of the young men in our academies, but whilst we have not been able to do this, we have been able to assist all the young men in our College and Seminary who have applied to us for assistance. We have been greatly gratified, and we trust grateful, for these tokens of the Divine blessing upon our labors."

Rev. Dr. W. H. Whitsitt of our Seminary made an admirable speech, in which he said that he greatly admired "the Virginia plan," as he had no collections to make to support Virginia students at the Seminary, but had only to call on the Treasurer once a year for the check that was always so timely.

Home Missions had a good time assigned it, and an every way admirable presentation of its claims.

The report of brother C. B. Fleet, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, located at Lynchburg, fully covered the ground, and was in every respect a model report. Indeed, we are proposing to publish it in full in our next issue.

Dr. W. W. Landrum spoke on the work of the Board among the native whites of the South, and made a clear, able and eloquent presentation of that phase of our work which we should like to have repeated to every church within our bounds.

Dr. A. B. Woodfin made an admirable speech on what should be the controlling motives in mission work. Dr. S. A. Goodwin, always eloquent, spoke of the readiness with which people will give when you can show

them, as in the case of the Home Board, results commensurate with the efforts put forth.

Bro. James Leigh Jones made an every way admirable statement of what he saw in Cuba, and of the progress and needs of the work there. He was especially happy in his description of the Havana church house, the necessity for it, and the wisdom of the Board in making the purchase.

The Assistant Secretary contented himself with a brief business statement about the Havana house.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher closed the discussion in a brief, but very happy appeal for the Havana house, and engineered the collection in his felicitous style, the pledges amounting to nearly \$1,400, which, with other pledges will bring up Virginia's quota of \$5,000.

It was also gratifying to note that the contributions to Home Missions from Virginia during the past year were over \$8,000, being an excess of about \$600 over the year before.

The report on *Foreign Missions* was read by Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Association which is located at Norfolk, and was followed by an address on the general subject by Dr. M. B. Wharton.

Rev. Dr. F. M. Ellis, of Baltimore, made an address on the "Centennial of Modern Missions," which was in his very best style, able, eloquent, tender and stirring, and which thrilled the vast crowd with its wonderful power.

The report of the *Sunday-school and Bible Board*, read by their able and efficient Superintendent, Dr. John M. Pilcher, showed that there had been employed during the past year one superintendent and thirty-two colporteurs. These preached 689 sermons, made 752 addresses, organized 51 Sunday-schools, held four Sunday-school Conventions, baptized 50 persons, had under their preaching 445 conversions, organized 6 churches, sold Bibles and other books to the amount of \$7,920.60, and gave away religious literature to the amount of \$409.34. The Board has received during the year from the churches \$6,978.60; from sale of books, \$7,920.62, and from supplying pulpits \$47.50, making in all, \$14,941.72. It has expended for books \$7,001.09; salaries, \$7,048.14; expense account, \$491.18; freight, \$315.34, making a total expenditure of \$14,855.75. The assets of the Board are more than four times its liabilities.

Superintendent Pilcher manages the affairs of his Board in such a business-like manner that the profits on the books sold pay the salary of the superintendent, and meet all of the expenses of his office.

We call especial attention to this, and cannot see why the same cannot be done in every State within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. A. B. Dunaway, of Churchland, made a very strong and effective speech on the report, and it was regretted that there was not time for further discussion of this most important subject.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary, presented the claims of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in his usually felicitous style, and made many new friends for the Board and the "Convention Series" of Sunday-school helps. From all I could learn, the series will sweep Virginia, as indeed, it will the whole South.

The new "Orphanage" had a night assigned it, an admirable report was read by Dr. J. B. Taylor, showing the gratifying progress made and the bright prospects for the future, and the vast crowd was delighted and thrilled by speeches of rare power by Rev. W. L. Wright, the new pastor of Leigh Street church, Richmond, and Dr. J. S. Felix, of Lynchburg.

The cause of General Education was presented in admirable speeches by Prof. Edmund Harrison, Hon. J. E. Massey (Superintendent of Public Instruction for Virginia), and Dr. C. H. Ryland. Prof. Harrison took occasion to say that in reporting over 200 students at the Richmond College, it meant that number of college students, as the college has no Preparatory Department, no Business Department, no School of Stenography, or Type-writing attachment, and catalogues none but actual college students.

The report on "Ministers' Relief Fund" was read by the zealous and efficient president, T. H. Ellett, Esq., of Richmond, and showed that during the past year there had been contributed to this Fund by the churches, \$3,286.53, and that their investments (of permanent endowment) had yielded \$1,120.02, and that they had paid out during the year for the relief of needy ministers and their families, \$2,588.75.

Under the able management of Bro. Ellett, (who gives his time and talents to the work without salary) this fund is doing a noble work, and is gradually accumulating an invested fund, which will enable them to do still more.

The next meeting will be held in Danville, and the time was changed from Tuesday to Friday, so as to include a Sunday in the session.

The Association was the guest of the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. T. G. Jones is the able pastor, but the meetings were held in the larger house of the Free Mason Street Church, and all of the Baptists of Norfolk and Portsmouth united in making good the promise of Dr. Jones in his graceful address of welcome, and gave the Convention and its visitors a real old Virginia entertainment, as cordial as it was bountiful.

I was so fortunate, in company with Bro. J. B. Hutson, of Richmond, as to have my home with my old friend and honored brother, Dr.

T. G. Jones and his charming family, and to enjoy the rare privilege of his peerless conversation, and the sweet intercourse of the home circle.

I may not speak now of the joys of intercourse with old friends and beloved brethren from all parts of the State, or of my three days in dear old Richmond, but my friends generally appreciate that I am always rejoiced at a decent excuse to raise the slogan, "Carry me back to old Virginia, To old Virginia shore."

Atlanta, Nov. 30, '91. J. W. J.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION.

It is always a great privilege to me to visit the brethren of South Carolina. Indeed, ever since I spent eight happy months in our "School of the Prophets," at Greenville, all through the years since I have honored and loved the gallant little "Palmetto State" and her noble people, and have counted it a real pleasure whenever I could visit and mingle with them.

The Convention met this year with the Spartanburg Baptist church, on December 3 to 6, and was a large and very interesting gathering of the clans.

The Convention organized by the election of the following officers: President, Col. Jas. A. Hoyt; Vice-Presidents, Revs. R. H. Griffith and W. D. Rice; Secretary, Rev. J. A. S. Thomas; Treasurer, Prof. C. H. Judson.

I very much regretted that my train was detained and I only reached the church in time to hear the latter part of the introductory sermon of Rev. J. W. Perry, but from what I did hear, and from what the brethren said, it must have been a full illustration of what I have long heard and believed, that Bro. Perry is one of the clearest thinkers, one of the most scholarly men and one of the best preachers in the State, or in the South.

The usual topics were presented in order, and the discussions were of more than ordinary interest.

State Missions had an evening and a packed house.

The report presented by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. T. M. Bailey, showed that 98 missionaries and colporters had been commissioned during the past year, who had accomplished the following summary of work:

Stations occupied, 204; miles traveled, 81,374; days of active service, 5,094; sermons and addresses delivered, 7,109; prayer-meetings held, 1,801; religious visits made, 20,417; conversions, 1,186; baptisms, 820; received by letter, 401; relation, 58; total additions to the churches, 1,279; total membership in the churches at mission stations, 7,729; churches organized, 9; church houses built, 17; expended in church buildings, \$10,436.86; Sunday-schools organized, 82; number of Sunday-schools, 166; number of teachers and scholars, 7,280; contributions of Sun-

day-schools, \$453.15; stations collecting monthly for missions, 89; quarterly, 98; number of Woman's Missionary Societies, 58; subscribers for Baptist Courier secured, 232; for the Foreign Mission Journal, 215; raised for State Missions, \$2,280.04; for Bible and colportage work, \$119.90; for Home Missions, \$176.97; for Foreign Missions, 370.38; for endowment of Furman University, \$106.35; for ministerial education, \$230.28; for the Theological Seminary, \$180.75; pages of tracts and pamphlets distributed, 218,853; sold, 13,337 books, valued at \$6,413.65; donated to needy Sunday-schools, books valued at \$20.01; 1,130 Scriptures donated, valued at \$219.14; sales and gifts, valued at \$6,652.78.

The report gives the following as the contributions of the churches during the past year:

State Missions, \$13,241.74; Bible and colportage work, \$710.59; church buildings by the children, \$977.20; church building, \$13,436.86; endowment of Furman University, \$4,300; ministerial education, \$3,129.04; Home Missions, \$5,161.15; Foreign Missions, \$12,806.18; The Corrie Maxwell Orphanage, \$3,497.35. Total, 57,261.41.

Earnest and effective speeches were made on the report by Revs. John G. Williams, E. E. Ayres, R. G. Patrick, J. N. Booth and T. M. Bailey, and by a rising vote the Convention unanimously pledged itself to raise, during this month, a deficit of \$1,700 in the operations of the year.

Foreign missions had an admirable presentation in the report of Rev. L. C. Ezell, and eloquent and effective speeches by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of North Carolina, and Dr. T. P. Bell, Assistant Secretary Foreign Missionary Board, Richmond.

Ministerial education, temperance, ministerial relief, the orphanage, and other matters of interest, were properly presented and enforced.

The Orphanage is a new enterprise and is being vigorously and successfully pushed by Superintendent J. L. Vass.

Rev. C. C. Brown read the report of the committee who had charge of the expenditure of the \$500 voted by Convention to aid colored ministerial students at Benedict Institute, one of the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Nine students had been sustained. The Convention unanimously voted to raise the money by special contribution and continue the appropriation, so that the South Carolina Convention continues on record as ready to give practical help towards the education of colored preachers.

Rev. J. A. Brown read an admirable report on obituaries, in which there was appropriate mention of fifteen ministers who had died during the year, and an especially graceful and eloquent tribute to Rev. Dr. J. C. Furman.

Rev. Dr. John Stout spoke feelingly and appropriately of Dr. Furman

as a pastor. Rev. Dr. E. C. Dargan alluded tenderly to the fact that this day was the birthday of Dr. Furman, and doubted not that his loving spirit was lingering in the these meetings to-day.

He paid an eloquent tribute to Dr. Furman as a leader.

Dr. Charles Manly paid tender, appropriate and eloquent tribute to Dr. Furman as an educator.

J. Wm. Jones spoke briefly, the Convention sang an appropriate hymn, Rev. Dr. W. A. Nelson, of Asheville, led in fervent prayer, and the whole memorial service was regarded as one of more than ordinary interest.

The report of the trustees of Furman University showed that the Female College at Greenville and the University are both in admirable condition.

The endowment of the University now consists of \$75,000 of invested funds. Col. J. A. Hoyt, as agent, had raised during the past six months \$15,526, of which amount \$4,300 has been paid in cash.

The University has this session one hundred and forty-four students, and the outlook for the future is bright and brightening.

Earnest and effective speeches on the report were made by Revs. Dr. Dargan, C. C. Brown, F. C. Hickson, A. C. Wilkins, Dr. R. H. Griffith, John Stout, J. D. Huggins, A. N. Booth and Col. J. A. Hoyt.

Home Missions had a good hour assigned it on Saturday, and was presented in an every way admirable report by Rev. L. T. Carroll. Indeed, the report covers the ground so fully and so well, that we will publish it in full in our next issue.

The Convention patiently heard the assistant Secretary present the claims of Home Missions, and gave him liberal pledges for the Havana house, and by a rising vote a number of delegates promised to take early collections for the Havana house.

Saturday afternoon there was a meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society, at which Rev. John G. Williams read a really superb paper on "The South Carolina Baptist Convention forty years ago," in which he gave vivid and life-like pictures of the grand old men who led the Baptist columns in those days.

At night Rev. Dr. John Stout read an excellent report on "Woman's Work," and followed it with an admirable speech. J. Wm. Jones bore brief but emphatic testimony to the burning zeal, the self-denying labors, and the consecrated common sense of the noble women who manage the "Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention."

Next followed a deeply interesting "Centennial Meeting."

Rev. Dr. E. C. Dargan made on "The Carey Epoch in Missions," one (Continued on fifth page).

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SECOND PAYMENT ON THE HAYANA HOUSE.

We had hoped to announce in this issue that we had money in hand to make the second payment on our magnificent church house in Havana, if not enough to clear off the whole debt.

The secretaries have been making every possible effort in that direction, and the pledges and promises of the brethren fully justified us in the hope that it would be done.

We are compelled to say, however, that while the whole amount has been pledged, our actual cash receipts up to this writing have fallen far short of the sum necessary to meet even the second payment.

We know that brethren mean to redeem their pledges, and that others mean to help us, but we beg that they will not forget to perform the doing of it, and at the earliest possible day.

We must have this money, brethren, and you must help us.

A WORD ABOUT OUR PAPER.

Our readers will bear us witness that we have not often troubled them about the paper, but there are several things we wish to say now.

1. We have a very large number of subscriptions that are long past due—some of the subscribers owe us

for several years—and we beg that they will promptly remit. It is a very small matter to the individual subscriber, but the aggregate makes a very considerable sum to us. We could run the paper a year with the money now due us on subscriptions.

2. We never stop a paper unless directed to do so by the subscriber, but we are exceedingly anxious to have the subscribers pay the small amount of the subscription (only twenty-five cents per annum) in advance, and we do not object if they find it more convenient to pay several years in advance.

3. We again urge our pastors and others to help in the circulation of the paper. We have abundant evidence that it has been useful, and we have plans on foot by which we hope to make it more interesting and useful in the future. Get us up clubs, brethren, and be sure to send your own subscription.

BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The report of Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions of North Carolina, submitted to the recent Baptist State Convention, contains some interesting facts with reference to the progress of Baptists in that State.

He compares the conditions existing in 1880 with those of 1891, and makes the following statements:

Within that period of 11 years, the Baptists of North Carolina have doubled their numbers. Their present aggregate membership is over three hundred thousand and is greater than that of all other denominations combined.

The numerical increase, in 1880, was about 5,000; in 1891, it is about 15,000.

The rate of increase in 1880 was 3½ per cent; in 1891, it was 5 per cent.

In State Missions the number of missionaries has been increased from twenty in 1880, to one hundred and twenty-seven in 1891.

The endowment of Wake Forest College has been raised from \$46,000 in 1880, to \$219,000 in 1891.

Meantime, the contributions to Foreign Missions and to Home Missions have been increased more than four-fold and the number of missionaries sent from the State to the Foreign field has risen to thirty-six.

The number of young men at Wake Forest College preparing for the ministry has more than doubled. Then they had no orphan asylum or funds for the support of aged and infirm ministers, now they have a well equipped Orphans' Home and a growing fund for the support of disabled ministers. Well done for the Old North State.

We should be glad to get similar facts from other States. Some of them have no doubt done equally well.

Whether you have done so before or not, please send us a contribution to the Hayana house AT ONCE.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union, always zealous and wise in their plans, have appointed the week embracing the 3d to the 10th of January next as a season of special prayer for the Lord's guidance and blessing in our "centennial movement." We heartily commend the observance of this "week of prayer" to our sisters generally, and we cannot better express our sense of its importance than by the following quotation from their programme:

"In endeavoring to fulfill the joint trust committee to the Executive Committee W. M. U., by the society assembled in annual session at Birmingham, and later by the Centennial Committee, to formulate plans for interesting woman's societies and young people in the centennial movement, and to aid in the collection of \$250,000 for chapel building at home and abroad, the Executive Committee felt its powerlessness before such immense responsibilities.

"Who is sufficient for these things?" "Great is our God and of great power!" comes the reassuring answer, but he will be inquired of by his children. Therefore a week of prayer, as the initial, general movement, to inaugurate the opening of the centennial year, will commend itself to the heart and mind of every earnest Christian worker. If endorsed and engaged in by all, could there be a more auspicious beginning to the vast undertaking? It will link God's omnipotence with our weakness, insuring success.

"It is proposed that meetings for prayer shall be held in Woman's Mission Societies every day during the first week of January, beginning with Sunday, January 3, 1892; in the churches when practicable; at the homes when necessary. While many will be isolated from such privileges, it is earnestly hoped that the week of prayer will be observed by individuals, so that our whole Baptist sisterhood throughout the South may with one voice be petitioning the throne of Almighty grace and power for the needed blessings. Who does not need the power of the Holy Ghost in her heart and life, or an increase to her Christian liberality, or deeper consecration of soul and body to her Master's work? Who does not desire that chapels shall be built at home and abroad, that all missionaries, whether in this country or foreign lands, shall be blessed and their number greatly increased, and that Christmas offering shall be worthy of the Christ-child who gave himself? Everyone desires these inestimable mercies. Let everyone unite in asking 'Our God, who is great and of great power,' for these blessings, which are according to his will.

"Seven hundred thousand women asking for one thing at one time! Shall we be refused? Not if we are

in earnest and are willing to answer our own prayers as far as in us lies. 'Thy kingdom come'—we have as much of it as we really want.

"The programme for the week of prayer has been prepared in the hope that its topics of prayer may prove helpful in directing the thought and unifying the desire of Woman's Missionary Union. May the plan be approved of God; and carried out by his willing servants.

"In February, through the State papers, the Home and Foreign Boards will submit a plan of collections for the adoption of Woman's Missionary Union and the Sunday-schools throughout the South."

The Woman's Missionary Union have prepared a programme, with suggestions of scriptures, subjects, etc., for each day, and we urge our sisters to send at once for them to 10 E. Fayette street, Baltimore, and to arrange for a general observance of the "week of prayer" as preliminary to the centennial effort. "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase."

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

We regretted it greatly when Dr. Lansing Burrows declined the appointment as Secretary to the Sunday-school Board, for we did not think any one could do as well as he in that important position. But we are now confident that Dr. Burrows could not have surpassed Dr. Frost, who has shown himself as wise and great in executive ability as he is energetic and popular. The whole Southern Baptist Convention feels inclined to shake hands with all the brethren in its delight in the man and his work. When a genuine Southern Baptist is happy, he wishes to shake hands and sing the long metre doxology.

We have always been of the opinion of Dr. Alexander MacLaren of Manchester, Eng., that our *Kind Words* series is worthy of all praise. If gold can be gilded or the rose perfumed, Dr. Frost is the one to do it. All possible improvement will be made, to the great enjoyment of us, old standbys to the series, who have not seen any room for improvement.

Henceforth the name of the series will be changed to "Convention Series." It is the property of the Southern Baptist Convention, wholly under the control of the Convention in every way, and hence it is fitting that it should bear the name of the Convention. We are glad to know that the brethren who thought it best the series should be given up, since the appointment of the Board settled the matter beyond further controversy, on the point of ceasing, have rallied like the Southern Baptists and gentlemen they are, to the support of Dr. Frost, and are among the most loyal and enthusiastic friends of the Convention Series. At the present rapid rate of wheeling into line with the Convention, by

the first of the year there will be but a corporal's guard of white churches in the bounds of the Convention which do not use its Series. Let's shake hands and sing the doxology.

We are glad to see in the announcements of the January number that Prof. J. R. Sampey is to furnish the expositions. The Baptists of the South are rightly proud of that young Professor. He is the finest Hebrew scholar of his age in the country, and he is as sound as the old Philadelphia Confession itself. He is a born teacher; there is no better teacher, young or old, in the land. A man may be a great scholar himself and a poor teacher, and teachers far more than poets are born and not made.

Last summer Prof. Sampey was standing in the book store of the Book Concern talking to a half-dozen of leading pastors and brethren from all over the State. The conversation was upon denominational subjects, the attacks on the Old Testament, etc., etc. When Prof. Sampey went out, a gray-haired Baptist layman, with moistened eyes, said: "I believe the mantle of Boyce is falling on that young man. He is talented, pious, modest and orthodox; and has, too, the level-headedness, force of character, and dauntless courage of our great Boyce." "Thank God," his hearers answered.

We hope every brother in the South will subscribe for the *Teacher*. All parents should have it without fail. They ought to keep themselves abreast of their children's Sunday-school lessons. But those who have no children cannot invest seventy-five cents in any way which will bring them more entertaining and instructive literature. And any preacher who does not get the *Teacher* and will send for a sample copy, will find the "Comment and Illustrations" so helpful and suggestive, so thought-provoking also, that he will not be willing to do without the *Teacher* for the help it will be to him in the preparation of sermons and prayer-meeting talks. There is nothing like that department in any magazine we know of, and it is one of the chief excellencies of the *Teacher*.—*Western Recorder*.

We were just about to write an editorial commendation of the Sunday-school Board, and its series for 1892, when we found the above editorial in the *Recorder*, which covers the ground so well that we must defer it, and will reserve what we have to say for a future issue.

Meantime, let all of our schools help the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, and get the best Sunday-school papers for 1892 by sending their orders to Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Remember that, under the present arrangement every subscription to these papers is a direct contribution to the treasury of the Southern Baptist Convention.

BAPTIST RANK IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The foreign mission work of all Protestant denominations in the United States, except the Baptist, is reported as follows:

Missionaries sent to foreign fields,	815
Ordained native assistants,	860
Church members,	146,063
Money expended,	\$3,315,870

BAPTIST.

Missionaries sent to foreign fields,	170
Ordained natives,	579
Church members,	141,313
Money expended,	\$707,135

The Methodist report their work among the Indians as "foreign missions," while the Baptist work in Cuba and the work of the Baptist Home Mission Society in Mexico is included in Home mission reports.

To make the comparison a fair one deduct the Methodist work among the Indians, say 5,000, and add the Baptist Home Mission Society's work in Mexico, say 2,000, and the 2,000 Baptists in Cuba, and we have:

Baptist members in foreign fields,	145,313
Members of all other denominations,	141,053

So the Baptists, with scarcely more than one-fifth of the men sent from this country or of the money expended, number more members in foreign fields than all the other denominations combined.

How, in the face of these facts, any Baptist can be an anti-missionary is a marvel. But what is stranger still, there are more anti-missionaries among the Baptists than among all other denominations.

OUR STATE CONVENTIONS.

There is much of both pleasure and profit to one who attends these meetings of our brethren. The social privileges are most enjoyable. The preaching is usually of the best. The discussion of the various interests of the denomination are frequently vigorous and inspiring. The harmony of purpose which prevails and the brotherly love which abounds is most gratifying. But above all, the rapid progress made by our people on all lines of their denominational work is most cheering. Missions, State, Home and Foreign, are everywhere upon the increase. Education is as never before claiming the thoughts and enlisting the activities of our people. The demands of orphanage and of our aged and infirm ministers are receiving large attention. The support of our ministerial students, both at our colleges and our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, never fails to awaken a hearty response. The fact is, our Baptist denomination in the South especially is growing as it never grew before. Growing not only in numbers, but in liberality, in a broader understanding of the world's needs

and in a disposition to do more to supply them. Many of our brethren, though they have by no means reached the ideal, are seeking to reproduce Christ's life in their own, and this desire is leading to greater consecration and a clearer view of what must be done to meet the obligations and improve the opportunities which these busy, progressive times open before us.

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the State Meetings in Texas, Missouri, Kentucky and North Carolina. These are all great States and hold within their limits a multitude of Baptists—aggregating nearly 800,000. Among them are many noble men and women who might grace any position in social or official life. There is before them a grand field already, white unto the harvest, and they are working as our Baptist people never worked before—working to organize the mighty forces which lie in the hearts and minds and possessions of this great throng of baptized believers; working to inspire them with higher ideas of Christian duty and nobler aspirations of Christian life; working to diffuse the Gospel leaven through the great masses about them; working to send the news of salvation to the far-off nations, and thus fulfil Christ's great loving purpose to give the gospel to every creature; working to secure better methods for the accomplishment of these great ends and succeeding as our Baptist people never have done before. No doubt there is much yet to be learned, as there is much yet to be accomplished; but under the Divine guidance, the learning will go on, and the work will make progress more and more rapidly until the consummation is reached and His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. I. T. T.

THE HAVANA HOUSE.

Letter from Capt. J. B. Briggs.

We take the liberty of publishing the following letter from a brother who has visited Havana, and speaks from intelligent, personal observation:

RUSSELLVILLE, KY., Oct. 28, 1891.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board:

MY DEAR SIR—I learn that you are in the State visiting our Baptist churches with a view to raise money to pay off the \$40,000 indebtedness on Brother Diaz's church at Havana, Cuba. I beg to say that I heartily approve of your object, and to say that two years ago I was in Havana with my family, and, having met Brother Diaz at Russellville years before, I made it a point to examine carefully into his work at Havana. I met him several times at the hotel and went with him to examine the property bought for a church. After examining it carefully, I decided that the Board had made a good investment; the same property could not, in my opinion, be built

for double the amount that was paid for it; the location is in the heart of the city; the building is solid and well adapted for a church; the seating capacity is 2,500 to 3,000, and I hope the Baptists of the South will raise the money at an early day to pay off the debt upon the church.

In this connection I would remark, that we all went to hear Brother Diaz preach one Sunday while in Havana, and I must confess it was a surprise to me; every seat was filled with as an attentive congregation, orderly and devout, and the most remarkable thing was when the contribution boxes were handed around, I did not see one person refuse to put something in them. This impressed me, and I asked the officers how it was, and they said that every one contributed something every service.

I hope our denomination will pay off the debt upon Brother Diaz's church at an early day. I shall do my part.

Wishing you much success in your work, I remain, yours fraternally,
J. B. BRIGGS.

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of the clearest, most appropriate, eloquent, and telling speeches I have ever heard, even from this prince of speakers.

Rev. E. J. Forrester made an every way admirable speech on "The Results of One Hundred Years' Work in Missions."

Rev. Dr. T. P. Bell spoke with his usual felicity on "Plans and Methods of the Centennial Year."

Rev. J. N. Booth spoke with unction and practical power on "The Need of the Holy Spirit's Power, and the Place of Prayer in Missions."

I have failed to mention a speech by Prof. A. T. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on Ministerial Training, which I did not arrive in time to hear, but which the brethren spoke of in high terms.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost presented the interests of our Sunday-school Board in his usually felicitous manner, and made many friends for the Series. The Convention adopted a strong resolution, endorsing the Sunday-school Board and recommending its Series to the Sunday-schools and churches.

The pulpits of the city were generally occupied on Sunday by delegates and visitors to the Convention, and a fine impression seems to have been made on the community.

I had the privilege of hearing Bro. T. P. Bell preach to a packed house at the Baptist church in the morning one of the sweetest, tenderest, most precious gospel sermons which I ever heard—one that seemed to greatly stir and move the vast congregation. At night I heard a very striking and every way admirable sermon by Dr. E. C. Dargan.

The cordial hospitality of the people, and the admirable arrangements for the comfort and convenience of

the Convention were all that could be desired, and reflected great credit, not only upon Pastor Derieux and his church, but upon the city generally.

I was fortunate in having my home with Bro. Hosea Jeremiah Dean, whose "prophet's chamber," was worthy of his prophet's name, and whose charming family united to make my stay every way agreeable.

I had the privilege Monday morning of talking to the students of Wofford College on "The Christian Character of Stonewall Jackson," and have rarely addressed a more appreciative audience than that splendid body of young men.

The next session of the Convention meets at Aiken, and I shall rejoice if it be my good fortune to be there.

December 8th, 1891, J. W. J.

FROM THE FIELD.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Letter from Rev. Wm. McCombs.
EUFULA, Nov. 12, 1891.

DEAR BRO. TICHENOR—I want to tell you how we conduct our ministers' and deacons' meetings of the Creek and Seminole churches. We hold two sessions a year. We found that it was a meeting of great advantage to the brethren who do not read the English Bible, nor speak the language. Hence, we made it a permanent organization. When we meet at our regular meetings we appoint a committee called the Bible Committee. Brethren who read the English Bible constitute the Bible Committee at all of our meetings. All ministers and deacons represented in each meeting have the privilege of asking questions regarding doctrine, ordinances and discipline taught in the Bible and practiced by the Baptist churches in the States. Hence, the first thing in order is the hearing and receiving questions. Then the questions are all referred to the Bible Committee. Then the committee retires and acts on each question, using a reference Bible, commentary and Baptist church directory.

No report of the committee is received by the body unless the book, chapter and verse is given for proof. Now, you can see the great advantage this meeting is to our full-blood brethren, who do not speak nor read the English Bible. In other words, it is a great Bible school to these people. Hence, an indispensable meeting with us. This meeting is a great teacher to all ministers, deacons and churches of the Creek and Seminole nations. Before long we will have all the proceedings of our meetings printed in pamphlet form in the Creek language for distribution. Then the Indian churches will be guided by it as we do the Baptist church directory.

I have also sent you a few copies of the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Work of the Creek and Seminole Baptist churches. This society was organized in 1888. Bro. James Colbert and myself drafted the constitution and by-laws, and organized

a local society, which has now included all the churches of both nations.

This work is now slow and small, but being encouraged by their faithfulness and earnestness, we are very hopeful that they will do greater work in the Master's cause in the future. Organized and systematic work is something very new to them, and renders their work slow, but it is very encouraging to see the young sisters who read and speak the English taking hold of this work. It was true, when one visiting white sister at their last meeting at Wichita, church last August, said, if all the sisters would take hold of this work like the young sisters of the Creek, Seminole and Wichita churches do, the sisters would accomplish a great work for Christ.

My letter is growing too long, so I will close. Your brother,

Wm. McCOMBS.

FLORIDA.

Third Quarter's Work.

BRO. JONES: Our work, is yours as well, for all our men are commissioned jointly by yours and our Board. The following is the summary of work reported for quarter ending September 30: weeks labor, 158; churches supplied, 23; mission stations, 21; sermons preached, 388; addresses delivered, 102; prayer-meetings conducted, etc., 167; baptized, 32; restored, 18; received by letter, 48; Sunday-schools organized, 3; miles traveled, 7,219; religious visits, 359; meeting houses opened, 1; commenced new houses, 1; Bibles distributed, 7; families found without a Bible, 3; religious books donated, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 3,997; churches organized, 3; children's meetings held, 5.

Yours fraternally,

W. N. CHAUDOIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

MISSIONS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES.

BY REV. F. M. ELLIS, D. D.

Just a word on "Missions in Southern States and State Missions." By the first is meant the work done by the Secretaries and the 362 home missionaries of our Home Board, for the fourteen States of our Southern Baptist Convention. By State Missions is meant the work done in these fourteen States by the Local State Boards, and such other agencies as the churches employ.

The growing demands of mission work in the South should thrill every soul of us; for these demands are evidence of God's approval of this work. It is one of God's answers to our prayers. What could so emphasize the claims of this mission work as the energies of the hour? God's work is a continuous crisis! The South's evangelization is a solemn trust to our Southern churches that appeals to every heart loyal to

Christ, with the twofold force of piety and patriotism. Neglecting this work for any other is advancing with an organized and fortified force on our flanks and in our rear. Jericho must fall—before we march against Ai. The world's evangelization was to begin at Jerusalem—that is, the work done there was to afford a base and starting point. Then Judea—(State Missions.) Then Samaria—(Home Missions.) Then the ends of the earth—(Foreign Missions). God has fixed the order of his kingdom. Yes, he has thus outlined for us the plan of his work.

So, too, to every work God has adjusted its own time. (See Jno. 11:9.) Relation of work is essential to the largest efficiency; I mean God's relation in his work, *e. g.* The efficiency of the church depends, under God, upon the pastor's efficiency. The Home Work upon the church, and the Foreign Work upon the Home Work. We must try to see things as God sees them. Relations must be recognized if growth be proportionate. Opportunities are divine calls—duties unvoiced—commands enforced by our circumstances. Results should correspond with advantages. All God's work is one. The Foreign Missionary and the Home Missionary work are opposite ends of the same row. Home Mission Work in the South is a vital one. Its neglect will not only be a crime to us, but a calamity to those who come after us. Work for this land is work for the world! Let no one, then, minimize our Home Mission work. Its influence touches the world's interests, and the work done now

"Will tell on ages, tell for God."

With the wealth of the United States increasing \$6,800,000 every twenty-four hours, and one fifth of this in the hands of Christians; with a large part of this power for good in our own hands as Baptists, we need to understand that this is a gift from God to be employed for him. It is only ours to use for God. We must confess our efforts hardly keep pace with this growing ability to do. Think of the churches that do nothing for Home Missions, and of those who do only a fraction of what they should do! How much we need a revival that would kill this indifference in our churches! When shall we measure up to the New Testament standard of giving—"Freely ye have received, freely give?" Alas! It will be at the last either, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," or "Thou wicked and slothful servant," which each disciple of Christ is setting up for himself. One cent of each dollar in the hands of American Christians would put into our Home and Foreign Mission treasuries \$87,000,000, instead of \$5,500,000 now given! Our covetousness should make us hate ourselves into a better living. Put in trust of one of the fairest lands beneath the sun, with undeveloped possibilities of incalculable

extent, being peopled with a population, native and foreign, at a startling rate, with Romanism moving heaven and earth to possess this land for popery, while the devil is occupying every nook and corner with the rum mill, socialism or anarchism, like a seething lava, underlying our institutions, with one quarter of our 65,000,000 people in cities of 8,000 and upwards, and these cities becoming more and more the storm centres of social and political peril; knowing that our time to act is short, what shall arouse our churches from their inaction? For the sake of the children of our homes, for the sake of native land, for the sake of ourselves—oh, for Christ's sake come up to the help of the Home Board, which is the work of the Lord. The curse of God upon Meroz may again fall! Think of the problems God's providence has laid upon our Board. We owe to the colored people the gospel and an education. Ignorance is a fatal cancer in a republic such as ours. One million seven hundred thousand people among us who cannot write their name! Is \$60,000 the measure of our responsibility as Baptists for the evangelization of the unchurched millions of the South? Reader, what are you doing for our Home Board? God knows. Remember, you must give an account to God! One dollar now is worth more than ten dollars will be ten years hence.

Baltimore, Md.

We clip the following article from the *Western Recorder*. The Louisville brethren have done nobly under the trying circumstances which at present surround them. No doubt Kentucky will raise the remaining \$3,000 asked of the brethren in that State.

"Dr. I. T. Tichenor has spent several days in Louisville in the interest of the Havana house of worship. The amount needed to complete the payments on this property, purchased by order of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been apportioned out among the States, \$5,000 being allotted to Kentucky, \$3,000 to Tennessee, and corresponding amounts to other States. The General Associations and State Conventions have heartily accepted their apportionment and have gone to work to raise it. Of the \$5,000 asked from Kentucky, in the peculiar emergency, it was deemed best to ask \$2,000 from Louisville. A more unfavorable time could not have been chosen, but our Home Board have waited as long as they can wait, and so the issue must be faced. Louisville feels the pinch of the tightness of the times, and also feels the failures of banks and business firms. Add to this that the Baptists of the city are engaged in building seven houses of worship and in erecting the central building of our Orphans' Home. All the money for these churches comes out of the city, and most of the money

for the Home. Besides these things, the burdens on our city brethren are very heavy, and they have not for the past year been very prosperous. Still, by the earnest work of Dr. Tichenor, aided by Dr. J. W. Warder and heartily seconded by the pastors, the \$2,000 from Louisville has been secured, and it remains for the rest of the State to supply the \$3,000. We learn that in the other States this matter is being vigorously and successfully pushed.

"No more important step has been taken up by the Southern Baptist Convention than the purchase of this Havana house. It was badly needed; it is finely located; it is admirably adapted to mission purposes; it was purchased at a great bargain and the title can never be questioned. In the eyes of the people in Cuba, the purchase of this house gives permanence and stability to our cause there, and proves that the Baptists have come to stay. Every one who has looked at the situation in Cuba approves heartily the purchase of this house. And the same is true, so far as we know, of every one who has given the matter a little investigation.

"Our work in Cuba has manifested most plainly the hand of God. The career of Diaz, his escape to the sea, his being carried to New York, his sickness, the visit from a Christian woman in the hospital, his conversion, his return to Cuba, his preaching and his wonderful success there, all are clearly providential. No work in which we are engaged has more plainly upon it the seal of the approval of the Holy Spirit. This is all the more manifest when we remember the efforts other denominations made in Cuba and which came to naught.

"Cuba is our neighbor, and has peculiar claims upon us. She also offers us peculiar opportunities for the propagation of the faith. The people are accessible. They are tired of Romanism and are ready to listen to a pure gospel. Romanism fails to satisfy the needs of their souls. It is also the religion of their conquerors and allies itself to the State, being always ready by physical pains and penalties to enforce its behests. Baptists teach a spiritual religion, in perfect accord with freedom and kept entirely aloof from any alliance with the state. Ours is a popular religion, specially suited to reach and to elevate the masses of the people. A noble opportunity is offered to us in Cuba.

"A most imperative and important step in entering this door God has opened to us is to pay for this house in Havana. Our Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference profoundly feel this and they have expressed that feeling in their hearty co-operation with Dr. Tichenor's efforts in the city, and in their enthusiastic speeches on the subject in the Conference. The work is alike important and urgent,

and it should be pushed with the utmost vigor. We hope to be able to report, ere long, that the entire amount needed has been secured. But this means good honest work and a good deal of it; but we have good workers who know how to do such work."

RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD FROM NOVEMBER 1st, TO NOVEMBER 30th, 1891.

ALABAMA.

Benfroe, Havana house, \$5.00; Elyton, Havana house, 25.00; A. W. Bell, Lincoln, pledged at Coosa River Convention, Havana house, 10.00; Miss Belle Sparrow and friend, Tuscaloosa, Cuban Mission, 6.00; Sunbeam Society, Trussville, education of Josefa Alfonso, Havana, 16.25; Mrs. S. Flaker, pledge Havana house, Coosa River Association, 10.00; Consett church, Havana house, 4.55; Cusseta Sunday-school, Havana house, 3.30; Cusseta Young Cadets, Havana house, 1.50; Providence Association, Crenshaw county, 21.15; Refuge church, Havana house, 7.25; Pleasant Grove church, 20.00; Miss Ella Morgan, Mill Town, Brick cards, 3.00; Miss Johnnie Puden, Midway, Havana house, 1.50; Young Ladies' Bible Society, 1st church, Birmingham, Box for Missionary, 115.00; Sunbeam Band, 1st church, Birmingham, contribution to missionary box, 10.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Demopolis, Box for Missionary, 25.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Livingston, Box for Missionary, 21.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Prattsville, Box for Missionary, 55.75; Ladies' Aid Society, Tuskegee, Box for Missionary, 55.00; Ladies' Society, Southside church, Birmingham, Box for Missionary, 85.00; Sunbeam band, Southside church, Birmingham, Contribution for Missionary Box, 11.00.

Total for the month, \$522.25.

Previously reported, \$2,144.34.

Aggregate since May, \$2,666.59.

ARKANSAS.

Ladies' Missionary Society, Little Rock, \$20.00; Rev. W. N. Johnson, Washington, Havana house, 5.00; North Concord Association, 14.90.

Total for the month, \$39.00.

Previously reported, \$217.69.

Aggregate since May, \$256.69.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, \$10.00; W. N. Chaudoin Secretary, second part of pledge, Havana House, 300.00; Mrs. Wm. C. Davis, King's Ferry, Havana house, 5.00; Ochilla church, Havana house, 12.00; W. N. Chaudoin, Secretary, Havana house, 200.00; W. N. Chaudoin, Secretary, Girls' School, Cuba, 30.00.

Total for the month, \$557.00.

Previously reported, \$102.40.

Aggregate since May, \$659.40.

GEORGIA.

Miss W. Brandon, Hephzibah, Brick cards, \$1.10; Miss Mollie Rhodes, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .90; Sarah Morris, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mary Pierce, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. M. R. Little, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Nonce Kennedy, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. S. R. Walden, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Sudie Smith, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. A. C. Luetteles, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Belle Morris, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Miss E. Morris, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. S. J. Peel, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. S. C. Darby, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Lizzie Morris, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. Mattie

Davis, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; S. E. Spivey, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Miss G. A. McKay, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Miss L. A. McKay, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Miss Ada Crawford, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Miss B. M. McCay, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Jennie Moore, Hephzibah, Brick cards, .10; Mrs. U. B. Frost, Hephzibah, Brick cards, 1.00; Miss Orlean Caswell, Hephzibah, Brick cards, 2.00; Mrs. M. C. Gaston, Austelle, Indian Missions, 1.00; Ladies' Society, 1st church, Atlanta, Box for Missionary, 90.00; Ladies' Society, 1st Church, Atlanta, Box for Missionary, 60.00; Miss Annie Jean Brown, Hephzibah, Brick cards, 1.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson Secretary, 1,200.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, Indian Missions, 42.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, Indian School, 4.50; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, Cuban Missions, 82.72; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, Havana house, 5.75; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, R. J. Hogue, special, 39.75; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, 15.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, 26.25; Prof. N. F. Coolidge, Norcross, Havana house, 10.00; C. B. Willingham, Macon, Havana house, 250.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Treasurer, 500.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Treasurer, Indian Missions, 27.24; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Treasurer, Cuban Missions, 5.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Treasurer, Havana house, 40.10; "Gleaners," Sunday-school, Hephzibah, Havana house, 3.00; Sunbeam Society, Hephzibah, Havana house, 2.00; Miss Essie Jones, Brick cards, Hephzibah, Havana house, .50; Miss May Acton, Hephzibah, Brick cards, Havana house, .80; Miss Anna Carswell, Hephzibah, Brick cards, Havana house, .70; Molena Church, Centennial Association, 4.60; Ladies' Society, 1st Church Rome, Box for Missionary, 60.25; 1st Baptist church, Athens, Havana house, 37.90.

Total for the month, \$2,479.06.

Previously reported, \$2,892.85.

Aggregate since May, \$5,371.91.

KENTUCKY.

Rev. B. F. Hampton, Caneyville, \$1.00; Hopkinsville, 23.25; "A Friend," Lewisburg, Havana house, 1.25; Maysville, Havana house, 10.00; "A Sister," Flemingsburg, Havana house, 1.00; Jno. H. Weller, Louisville, Havana house, .75; Total for the month, 37.25.

Previously reported, \$2,405.16.

Aggregate since May, \$2,442.41.

LOUISIANA.

Boyce, Havana house, \$4.25; Pilgrims' Rest church, Arcadia Parish, 7.50; Valencia street church and Sunday-school, New Orleans, Havana house, 103.75; Pineville, Havana church, 5.00; "Bayou Rouge" church, Evergreen, Havana house, 27.00.

Total for the month, \$147.50.

Previously reported, \$16.20.

Aggregate since May, \$163.70.

MARYLAND.

Woman's Home Mission Society, Baltimore, Indian Missions, \$44.67; Woman's Home Mission Society, Baltimore, Cuban Missions, 66.26; Woman's Home Mission Society, Baltimore, Cuban School, 66.26; Woman's Home Mission Society, Baltimore, General Work, 119.84; "J. R.", Baltimore, Havana house, 5.00; Immanuel Sunday-school, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Baltimore, Havana house, 25.00; Box clothing, Indians, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Treas., Baltimore, 489.23; G. R. Waller, 3.50; Brantly Baptist church, Baltimore, Havana house, 30.00.

Total for the month, \$849.76.

Previously reported, \$1,273.42.

Aggregate since May, \$2,123.18.

MISSISSIPPI.

J. T. Christian, Corresponding Secretary, 318.41; Young People's Missionary and Aid Society, Corinth, Havana house, \$5.00.

Total for the month, \$323.51.

Previously reported, \$262.13.

Aggregate since May, \$585.51.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Judson College Missionary Society, A. H. Cobb, Treas., \$5.00; North Carolina Convention, J. D. Bonshall, Treas., 1,000.00. Total for the month, \$1,005.00. Previously reported, \$629.94. Aggregate since May, \$1,634.94.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Sunday school, Antioch church, \$1.30; Sardis, Edisto Association, 2.70; Montmorenci church, Aiken Association, 2.55; Lewisville church, Orangeburg Association, 7.50; Mt. Zion church, Chester Association, 4.45; Beaver Creek church, 10.00; Orangeburg Association, 73.65; Chester, 10.00; Greenville Association, W. W. Keys, 50.18; North Greenville Association, 24.76; Fairfield Association, 5.30; Sunday-school, Chester, 4.00; Abbeville, Havana house, 2.00; Abbeville, 2.00; Colleton Association, 11.40; Pee Dee Association, 3.00; "Sunbeams," Chester, Havana house, 10.00; Black Stocks, 10.00; Belton, Havana house, 10.00; Salem, Havana house, 5.00; Hephzibah church, Havana house, 2.50; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, 33.74; Barnwell Association, J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer, 83.83; Citadel square church, Charleston, 14.50; Citadel square Sunday-school, Charleston, 15.00; Citadel square Concert of Prayer, Charleston, 11.57; G. W. McIver, Treasurer, Charleston Association, 14.00; Savannah River Association, 100.19; Chester, Havana house, 10.00; Seneca, Havana house, 10.00; Seneca, 1.95; "Widow's mite," a friend for Havana house, by R. W. Sanders, V. P., 23 cts.; Broad River Association, 7.00; Cedar Spring church, 4.34; Cedar Spring church, Havana house, 2.00; First church, Newberry, Havana house, 6.50; Sunbeam Society, First church, Newberry, Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. A. J. Salinas, Charleston, 5.00; Anderson, 65.00; W. F. Cox, Treasurer, Saluda Association, 3.00; Lewisville church, Orangeburg Association, Havana house, 10.00; 1st Baptist church, Spartanburg, 30.06; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society, Havana house, 3.00; Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society, Havana house, 56.40; Greenwood church, Havana house, 10.00; Greenwood Sunday-school, Havana house, 10.00; Sumter, by Miss Fannie Haynesworth, Havana house, 20.08; Darlington, Havana house, 29.00.

Total for the month, \$678.00.

Previously reported, \$1,923.91.

Aggregate since May, \$2,663.91.

TENNESSEE.

Ladies' Missionary Society, Sevierville, \$5.00; North Edgefield church, Nashville, 8.41; Ladies' Aid Society, McMinnville, 2.00; Hopewell church, Enoree Association, 3.45; L. M. Jones, Trenton, Havana house, 10.00; Holston Valley Association, 6.75; Western Dist. 1st Association, Havana house, 2.70; Ladies' Society, New Hope church, Box for Missionary, 15.00; Island Home church society, Knoxville, 13.00; Paris church, 10.00; LeGrand W. Jones, Trenton, Havana house, 2.50; LeGrand W. Jones, Trenton, Havana house, 2.50; Ladies' Missionary Society, Central church, Memphis, 17.85; Newport, 2.66; East Tennessee Association, 3.70; Northern Association, 21.00; Rutland church, Concord Association, 8.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Central church, Nashville, Havana house, 10.00; Young South, through Mrs. O. L. Haidley, Knoxville, Havana house, 1.10; Brownsville, Havana house, 11.40; Miss Fannie Reed, Collierville, Havana house, 2.00; Ladies' Society, Central church, Memphis, Box for Missionary, 30.00; collected by W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, as follows: Mill Creek church, Concord Association, 1.93; Rev. J. P. Arnold, S. W. District Concord Association, 25.00; Blooming Gum church, Cum-

berland Association, 5.75; Little Hope church, Cumberland Association, 3.30; Beulah Association, 19.95; Woodbury church, Salem Association, Havana house, 15.00; Mrs. J. M. D. Cates, Havana house, 2.00; New Hope church, Concord Association, 2.42; Little Hope church, Cumberland Association, 33 cts.; Wolachucky Association, 3.97; Clarksville Sunday-school, Cumberland Association, Havana house, 15.86; Prosperity church, Salem Association, Havana house, 5.00; Wharton Spring church, Salem Association, Havana house, 1.50; Shiloh church, Salem Association, Havana house, 2.00; Mrs. O. L. Hailey, Young South, Havana house, 401.00; New Hope church, Concord Association, Havana house, 6.00; Sevier Association, 9.20; Clarksville church, Concord Association, 19.25; Newberne church, Friendship Association, Havana house, 11.63; Newberne Sunday-school, Friendship Association, Havana house, 1.32; Harmony church, Friendship Association, Havana house, 1.33; Spring Creek church, Cumberland Association, Havana house, 8.68; New Providence church, Cumberland Association, 16.00; Smith's Fork church, Salem Association, Havana house, 3.00.
Total for the month, \$730.51.
Previously reported, \$492.79.
Aggregate since May, \$1,223.30.

TEXAS.

Ladies' Society, First church, Ft. Worth, Box for Missionary, \$40.00; New Boston, Havana house, 4.50; Total, \$44.50.

Cash collections by Rev. R. R. White, from July 24th to Nov. 24th, 1891, as follows: San Marcos Association, \$16.15; Leno Association, by Rev. J. R. Grant, 3.10; Miss Edie White, 1.10; Salado Association, 11.00; Austin Association, 3.15; Georgetown church, by Rev. Isaac Sellers, 50.00; Union Association, 6.50; Grayson County Association, 25.00; New Home church, 2.50; East Fork Association, Havana school, 14.65; Canoe Creek church, Havana school, 3.00; Cuero church, 9.30; Beeville church, 6.00; Lavaca River Association, 11.75; Yoakum church, 4.20; Mrs. W. S. Bolware, Havana house, 5.00; Rev. I. H. Stribling, Havana house, 1.00; Mrs. I. H. Stribling, Havana house, 1.00; W. B. Moody, Havana house, 1.00; Misses S. E. and Gussie and Kittie Rowlet, Havana house, 5.00; B. S. Middleton, Havana house, 1.00; I. S. Perry, Havana house, 2.00; R. H. Hicks, Havana house, 10.00; Rev. N. Roberts, Havana house, 1.00; Collin County Association, 10.25; G. E. Smith, Havana house, 1.00; S. L. Campbell, Havana house, 1.00; R. W. Yager, Havana house, 1.00; I. Covington, Havana house, .75; Denton County Association, 4.40; Sorrow County Association, 14.00; Waxahatchie Association, 13.00; Kyle church, 8.40; R. I. Sledge and wife, 10.00; Brushy church, by I. M. Pearman, 10.00; L. P. Jennings, 2.00; Waco Association, 24.47; Little Brazos Association, 2.00; Bryan Association, 5.35; I. M. Zimmerman, 5.00; Bremond church, 4.35; Kosse church, 8.20; Bryan church, 19.35; Belton church, by Rev. M. V. Smith, 50.00; Mrs. C. C. Green, 1.00; Mrs. F. G. Hatchett, 1.00; Marlin church, 10.00; "Unknown," sent by Rev. S. L. Morris, 2.50; Rev. H. L. Money, 5.00; Webberville church, by Deacon Wood, 10.00; Gonter church, by M. Eastland, 7.55; Bell's church, by S. B. Gornegan, 5.00; Ladies' Aid Society of Kosse church, by Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Havana school, 12.00; Malisbie church, by I. M. Graves, 5.00; Grema Creek church, by Rev. I. S. Harris, 10.00; William Thompson, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Ikaska by Rev. J. B. Cranfill, Havana school, 5.00; Dallas Association, by J. B. Cranfill, 13.70; Welder church, by J. B. Cranfill, 2.00; Ennis church, by J. B. Cranfill, 17.00; Hunt County Association, by J. B. Cranfill, 20.00; G. W. Truett, 10.00; Cash collection at Baptist State Convention, Waco, 2.50; B. S. Palmer, 2.50; Navasota River

Association, 36.44; W. M. Cook, 1.00; W. H. Reding, 1.00; Shiloh church, 6.60; Enon church, 9.15; Reliance church, 5.30; Little River Association, 16.91; Little Brazos Association, 38.00; Calvert church, 25.00; Jewett church, 4.40; Buffalo church, 3.70; Rev. W. M. Reese, Havana house, 2.50; Rev. W. H. Dunn, 5.00; G. U. Dilworth, 10.00; Church at Liberty Hill, by J. M. Black, 1.00; Montague Association, by J. M. Carroll, 7.25; First church, Fort Worth, by J. M. Carroll, 10.00; W. P. Green, 2.00; E. T. Davis, 2.00; Dr. H. B. Combs, 1.00; J. A. Ball, 1.00; Abilene church, by W. H. Lockett, Havana house, 7.00; Flatonia church, 11.80; J. P. Beesley, Havana house, 5.00; Mrs. M. R. Beesley, Havana house, 2.50; Mrs. M. A. Hubbard, Havana house, 2.50; Mrs. N. P. Hackett and Mrs. L. B. Rutherford, Havana school, 5.00; R. C. Waun, 10.00; Rev. A. S. Poindexter, 5.00; G. B. Davis, 13.75; Mrs. G. B. Davis, Havana school, 5.00; Antioch church, 4.40; Avenue church, Palestine, 11.81; Crockett church, 13.20; Silas Howard, 1.00; Church at Lovelady, 5.55; M. E. Clark, 5.00; W. H. Taylor, 5.00; Isaac Foster, 5.00; M. S. Congle, 5.00; J. A. Lee, 5.00; A. J. Moore, 10.00; Mrs. H. Y. Allen, 2.50; Mrs. H. Y. Allen, Havana house, .50; Huntsville church, 11.35; Miss Annie Dallabite, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Trinity church, 18.85; Rev. J. D. Griffith, 5.00; F. E. Goff, 1.25; C. C. Ferguson, 5.00; Quano church, 10.00; Colorado Association, by Rev. J. B. Hardwick, 6.75; First church, Galveston, 11.95; W. S. Booth, 5.00; Concrete church, by Spear Hudson, 5.00; Miss Sallie Hardwick, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Auburn church, by Rev. J. J. Smith, Havana house, 9.00; Friendship church, by Rev. J. J. Smith, Havana house, 6.00; Miss Nannie Bullock, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Miss Nannie Shealey, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Miss Fannie Smith, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Miss Lizzie Slaughter, Brick cards, Havana house, 2.00; Mrs. L. P. O'Neal, Brick cards, Havana house, 1.05; Mt. Pleasant church, by J. M. Frink, Havana house, 2.50; Stony church, by S. M. Christal, Havana house, 5.00; Rev. J. B. Kimbrough, Havana house, 3.15; Graham church, by Rev. J. M. Black, Havana house, 3.30; Sister Grane church, by Rev. J. D. George, Havana house, 5.00; Union Point church, by W. H. Waldrop, Havana house, 5.00; Hopewell church, Havana house, 5.00; Falls County Association, 19.00; Taylor church, 16.15; Total, \$1,032.43.

Ladies' Society, Waxahatchie, Box for Missionary, 10.00.

Total for the month, \$1,086.93.
Previously reported, \$417.10.
Aggregate since May, \$1,504.03.

VIRGINIA.

Ladies' Society, Clark's Neck church, contribution to Box for Missionary, \$2.50; Ladies' Society, Hermitage church, Middlesex county, Box for Missionary, 33.75; Maria F. Donnel, Daniel, Havana house, 1.10; Ladies' Society, Suffolk, Box for Missionary, 54.00.

Total for the month, \$191.35.
Previously reported, \$3,635.00.
Aggregate since May, \$3,826.35.
Grand total for the month, \$6,320.41.
Previously reported, \$19,063.00.
Aggregate since May, \$25,386.47.

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