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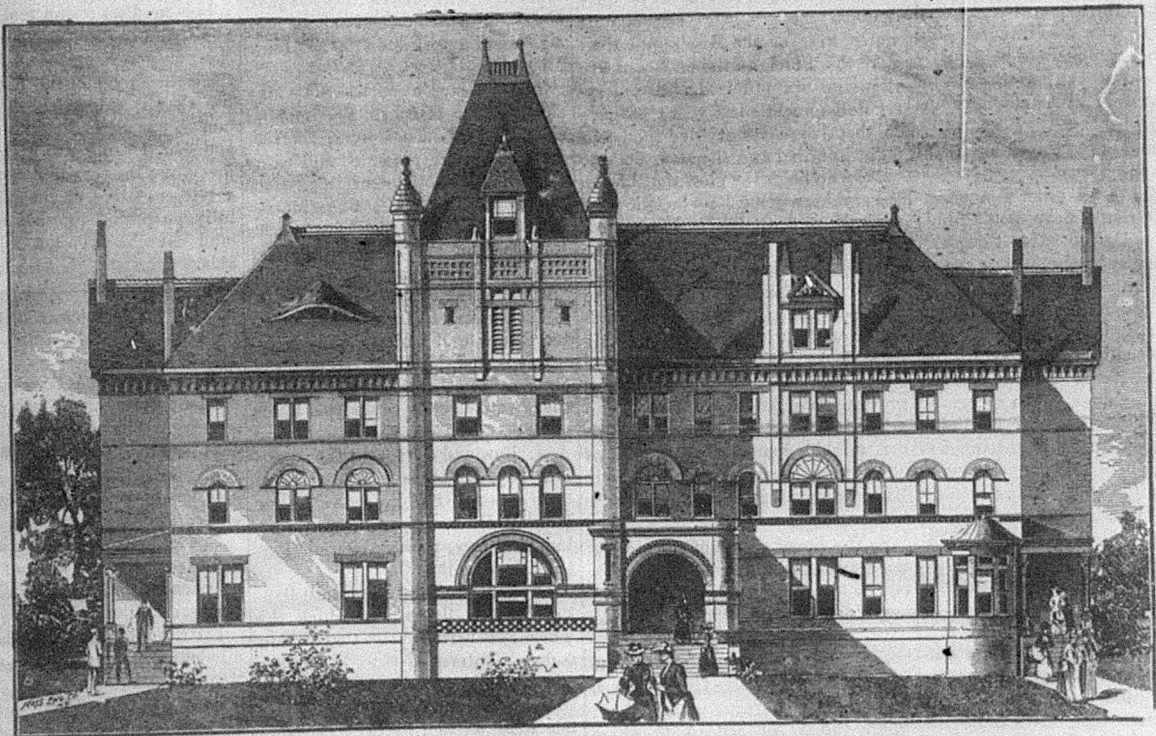
The Centennial Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention thought it wise to endeavor to raise a fund of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for permanent work by the Home and Foreign Boards. This action was based upon the intelligent view of the needs of the two Boards, as well as upon the expressed direction of the Convention. The plan adopted by the Convention at its meeting at

vided our mission work. The "every creature" to whom this gospel is to be preached includes your next door neighbor, the family at the end of the earth, and every one between. To confine our sympathies, our prayers and our efforts to one part of his work, is to misinterpret His design, to miss the spirit of His loving purpose, and to dwarf and distort our spiritual development. The man who limits his interest in Christ's work to China, or Africa, does vio-

ment of mission work had long been a favorite field of labor, would not readily and cordially accept the action of the Convention, but the committee was sure that time and the results of their efforts, under the instructions of the Convention, would vindicate the wisdom of its policy, and its happy influence upon our churches. It may well be doubted, had the design of the Convention been but to increase the resources of the Foreign Mission Board, whether

of its previous history. As its work increased its fields had widened, so that there was greater need for its help, and more urgent demands upon it in 1892 than ever before.

It became apparent to the Centennial Committee at its first meeting, that if the desires of the Convention were to be accomplished, and a hundred new missionaries were to be sent to the foreign field, provision must be made not only for their current support, but they must also be supplied



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Fort Worth, was to increase the resources of the Foreign Board so as to enable it to send a hundred new missionaries into the Foreign field, "and to increase correspondingly every other department of mission work."

The design of the Convention evidently was to deepen the spirit of missions in the hearts of our people, and to lift them to a higher plain of christian activity. This is the great need of our Southern churches. The Convention was wise enough to see it, and to embrace the opportunity presented by the centennial year for its accomplishment. More and more our people are coming to understand and sympathize with the fact that Christ's command embraces all the departments into which, for convenience of administration, we have di-

lence to the spirit and design of the Master, equally with him who thinks there is no mission field except the land of his birth. Not America for Christ, not China for Christ, but THE WORLD FOR CHRIST is the spirit, and might well be the motto, of our Convention in all its efforts, but especially in this centennial movement. In the mind of the Convention, the centennial of Modern Missions afforded a fit occasion for the forward movement of the mission work of our people that should be in fullest harmony with the great command of our King, and the promotion of Foreign Missions was absorbed and incorporated into the grander idea of enlarging the whole. It was apprehended from the first that some brethren, with whom some one depart-

that board would have received so great an augmentation of its funds as it will receive under the present broader and more scriptural policy. Thus the Home Mission Board could receive the help it so greatly needed, while its sister board would lose none of her prestige or her means by such contributions to the funds as may be made to the Home Mission Board. That board deserves the cordial support of our churches. The history of the last ten years tells of its struggles and its successes. For its thirty-eight missionaries in 1882, it had ten times that number in 1892. It had sent out more missionaries in ten years, constituted more churches, organized more Sunday-schools, and baptized more converts than in the whole thirty-seven years

with houses in which to live and places of worship in which to preach, and they must be equipped with Bibles and Testaments and other literature needed to supplement their preaching and teaching. Not to supply these would be to rob their labors of half their efficiency, and in many cases expose precious lives to hardships and dangers they should not be called upon to endure. Means to supply these needs was an imperative necessity. Hence a fund for this permanent work was advised by the committee, and sanctioned by the Convention.

The committee found other needs as pressing, and another line of instructions of the Convention which could leave no question as to its duty, in another direction. There

yet remained one payment of twenty thousand dollars on the property in Havana, purchased by the Home Board under order of the Convention—this amount must be secured. Then the Convention had repeatedly called the attention of that board to the necessity of aiding feeble churches to build houses of worship. At its session in Birmingham, it had instructed that Board to address itself vigorously to this work. The time had come when the Board must obey these instructions. The committee saw the imperative need for another fund for permanent work of the Home Mission Board. The policy of raising the amount needed by the two boards as a common fund, by the same agencies, to be divided between them, was deemed wisest and best when surveyed from every point of view. Hence the committee recommended, and the convention endorsed the effort to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be equally divided between the two Boards, for permanent work alike upon the home and foreign fields.

As to the need of the Home Board for such a fund, we may say:

First. That all other denominations in the South have such a fund; we are the last to enter this field. Our Methodist brethren years ago realized its importance, and have so liberally provided for it that they are now able to build on an average one place of worship every day in the year. The Home Mission Board, though it has done all in its power in this direction, has not been able to keep pace with the increasing destitution. There are now before it pressing and most deserving appeals for help from nearly every state within the bounds of the Convention. The board has sought to ascertain the extent of this need within its territory; and according to the best information it has been able to obtain, there are to-day no less than one thousand white Baptist churches in the South that have no houses of worship, while there are a thousand other important places where there is neither Baptist church nor house of worship, where both ought to exist. Before it will be possible to supply these, the rapid increase of our population, the growth of our towns, the crowding of laborers into machine shops and manufactories in our cities, will create the demand for a thousand more. In many of these places encouragement and a little help, either by gift, or loan, or both will so stimulate effort as quickly to secure the needed house of God. It is estimated that the board could within the next year, *vere the means now in hand*, secure the building of five hundred houses of worship at an average cost—of gift or loan to each by the board—of two hundred dollars. What more blessed work could be done for our country, or for the world, than to house so many homeless churches.

The Home Mission Board rejoices

not more in what its missionaries have done in planting hundreds of churches and Sunday-schools year after year, or in the thousands they have brought into the kingdom of God, and baptized into the fellowship of His churches, than it does in the help it has been enabled to give to its sister board whose work lies in foreign lands. It rejoices to know that where it has labored most abundantly, there she has reaped her most rapidly increasing harvest. The soil that we have broken and sowed in tears is yielding her the bread with which she feeds the nations. In the last ten years Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, where much of our work has been done, have quadrupled their contributions to Foreign Missions, while Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, have only doubled theirs. Ten years ago the states west of the Mississippi river gave the Foreign Mission Board five thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars, while last year they gave to that board twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars.

He who holds the plow that breaks the stubborn glebe, he who following sows the seed in the soil prepared, and he who in after days thrusts the shining sickle into the ripened grain, are working alike to feed the world. So the pioneer who in the mountain, valley, or on the wide prairie gathers his little flock, and he who comes after when villages spring up among the growing population, and he who ministers to great congregations under marble domes where populous cities stand, are alike servants of our King who minister to the world's hunger the bread of life.

So the board of one of our associations that in its narrow field sends out its missionary to labor within its bounds; the State Board that looks with inquiring eye and yearning heart upon the waste places of the commonwealth; the Home Board that stretches its arm of help from where the Atlantic flows to where the Rocky mountains rise; and the Foreign Board that sends its consecrated laborers far hence to the Gentiles are alike the servants of God, working for the world's redemption. In a cause so holy where each looks to Him whose blessing is to all as the rain and dew from heaven, without which all must perish, let there be no other thought than how each may best help the other, and thus serve our common Lord. Would that all our brethren could free themselves from the thought and feeling that there is any divergence of interest in these departments of our Lord's work, but that as we have one Lord, and one faith, and one baptism, one God and Father of all who dwells in all, and works through all, so whether we work at home or abroad, we are fellow laborers of our common Lord, working for the salvation of our common humanity.

MARYLAND UNION ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this body at the Seventh church, in Baltimore, October 25-27, was one of more than ordinary importance and interest, and we regret that our space will not allow more than a brief notice of it.

The report on the digest of the letters gave the following interesting and significant figures: Present membership of the churches of the State, 14,256, an increase of 891 over last year. White membership, 8,477, an increase of 581. Colored, 5,779, an increase of 220. Maryland Baptists, white and colored, raised during the year \$142,388. The white churches gave to all purposes this year \$133,054; of this sum \$14,835 went to Foreign Missions, \$12,688 to Home Missions. The colored churches gave \$9,233, of which \$48.50 was for Foreign Mission work and \$120 for Home Missions.

The usual topics, such as State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday-school work, Temperance, etc., were presented and earnestly discussed. The meetings were largely attended and a fine impression seemed to be made. Prof. A. T. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke for our "School of the Prophets," and Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of Virginia, for Rochester, Crozer, and Chicago University.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost, secretary of our Sunday-school Board, presented the great interests committed to his charge, and Drs. A. E. Dickinson, and A. J. Rowland advocated the American Baptist Publication Society and their series of Sunday-school Helps. Rev. Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, represented our Foreign Mission Board.

The report of the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, in which the whole Southern Baptist Convention is deeply interested since it supplies all the States with mission literature, showed that 667 letters, and 140 postal cards were written; 20,412 packages shipped, exclusive of local sales; 48 leaflets printed; number of copies, 262,400; 161,000 chapel cards sent out; centennial day programmes, 85,000; mission or prayer cards, 23,000; leaflets purchased, 16,200; that is to say, during the year, a business of over \$3,000 has been prosecuted. They are in new and handsome quarters at 9 W. Lexington, and will be glad to have all workers call.

The "Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland," held their tenth annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, October 25th, and Dr. J. M. Frost and myself considered ourselves fortunate in being privileged to address the meeting.

The reports of this society showed a most gratifying progress from a contribution of \$500 the first year, to nearly \$5,000 (\$4,923.11) this past year. Surely this is an exhibit of which these noble women may well be proud—more money contributed to

Home Missions during the year than is contributed for this object by all of the churches in each of seven of the States in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, or in other words, the Baptist women of Maryland lead *seven* of the States in contributions to the great work of Home Missions.

No wonder that the society unanimously, and enthusiastically re-elected Miss Annie W. Armstrong who has been so long their zealous and efficient President.

The Baptists of Maryland are unquestionably, in proportion to numbers and resources, among the most liberal and efficient in the whole land, and it is highly gratifying to note the marked and steady progress they have been making within the past few years.

It is needless to add that the hospitality of the brethren, whether in the nice lunch served each day in the lecture room of the church or in the elegant entertainment in their homes, was all that could be desired, and that I came away warmly appreciating the courtesy shown me, as a representative of the Board, and fully purposing to visit our Maryland churches as often as I may be able.

J. W. J.

MISOURI GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

This is one of the largest and most efficient State organizations of our country. The number of delegates that usually attend its sessions are from four to five hundred and they are men of piety, intelligence, and enterprise.

The following is a summary of the report of the whole work of the Baptist denomination in the State for the year ending Oct. 15, 1892:

District missions, \$23,989.31; State missions, \$14,000; buildings for mission churches, \$31,587.80; American missions, \$7,000; Foreign missions, \$11,300; ministerial education, \$2,961.56; Baptist sanitarium, \$5,000; Orphan home, \$13,000; aged ministers, \$1,603.05; college endowments, \$34,000. Total, \$144,441.02.

Summary of missionary work of association:

Missionaries, 70; days of labor, 12,277; sermons, 5,891; conversions, 1,385; baptisms, 1,200; collections, 14,000; prayer meetings, 1,384.

The report was full, showing much labor and many fruitful results. The secretary announced that this closed the year free of debt, although it had been the hardest year in which to raise money.

This body has for many years been presided over by Dr. W. Pope Yeaman, and a finer presiding officer is rarely to be found in the chair of any deliberative body. To a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law he adds a dignity and a Christian courtesy which serves to keep the assembly in perfect order, and yet

give full play to the consideration of every question which may arise. The most timid are not afraid to speak while the boldest dare not transgress the rule of legitimate debate. His thorough knowledge of the business of the body and his profound sympathy with it enables him to give every part of it due consideration so that the work is finished when the association adjourns.

In no State is so much being done in home work. Thirty-eight thousand dollars were expended in district and State missions. Nearly thirty-two thousand in building mission churches and thirty-seven thousand for educational interests. Missouri is a large and populous State and there is yet great destitution in her borders, particularly among the German population which numbers about 800,000. The large cities of St. Louis and Kansas City are inadequately supplied. There is a great work before the Baptists of Missouri, and they are addressing themselves to it with a wisdom and an energy worthy of high commendation.

I. T. T.

TEXAS CONVENTION.

This assembly was scarcely so large as usual this year. The absence of so many of the leading laymen was painfully conspicuous. At its best it is one of the most imposing of our State assemblages.

Texas has for some years past been heavily burdened. So many noble men and women have gone from her borders to the foreign field that her sympathies and contributions have been drawn largely in that direction. Her rapidly increasing population has made heavy demands for State mission work, while her educational interests projected on so broad a scale have and will continue to require large sums for their support. She is passing through this crisis of her progress not without difficulty, but with a well directed energy which gives sure promise of success.

There are many men of large hearts and some of large purses in her councils who never think of failure in what they undertake. A year or two more and the sowing of the past years will bloom out into a harvest worthy of her grand domain. Then she will do far more for the Home Mission Board which has helped her so generously through all her history and whose aid has been so great a factor in her religious prosperity.

I. T. T.

THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE OF OUR GERMAN BRETHREN.

By order of this body the undersigned hereby gives you a short report of the twelfth annual meeting of the German American Baptist churches of the Southwestern Conference. It comprises all the States west of the Mississippi, south of Da-

kota to the Pacific ocean, including Oregon, but excepting Texas. The meeting was held September 21-26 with our church at Burlington, Iowa, and was attended by over forty pastors and delegates and many visitors. The reports from the churches showed a membership of 2,636, and though not a very large increase in numbers, a good record of benevolence gladdened our hearts, the amount being about \$5,500, or something over \$2 per member. Over \$4,000 was voted for missionary work for next year among our people. The report of what the Southern Baptist Convention is doing for the Germans in Missouri and elsewhere rejoiced our hearts, and a most hearty vote of thanks was given to our Southern Anglo-American brethren.

All the business was conducted in a spirit of love, and an old-fashioned love feast, with a good revival, closed the convention. Most of the ministers then went Chicago to attend our Triennial Convention, comprising all the churches on this continent, but as my good Brother Boelter was ordered by that body to report to the Recorder, I will close.—A. HENRICH, in *Western Recorder*.

THE CENTENNIAL LUN

The Southern Baptist Convention has twice decided to attempt to raise during the current year \$250,000 as a special fund for permanent work. This fund is to be divided equally between our Home and Foreign Boards, unless otherwise designated, and is to be used for Bible Translation, Chapel Building, and the Church Edifice Fund—expenses which once incurred will not need to be repeated. It is not designed that the raising of this fund shall in any way interfere with the regular contributions for the current work, indeed it is proposed that these contributions shall also be as largely increased as possible. So far there has been little specific effort to raise this fund except what has been done by means of the Chapel Cards.

It became evident to the Centennial Committee that something more than this must be done if the money is to be raised. We have, therefore, secured the services for several months of Dr. W. D. Powell, who will devote himself to this work. Dr. Powell is too well known to need any commendation; and he is singularly gifted for such service. The Foreign Mission Board kindly releases him from his work in Mexico in order that he may labor for the raising of this permanent fund. He is to receive no extra salary.

The committee congratulate themselves and also the denomination on securing Dr. Powell's services. He will visit such points as may be desired, on consultation with those in charge of the work in the different States; and we bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of all Southern Baptists. His headquarters will be

in Louisville, and his address will be care of the Baptist Book Concern.

If other leading churches would do as the Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, has done, they would not need a visit from Brother Powell, or from anybody else. It is the desire of Dr. Powell and also of the committee that his time shall be used to the best advantage; and that he shall visit only those points where he is most needed, and where his visits will be likely to yield the best results. If the denomination will rally to this work, the raising of this, or even a much larger amount will be rendered easy. May we not hope that the Centennial of Modern Missions furnishes a proper occasion, which the denomination will recognize, for a supreme effort to save the world.

Fraternally,

T. T. EATON,
Chairman Cen. Com. S. B. C.

CUBA.

By Rev. J. V. Cova.

THE PEOPLE.

Of the one million and a half in Cuba some eight hundred thousand are white and the rest black, Chinese, and mulattoes who were introduced into the island three centuries ago, for laboring at the sugar, tobacco and coffee plantations, there being so few of the white people at that time. The whites are half Spaniards and half Cubans. The first are generally of the lowest class of society in their country, and have come here to look for fortune and leave the land as soon as they get it. The cultured people are among the Cubans, who have always considered the Spaniards here as their oppressors, and have revolted many times for throwing off their yoke. After the last revolution, which lasted ten years, the hatred has deeply increased, there being a lack of blood between them. The country has remained impoverished and Spain, by the hardest tax, is drawing from it as much as she can.

RELIGIOUS STATE.

The official established religion is the Roman Catholic, but except a very reduced number, who are regular communicants of that church, and our Baptist people, the rest live without any religion at all. They despise and ridicule the Roman priests and laugh at their mass and ceremonies. Nothing is, in truth, more base and ignorant than the Spanish Catholic priesthood, who come here from the old papal land of Spain. They are truly imported ministers, as if they were any other merchandise. Those who find no good opportunity of getting a living in their country come to Cuba as birds of prey to look for a chance. The great majority are so ignorant they can hardly write, and never preach, being their whole religious service to say or sing the Latin mass, which

the people do not understand. Besides they have caused many scandals by grasping large sums of money at the besides of dying persons, and by sensual impurities, drunkenness and other vices. So the people have run away from them and have lost all feeling of worship under the guidance of such pastors. Recently an Havana paper published the details of a Satanic feast at a village in the vicinity of this city, which was organized by four priests and some women of their society which ended by a quarrel among them, all being shamefully drunk, when the policeman surprised them.

OUR BAPTIST WORK.

Such are the people we have to do with for bringing them to the way of salvation. The Bible was quite unknown on the whole island, being considered as a book to be read by the priests. When our church was established in Cuba it caused a great surprise and sensation. This people found that there was some one who dared to speak of Christ and the Bible without fear to be ridiculous. The Baptist Missions were assailed by vast multitudes. They desired to know what was our message, and we delivered it such as the Master bids. Many went away, but many remained and returned to the services. They began to make comparisons between our worship and the Roman one; they liked our simplicity and artlessness; they found our baptism in accordance with the meaning and object of the emblematical washing, and in the full spirit of the Scriptures; they were, upon the whole, extremely interested in the preaching of the gospel. They had never tasted the word of life, and they found it sweet and lovely. It was generally stated that to be a Baptist was a noble and honest thing. They say we require no money to administer ordinances, and were poor and trustful men who do not pretend to abuse the people, but do them good. So our work has prospered in such a way as we could desire.

We have at present twenty-one missionaries, fourteen missions, nine hundred children usual average attendance at Sunday-schools, six Sunday-schools.

And to the last membership reported in May I must add twenty-five baptisms. We are called from everywhere to establish new missions, and the outlook is encouraging beyond expression. If we had means to build some chapels and send more missionaries to the rest of the island, the total evangelization of it would be a blessed fact in a very near future. The Lord blesses our work, and in spite of the bitterest persecution from the papists, and the many hard trials we have suffered, the gospel of salvation in Cuba is, and will be, overcoming the darkness and the hosts of hell.

Yours fraternally,
J. V. Cova.

OUR HOME FIELD.

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

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J. WILLIAM JONES, EDITOR.

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NEW WORK.

We are pressed beyond measure with applications for help in new places. Many of these are for aid in securing houses of worship. In a number of cases houses already built are imperiled by the inability of the brethren in these hard times to pay for them. In some places the sheriff is standing at the door.

We are ten thousand dollars in debt on current expenditures, which came over from last year. The last payment on our house of worship in Havana falls due December 1. What can we do? If we could place the applications of these distressed churches before our brethren we could get the money. But that we cannot do.

But if our brethren of other States will come to our aid as nobly as Maryland has done, we will soon lift the shadows from the hearts of our brethren who are appealing tearfully to us for help.

FROM ONE OF THE "OLD GUARD."

We print the letter of this dear old brother just as it is written. It would be easy to correct the mistakes, but not so easy to make plainer the needs, privations, and self-sacrificing devotion that speaks in every line. Dear old man, preaching for twenty-seven years to scattered sheep in this mountain region. What labors, what hardships, what privations, have been garnered in these long

years. Age is coming upon him—growing infirmities have made slower his footsteps, and more difficult the reading of his well thumbed Bible, but he is not discouraged. He has often grown tired in the Master's work, but not tired of it. He is as ready to climb the mountain, cross the swollen stream, face the wintry wind that whistles through his gray hair, as he was twenty-seven years ago. Dear old saint, we shall never know what he has endured and done for the Master, but his record is on high. The Master knows, and that loving heart of His which never forgets even the cup of cold water, will never let slip one thing this old servant has done, or tried to do for him. Are you not ashamed of such an ignorant old preacher who does not know how to spell some of the simplest words? No, never, such men are the glory of our denomination. Men who without learning, without help from schools or churches, despite their deficiencies, have never shrunk from duty's call, but have done what they could for Jesus. They are the lingering veterans of that van-guard that for a hundred years have toiled without earthly reward, and made possible the progress of our Baptist cause. Were such an one to come to my house I would give him the easiest chair in the warmest corner by the fireside, feed him with the daintiest bit the meal afforded, give him the softest bed, and the downiest pillow, and thank God that he permitted me to serve one so deserving of honor and respect.

Hundreds of such we have scattered over our mountains, on our far frontier, working in poverty and obscurity, but diligently and successfully, in the Master's cause. What shall we do for them? Brother, answer, what shall we do for them?

MINERAL BLUFF, GA.,
October 10th, 1892.

Dear Dr. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga.:

Can't your Board help me some in this country. our Western N. C. Board that I have bin working for last year I have worked for them 3 years they think they can help me some this year I have some doubts about it they have so many men thats closer to Asheville. I am here laboring in these 3 states Ga., N. C. and Tenn. our association embraces part of the 3 states I have 6 towns in my field, these state lines make it a hard field, if you can help me I will not confine myself to our association; will work as you direct. I am moderator of my association and elected missionary by the same and have bin for 3 years have bin here 4 years near the line at Hayesville, N. C. close hear 10 years and labored for the Ga. Board part of that time. I was raised in Rockingham Co. N. C. bin in these mountain counties for 25 years preaching and through 70 counties of these five states. followed this anti spirit from franklin co. Va. to cherokes co. Ga. have had a hard field all the

time but with the help of the lord have worked it. my association asks the western convention for help for me so I can give all my time to preaching they did the same last year but failed I have been preaching 27 years 14 years have not done anything else to amount to anything havn't time to do anything else missionary for these three partes. association in N. C. and Ga. the Hiwassee association an the Liberty an Ducktown we have in the last named about 28 churches but our country is pore but we ar coming up I got them to join the western N. C. convention to raise one hundred dollars this year for foreign mission think if I can stay among them that they will do it. wanta show you my work last year days in active service 327 addresses 146, sermons delivered 276, visit to families 281, miles traveled 1,894, profession witnessed 106, Baptized with my own hands 52, sunday schools organized 6, contributions to my support \$190.50. Pleas don't be worried at this for I am in good earnest Please consider the same. I can give you Hundreds of references if you want them. I am now in good trim for work. will start to N. C. tomorrow. Please give me some help if you can let me hear from you.

Your frien in christ,

I. W. HALL.

THE WAY IT WORKS.

Until quite recently Princeton church, West Virginia, was one of our mission stations, and that whole region of country presents a field of such general destitution, so far at least as Baptists are concerned, that it would not be surprising if the churches should excuse themselves from participating in the centennial offering.

But the following letter explains how nobly the Princeton church has come up to the work, and gives an example worthy of emulation by others:

PRINCETON, MERCER Co., W. VA.

October 25th, 1892.

Rev. J. Wm. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR SIR.—On the centennial anniversary of Modern missions, the Princeton Baptist church contributed a special collection of \$850 which it desires to divide between the Home and Foreign mission boards—to whom should the checks be made payable?

Yours truly,

H. W. STRALEY, JR., Clerk.

SOUTHERN CITIES.

INCREASE IN MANUFACTURING.

The last census shows wonderful increase in the manufactures in our Southern cities.

Nashville shows an increase in capital invested in manufacturing of 99.80 per cent., in number of hands employed of 43 per cent., of wages paid 134 per cent., of raw materials used 40 per cent., of products 51 per

cent., population increased nearly 76 per cent., and wealth 152 per cent.

Atlanta increased her manufactures as follows: Capital invested 215 per cent., hands employed 93 per cent., wages paid 235 per cent., raw materials used 58 per cent., products 118 per cent., population increased 75 per cent., and wealth 131.

Augusta, Ga., increased her manufactures in number of establishments 367 per cent., capital invested 240 per cent., hands employed 231 per cent., wages paid 302 per cent., raw materials used 105 per cent. and value of products 53 per cent.

Charleston, S. C., increased numbers of her establishments 122 per cent., capital invested 310 per cent., hands employed 125 per cent., wages paid 226 per cent., material used 224 per cent., value of products 210 per cent. And thus it is all over the South from Baltimore to Galveston. It is interesting to note the race of progress between Nashville and Atlanta. The increase of each is found in this table:

	ATLANTA.	NASHVILLE.
Increase of capital	215	99.80
Hands employed	93	43
Wages paid	235	134
Materials used	58	40
Value of products	118	51
Population	75	76
Wealth	131	152

Observe the fact that while these cities have increased their population but 75 per cent. their average increase of wealth has been 141 per cent. The increase of wealth has been double that of the increase population and thus it is all over the country. The present depression is temporary, the increase of wealth is permanent and progressive.

We gave in our last issue a fine picture of the South Side Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., which was dedicated Sunday, Sept. 18. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. P. S. Henson, of Chicago. Dr. P. T. Hale is the popular pastor. He took charge in August, 1888, with 171 members on the roll. Since then 522 new members have been added to the church. Twenty have died, 134 have taken letters to join other churches, and five have been excluded for irreligious conduct, leaving the present membership, 533. The new building just completed cost \$50,000, besides the lot on which it stands. We have had the profoundest interest in this church ever since we made it a visit during the pastorate of our honored and loved brother, the lamented Dr. J. J. D. Renfroe, and we warmly congratulate them that their earnest efforts, and noble

self-sacrifice, have been crowned with so complete a success.

And we pray that heaven's richest blessings may rest upon them, and that the "spiritual edifice" may be far more beautiful, and grow more rapidly; than the noble temple they have erected and dedicated to the service of Jehovah.

NEW ORLEANS.

For months past efforts have been made to secure the services of Rev. Dr. D. I. Purser, of Birmingham, and Rev. John Purser, of Troy, Alabama, for this city. They are likely to prove successful. Dr. D. I. Purser has been called to the Valence Street Church, and Rev. John Purser to the First Church. The Home Mission Board and the State Board of Louisiana are to co-operate in their support.

It will be a bright day for our Baptist cause in New Orleans when these brethren undertake the work there.

We believe the Lord's hand is in this movement. These brethren eminently judicious and energetic, both of them able preachers, will put new life into our Baptist cause there.

Should the arrangement be consummated, as we believe it will, let our brethren everywhere "thank God and take courage." Bro. D. I. Purser will spend November and December in New Orleans with a view to making a permanent location.

INCREASE OF A CENTURY.

In 1792 the Baptists of the United States had 1,264 ministers ordained and licensed. They had 1,000 churches and an aggregate membership of 70,000.

In 1892 they have 25,000 ministers, 36,000 churches and 3,300,000 members.

In the last hundred years their preachers have increased twenty fold, their churches thirty-six fold and their membership forty-seven fold.

What hath God wrought.

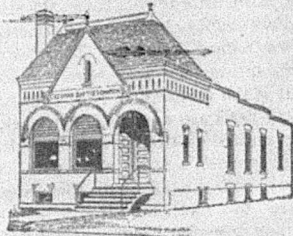
A REMARKABLE BAPTIST GROWTH.

The *Examiner* makes a quotation from Dr. A. H. Strong's speech before the Baptist Education Society which is thrilling. Every Baptist ought to read it; try to understand how it all came about and what sort of responsibility it carries with it:

"I have been comparing of late the condition of our denomination to-day, as to numbers and educational facilities, with its condition twenty years ago. In 1872 we could count up only 1,489,000 Baptists in the United States; we have now increased to 3,269,000. Then we numbered only one in twenty-six of the population; now we number one in twenty. While the population has come short of doubling, Baptist church membership has more than doubled. In 1872 the total amount of property and endowments belonging to our colleges and theological seminaries was \$3,467,000; in 1892 it is \$29,000,000. The one institution established in Chicago has now a larger amount of property and endowments than all our colleges and theological seminaries together had twenty years ago.

THE SOUTH JEFFERSON AVENUE GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Sunday, July 3, 1892, was a day of rejoicing among the German Baptists of this city. About two years ago Rev. A. Konzelman was appointed by the Mission Board to do evangelistic work among the Germans in South St. Louis. He began by establishing a Sunday-school and preaching in a "hired house." The work prospered from the beginning. About a year ago, a church of 13 new members was organized. It now numbers 40. A neat and convenient house has been erected at 2141 S. Jefferson avenue at a cost of about \$5,000. Of this amount \$3,000 will be paid in three annual instalments.



The dedication services began on Sunday morning when Rev. J. Meier, pastor First German church of Chicago, preached an exceedingly appropriate sermon after which about \$500 were raised. Rev. F. Hoffman, pastor First German church, St. Louis, assisted in the services.

In the afternoon the services were in English. Addresses were made by brethren Greene, Thomas, Kirtley, Hoffman, Konzelman and Rev. Dr. W. H. Williams. Another collection resulted in \$292. The house was filled. The little band was full of joy and gratitude. The church starts out with hopefulness in a large and inviting field. If any reader of this paper wants to help a good cause, let him send a contribution to Bro. Konzelman, 2141 S. Jefferson avenue.

The Long Run Association, Ky., at its recent meeting had reports from its churches very gratifying and well worthy of preservation, and of study and imitation by our associations generally.

There are twenty-seven churches in this Association. Twenty-two out of the 27 report baptisms to the total number of 437 during the year just passed. There is a total membership in the Association of 8,129, a net gain of 263 during the year. With the exception of two weak churches all have Sunday-schools, and there are eleven mission Sunday-schools. The churches raised last year for missions alone, \$8,998.90, an increase over last year of \$1,309.28, the average amount given per member is \$1.10. Last year's average was but 92 cents. The entire amount contributed for all objects last year was \$85,346.05, an average per member \$10.49.

Good reports were read on Foreign Missions and Home Missions; also State and Associational Missions, and stirring speeches were made by different brethren in behalf of these respective objects.

THE NEED OF HOUSES OF WORSHIP AMONG THE GERMANS IN MISSOURI.

By Rev. G. W. Hyde, D. D.

The Germans are a sturdy, energetic, economical people. They are hardly as aggressive as the English-speaking people, but they usually manage to retain all they acquire.

Religiously, most of the Germans who come to this country are either Roman Catholics or Lutherans. The great cardinal principle of faith in Christ, for which Martin Luther so earnestly contended, does not seem to characterize the present generation of German Lutherans. They are largely formalists in religion.

The Germans have brought to this country all their continental notions about churches, the Sabbath, beer-drinking, etc. As a rule the entire German population go to church in the morning, but go to the parks, beer-gardens, theatres, and places of amusement in the afternoon and evenings. This custom almost universally prevails both in fatherland and in this country among the Catholic and Lutheran population. But many of these Germans are infidels and communists, who "fear not God, nor regard man." They have no respect for the laws of God or for the laws of this country. The Haymarket riot in Chicago was the natural outgrowth of these cherished principles.

Hence the ungodly Germans of our country are a constant menace to our Christian civilization; and the prospect seems to be that unless we can Americanize and christianize them, they will Germanize and atheize us, destroy our government and all that we hold most dear and sacred.

It is estimated that there are about 800,000 Germans in Missouri, more than one-fourth of our entire population, and they are increasing at a rapid rate. They occupy many of the richest and fairest parts of the State.

When regenerated by the Spirit of God the Germans become the most consecrated, liberal, aggressive Christians. They far excel our American Christians in these essential particulars. I have often been delighted at their liberality to the cause of Christ. Wesley's motto: "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can" seems to have been fully adopted by them.

To illustrate how whole-souled and zealous our German brethren are in the pursuit of spiritual and divine things, they cannot see how any Christian can spare any time or money in looking after or attending upon any purely worldly society, or human organization. They say the church of God demands all our best thoughts, our best energies and talents, and every dollar we can give. Hence they are opposed to all secret societies.

Among all this mighty host the Baptists are a feeble folk. In the entire State of Missouri, as far as I know,

they have only eight church organizations and seven houses of worship. (The church at Concordia has two meeting-houses.) What are these among so many?

To encourage brethren to help in the work of evangelizing the Germans let it be thoroughly understood that the gospel must be preached to them in German before they can hear it profitably, or be saved by it. Hundreds and thousands of them cannot understand English. Upon the day of pentecost God wrought a great miracle "because that every man heard them (the Apostles) speak in his own language." "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout men of every nation under heaven." The second generation of Germans usually become more or less Americanized, and speak English. But let us not leave the present generation to perish in their sins. Let us all do our duty to them, and God, in his providence, will take care of the future.

Then there is a great and crying need, just at this particular juncture, for houses of worship. To erect suitable buildings for the worship of God is second in importance only to the preaching of the gospel. This is always true. But then there is greater wisdom in building meeting-houses for our German fellow citizens just at this time, for Missouri is the key, in a large measure, to a contiguous territory lying south and west of her. Let the German churches in Missouri become strong and vigorous, and a good foundation is laid for future work.

Again, the Germans, both in the old country and this, are used to large, elegant, well appointed houses of worship. It is difficult, therefore, for Baptists to cope with the Catholics and Lutherans and attract a congregation unless they, at least, have fairly comfortable houses in which to meet for the worship of God.

Pastor F. Sievers went to Kansas City several years ago, at the call of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to take charge of a small mission interest organized there by the Home Mission Board's General German Missionary in Missouri, Rev. J. M. Hoefflin. There are somewhere from 30,000 to 40,000 Germans in Kansas City. All the Protestant Germans in the city number about 3,000; so there are at least 27,000 who are unidentified with any Christian church.

The German Baptist church in Kansas City now numbers fifty. But they have no place of their own in which to worship God. Pastor Sievers has made a heroic effort to purchase ground upon which a temple for God's praise might be reared. A beautiful, eligible, well located piece of property has been purchased. Brother Sievers has traveled extensively among his German brethren, soliciting funds with which to make this purchase. Thus far he has collected \$4,000. All of this has come from Germans, with the exception of

a small contribution from the Swedish Baptist church in Kansas City. As yet our American brethren have not given one dollar toward this goodly enterprise. But American Baptists must help in this laudable undertaking. With a good house built on this elegant property, success is assured. And then within a decade there ought to be, and doubtless will be, several good, strong, self-supporting German Baptist churches in Kansas City.

In South St. Louis Pastor A. Konzelmann is laboring in the midst of probably 50,000 Germans. He is pastor of a small, aggressive, determined, Spartan band of thirty; and his great need is a house of worship. His congregation is put to great inconvenience and disadvantage by worshipping in a hired hall. With a good church house this noble, cultivated, consecrated, servant of God would achieve, by the blessing of God, a great victory for the truth in that important part of this great city.

There is the large, important town of St. Joseph, probably one-third of the population, or 20,000 are Germans. Quite a number of Baptists are found among the Germans here, who could be organized into a church. But they are slow to organize unless there is hope of erecting a suitable house of worship. With a house in prospect they would organize and move on to assured victory.

I need not mention a number of other places in the State where meeting-houses are greatly needed among our German Baptist people, for the above recital is likely sufficient. But let it be fully and thoroughly understood that our Mission Boards, Women's Societies, churches and individuals could not render a more important service to the Master, or His people, or our country, than by lending a helping hand to our German brethren in the erection of these much needed temples for the worship of God.

LAREDO, TEX., November 1, 1892.
Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR BROTHER—I mail you to-day a short statement of the extent and destitution of the Rio Grande Texas frontier. The statistics are taken from official state documents, except as to destitution of Baptist preaching. The latter information I get from Minutes of Association, and personal enquiries. They are reliable. There was a small church at Del Rio, population 2,500, but it has had no preaching for two years, and has not sent a message or letter to the Association. I understand a few still meet in a small Sabbath-school.

El Paso, population 1,100, has a Baptist church but no pastor for more than a year. I understand an entire church of Mexican Pederos have lately embraced Baptist views, and have been baptized by a negro Baptist pastor, and from this I suppose

there is a colored Baptist church there.

You have no idea how my heart bleeds for this people. Born and reared in Virginia, for twenty years in the Baptist ministry in central Missouri, and for twenty-five years in central Texas. In all these sections Baptists occupy the entire land. In the central portions of Texas I have been accustomed to see from twenty to fifty churches in each county. But I came here, and one church in twenty counties, and right before my door and before my eyes a living panorama, a constant stream of immortal souls moving down the broad road of death—every day and every hour they hurry by, and I an old man alone to warn them, and point to the only Saviour. No man can realize it until he looks upon it day after day.

There are a few Episcopal, but little better than Romanism, a few Methodist, a few Congregational and Presbyterian. Oh! why are the Baptist behind all others in giving the bread of life to these starving souls. Romanism is here everywhere, but it is the Romanism of the 16th century, and I see a strong desire among the Mexicans to break off from it and go to the Bible, but where are the ministers to make known the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation. Four Baptist Mexicans have lately moved and settled here—I organized them into a prayer meeting—one leads. There were fifteen to twenty present last Sunday at 4 o'clock, but I can't speak a word of Spanish, nor they a word of English. The Catholics here won't send to the free school, but they send to the Methodist seminary, and there is a licensed Baptist teaching a private school; they send from fifty to one hundred children to him.

I have written to Brother J. M. Carroll about these Mexicans. I do think the boards should put a man here in thirty days to see after these Mexicans; there are not less than ten to fifteen thousand of them in two miles of my door. Oh, my brother, how can the million and a half of Southern Baptists answer for the neglect of these starving souls? It does appear they act as badly or worse than the rich man did towards Lazarus. Did not the same Saviour that commanded us to baptize also command us to preach the Gospel to these perishing souls? Won't their blood be upon us if we withhold the bread of life from these starving and dying ones? My dear brother, God has placed this matter on my heart, and I must place it on yours and on the hearts of Southern Baptists.

This is our field, our work, the Lord Jesus has given it to us. We are abundantly able to occupy it, but if we do not he will give it to another. The little Baptist church at Laredo has already pledged and paid more than \$3.00 per member to Home

and Foreign Missions, and the next quarter we are to raise for your board. Why can't other churches do the same? This Rio Grande country should have \$10,000 appropriated to it at once, and then you could only occupy the centers of influence and important strategic points. But I have said enough. May the Lord Jesus direct you and all Southern Baptists in this matter.

Yours in Christ,
THOS. LOCKETT.

FROM THE FRONTIER—PANTHER TOWN.

Near the Indian country, in a beautiful valley at the foot of the Costatol Hills, and 1,380 feet above the sea, is the little town, Dallas, the site of Polk county, Arkansas. Formerly it was named Panther. There is a large spring very near court square that is the property of Polk county. Many years ago a woman was washing clothes at this spring, her girl baby lying on a pallet, and a panther seized and ran off with the baby. True to motherly instinct, the woman flew after the ferocious beast, and recovered her child. That child is still living. That circumstance gave the place its first name, Panther.

One mile and a half west are forty-two medicinal springs, all on one or two acres of land. Here the Hudgins Bros. built a fine hotel, and the Methodists established a high school in it. In May, 1890, it burned down, and having so many other places to hold, they did not attempt to rebuild.

About the time of the Methodist's burn the Presbyterians asserted their right to the old Union church and school house in Dallas, and resolved that day schools should no more run in that house. Thus Dallas was without a school house, and the springs had lost their school.

At once the Baptists determined to start "The Dallas Baptist Academy," and run it one year, a mile and three quarters from the court house. Town people said they would patronize if we would move to Dallas. We determined to move, and have secured a beautiful and accessible property very near the square for school and church purposes.

There is much to make us hope for success.

1. God's providence gave us a Baptist Sabbath-school in Dallas which has kept going nearly two years in a Presbyterian house. And this while the Baptists all live in the country, none in town.

2. There is no town school house, and no school at the springs.

3. The Methodists had encouraging success. The people will be quite as willing to send to a Baptist school.

4. Very many people prefer denominational schools. The teaching in them is quite as good as in other

schools. Their teachers are expected to exert a healthy, moral influence. These schools promise greater permanence, and draw a citizenship of moral and enterprising people; and they thus add strength to the churches.

5. Dallas is a fine location. There is not more than one regular school within fifty miles. This is, perhaps, the healthiest town in the State. Very few are church members, but our people must be honest. The largest and oldest store in the county has no one sleeping in it and no blinds to the windows—nothing but glass; no police, and during eight years that I have known the place there has not been a theft nor a robbery in the town, and no dram-shop in the community. Has not been one in this town in eight or ten years.

6. God's providence commanded us to build, and we are at work on a good house. Our deacon, too poor to keep his children in school, still gives forty acres of his land to secure our building; and the writer of this article is responsible for all material and labor that is not paid for by others.

7. It will give us a church house as well as school house. Many great meetings have the Baptists on the frontier he'd under bush arbor. They are glad enough to use a school house, and especially when it belongs to them.

8. We have made the Home Board Southern Baptist Convention the Trustees of the property, and whatever is given in answer to this appeal may be sent to that board, or if sent to us we will credit that board on account of the Chapel Building Fund.

This is a great work at an important point. God opened the door and plainly bade us enter. We are trying to do His will, and are looking to Him and to His people for help. We need help, and need it now. In our hard struggle a light lift from many hands will secure success to our common cause at this place. If we fail the fault will not be ours.

E. L. COMPERE,
Dallas, Polk county, Arkansas.

We cordially commend the above appeal, and do not hesitate to say that any who feel able and willing to help Brother Comper in his noble work would make a fine investment, one that would pay handsome dividends, by sending their contributions direct to our missionary.

But if we can facilitate the matter, we would be glad to receive and forward (along with our own personal contribution) any contributions which may be sent us for this object. And in this case it is emphatically true that "he gives twice who gives quickly."

Look at your figures on your wrapper and send what you owe at once.

RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD FROM OCTOBER 1st, TO NOVEMBER 1st, 1892.

ALABAMA.

Sunday-school Midway, Centennial Fund, \$5.00; Town Creek Sunday-school, 3.00; Cusseta church, 4.72; Cusseta Sunday-school, 3.87; Cusseta cadets, 1.51; Miss Fannie Weathers, New Berne, Centennial Fund, 6.55; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, 469.78; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Izael Diaz, 30.00; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Antelia Receive, 30.00; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban Missions, 9.30; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 78.11; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Havana house, 2.50; Alpine, Havana house, 2.00.

Total for the month, \$646.34.

Previously reported, \$1,103.23.

Aggregate since May, \$1,749.57.

ARKANSAS.

Ladies' Aid Society, Magnet Cove, Cuban Missions, \$5.00; Churches Friendship Association, 22.80; First Baptist Sunday-school, Little Rock, Centennial Fund, 13.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Mountain Home, 5.00; Bartholomew Association, by A. C. Rhodes, Treasurer, 17.50; Sunday-school, Forest City, 5.00; "Mission Band," Hope, 4.00; "Mission Band," Hope, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Sunday School, Hope, 4.00; Sunday-school, Prescott, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Grand avenue Sunday-school, Stuttgart, 6.80; Osceola Sunday-school, Centennial fund, 15.00; Mrs. M. H. Remlay, Monticello, Chapel Fund, 12.00.

Total for the month, \$93.40.

Previously reported, \$102.36.

Aggregate since May, \$195.76.

FLORIDA.

Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, \$49.21; Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban School, 48.00; Citra Centennial Fund, 3.30; Ruhama Sunday-school, Chapel Fund, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$100.51.

Previously reported, \$93.87.

Aggregate since May, \$194.38.

GEORGIA.

Miss N. E. Roberts, Enon Sunday-school Centennial Fund, \$5.00; Miss Castellow's class, Enon Sunday-school Centennial Fund, 5.00; Enon Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 3.50; Sunday-school, Jewells, 10.65; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 200.00; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Indian Missions, 2.00; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban Missions, 8.20; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 45.05; Woman's Foreign Mission Society, First church, Augusta, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Sunday-school, Madison, Centennial Fund, 5.10; Sunday-school, Fifth church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Milledgeville, 5.55; Calvary Mission Sunday-school, Augusta, Centennial Fund, 5.33; Hephzibah Sunday-school Centennial Fund, 28.00; Simpson street Mission, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Secretary, 45.00; Shady Grove Sunday-school, 1.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Fifth church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 9.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Fifth church, Atlanta, 5.00; Sunday-school, McDonough, 6.37; Duffy street church, Savannah, 60.00; Sunbeam Society, Bowman, Centennial Fund, 2.00; J. G. Glover, Bowman, Centennial Fund, (pledge), 5.00; Sunbeams, North Newington church, 1.39; Roswell Association, Havana house, 15.00; Roswell Association, Chapel Fund for Oklahoma, 5.00; Roswell Association, 21.20; Third Baptist Sunday-school, Atlanta, Centennial Chapel Fund, 30.00; Sunday-school, First church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 69.30; West End church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 30.00; Sunday-school, Rockmart, Centennial Fund, 7.00; Sunday-school, Shellman, Centennial Fund, 12.30; Camilla, Centennial Chapel Fund, 13.00; Sunday-school, Marietta, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Centennial Association, Havana house, 10.00; Sunday-school, Athens, Centennial Chapel Fund, 26.65; Woman's Missionary Union, Athens, 24.38; Woman's Missionary Union, Athens, Indian Missions,

2.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 1,600.00; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Indian Missions, 27.25; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban Missions, 26.50; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Havana house, 38.65; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 220.25; Dr. J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 250.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Hawkinsville, Chapel Fund, 83.00.

Total for the month, \$3,336.52.

Previously reported, \$1,086.39.

Aggregate since May, \$4,422.91.

KENTUCKY.

J. W. Warder, Treasurer, \$1,500.00; Sunday-school, Fifth street church, Lexington, Centennial Fund, 5.78; First church, Columbus, Centennial Fund, 2.00; Hopkinsville, 31.75; Sunday-school, Midway, Centennial Fund, 37.90; Sunday-school, Howard's Mills, Centennial Fund, 13.35; Sunday-school, Shermanville, by J. W. Warder, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Little River Association, by J. W. Warder, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Davies county Association, by J. W. Warder, Havana house, 54.55; Franklin Association, by J. W. Warder, Centennial Chapel Fund, 17.50; Long River Association, by J. W. Warder, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Long River Association, by J. W. Warder, Havana house, 34.21; York Association, by J. W. Warder, Havana house, 33.31; Concord Association, by J. W. Warder, Centennial Fund, 202.72; J. W. Warder, Treasurer, 17.73; J. W. Warder, Treasurer, 45.80; Hopkinsville, Centennial Fund, 41.93.

Total for the month, \$2,021.33.

Previously reported, \$1,454.32.

Aggregate since May, \$3,475.65.

LOUISIANA.

Crowley, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$3.00; Stephen Gay, New Orleans, 2.00; Sunday-school, Keachie, 5.70; twenty-nine contributors, First church, New Orleans, 3.00; Sadie Stines, Vincent, Chapel Fund, 5.00; Vincent, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$24.20.

Previously reported, \$36.75.

Aggregate since May, \$60.95.

MARYLAND.

G. R. Waller, \$5.00; Lee street church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 50.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Centennial Fund, 153.76; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Miss Diaz's Salary, 17.59; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Cuban School, 10.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Havana House, 3.50; Riverside church, by E. Y. Mullins, V. P., 5.00; German church, by E. Y. Mullins, V. P., Centennial Fund, 5.00; Eugene Levering, Baltimore, Centennial Fund for Havana House, 1,000.00; Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Centennial fund for Havana House, 1,000.00; Eutaw place church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 142.38; Fourth church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 13.02; Fourth church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, Chapel Cards, 5.00; Waverly church, Baltimore, 11.07; G. R. Waller, 5.00; Fourth church, Baltimore, 19.06; Rockville, 11.30; Mt. Zion, 5.00; Fuller Memorial church, Baltimore, 25.00; Rehoboth church, 8.00; Forest church, 5.00; Macedonia church, 3.00; Upper Seneca church, 10.00; Lead-enhall street church, 5.00; Curtis' Bay church, 1.35; Longwood church, 3.00; Longwood Sunday-school, 1.00; Income Rider Fund, 241.40; Pitts Creek church, 7.00; Pocomoke City church, 20.00.

Total for the month, \$2,793.33.

Previously reported, \$1,165.11.

Aggregate since May, \$3,958.44.

MISSISSIPPI.

Stockville, \$4.35; Columbus, 6.90; E. B. Miller, V. P., 2.35; Spring Hill church, Peachtree Creek, 2.35; Spring Hill church, by C. B. Rea, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Sunday-school, Starkeville, 5.00; Bogue Chit-day school, 40.00; Mary E. Flowers, Port Gibson, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Senatobia, 4.20; Sunday School, Carrollton, Centennial Chapel Fund, 20.00; Sunday-school, Bear Marsh (col.), Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$103.90.

Previously reported, \$271.90.

Aggregate since May, \$375.80.

MISSOURI.

Charleston, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$10.00; A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, \$97.14; Woman's Missionary Society, Cuban School, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Havana house, 19.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, 37.65; Sunday-school, Fair Play, Centennial Fund, 2.55; Sunday-

school, Shelburn, 5.21; Bethany church, 8.90; Miss Jessie Bragg, Cherry Dell, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.70; Sunday-school, Oden, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.50; Woman's Missionary Society, Slater, 8.84; Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Burgin Sunday-school, 5.00; Ebenezer church, Chapel Fund, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$1,018.47.

Previously reported, \$864.07.

Aggregate since May, \$1,882.54.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Berea church, Western North Carolina, Centennial Fund, \$17.40; Miss Perdita Smith, Smyrna, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Sunday-school, Saddle Tree, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Sunday-school, Taylor's Bridge, 7.51; Mt. Gilead Sunday-school, 1.23; Sunday-school, Holly Grove, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Ebenezer church, Chapel Fund, 10.90; Burgin Sunday-school, Chapel Fund, 51.00.

Total for the month, \$33.18.

Previously reported, \$733.35.

Aggregate since May, \$766.53.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Salem Sunday-school, Saluda Association, \$3.07; Four Holes church, Orangeburg Association, 6.20; Dean Swamp church and Sunday-school, Edisto Association, Centennial Fund, 2.00; Swift Creek church, 16.19; Honea Path Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 8.26; Sunday-school, Aiken, Centennial Fund, 12.50; Highland Home, Centennial Fund, 7.75; Bethel church, 4.00; Congaree church, Charleston Association, 1.20; Congaree Sunday school, Charleston Association, 1.97; Mary Harley Missionary Society, 1.50; Sunday-school, Bethany, Centennial Fund, 1.20; North Fork of Saluda church, North Greenville Association, 1.73; Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Fund, 10.38; Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society, Cuban School, 3.00; Central Committee, Woman's Missionary Society, 112.77; Orangeburg Sunday-school Convention, 1.60; Blackwell Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 28.65; Donalds, Centennial Fund, 4.60; Greenwood, Centennial Fund, 30.64; Caruth Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 1.83; H. S. Hardin, Treasurer Chester Association, 30.00; First Baptist Sunday-school, Columbia 8.55; Cedar Shoals Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 3.20; Darlington, 2.80; Children's Sunbeam Society, Lowndesville, 93; Horeb and Mill Way Sunday-schools, 5.00; Oakdale church, Beaver Dam Association, 5.00; First church, Spartanburg, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Fairfield Association, 14.44; Mt. Carmel church, Centennial Fund, 24.50; Sunbeam Society, Chester, Centennial Fund, 6.40; Sunday-school, Standing Spring, Centennial Fund, 3.06; Sunday-school, Pendleton street church, Greenville, Centennial Fund, 40.00; Sunday-school, Cartersville, 3.00; Abbeville Association, by W. B. Acker, 93; Pee Dee Association, T. H. Bethea, Treasurer, 79.26; Woodward, 3.00; Ninety Six, 4.35; Chesterfield Association, 8.82; Collection of Jose Cruto from Twelve Mile and Piedmont Associations, Cuban Mission, 17.50; Eureka Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Camden, 15.25; Reedy River Association, J. D. Pitts, Treasurer, 51.90; Moriah Association, 5.79; Wellford, 5.00; Sunday-school, Chester, 10.00; Sunday-school, New Liberty, Centennial Fund, 2.00; Citadel Square church, Charleston, Centennial Fund, 166.61; Citadel Square Sunday-school, Charleston, Centennial Fund, 20.00; Sunday-school, Union, 5.22; Sunday-school, Ninety Six, Centennial Fund, 8.50; Sunday-school, Hulon, Centennial Fund, 1.35; Sunday-school, Blackstock, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Waccaman Association, 1.90; Bethlehem church, 5.00; Sumter, 21.65; Washington and Henry Academy Sunday-schools for Chapel Fund, 25.00; Aiken Association, 109.50.

Total for the month, \$1,095.12.

Previously reported, \$919.54.

Aggregate since May, \$2,014.66.

TENNESSEE.

Young People's Missionary Society, Murfreesboro, Cuban Missions, \$10.00; Sunday-school, Union City, Centennial Chapel Fund, 9.35; Spring Creek Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.52; Spring Creek Sunday-school, 19.54; Woodbury church, Salem Association, 12.50; Mountain City Sunday-school, Watauga Association, 1.00; Wiseman Association, 1.75; Spring Creek church, Central Association, 2.60; Medina church, Central Association, 2.75; Pleasant Valley church, Central Association, 1.40; Auburn church,

Salem Association, 7.00; Dry Creek church, Salem Association, 50c; Indian Creek church, Salem Association, 85c; New Hope church, Salem Association, 85c; Providence church, Salem Association, 50c; Ramoth church, Salem Association, 2.70; Smithville church, Salem Association, 4.00; Sycamore church, Salem Association, 2.85; Smith Fork church, Salem Association, 1.90; Union church, Salem Association, 1.00; Wharton Springs church, Salem Association, 1.50; Poplar Grove church, Salem Association, 10.00; Newport church, Salem Association, 1.21; Sunday-school, Nashville, 19.47; McMinnville, 1.00; North Edgefield, Sunbeam Society, Nashville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 20.00; North Edgefield church, Nashville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 20.00; Sunday-school, Seventh church, Nashville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 7.08; Liberty church, 2.40; Indian Creek Association, 3.60; Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Education Cuban Girl, 11.48; Woodlawn Centennial Fund, 5.15; Woodlawn, 2.20; Alderbranch Sunday-school, 3.75; Sunday-school, Humboldt, Centennial Fund, 13.70; "Sunbeam," Central church, Chattanooga, 6.93; Oconee Association, 5.62; Frankie Whitaker, Mulberry, Centennial Fund, Chapel Cards, 1.65; Sunbeams Central church, Chattanooga, 2.00; Woman's Missionary Society, First church, Chattanooga, Eulalie Togores, 30.00; First church, Memphis, by R. G. Craig, 3.70; First church, Memphis, by R. G. Craig, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$1.44; Sunday-school, First church, Memphis, by R. G. Craig, Centennial Chapel Fund, 41.15; Trinity church, by R. G. Craig, 1.20; Ladies' Aid Society, Eudora, by R. G. Craig, 2.00; Calvary church, Memphis, by R. G. Craig, 6.15; Macon, by R. G. Craig, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Sunday-school, Grand Junction, by R. G. Craig, Centennial Fund, 2.35; Collections of W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, 28.20; Newbern church, 6.00; Trimble church, 2.50; Friendship Association, Centennial Fund, 8.10; Morristown church, 11.65; Round Lick church, 10.82; Wiseman Association, 6.20; First church, Nashville, 27.50; Little Hope church, Y. M. S., 86c; Sunday-school, Third church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 1.30; Watauga Association, 7.55; Sunday-school, Newbern, Centennial Fund, 2.33; Newbern, Centennial Fund, 2.32; Trimble church, Centennial Fund, 1.70; Trezevant church, Centennial Fund, 4.42; Sunday-school, Salsbury, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Pleasant Hill church, 85c; Poplar Plain church, 2.50; Sevier Association, 29.33; Friendship Association, 10.40; Friendship Association, Cuban Missions, 8.70; Lavinia church, 1.15; Cotton Grove church, 1.25; J. R. Lawrence, 60c; Woman's Missionary Society, Clarksville, Centennial Fund, 13.20; Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society, White Haven, Chapel Fund, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$594.32.

Previously reported, 721.43.

Aggregate since May, \$1,315.45.

TEXAS.

Georgetown (pledge), \$40.00; Sunday-school, Morgan, Centennial Fund, 4.50; Sunday-school, South Austin, Centennial Fund, 3.85; Sunday-school, South Sulphur, Centennial Fund, 1.75; Sunday-school, Walker's church, Centennial Fund, 9.80; Sunday-school, Hutto, Centennial Chapel Fund, 6.75; Collections of Rev. R. R. White from July 24, to October 10, 1892; Falls County Association by Rev. Q. R. Touchstone, 6.80; Medina River Association, 6.10; Austin, 10.10; First church, Austin, J. E. Hollingsworth, 25.00; Miss E. S. Mitchell, Second church, Austin, by Mrs. S. W. Thompson, 5.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Ft. Worth, by Mrs. T. D. Johnson, 5.00; Leon River Association, 5.50; Meridian Association, 8.10; Ladies' Aid Society, Morgan church, 5.00; Hillsborough Association, 25.00; Lamar County Association, 10.90; Shiloh Association, 10.31; San Saba Association, 42.50; W. J. McDougal, by Rev. J. D. Ray, 3.75; East Lake Association, 2.45; First church, San Antonio, 24.50; Collin County Association, 5.00; Mrs. J. B. Nolles, 5.00; Miss Ruth Wyatt, for Busy Bee Society, 5.00; Sarran County Association, 5.00; Dallas County Association, 13.00; Wise County Association, 21.05; Red Fork Association, 4.15; Alvarado Association, 20.10; Soda Lake Association, 24.10; A. J. Holt, Nacogdoches church, 15.00; Mt. Zion Association, 11.40; Southeast Texas Association, 15.05; Sunday-school, First church, Galveston, by T. S. King, 5.00; Gonzales church, 6.70; First church, Dallas, 36.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Colwell, 17.50; Churches in Waco

Association, by Rev. B. H. Carroll, 76.00
Jno. C. West, 50.00; Sent by Mrs. S. W.
Thompson, 40.95; Spurg, Plummer, by
Rev. J. D. Ray, 2.50; Gonzales church,
3.50; Lavaca River Association, 23.00;
J. M. Carroll, 19.50; Belton, 15.00; G. W.
Walton, 7.50; Collected at State Convention,
Belton, 25.46; Mexia Sunday-school,
Chapel Fund, 17.48.

Total for the month, \$75.82.
Previously reported, \$521.67.
Aggregate since May, \$1,279.89.

VIRGINIA.

N. Ryland, Treasurer, \$1,000; Rosa May
Dabney, Mt. Shilo Sunday-school (brick
cards) 5.40; Bethel church, Centennial
Fund, 2.00; West View Sunday-school,
5.10; Mrs. M. P. Poindexter, Havana
House, 5.00; Mrs. M. P. Poindexter, Indian
Mission, (thanks offering) 5.00; Sunday-
school, Fourth street church, Portsmouth,
Centennial Chapel Fund, 13.21; Sunday
school, Luray, Centennial Chapel Fund
9.65; Norvell Ryland, Treasurer, 1,200.00
Mattapony church, Chapel Fund, 5.00; In-
fant class 1st church Petersburg, Chapel
Fund, 21.22.

Total for the month, \$2,245.36.
Previously reported, \$1,909.90.
Aggregate since May, \$4,155.26.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Cora L. Stiff, Missoula, Montana,
Centennial Fund, \$20.00; Second church,
Washington, D. C. Centennial Fund, 35.50;
"S. A. R." Bluefield, Nicaragua, Central
America, Centennial Fund, 1.00.
Total for the month, \$53.50.
Previously reported, \$102.00.
Aggregate since May, \$155.50.
Grand total for the month, \$14,746.05.
Previously reported, \$10,856.23.
Aggregate since May, \$25,602.25.

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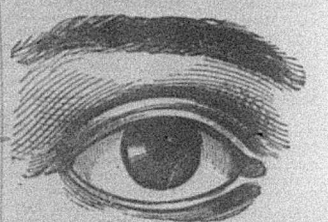
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