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VIRGINIA BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this body in Danville, Nov. 11th to 15th, was largely attended, and one of deep interest. I did not reach the meeting until the afternoon of the second day and was not able to hear, therefore, the introductory sermon preached by Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton, of Norfolk, and of which I heard some of the brethren speak of in such high terms.

The Association re-elected as its Moderator Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, as its Clerk Rev. Hugh C. Smith, and as its Treasurer Norvell Ryland, Esq.

The Treasurer, Norvell Ryland, presented a clear statement of his receipts and disbursements, of which the following is a summary:

State Mission, \$12,268.82; Sunday-school and Bible Board, \$5,992.76; Education Board, \$5,879.50; Foreign Missions, \$19,994.89; Home Missions, \$10,029.22; Minister's Relief Fund, \$2,866.17. Total, \$57,031.36.

The above report does not include the money received by the Orphanage, nor the money received by the State Missionaries for church building. It is, therefore, a very creditable exhibit of contributions for the Baptists of Virginia, i. e. in comparison with the gifts of other States, though it is, of course, admitted that none of the States give as they ought.

"The Committee on Co-operation," whose work it is to endeavor to bring all of the churches, and all of the members of the churches, to make regular contributions to all of the objects of the Association, reported that despite "hard times" the contributions of the churches had been \$4,377.69 more than in any previous year.

The report of the "Ministers Relief Fund," read by the efficient President of the board, T. H. Ellett, Esq., gave interesting details of the work of caring for the needy among the preachers, and their widows, and orphans. There had been received for this purpose during the past year \$4,407.49, and there had been disbursed for the same period \$3,081.25, leaving a cash balance in the bank of \$1,326.21. The total interest-bearing invested funds of this board now amounts to \$18,892, and it is the policy to largely increase these invested funds so that the board may not be dependent upon the fluctuations of annual collections.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of the Education Board, which is under instructions from the Association to sustain at Richmond College or at the Southern Baptist Theological Sem-

nary all of the worthy and properly recommended ministerial students from the Virginia churches who may apply for and need help.

The following brief summary will indicate the noble work being done by this Board.

The Education Board has now under its care sixty young men, thirteen of whom are pursuing their studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and forty-seven at Richmond College.

The Treasurer's report shows that there was received during the year \$5,879.50.

The board regrets that it has to report, for the first time in many years, that it is in debt, owing a bal-

vide for the expenses of a student at the college during the present session.

The report concludes with an earnest appeal to the churches to so increase their contributions as to enable the Board to pay its present indebtedness and continue its work free from embarrassment.

All of these reports were followed by suitable discussion, and the discussion on the Education Board must have been one of unusual interest from all the reports of it. I had not the good fortune to hear it. The report in the Richmond Dispatch says:

"Dr. E. C. Dargan, of the Theological Seminary at Louisville, was the first speaker. He spoke tenderly of his interest in and love for Virginia,



REV. E. C. DARGAN, D. D.

"OUR NEW PROFESSOR," IN THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

ance of eleven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents on account of the expenses of last session. Five hundred dollars of which is due for money borrowed to pay the expenses of the students of Richmond College, and six hundred and ninety-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents remain unpaid to the student's fund of the Seminary. The receipts for the year were several hundred dollars more than for the preceding twelve months, but the number of students under the care of the board was sixty-nine, the largest number ever aided in any one year, consequently the expenses of the board were greatly increased.

Special mention is made of the offer of Brother Geo. B. West to pro-

vide for the expenses of a student at the college during the present session. and gave a very cheering account of the condition and prospects of that school of the prophets. His speech was touchingly and stirringly eloquent. Rev. W. L. Wright followed in a sensible, vigorous and captivating speech. Dr. W. E. Hatcher made an earnest and practical address, and Professor Harris closed the discussion with brief remarks."

Rev. Dr. J. M. Pilcher, General Superintendent, presented the report of the Sunday-school and Bible Board, which he has managed with such signal ability that the profits on the books sold by his colporters pay the salary of the Superintendent and all of the running expenses of the office, leaving the contributions of the churches to employ colporters and make necessary donations.

The following is a summary of this grand work, the details of which we commend to all of our States:

One General Superintendent, one Sunday-school Missionary and thirty-three colporters labored 5,315 days, traveled 52,122 miles, visited 23,778 families, prayed or conversed on the subject of religion with 6,009 families, found 1,308 persons habitually neglecting the preaching of the gospel, 1,016 families destitute of the Bible, 1,797 families destitute of all other religious literature, preached 595 sermons, delivered 762 addresses, 140 Sunday-school addresses, held 128 prayer-meetings, organized 55 Sunday-schools and 3 churches, held 7 Sunday-school conventions, baptized 50 persons and held meetings in which 696 others professed conversion.

In addition to this evangelistic work they sold 2,137 Bibles for \$2-, 321.98, 3,083 Testaments for \$730.78, 7,836 books for \$2,388.96, 2,358,528 pages of tracts for \$158.92. Total sales, \$6,100.64.

They gave away 255 Bibles, valued at \$70.90; 498 Testaments, valued at \$53.13; 757 books, valued at \$157.05; 65,603 pages of tracts, valued at \$48.52. Total donations \$3,295.99. Total sales and donations, \$6,430.23.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, of Petersburg, earnestly and eloquently spoke in the interest of this board. Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, made, as he is wont to do, an eloquent and effective plea for this important work of Southern Baptists. Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson spoke in favor of the American Baptist Publication Society. The Association unanimously adopted the report which made grateful mention of the Board at Nashville and its work.

Saturday night was devoted to the interests of the Virginia Baptist Orphanage which were presented in an admirable report read by the President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. W. E. Hatcher, and eloquent and telling speeches by Drs. W. W. Landrum, H. W. Battle, A. E. Owen, and W. E. Hatcher. The report showed that \$26,000 had been raised for the Orphanage which was located in Salem, Virginia, only two years ago, and was opened only a year ago, and over \$1,200 dollars was raised at this meeting.

Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, the Centennial, General Education, and other matters of interest had due consideration. But this report is already too long, and I cannot give the details.

I must, however, let our readers see the noble State Mission work that

is being done by Virginia Baptists, by appending the following summary of the labors of the past year:

"This has been a year of many distractions, and yet the work of spiritual progress has been hopefully and effectively carried on in our Commonwealth. The prosperity that has attended our efforts in the past continues to crown our labors of this year. Five important stations have become self-sustaining, and some weak churches, aided by our board, have been brought into co-operation with stronger churches, through the efforts of our missionaries, and will no longer need assistance. In several of our associations we have materially extended our work and put it upon a stronger basis. And we do not hesitate to say that, in many respects, it has been the most fruitful year of labor in the history of the board—the number of baptisms far exceeding the aggregate ever before reported in any one year. Usually the missionaries report more than twice as many conversions in meetings held with other pastors as they themselves baptize, but this year the baptisms about equal the number of conversions in such meetings. So that it has been a year characterized not only by enlargement of our work, but also by the harvest gathered.

"The report then quotes from various missionaries interesting statements about their work, and makes appropriate reference to the death of Rev. H. E. Hatcher and Rev. A. F. Hardy. The report closes as follows:

"The tabulated extracts of the fields and labors of our missionaries annexed to this report, show that during the past year our eighty-two missionaries occupied two hundred stations, preached six thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine sermons, baptized one thousand four hundred and sixty-five converts, aided pastors in which one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine other persons professed faith in Christ, made fourteen thousand four hundred and twenty-two visits to families for religious conversation and prayer, organized forty-five new Sunday-schools and ten new churches, were engaged in building fifteen new church houses, completed thirteen church houses, and sustained one hundred and fifty-nine Sunday-schools at their stations.

"The receipts for State Missions for the year ending October 31, 1892, were \$12,268.82, which, with the balance on hand November 1, 1891, made our available resources for the year \$14,510.80. The treasurer paid out on account of this board the past fiscal year \$13,010.12, leaving \$1,500.68 to our credit November 1, 1892. The items of disbursements were as follows: On account of printing, postage, etc., \$365.64; our pro rata share of expenses of General Association, \$256.26; on account of salaries of missionaries, \$12,388.22. Total, \$13,010.12."

The report on Home Missions, pre-

pared by C. B. Fleet, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Home Mission Board, was so admirably done that it shall be printed in full in HOME FIELD as soon as we can obtain a copy of it.

On Sunday the pulpits of the city generally were occupied by delegates and visitors to the Association, and the preaching seems to have been of a high order, and to have given very great satisfaction.

I heard my old room mate, Dr. J. C. Hiden, preach at the 1st Presbyterian church at night, one of the ablest, clearest, and most effective sermons I ever heard, even from this "Prince of preachers."

A great shadow was cast over the meeting by the cold-blooded assassination on Friday night of Rev. John R. Moffett, Pastor of the North Danville church, while he was on his way to the meeting. The Association attended the funeral in a body on Monday afternoon, and a more deeply touching scene, a more significant tribute to Christian manhood and nobility of character, has been rarely paid to any one.

The Danville people, without regard to creed, opened wide their doors and gave us royal entertainment. I was fortunate in being the guest of Bro. John R. Pace of the Mount Vernon Methodist church, and found in his beautiful home and charming family a hospitality as bountiful as it was graceful.

The Association adjourned on Tuesday morning, but we had that night one of the most delightful social prayer and experience meetings (led in his happiest style by Dr. William E. Hatcher) which it has ever been my good fortune to attend. And as we sang "The sweet by and by," and took the parting hand there were no dry eyes—no hearts that were not deeply touched.

I came away breathing the fervent prayer: "God bless dear old Virginia, and the Virginia Baptists!"

J. W. J.

THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Held with the First Baptist Church in Covington one of the best meetings in its history. Dr. Warder, State Secretary, made a most inspiring report.

There had been contributed for Foreign Missions \$10,450.70; Home Missions, \$9,550.93; State Work, \$17,000.00.

The growth of the white Baptists in the State within the last ten years had been 32 per cent., while their contributions to missions in the same time had been more than doubled. Seventy-two Missionaries and Colporters had been employed in the State. Twenty-one hundred baptisms and fifteen hundred additions by letter were the fruits of their contributions and labors for the year.

The State Board, after paying all its indebtedness, had \$619.40 in its treasury. The Mission Boards of the Associations throughout the State, with one exception, were out of debt with funds in their treasuries. These gratifying results were accomplished by less than one-third of the white membership of the Kentucky churches. Of the 1,459 churches in the State 808 contributed, while 651 gave nothing. Of the 151,290 members 40,950 contributed to missions, while 110,340 made no contributions.

What a magnificent work Kentucky would do were all her Baptist people earnestly enlisted in the Master's cause.

The Centennial movement has taken strong hold upon our brethren of that State.

The meeting in Louisville, October 2d, and following days, excited an interest that was widely felt, and its results are seen in liberal contributions to the cause.

Louisville churches have raised \$15,000 with fair prospect of increasing it to \$20,000, while the pledges made at the Covington meeting were nearly \$13,000 more. Kentucky will speedily raise her quota of the Centennial Fund for permanent work.

There are many of our State Secretaries who have thrown themselves into this movement, but none of them have been more hearty or energetic in it than Dr. Warder.

We congratulate the Baptists of Kentucky on the bright outlook before them. They are the largest, and financially the strongest, body of Baptist in our Southern Convention. They are moving forward steadily to the front rank in enterprise and in the liberality of their contributions to the work of the world's redemption.

I. T. T.

FROM THE FIELD.

Work Among the Negroes.

The report of seven of the missionaries in the joint employ of the Home Board, the Georgia State Board, and the Board of the Colored Convention, for the quarter ending September 30th, show that they had delivered during that period 825 sermons and addresses, and baptized 423 persons. We regret that we have no reports from the other missionaries. As showing the value of institute work among the negroes we clip the following from the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina, where the convention directed the expenditure by their State Board of \$500 in such work.

Dr. Durham:

DEAR BROTHER—I am glad to say to you, your Board of Missions and to the brethren of the white Baptist State Convention, that the Institute held at Weldon, N. C., conducted by Rev. R. I. Weldon and myself, associated with Rev. T. J. Taylor of the Warrenton Baptist church was a de-

cided success. I never in all my life saw pastors take more interest in any work than in the work done in this Institute. This Institute has done more to strengthen the pastors of this portion of the State than any other work we have attempted.

There were twenty ministers in attendance, all of whom were pastors in charge except one or two. You have done the grandest work you could do for us.

P. F. MALOY.

Raleigh, July 19, 1892.

WHEREAS, Our brothers of the white Baptist State Convention of North Carolina have done so much for us in making a grant of five hundred dollars to be used in conducting Ministers' Institutes for our special and immediate improvement in the ministry; and whereas, we as pastors are hereby solemnly impressed that this is our greatest need to fit us for our responsible duties in the ministry, and that more has been done through this grant to awaken an interest in us to improve our ministry than any other means afforded us:

Resolved, That the white State Convention and its excellent Board of Missions have our most humble thanks and appreciation for their faithful christian beneficence to us as colored pastors of the Neuse River Association. We pray that God will bless the gift and the givers.

W. R. MASON of Weldon,

S. HICKS of Rocky Mount,

Committee.

WHEREAS, Our brethren of the white Baptist State Convention have done such a noble work for us in furnishing, for our ministerial improvement, ten Institutes, to be conducted in different localities of the State; and whereas, we, through their beneficence to us, now see clearly our duty to strengthen this work for another year by our own contributions; therefore

Resolved, That we go home to our fields and lay the matter fully before our people as to its vast importance, and take a collection from each of our churches for ministerial education.

S. HICKS, Rocky Mount.

DEAR BRO. DURHAM—I snatch a moment to give you my impressions of work done in the Institute at Winton, as conducted by Rev. J. A. Whitted of Warrenton. Let me say that I was more than favorably impressed. The character of the work was admirable—Bro. Whitted is a born teacher, and I believe incalculable good to the colored Baptist ministry of the State will result from these summer schools.

The attendance was surprisingly good—just double that of last year—and shows the growth of interest in this work among the ministers themselves.

I was present, and rendered what aid I could, and I tell you it was no

holiday season, but a busy time. Standing before a blackboard, lecturing, quizzing and being quizzed, for six or eight hours daily this hot weather is anything but funny and refreshing.

The exercises consisted of lectures and Bible Readings, on Doctrine, and Discipline, Pastoral relations and Duties. Scripture exegesis was made prominent, also methods of Preparation and Delivery of sermons.

I was a little apprehensive at first as to my reception among them in the role of instructor, but their cordial greeting and apparent enjoyment of my labors speedily convinced me that my fears were groundless. They even volunteered a vote of thanks for my presence and instruction.

So far as my observation goes our colored pastors as a rule seem peculiarly grateful for the appropriation for these Institutes, and make any sacrifice to attend them. Great good has resulted and great good will yet result from the work you have enabled them to do this summer.

THOS. G. WOOD.

Murfreesboro, July 26, 1892.

The above is a report made out at our request. These Institutes are being held under the auspices of our Board of Missions.

C. DURHAM, Cor. Sec.

Report of M. Vann of Tennessee, for the Month Ending Aug. 31, 1892.

Days of service, 31; sermons, 15; addresses, 22; miles traveled, 944; conversions, 5; additions, 25; prayer meetings, 4.

Collections: State Missions, \$173.26; Home Missions, \$11.70; Foreign Missions, \$14.75.

Report of M. Vann of Tennessee, for the Month Ending Sept. 30, 1892.

Days of service, 30; sermons, 10; addresses, 15; miles traveled, 830; conversions, 10; baptisms, 150; additions, 20; prayer meetings, 5.

Collections: State Missions, \$87.71; Foreign Missions, \$38.03.

"Miles traveled" does not include 1,066 miles traveled to our National Baptist Convention during this month at Savannah, Ga.

From the Frontier.

LAREDO, TEX., Nov. 1st, 1892.

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

I promised you at the convention at Belton to write you and give a brief statement of the religious destitution of the Rio Grande country of Texas.

From the mouth of the Rio Grande river to El Paso, following the meanderings of the river, is more than 1,000; from Brownsville, the first town above the mouth of the river, to El Paso, following the usual course of travel, via Laredo, is more than 1,000 miles. Take any given point on the river and you will have to go from 75 to 100 miles before you reach any place of regular Baptist preaching except at Laredo. For two tiers of counties from the river, the coun-

try is entirely destitute except Laredo.

This country contains 55,846 square miles and a population of 96,453. There are within this territory seventy-eight practicing lawyers, 204 public free school teachers. Number of private school teachers not known, but supposed about half as many; mercantile and business establishments, 491; eight towns of from two to twelve thousand inhabitants; villages and small towns from 200 to 1,000 inhabitants, 12. There is in twenty-one counties embracing a territory nearly as large as the entire State of Georgia or New York but one Baptist minister. Back of this territory towards the interior of the State are the border Associations of Blanco, and Rio Grande, and Medina, having but one or two self-supporting churches, but a very few ministers devoting all their time to preaching, and five times as much destitution as they can possibly supply. These occupy a territory of some fifteen to twenty counties, many towns and villages and more than a hundred thousand people. This destitution has been here for years, an entire generation has been born and died, and all these people have been left to perish for the *Bread of Life*. Will the Baptists of the South permit these people for whom Christ died to starve at their very doors?

This country has been settled by Mexicans for more than a hundred years. The population now speak the two languages, English and Spanish, in about equal numbers. It is now improving rapidly and will soon have a population that will be counted by millions. The Gospel should be given this people at once, and in both the English and Spanish languages. There is not another such destitution in the entire territory of the United States.

THOS. F. LOCKETT,

Pastor Laredo Baptist Church.

From Oklahoma.

We give the following letter, though not intended for publication, that brethren may see the character of the appeals that come to us every week, and may be stirred up to give us the means of responding:

SHERIDAN, O. T., Nov. 12, 1892.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Sec. H. M. B.:

DEAR BROTHER—I thought I would write you a few lines in regard to our work in this country. This is a vast missionary field. I came here a little over a year ago, from Kentucky and have been preaching all the time that I could spare, have organized three churches, and received and baptized thirty-seven persons, traveled about seventeen hundred miles and haven't received over one hundred dollars. I could have done much more if I had been sustained. I thought I would write your board and ask for some help from same. This is a hard field and men who preach the gospel here are exposed

a great deal to hardships on account of many places having no houses to preach in, and not even comfortable houses to sleep in, though people are enterprising and working hard and in a few years will be comfortably situated and are anxious in most every part to hear the gospel. I have more calls than it is possible for me to fill, so my dear brother I hope you will consider my application and give me some help. Dear brother, please write me and tell me what you can do for me, and I pray for me, while I am preaching the gospel in this hard far off field. Fraternally yours to serve in the gospel,

L. P. JOHNSTON.

Our German Work.

St. Louis, Mo., October 15, 1892.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I herewith send to you my quarterly report July 15th to October 15th:

Worked hard all summer, took no vacation. The good Lord blessed our humble work. Congregations are growing since we are in the new church. Baptized, 3; by letter, 5; Sunday-school is in number one condition, my members all work like hired hands all Sunday.

One of the baptized brethren was a Lutheran preacher for twelve years and is preaching now to one of our old churches in the State. He ought to be in the city, is a born city missionary. Another of the candidates is a new immigrant, a teacher in the State school in Germany. He is a man of great learning and musical talent, would be an ornament in one of our schools (colleges). The Lord is seemingly giving us laborers, strange, more men than women. My church has more men than women, do not know where the lack lies.

We praise the Lord for what he has been doing and expect greater things. We owe much to our lady missionary for the wonderful success, who, although poor, works day after day, and without pay. O, I wish somebody would make her a donation! Cannot the board give her \$25.00? There is no more worthy subject.

With kindest regards, yours in the Lord.

AND. KONZELMANN,

No. 1724 1/2 Preston Place.

Jefferson Avenue German Church.

We have appointed a lady missionary to the Germans in Baltimore, with especial reference to the immigrants who crowd that port, it being next to New York in the number of immigrants who land there, and we are anxious to enlarge our work among our foreign population as rapidly as the churches will afford us the means.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 22, '92.

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

DEAR BROTHER.—Having been kindly requested by Dr. J. Wm. Jones whose acquaintance I was privileged to make at the recent anniversary here, to send from time to time a report of the work among the

Germans of this city, to the HOME FIELD, it is with great pleasure that I write the following:

Retrospecting upon the short term of my pastorate with the German Baptist church here (since January 14th), it is with deep and profound gratitude I notice the progress made. Thirty-three members have been added, sixteen of whom by baptism, making the total membership now eighty-three. Old troubles seem to have ended and obstacles removed, and clad with the armor of God anew we march forward into battle. Well ought we to do so in a city with a German population of over 100,000, with fifty-one German Protestant and Catholic churches, many of which are veritable strongholds of formalism and superstition.

We intend with the help of God to make our influence felt, not alone passively by trying to lead a godly life, but also aggressively by visiting and distributing Christian literature. The young people of the church are busily engaged in this direction, devoting their Sunday afternoon to make friendly calls from house to house, inviting the tenants to come to church, and leaving for their edification our excellent 4-page monthly "Derwegweiser," of which we receive 500 copies per month.

Two growing sewing schools have been established; one at the church proper on the east side of the city with sixty scholars, and one at the Lee St. Baptist church, Rev. E. Y. Mullins, pastor, at the south side with almost fifty scholars. These schools are certainly doing much good. Not alone, that we gather many of these children gradually into the Sunday-school, we also gain the confidence as well as the interest of the parents for our church and principles by teaching their child. We look most hopefully upon these institutions for future progress.

Last August we planted a mission at Curtis Bay, a manufacturing suburb; two young men already rejoice in their Saviour.

On Thanksgiving day the church will assemble three times for a real giving of thanks for the many tokens of undeserved favors received by the hand of our most gracious Lord, among which in particular I wish to mention the appointment of a lady missionary by your board. She has already made 149 visits, distributed 1,036 pages of tracts, etc., she has brought forty-nine scholars to sewing schools, and has attended three consecutive Saturdays fore and afternoons. She is most devotedly engaged in the King's business.

One branch of her work must necessarily be delayed until the emigrant steamships are permitted to land again as freely and regularly as formerly. This work will form an important feature of her missionary labors.

Pray for us, dear brother, that God in his mercy may send streams of

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

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

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

J. WILLIAM JONES, EDITOR.

ATLANTA, GA., NOV., 1892.

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THE DAY OF ACTION HAS COME.

We note in the excellent report of the General Association of Kentucky, by "W. H. W." in the *Examiner*, an expression of his joy that in our Centennial movement, the day of oratory has passed and the day of action has come. This expression, taken in connection with similar ones found in some of our religious papers, may imply a censure of the Centennial Committee for prolonging the one and delaying the other. We desire to say in behalf of that committee that such censure is not deserved. No people need more of that kind of oratory which conveys instruction and awakes to duty, than our Southern Baptists. No people of equal intelligence, piety, and resources, give so little to carry out the Saviour's purpose to convert the world. There are causes that grow out of our history and our present condition that have wrought this result. These we have not time to mention in this connection, but the fact is indisputable. Even our negro churches, in proportion to their wealth, are far more liberal to the cause of Christ than our white churches; while the German churches among us, few and weak, exhibit five times the liberality towards religious objects shown by churches composed of our Anglo-Saxon people. The need for an ex-

tended campaign of education was most imperative. Then there were reasons why the day of action should be postponed. The country was undergoing one of the most stringent financial crises known in its history. Nothing could alleviate this but the production and marketing of another crop. Nature's bank held the only resources on which our people could draw to meet their pressing needs. The corn, and wheat, sugar, rice, cotton, and tobacco were the principal things which could be converted into money, and these must be produced before the financial pressure would pass away. To have attempted collections before these were ready to be put upon the market, would have been to have courted disaster. Then the country was passing through a presidential election, which in the South presented new and peculiar features. At its beginning our people were much divided, and in many of our states the contest was heated and uncertain. A new party was in the field, whose strength was unknown, and men were excited and anxious about the result. Many of our leading men felt that the future destiny of the South hung in the scale, and the triumph of certain measures was her ruin. Whether this was so or not is not material. As long as men believed it, the effect was the same upon their minds as if it were an actual reality. To have begun the day of action before the settlement of these questions which so deeply agitated the public mind, would have been most injudicious.

The success attendant upon the delay vindicates the wisdom of the committee's action. Already Maryland, Kentucky, Alabama, and South Carolina have given every assurance that they will contribute their full quota of the Centennial Fund, and those who have felt the spirit of the people enter in no doubt that every other state will follow their noble example.

AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED BY
THE HOME MISSION BOARD
FOR MISSION WORK IN TEXAS.

1882.....	\$4,500 00
1883.....	4,500 00
1884.....	6,500 00
1885.....	6,500 00
1886.....	6,500 00
1887.....	6,500 00
1888.....	7,235 88
1889.....	6,279 70
1890.....	6,356 44
1891.....	8,240 00
1892.....	5,030 00

Total in ten years.....\$58,142 02

The above table will show what our board has been doing in the great empire of Texas for the past ten years. And yet we have not been able to meet at all the destitution of that field, or the reasonable appeals made to us for help. Indeed we might judiciously expend in Texas many times as much money as we have done.

It is a modest claim that we make when we say that the present prosperity of Texas Baptists—the noble things they are doing and their magnificent possibilities for the future—is due in no small measure to the work of the Home Mission Board, which ever since 1845 has regarded Texas as one of its most important fields and has sustained there many of its noblest, and most efficient missionaries.

THE CENTENNIAL FUND FOR
PERMANENT WORK.

We are greatly gratified at the progress made in securing this fund. The agencies employed by the committee in charge of this work are meeting with the most encouraging success.

Their plans were perfected at their Louisville meeting in October. They proposed two things.

First. To appeal personally to the membership of our ablest churches by sending to them Rev. W. D. Powell, so well and widely known for his adaptation to such a work.

Second. To appeal by correspondence with the pastors to all the other churches in the Convention for a liberal contribution for this purpose.

Brother Powell's work has succeeded beyond expectation. Already Maryland, and Kentucky, and Alabama have pledged well nigh the entire amounts asked of them, with every assurance that their whole quota will be raised.

In response to the letters addressed to pastors already the most gratifying intelligence is coming in. The work goes bravely on. There is a wide-spread confidence in the success of the undertaking, and with the blessing of God we will succeed. What our Baptist people give to our Mission Work is measured not by their ability but by their interest in the Lord's cause. When they get in earnest about the Master's kingdom, as they sometimes do about their political affairs, they will sweep vice and irreligion from the land, and girdle the earth with mission stations as thick as the stars of heaven.

HOME MISSION BOARD AND THE
CENTENNIAL.

What need has the Home Mission Board for the one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars which constitutes its part of the Centennial Fund for permanent work?

1. To make the last payment on church building in Havana.

2. To aid feeble churches in building houses of worship in our own country.

There are now a thousand homeless white Baptist churches in the South, and there are nearly a thousand other places where there is neither Baptist church nor house of worship, where both ought to exist.

The board estimates that houses can be built in many of these places by a gift or loan of two hundred or two hundred and fifty dollars. The church and the community will supply the remainder.

It is designed to make this a permanent fund which will be increased until it shall fully meet this great need of our denomination.

REV. DR. E. C. DARGAN, the new professor at the seminary (and for the excellent likeness of whom on our first page we are under obligations to the *Seminary Magazine*) is eminently worthy to take his place in the faculty of that noble "School of the Prophets." Of fine native talents, a graduate of Furman University, and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Dargan has been a hard student, and has long been recognized as one of the most gifted and scholarly of our preachers. Sound to the core in his theology, young, enthusiastic, a born teacher, and possessed of a very large amount of consecrated common sense, Dr. Dargan has at once made his mark at the Seminary, and if spared a few years, will take his place beside Boyce, and Broadus, and Williams, and Manly, and Whitsett, and Toy, and Kerfoot, and Riggan, and Sampey and Robertson, who have made the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—in the extent and thoroughness of its course, and the standard of its scholarship, as well as in its adherence to the old standards of God's Word, and its adaptation to the needs of the Baptist ministry—by all odds and beyond all comparison, the best Theological Seminary in America, or in the world.

We congratulate the Seminary on securing Dr. Dargan, and bid him a hearty "God speed" in the bright career that lies before him.

THE LAST PAYMENT ON THE HAVANA HOUSE has been made, and this magnificent piece of property is now deeded, with unclouded title, to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Tichenor left Atlanta on the 3d of December with money in hand to pay in full the last dollar due on the purchase money.

But in order to do this the board had to borrow money, which was considered wise policy as the full amount is already pledged and as interest is lower in Atlanta than in Cuba, and it was, of course, an advantage to pay on the day on which the payment was due.

But this means that we want at once the amount of your pledge. Many brethren and churches made pledges of so much on each payment, and have only paid on one or two payments. Others have said: "We will help you on the last payment." Well, those pledges are now due and we beg our brethren to redeem them at their earliest convenience.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL PAPERS AND HELPS, (and by "ours" we mean, of course, those of the Southern Baptist Convention, published by our Sunday-school Board at Nashville), should be put in all of our Southern Baptist Sunday-schools and for the following reasons:

1. They are *ours*, the property of the Southern Baptist Convention, and every dollar of profit on them goes into the Mission Treasury of the Southern Baptist Convention, so that an order for these Helps is really a contribution to our Missions. As, therefore, this series is *ours*, published by order of our Convention, and controlled by a board which we have appointed to do this work, it would seem to require no argument to show that the schools of churches in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention ought to patronize them, even if they were not equal to some others.

2. But the series is amply able to stand on its own merits. Indeed we would be glad to have those competent to judge make a comparison with any other series, as we are fully satisfied, from having made such comparison ourselves, that the Convention series is in all respects the equal of any other, and in some particulars the superior of any others, and that in its adaptation to Southern Baptist Sunday-schools it has absolutely no equal.

3. We mention now only one other of the many other reasons that might be given for using our own series, and this reason alone is paramount. It is of the highest moment that our children should be instructed on missions in general, and on the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in particular. Our Convention series breathes all through its graded helps the spirit of missions, has articles on the general subject and on the missions of our Convention, has a whole page in *Kind Words* (under the editorship of Miss Alice Armstrong) devoted to both Home and Foreign Missions, and has every quarter a mission lesson in which, from time to time, the mission fields of our Convention, at home and abroad, are thoroughly studied.

We know of no other series from which our children would learn the names of the fields or the missionaries, or of the work of our Convention.

Surely, then, our own Sunday-school series ought to be in all of our Southern Baptist Sunday-schools. Send your orders to the Baptist Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn.

THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CALENDAR OF PRAYER FOR 1893 is an improvement on the admirable one they had last year.

Everybody wants a calendar, and will have one, and this, besides being a very beautiful calendar, has for each day the name of a missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention, in either the Home or the Foreign Field, with a suggestion that special prayers

be made for that missionary that day.

As every cent of profit on the calendar is given to missions, and as it familiarizes our people with the fields and missionaries of our Convention, and is an earnest call to pray for them, we should rejoice to see a copy not only in every home, but in the hands of every Baptist within the bounds of our Convention, and beyond it. The price of single copies is 25 cents, but they can be had in quantities at a liberal discount.

They can be procured from the compiler, Miss M. E. Wright, Augusta, Ga., or from the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, No. 9 West Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

REV. J. V. COVA, one of our most efficient missionaries to Havana, has just made us a hurried visit, having come over to place at the Judson Institute, his daughter, Miss Pura Cova, whom our Baptist women of Alabama, have agreed to educate.

Bro. Cova attended the Alabama convention, and we learn that he made a fine impression on the brethren by his address, and his private intercourse with them.

He was so anxious to return to his loved work, that we could not prevail on him to remain longer and attend other meetings.

Well educated, zealous, and devoted to his work, Bro. Cova is a "true yoke fellow" with Diaz, and one of the most efficient missionaries we have in our employ.

THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN 1862.

By Wm. Allan, M. A., LL. D., formerly Chief of Ordnance of the Second ("Stonewall") Corps, Army Northern Virginia. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Col. Wm. Allan was our college mate at the University of Virginia, where he took the degree of Master of Arts with high distinction. He was our comrade in the old "Stonewall" corps of the army of Northern Virginia, where he won a fine reputation as one of the ablest and most efficient of that bright galaxy of young officers, whom "Stonewall" Jackson had on his personal staff.

He was our intimate personal friend when he was one of General Lee's professors at Washington and Lee University, and afterwards superintendent of the famous McDonough school near Baltimore.

We speak, therefore, from full knowledge when we say that Wm. Allan was one of the ablest military writers we ever had—that his books on "Jackson's Valley Campaign" and on "Chancellorsville" are the most valuable contributions to a true history of those campaigns that have been published—that his frequent contributions to the *Southern Historical Society Papers* and other magazines showed him to be one of the most

painstaking, accurate, and valuable of all our military critics, and that his present book, his last literary work before he "crossed over the river" to join his commander on the other side, is one of the most valuable of all his historical works.

It treats of a most interesting period of the history of the Army of Northern Virginia. With a brief but very clear statement of the situation in the winter of 1861, and McClellan's plans for the campaign of 1862, he tells the story of the siege of Yorktown, the Peninsular campaign, McClellan's advance to the Chickahominy, and the battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks).

Clearly outlining the effect of Jackson's Valley campaign, he gives the history of the Army of Northern Virginia as, under the command of the peerless Lee (after Gen. Johnston was wounded at Seven Pines), it won seven days battles around Richmond, defeated Pope's advance at Cedar Run, won the splendid victory at Second Manassas and drove the Federal army into the fortifications around Washington, crossed the Potomac, captured Harper's Ferry with 11,500 prisoners, 13,000 stand of arms, 73 pieces of artillery and immense quantities of stores of every description, fought the battle of Sharpsburg, (Antietam) against overwhelming numbers, and crowned the campaign by the brilliant victory at Fredericksburg. Col. Allan had thoroughly studied the official reports, and whatever else had been written, on both sides, and this added to his personal knowledge of these campaigns, in which he was an active participant, and no unimportant factor, has enabled him to produce a book fair, impartial, and strictly accurate, while it is as interesting as a romance.

John C. Ropes, Esq., of Boston, himself an able and very fair military writer and critic, thus concludes an admirable introduction to the book:

"It is, therefore, not without reason that we welcome this book, written as it is by an officer whose opportunities of observation were so extensive, whose capacity for military criticism has been so long attested and admired, and whose impartiality has received such abundant recognition. We cannot doubt that this narrative of the operations in Virginia, during the year 1862, will be cordially received as an important and permanent addition to the best histories of the Civil War." The publishers have done their part in the very best style of the book-maker's art, and the paper, type, binding, maps, &c., are all that could be desired.

The frontispiece is a speaking likeness of our old friend which we warmly prize, and shall carefully preserve.

We need scarcely add the hope that the book will have a wide circulation, North as well as South, and find its way into the libraries and homes of our people, generally. Cer-

tainly no library which pretends to historic fullness can afford to be without it.

We are indebted for an advance copy of the book to our friend Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allan (daughter of the famous "song bird of the South," Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, and herself a graceful and accomplished writer), with whom it has been, indeed, a "labor of love," to have published the manuscript left by her gallant, gifted, and noble husband.

And we cannot close this imperfect notice without recording our profound sense of the loss we have sustained in the fact that Col. Allan did not live to fulfill his purpose of writing the full history of the Army of Northern Virginia, and our highest gratification that he was spared to complete so large a part of it.

A PICNIC IN PALESTINE. By Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D. Baltimore: The Wharton & Barron Pub. Co.—We once said of a lecture on a trip to Europe which we heard Dr. Wharton make: "It is just charming. He talks like a bright boy who has had a delightful trip, kept his eyes and ears open, and tells about it in a fresh, vivid, rollicking style, brimful of alternate wit, humor, instruction, and pathos." We do not know how better to describe the book before us than to repeat the same remark. In the spring of 1891 Dr. Wharton took a party on a tour through the Holy Land. They saw what was to be seen, and had a most delightful trip, and in this book he tells about it in his fresh, vigorous, vivid, and charming style.

The book is one of very deep interest, and great value, and any one who begins to read it, will be sure to finish it, for there is not a drowsy page in it.

We most heartily commend it as a book for the center table, the home, and the Sunday-school.

It is beautifully gotten up, with numerous illustrations, and would make a handsome Christmas present, which would admirably combine the true, the beautiful, and the good.

The breath of God is moving upon the hearts of his people, and they are awaking to the greatness of the work before them. He is mindful of his promise to his Son and is calling his people to the conquest of the world. The heathen will be given to his Son for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

S. H. Hardwick, A. G. P. A. of the R. & D. R. R., has placed under additional obligations for courtesies. It is fortunate that this great road, which is so admirably managed that it is a comfort to travel on it, has in so important a position a gentleman who well combines fidelity and skill with courtesy.

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blessings into all our hearts and make us fitful instruments for the salvation of many of our countrymen in this city.

We shall soon take up a collection for Centennial missions; of course we want a band in it too, although our finances are not what they ought to be.

May the Lord bless the Southern Baptist Convention most abundantly in sending men and means to carry on its blessed work for the salvation of many. Yours most respectfully in Christ,

WM. RITZMANN,

Pastor German Baptist Church.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Read Before the Maryland Union Association at its Recent Session.

The crying need of Home Mission work as undertaken by the Board of the S. B. C. is that the people of the South shall become concerned for the prosecution of the work.

Let us glance over the field. Cuba is an island with a population of from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 souls. All the protestant work that is being done does not reach more than about 500,000 of the people, leaving more than a million without the pure gospel, the most of them undoubtedly, without any true conception of the way of life. "No priest, no sacrament; no sacrament no salvation," is a maxim of terrible power over their minds.

Wonderful blessings have attended our work in Cuba thus far. New stations should be opened, the final payment on the Havana House must be made this winter, the school should be so provided for that Brother Diaz can be relieved of all duties connected with it, and thus enabled to give all his time to evangelization.

The mountainous district, comprising West Virginia, and parts of Virginia, North, and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, has a population of about 300,000 people. The work of evangelization is by no means complete among them; and many of those who have been evangelized need yet to be taught to "observe all things" which Christ has commanded, including the great commission. Nothing at all adequate is being done in this region, and cannot be until a larger income is secured to the board.

The colored people of the South should be helped Godward by the board, as they have not yet been. The institutes which have been held among the colored preachers are good as far as they go; the work carried on by C. C. Brown, of Sumter, in the education of young men in Benedict Institute is also good; the sustaining of missionaries among the colored people is eminently proper; but the work along all lines needs to be greatly increased.

Our work among the Indians must be somewhat changed; but it must

not be considered as completed. The Indians are not, according to the most reliable evidence, a vanishing race. The best authorities say that there are probably as many Indians within the boundaries of the United States as there were in the same territory when Columbus discovered America. In his last annual report, Hon. T. J. Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, said: "There never was a better opportunity for the churches to establish schools or missions and prosecute christian work among the Indians than at the present."

In our cities there is a tremendous work to do. Dr. Tichenor says: "St. Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans have spiritual necessities that it would exhaust all resources of our board to supply." In New Orleans alone there are 34,000 children growing up in utter ignorance of the word of God.

The religious destitution of Louisiana, outside of New Orleans, is very great; but that of Arkansas and of Texas is still greater. The work upon the frontiers of our territory is calling for a heroism and self-sacrifice on the part of the missionaries not to be excelled by that which is exhibited upon any of our foreign fields. A man struggling along to do Christ's work and care for a large family upon \$300 to \$400 a year, certainly presents no mean type of christian heroism; but those of us who, in comfort, suffer him thus to sacrifice, because we do not give to help him, are far from presenting a type of christian heroism that is either pleasant or elevating to contemplate.

The demand for work among the foreign population is already great, and must become much greater with the influx of foreigners upon our shores. In Missouri alone there are 800,000 Germans among whom no other Baptist body than our board is attempting any religious work.

There are two thousand homeless Baptist churches that need to be provided with buildings by the assistance of this board of the S. B. C.

We do not think that the board is accomplishing all that ought to be accomplished by the Baptists of the South, in caring for the work of Home Missions; we think that the expenses of the Board exhaust too large a per cent. of its collections; but we must remember that there are certain fixed expenses that must be incurred in carrying on a comparatively small work, and that would not be materially increased if the work were greatly enlarged; we must remember, too, that the Lord is the only one who has power to feed the thousands with a small boy's lunch. The remedy for the evils existing is to be found mainly in enlarged contributions from God's people.

The year opened with little of promise visible; but recent returns indicate that the Home Board will receive more this year than ever before for its regular work, and a large part, if not all of what is asked for the Centennial Fund. Maryland gives this year \$12,809.67 as against \$6,006.02 given last year. The most of us must not take too much credit to ourselves for this good showing, as a glance at the tables will make manifest how it is brought about; if some one has done well may God help the rest of us to follow a good example.

The aid given by the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society calls for grateful and appreciative notice.

This Society will report contributions amounting to \$4,923.11, and how much this Society has contributed to missionary interest and the success of the Centennial movement in the Sunday-schools and churches also, none but the All-seeing One can ever tell. Surely we cannot do less than to give our hearty endorsement to the work of this Society, and urge that a branch of the same be organized in every church.

C. A. FULTON, F. B. LABARRER,
J. G. FLOYD, R. B. COLLIER.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

I had the privilege of spending a day at the recent meeting of this Association held with the First Baptist church in Washington.

It was a largely attended, spirited, interesting and profitable meeting, and I very much regretted that it was out of my power to be present during the entire session.

The statistics for the year, brought out by the digest of letters, were as follows:

The present membership of the churches is 3,880, an increase of 259.

The current expenses of churches, including pastors' salary, has been \$39,064.84—for church improvement of property, \$8,511.90. Estimated value of church property, \$508,000. Amount of mortgaged debt, \$48,750. Floating debt, \$681.

The Association has given, in behalf of benevolence, during the year \$75,432.77. Sunday-school expenses \$4,821.15. Contributions, \$5,929.40. Total contributions from churches and schools, \$81,362.17.

The Sunday-schools connected with the Association number fifteen, with 128 officers, 387 teachers and 5,062 scholars.

This is an admirable showing and clearly indicates that there are in the Washington churches liberal givers, and many efficient workers.

The Association, through its Executive Board, is doing some very efficient work in the city and the District, and the Treasurer reported the receipt of \$15,720.23 for the work during the past year.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, and our Home Mission Board are both making appropriations to this work, and it seems eminently appropriate that they should do so since Washington belongs to the whole country, North, South, East, and West.

The usual topics were discussed with ability, earnestness, and power.

A very favorable opportunity was granted to Dr. Palmer, the representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Assistant Secretary of the Home Board, to present the great cause of Home Missions. Dr. Palmer made an admirable speech, which made a fine impression for his society.

The representative of the Home Board, after a general statement of our work, brought out the fact that the First church of Washington, in whose magnificent house the Association was then meeting, was once a mission station of the Home Mission Board.

He quoted the following extracts from the reports to show the work that this board had formerly done in Washington:

The seventh annual report, 1852, says:

"It was remarked before, that in twenty-one cities of the South, we had churches and stations. Of these,

the First church in the city of Washington, has, within the past year, become self-sustaining, and is even making arrangements to refund, eventually, the money advanced. Under the exemplary and pious labors of its present pastor, its congregation is increasing.

"Situated as Washington is, the center of influence for the whole Union, ever filled with transient visitors, who here imbibe the most lasting influence, we can only feel that the very highest class of missionary labor is here required, and that it would not be unworthy the denomination to call to this city the very best ministerial labors, even at an expenditure from abroad of almost any requisite amount.

"Our expenditures in Maryland and Washington during the past year have been nearly four times greater than the receipts, while this is one of those old and wealthy, liberal and efficient, sections of the Union, from which most liberal contributions may, it is hoped, be expected in future, when the operations of the board are better understood."

The eighth annual report, 1853, says:

"The board appointed Rev. T. C. Teasdale as their missionary to labor as pastor of the Fourth church, recently organized."

The ninth report, 1854, says:

"The new Baptist church under the care of Rev. T. C. Teasdale, has been gradually prospering. Fifty-five have been added by baptism. The Second African church, Rev. Gustavus Brown, pastor, has also enjoyed seasons of ingathering. Eighteen have been baptized."

The report of the board made in 1861 shows:

Rev. H. A. Butler, African Baptist church, Washington, D. C., to be a missionary of the board.

The action of our board in going back to this field of its former labors, this great center of influence, to revive the work of other days, and to seek to reap a harvest of souls from seed sown nearly a half century ago, will be heartily approved by our brethren generally. And it may be added that if any of the churches in Washington should see fit to reciprocate by helping the board in its great work, it would be a graceful and warmly appreciated act.

The ruling of the admirable moderator, Rev. Dr. Muir, that "applause should not be tolerated in religious meetings," seconded by the emphatic endorsement of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, who was making a characteristic speech at the time, and "brought down the house" by his eloquent and powerful way of putting things, was very grateful to some of us who have watched the progress of this disorder, as it has gone even into our Southern Baptist Convention since the days of our grand old Presidents Mell and Boyce. Why cannot an influence go out from Washington which shall stop the miserable practice in our Baptist meetings at least?

The hospitality of the First church was graceful and abundant. The ladies served an elegant lunch for both dinner and supper, and I regretted that I could not remain to accept invitations to a number of their homes.

Washington is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and is improving rapidly every year.

Our Baptists hosts seem to be keeping step in the march of progress, and Pastor Stakely and his church to be near the head of the column.

J. W. J.

CHAPEL CARDS.

*A Paper Read Before Meeting of the
Woman's Missionary Societies of
Kentucky at the Kentucky
General Association.*

By Mrs. Zelinda Ashton.

The gospel has done most for women, hence she ought to love most, and should ever consider it her highest duty, as well as exalted privilege, to do her part in carrying the gospel to every creature. It is scarcely necessary to call the attention of these intelligent Baptist women to our Chapel Cards, for all are familiar with them and their purposes, but pardon me for saying that oftentimes we need to have our attention called again and again to even familiar duties. While our Executive Committee were puzzling their brains to devise ways and means to secure contributions to our Centennial Fund, and at the same time reach the masses, the idea of the Chapel Cards came like an inspiration, for by the use of these simple little instruments they hoped to find entrance into cot and palace, and secure a contribution from every woman and child in the Southern Baptist Convention. What are we doing to push the circulation of these cards? What are we contributing? Miss Armstrong in one of her admirable articles asks, what are we going to do without that we may be enabled to give to this fund? Now, hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder to this band of do-nothings let there be joined the Band of Extra Workers—those who are willing to give the fruits of extra labor to swell this fund. I know a woman over in Bluegrass, Kentucky, who belongs to the work-a-day world, yet when her working hours are over, oftentimes with aching brow and weary limbs, gladly does extra work that she may have something to lay lovingly at the feet of her Master, and she assures me that these hours of labor are among the sweetest of her life, for she feels that Jesus knows.

It is a glorious privilege to be living in this good year of ninety-two. There never was a time when woman was so honored, so deferentially considered. Realizing our individual responsibility in this matter, let us rise to a sense of our privileges and opportunities. Let each one of us do our part to speed the coming of the kingdom. I am deeply impressed with the belief that right now our Father is putting us to a crucial test as to whether we are willing to render to him as much as a tithing of the interest of that over which he has made us stewards. We pray thy kingdom come, let us work as we pray.

RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MIS-
SION BOARD FROM NOVEMBER
1st TO DECEMBER 1st, 1892.

ALABAMA.

W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$515.95; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., Centennial Chapel Fund, 11.48; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., Centennial Fund, 235.60; Sunday-school, Florence, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.50; Cadet Sunbeam Society, Cusseta Centennial Chapel Fund, 17.10; church, Cusseta, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.25; Sunday-school, Cusseta, Centennial Chapel Fund, .85; Mrs. E. E. Waldrop and her Sunday-school class, East Lake, education of Carmen Zanchez, 26.00. Eufaula Association, 66.43; Talapoosa River Association, 8.90.

Total for the month, \$815.93.
Previously reported, \$1,749.87.
Aggregate since May, \$2,565.50.

ARKANSAS.

Bentonville, \$1.35; Sunday-school, Rogers, Centennial Fund, 3.70; Sunday-school, Warren, Centennial Fund, 5.00; "Little Chapel-Builders," Searcy, Centennial Chapel Fund, 15.00; Monticello, 14.50.

Total for the month, \$39.75.
Previously reported, \$195.76.
Aggregate since May, \$235.51.

FLORIDA.

Sunday-school, Bristol, Centennial Fund, \$10.35.

Total for the month, \$10.35.
Previously reported, \$194.38.
Aggregate since May, \$204.73.

GEORGIA.

Bethsaida church, by G. B. Stovall, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$10.00; Horeb Sunday-school, by J. T. Whaley, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Sunday-school, Oostanaula, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Southern Female College, LaGrange, Centennial Fund, 45.00; Sunday-school, Blakely, 8.30; Sunday-school, Blakely, Centennial Chapel Fund, 6.70; Woman's Missionary Union, First church, Atlanta, 5.00; F. C. McConnell, Tr., North Georgia, 50.00; Sunday-school, Watkinsonville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Ira St. Sunday-school, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 3.00; Mission Sunday-school, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 55; J. G. Gibson, Sec., 400.00; J. G. Gibson, Sec., Cuban Missions, 27.50; J. G. Gibson, Sec., Indian Missions, 9.00; J. G. Gibson, Sec., Centennial Fund, 166.93; Sunday-school, Second church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, \$4.98; Woman's Missionary Society, Hephzibah, Havana House, 18.10; Sunday-school, Hephzibah, Havana House, 3.00; church, Hephzibah, Havana House, 3.75; Sunbeam Society, Hephzibah, Havana House, .15; Roswell Association, by N. F. Cooledge, 8.75; Jeffersonville, S. S., Chapel Fund, 15.00.

Total for the month, \$776.71.
Previously reported, \$4,422.91.
Aggregate since May, \$5,299.62.

KENTUCKY.

Katie Ham, Yelvington, Centennial Chapel Fund (Brick Card), \$5.00; Ladies' Society, Ghent, 13.50; Miss Lulle Delp, Tr., Louisville, Centennial Fund, 77.41; Mrs. Zelinda Ashton, Flemingsburg, 2.00; Williamsburg W. M. S., Centennial Fund, 5.00; Fox Run Sunday School Centennial Fund, 11.35; Adairsville Sunday School Centennial Fund, 3.30; First Church Sunday School, Lexington, 21.30; Bethel Church, 29.55.

Total for the month, \$95.07.
Previously reported, \$3,475.65.
Aggregate since May, \$3,571.11.

LOUISIANA.

Sunday-school, Jackson, Centennial Fund, \$1.00; Thirty contributors, First church, New Orleans, 3.00.

Total for the month, \$6.00.
Previously reported, \$60.95.
Aggregate since May, \$66.95.

MARYLAND.

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$762.52; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland, Salaries Frontier Missionaries, 279.47; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland, Cuban Mission Society of Maryland, Miss Diaz' salary, 45.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland, Work among colored people, 12.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Box for Frontier Missionary, 127.50; Lee Street church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, 331.50; Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 32.00; Crisfield church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 30.00; Fuller Memorial church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 14.95; Cumberland church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 5.84; Laurel church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Henry Taylor, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 100.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Mrs. Tyler, Tr., 20.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Mrs. Tyler, Tr., Cuban school, 20.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Mrs. Tyler, Tr., Centennial Fund, 112.85.

Total for the month, \$1,969.63.
Previously reported, \$3,958.44.
Aggregate since May, \$5,928.07.

MISSISSIPPI.

Ladies' Society, Gloster, Box for frontier missionary, \$25.00; "Sunbeams" Peach Creek, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.25; Sunday-school, Flora, Centennial Chapel Fund, 11.00; Sunday-school, Toccoola, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.75; Crystal Springs S. S., Chapel Fund, 11.40.

Total for the month, \$44.00.
Previously reported, \$375.80.
Aggregate since May, \$429.80.

MISSOURI.

Sunday-school, Stony Point, Centennial Fund, \$2.30; Woman's Missionary Society, St. Louis, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, St. Louis, 5.00; Savannah Avenue church, St. Joseph, Centennial Fund, 3.00; Six Scholars, Sunday-school, DeKalb, Centennial Chapel Fund, 30.00; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Centennial Fund, 7.50; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Havana House, 10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Cuban Missions, 3.00; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Home Missions, 39.85; A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, 166.09; Shellburne Sunday-school, by Frank Maxey, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Bethany church, 1.75; J. W. Shotwell, Richmond, Havana House, 15.00.

Total for the month, \$284.49.
Previously reported, \$1,182.54.
Aggregate since May, \$1,467.03.

NORTH CAROLINA.

J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, \$100.
Total for month, \$100.
Previously reported, \$766.53.
Aggregate since May, \$1,166.53.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Granitville church, Ridge Association, \$7.44; Sunday-school, Piedmont Centennial

Fund, 5.00; Master Walton Harper, Lower Three Runs Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 1.00; Lula Whilden Sunbeam Society, Citadel Square Church, Charleston Chapel Fund 2.15; Sunday-school, Damascus church, Abbeville Association, 9.35; Mizpah Sunday-school, 12.29; Miss F. P. Wilson, Treasurer Central Committee Women's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 75.72; Miss F. P. Wilson, Treasurer Central Committee Women's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 1.45; Miss F. P. Wilson, Treasurer Central Committee Women's Missionary Society, 97.94; Children's Centennial Day, through Miss F. P. Wilson, Treasurer, Centennial Fund, 199.53; Children's Centennial Day, through Miss F. P. Wilson, Treasurer, 24.20; Corinth church and Sunday-school, Charleston Association, Centennial Fund, 7.00; Sunday-school, Ridgeway, 7.82; Sumter, 7.82; Orangeburg Association, by T. E. Rickenbocker, 53.50; Four Holes church, by T. E. Rickenbocker, Centennial Fund, 28.50; Fair Forest, Centennial Fund 10.00; Beech Island, 3.83; Little Stevens Creek church, Edgefield Association, 6.00; Pendleton Street church, Greenville, 4.50; Pendleton Street church, Greenville, Centennial Fund, 2.00; Poplar Springs church, 1.40; Welsh Neck Association, 82.58; Welsh Neck Association, Centennial Fund, 3.30; Welsh Neck church, 29.79; Spartanburg Association, 16.06; Padgett's Creek church, 4.60; Padgett's Creek church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Colleton Association, 3.74; Sauldum church, 3.00; Limestone church, 60; Mt. Zion church, Chester Association, 3.00; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, 3.00; Second church, Columbia, 4.10; Sunday-school, second church, Columbia, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Sunbeam Society, Second church, Columbia, Centennial Chapel Fund, 11.05; Bethel Sunday-school, Reedy River Association, Centennial Chapel Fund, 7.70; First church, Newberry, Centennial Chapel Fund, 20.60; Mt. Moriah church, Abbeville Association, Centennial Fund, 6.40; Sunday-school, Bishopville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.12; Sunday-school, Greenwood, Centennial Chapel Fund, 26.35; Sunday-school, Troy, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.00; Central Committee, Women's Missionary Society, Education Cabin Girl, 40.00; Central Committee, Women's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel fund, 70.74; Central Committee, Women's Missionary Society, 12.80; Walhalla church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.00; Walhalla Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 49; Miss Mollie Brazeale, Salem Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Miss Adelia Burriss, Salem Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Sunday-school, Hartsville, 11.12; Sunday-school, Hartsville, Centennial Chapel, 11.41; New Bethel Chester Association, 6.00; York Association 11.86; Cool Branch, Chapel Fund, 6.74.

Total for the month, \$1,064.86.

Previously reported, \$2,014.86.

Aggregate since May, \$3,079.84.

TENNESSEE.

Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Centennial Fund, \$27.23; Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 7.81; First church, Memphis, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Sunday-school, First church, Memphis, Centennial Fund, 9.57; Children's Band, Beech Grove church, by Julia and Baldwin Robertson, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Sunday-school, North Fork, by Miss Maud Nichols, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Maloney, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.00; Sunday-school, First church, Jackson, Centennial Chapel Fund, 9.03.

Collections of W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer:

Antioch church, Concord Association, 2.00; Jackson Sunday-school, Clinton Association, 3.03; New Hope church, Concord Association, 3.21; New Hope Sunday-

chool, Concord association, 1.19; Woodbury church, Salem Association, 16.66; Spring Creek church, Cumberland Association, 2.53; Medina church, Central Association, 2.70; Boyd's Creek church, Chilwee Association, 5.84; Clarksville church, Cumberland Association, 22.15; New Hope church, Cumberland Association, 26.09; New Hope church, Centennial Fund, 16.05; Ocoee Association, Centennial Fund, 5.18; Kirkwood church, Cumberland Association, Centennial Fund, 5.77; "The Young South," O. L. Halley, Vice-president, Centennial Fund, 30.00; North Edgefield church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Knoxville, Second church, Young children, Centennial Fund, 22.24; Sunday-school, Third church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Western District Association, Centennial Fund, 6.30; Hickory Grove Sunday-school, Central Association, Centennial Fund, 6.97; Geo. H. Whitley, Cumberland, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Round Lick church, New Salem, Centennial Fund, 16.00; Sunday-school, Second church, Chattanooga, Centennial Fund, 1.75; Anson Nelson, Nashville, Cuban Missions, 5.00; Clover Creek church, Centennial Fund, 7.16.

Total for the month, \$305.46.
Previously reported, \$1,315.45.
Aggregate since May, \$1,619.91.

TEXAS.

Sunday-school, Reagan, \$4.75; Sunday-school, Thornton, Centennial Fund, 5.00.
Total for the month, \$9.75.
Previously reported, \$1,279.89.
Aggregate since May, \$1,289.64.

VIRGINIA.

Sunday-school, Western Branch, Havana House, \$6.30; Beulah Missionary Society, Venner, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.00; Ladies' Society, Walnut Grove, Box for Frontier Missionary, 4.50; "Sunbeams," Chatham, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$8.80.
Previously reported, \$4,155.26.
Aggregate since May, \$4,174.06.

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. Henry Sheldon, Chicago, Illinois, Havana House, \$1,000.00.
Total for the month, \$1,000.
Previously reported, \$53.50.
Aggregate since May, \$1,053.50.

Grand total for month, \$6,880.31.
Previously reported, \$25,602.25.
Aggregate since May, \$32,482.56.

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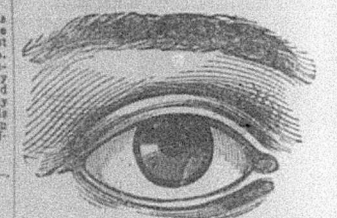
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