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ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD S. B. C. FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1893.

The report opens with an expression of gratitude for the divine blessing in preserving the lives of all of the members of Board, and of all of its missionaries, and for the large measure of success that has attended the labors of the Board during the past year.

It gives the following statistics of work during the year:

## MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

Alabama,	1
Arkansas,	24
Cuba,	20
Florida,	42
District of Columbia,	4
Georgia,	19
Indian Territory,	16
Kentucky,	9
Louisiana,	22
Maryland,	3
Missouri,	7
Oklahoma,	8
Tennessee,	6
Texas,	127
Virginia,	2
West Arkansas and Indian Territory,	38
Western North Carolina,	20
West Virginia,	2
Total,	368

## WORK DONE.

Missionaries,	368
Weeks of labor,	14,014
Churches and stations,	1,482
Sermons and addresses,	38,007
Prayer meetings,	12,564
Baptisms,	5,111
Received by letter,	4,493
Total additions,	9,604
Sunday-schools organized,	412
Teachers and pupils,	16,611
Religious visits,	54,134
Churches constituted,	155
Houses of worship built,	92
Bibles and Testaments,	1,748
Pages of tracts distributed,	919,587

The report speaks in strong terms of the value and importance of the organ of the Board—OUR HOME FIELD—as absolutely essential to the efficient prosecution of the work of the Board, and urges the continuance of the office of Assistant Secretary, because “the work of the Home Mission Board cannot be kept at its present magnitude by the labors of a single secretary, much less increased to meet the growing demands.”

The report introduces the report of the Woman's Missionary Union, with the strongest commendation of the zeal, wisdom and consecrated tact with which these noble women have done their work, and says:

“The contribution to our treasury

of \$26,283.97 during the past year by the Woman's Missionary Society (besides what they have done for Foreign Missions) is a most gratifying exhibit. But far beyond the money they have contributed, we prize the modest, womanly, scriptural manner in which they have done their work, the sweet spirit in which they have co-operated with the Board, but above all, the incense of fervent, humble effective prayer which has gone up from so many loving hearts, and called down God's richest blessing upon the Board, its missionaries, and its work.”

The report of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention is given in full, and is a most gratifying exhibit of a grand work efficiently performed. The Treasurer's

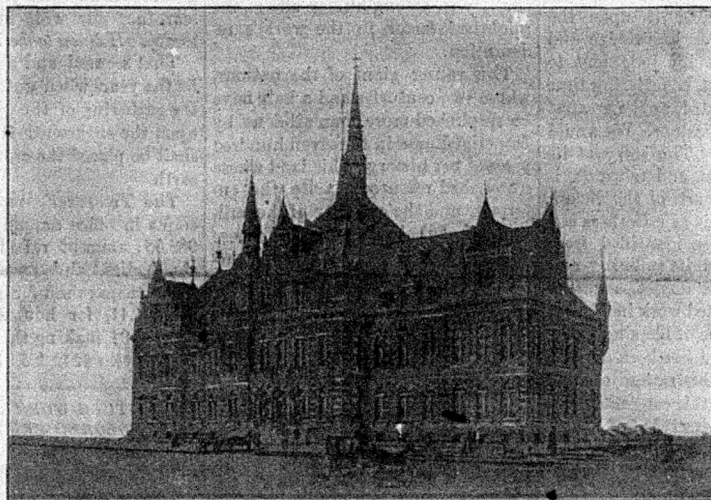
enlargement of our cemetery, and the entire support of our mission work in Cuba for the last four years is excelled by the value of the property there now owned by the Board. The report strongly urges the necessity of establishing a first class High school for girls, and the necessity of greatly enlarging our mission work in Cuba.

The report next speaks of our work among the Germans in Missouri, Texas, Kentucky and Maryland, and urges its enlargement. The report details the work of the board among the negroes, and urges its large increase.

The report gives the following statistics of Baptists within the Indian Territory: 15 Associations, 189 ordained ministers, 66 Sunday-schools with 3,600 teachers and scholars, 267

scarcely noted. One was done at that distance which lends enchantment to the view. The other, alas! was done at our doors by our Home Mission Board.”

The report strongly brings out the importance, and the proper methods of work in our cities, and in our mountain districts, urges the importance of enlarging and vigorously prosecuting the church building department of the work of the Board, and deduces as a most important lesson from the “Centennial movement” the absolute necessity of training our churches in systematic beneficence. Quoting from the recent article of Dr. Gambrell, the report argues the increasing value and importance of the work of the Home Board and concludes as follows:



“NORTON HALL,” THE NEW BUILDING OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

report shows that our noble women raised for the Home Mission Board during the past year \$26,283.97, being an increase of \$7,041.44 over the receipts of the previous year.

The report then proceeds to give interesting details, and comments on each department of the work of the Board.

In Cuba 20 missionaries have supplied 5 churches and 17 stations, baptized 179 converts, and sustained 8 schools with an aggregate average attendance of 900 scholars; they report a present aggregate church membership of 2,261; and \$3,000 raised on the field to support the work.

The report mentions that the last instalment of \$20,000 on the Havana house was paid when it fell due last December, and brings out the gratifying fact that the amount expended in the purchase of this property, the

churches and 12,961 baptized believers out of a population of about 130,000, of whom 60,000 are Indians, and the remainder white people or negroes. The report urges the necessity of training these churches, tells the story of the triumph of Christianity among the Red men and says:

“The world has looked with thrilling interest to the story of the power and progress of Christianity in the Sandwich Islands, where in three quarters of a century a nation has been brought from savagery into Christian civilization.

“We put the triumph of Christianity among the Indians by its side, and do not hesitate to say that the result of the forty years among them equals if it does not excel that done in the seventy-five years among the dwellers on the Islands of the Pacific. Yet the one is the admiration of the world, while the other is

## DIFFICULTIES.

The conditions under which Home mission work is done obscure its results and greatly impair popular interest in it and sympathy for it. Within the last ten years “the lone star mission” among the Telugus after long obscurity, suddenly blazed forth with a splendor that has startled the world.

The gathering of nearly fifty thousand converts into churches of Christ has seemed a new Pentecost that has descended with heavenly power upon India's dark mountains. The history of this wonderful work has not only filled the souls of Christians of this generation in all lands with gratitude and thanksgiving, but will go down the coming ages to inspire millions yet unborn to loving service and deeds of noble daring for our Christ. But what interest is inspired, what heart is stirred, what

soul prompted to loftier consecration and higher ideals of privilege and duty by the fact that in the neglected spots of our great cities, in our growing towns, from among the pioneers of our civilization, from forest and prairie, from frontier cabin, and herdsman's dugout, within the last ten years have been gathered by your Home Mission Board more than 2,500 churches and 75,000 baptized believers. The story of the one is the dull recital of tame statistics, while the other glows with the splendor of a truth that is "stranger than fiction."

But to the man who thinks on the great problem of the world's evangelization, it needs no argument to prove that the seventy-five thousand Anglo-Saxons gathered by the work of the Home Mission Board are possessed of ten-fold greater power to promote the Redeemer's kingdom than the fifty thousand Telugus whose conversion has amazed the Christian world.

Our work among the Cubans has been pronounced by one who has seen it and studied it upon the ground, one whose knowledge and experience entitles his judgment to the highest respect, considering time and means expended, as the greatest work of modern missions. We would not underrate it. The story of its trials, consecration, and triumph is woven into the hearts of the Board, and we rejoice in it as no others can who have not been identified from its beginning with its suffering and its success. But we do not hesitate to say that our unnoted work in Florida is fuller in promise of blessing to the world than all that has been done in Cuba. As an illustration of this truth, take out of this convention today the representatives of those churches, which in their infancy were helped in their struggles for life, by the Home Mission Board, and the contributions they have made, and how startling would be the result. The representatives of prominent churches in every State, and especially from nearly every capital of every State, representatives from Richmond, Washington, Raleigh, Columbia, Atlanta, Tallahassee, Montgomery, Jackson, Baton Rouge, Austin, Little Rock, Jefferson City, Nashville, and a hundred other places, would disappear from your assembly, and the withdrawal of their contributions would leave a fearful hiatus in your financial record.

It is the novel, the unexpected, that excites attention, while the usual and the foreseen, however fraught with comfort and blessing, excite no remark.

Unnoted fall the vernal showers on which not only the farmer's crop, but the throb of the manufacturer's machinery, the pulse of trade, the complex movement of the world's great enterprises, nay the very sustenance and life on the great globe itself depend. The sunshine of a summer's

day, fraught with blessings as manifold as the wisdom of God, and as marvellous as His mercy, that endureth forever, passes without remark, and the golden sun as he sinks to his couch, might well bid "good-night" to a thankless world.

But a meteor that shoots athwart the darkened sky, leaving the momentary traces of its fiery splendor beside the affrighted stars, is the topic of every tongue. The story of its brief career thrills along every telegraphic wire and is emblazoned in every newspaper in the land.

Such are the conditions of life, and under such must every Home Mission Board pursue its work. Too far removed from the great body of the churches to secure the interest which proximity brings, too near to bear the glamor which distance lends, it must content itself to work without the sympathy of the romantic, and without the support that the marvels brings.

And yet we challenge the wisdom of the Christian world to the proposition that the evangelization of this country is, among human affairs, the mightiest factor in the world's redemption.

This young giant of the nations, whose two centuries and a half have accomplished more than all done by Imperial Rome in the seven hundred years of her history. This land whose untouched resources excite the enterprise and the cupidity of the millions who inhabit it—this land whose population and wealth are increasing as those of no country ever did in all human history—how long before her thought, her enterprise, her commerce, shall dominate the world?

With every passion stimulated by the knowledge of her power, what shall restrain her greed from plundering and enslaving the nations? What shall prevent her from becoming a Cortez or a Pizarro, with the world for the theater of her action? Who does not know that the godless traffic of Christian England and America, and the godless lives of those who engage in it are the greatest obstacles to missionary success in heathen lands? What power shall stand guard over our commerce, expel the whiskey demon, drive out of it the commodities with which the average of men are debauching the lives and destroying the bodies and souls of men? What can do it but the power of a pure Christianity? What shall cleanse from selfishness and venality the halls of legislation, remove the moral taint from our social customs, sweeten the home life of our people, and enthrone purity and peace upon our hearthstones, but that gospel which is the power of God unto salvation?

Let your Home Mission Boards, State and Conventional, be paralyzed by the lack of interest or the need of funds and who will go for you into the moral wastes of your frontier where vice and crime find a fruitful soil? or into the slums of your cities

that are becoming plague spots upon the body politic? Who will bear healing to the moral lepers that there fester in their filth? These pest houses uncleansed threaten to make your free land, all the more surely and rapidly because it is free, the scourge of the nations.

When the lords of the sand lots of San Francisco can control congressional action and induce legislation that violates treaties and insults nations, what may not be in the power of the multitudes of New York and Chicago and other great cities who are tainted with anarchy and maddened with the splendor about them in which they do not share?

Better an earthquake should engulf the land and oceans roll a thousand fathoms above it than to be controlled by the idlers, the tramps, the criminals that swarm these haunts of vice. Nothing will save us from such a fate but a Christianity strong enough to hold in check the accursed thirst for gold that infects our people—a Christianity pure enough to write upon our national prosperity, our governmental policy, our halls of learning, our wide sweeping commerce, "*Holiness to the Lord.*"

That secured and not many shall be the years when unto Shiloh shall the gathering of the people be, and upon the enthroned Messiah's brow shall be placed the crown of all the earth.

The Treasurer's report shows receipts in office amounting to \$106,989.58; amount raised by co-operative bodies, and expended on the field where raised for mission work, \$53,354.41, for houses of worship, \$80,775.94, making the total receipts for the year \$242,305.94.

#### INSTITUTE WORK AMONG OUR COLORED PREACHERS.

We published several months ago several letters concerning this work as prosecuted among our brethren in North Carolina; we have published the strong testimony of Rev. M. Vann, of Tennessee, concerning it, and we give also the letter of Rev. C. H. Lyons, telling how it is appreciated by his people in Georgia.

Below we present a letter from Rev. W. H. McAlpine, giving interesting details of how he carries on the work in Alabama.

We may say that Bro. McAlpine was a sort of protégé of our old friend, the gifted and lamented Dr. J. J. D. Renfro, that he is one of the best educated men of his race, and that he has won the confidence and esteem not only of his own people, but of our white brethren in Alabama as well. Dr. W. B. Crompton, the able and efficient Corresponding Secretary of Alabama, speaks in warm terms of Bro. McAlpine and his work.

It seems to us that he has shown great wisdom in his plans, as well as efficient zeal in their prosecution, and we trust that he will have everywhere the hearty co-operation and

aid of our white pastors as well as that of our colored brethren.

And why may not such a system be inaugurated in all of the States of our convention?

But here is Bro. McAlpine's letter:

SELMA, ALA., April 24, 1893.

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

DEAR BROTHER:—In reply to your questions I will say: About 350 of the 405 reported in the 33 classes are ministers. All of them are more or less trying to preach. About 100 of them are ordained, about 150 are licensed, and the rest are what they call "exhorters," or beginners.

My plan is to secure the service of some competent minister, white or colored, in each place to hear the class once a week, or as often as they can. I have arranged with the American Baptist Publication Society to secure the books needed at reduced rates, and I am trying to place text books on the subjects to be taught in the hands of each one in the class. All in the classes can read some, and some can read well. It has been my plan to form classes in the centers where I could reach four or five or more churches in a radius of from three to five miles. There are many places where from ten to twenty licensed and ordained preachers could be gathered into classes, but I see no way to secure some one to instruct them, and so I have, for the present, passed those places.

My work, up to the present, has been more of the "pioneer" sort. It has taken all the time to get around and form these 33 classes, and as yet I have not had the time to retrace my work and visit these classes. There is a great deal more of this organizing to do, and it would probably take me another year to get over the State.

I think, however, it will be best for me to devote some time to visiting the classes already formed before I attempt to form more. I think of arranging for regular monthly reports from those in charge of the classes, giving the attendance, the standing in study and general interest manifested. This will enable us to see and know accurately what is being done. The severe winter and the want of comfortable places to meet, and the want of fuel and other things has interfered much with regular attendance in the classes. This work has greatly increased the attendance on the part of our preachers in school. More have attended school this year than in four or five years before. The year has been one of "seed sowing," and we have hoped to do four things:

1. To give, by the course of study, an idea of what was really needed on the part of ministers to fit them for this work.
2. To awaken in them a greater desire for full and thorough preparation for the ministry.
3. To arrange for regular study for those who could not go to school.

4. To get all who could and should to attend school regularly.

It can hardly be expected that all who join these classes will hold on and put the course of study through. Many of them will fall out by the way.

Indeed, I doubt very much whether all who say they are called to preach are really called. There will be a sifting—a simmering down, and perhaps one-third of them will prove to be “chosen.” I think, however, that the plan is a good one, and I am very much encouraged by the way they are taking hold of it.

We need at least one more good, strong man in the work. There are a great many places—especially in the “black belt” and out on the large plantations, where there are numbers of ordained and licensed preachers and one not able to instruct the other.

In such places a man ought to spend a good deal of his time. I have done comparatively nothing in these places because I have been trying to organize in the places where I could get some one to instruct the others.

[Bro. McAlpine then gives a list of his classes, their numbers, by whom taught, etc., which we regret we have not space to publish, and then adds in conclusion.]

The above list does not include the class in school in Selma University. I have found a great willingness upon the part of white and colored ministers to help in this work. They all seem to think it is just the thing for those who have not had school advantages.

I am also trying to get each pastor to distribute religious literature in their memberships, in the form of tracts, and pamphlets and religious newspapers. I would be thankful for anything you could furnish of that sort. I hope I have made my work clear to you.

Yours truly,  
W. H. McALPINE.

LETTER FROM REV. C. H. LYONS.

Dr. J. Wm. Jones:

DEAR EDITOR—The plan for holding Theological Institutes for our preachers who are deprived of the advantages of intellectual training, is the most prophetic, Christ-like and wise method of doing effective mission work for our deprived people. Therefore I commended it as the most remunerating and economical scheme for the dissemination of the saving and glorious truth of the Gospel to the poor. It well deserves establishment on a systematic and permanent basis. Regardless of the proficiency of the agent or the abundance of the means, the masses will not be developed into desired civilization and christian integrity by any spasmodic or irregular application of the truth. For as an army is made

mighty through the captain, so will the masses become intelligent and victorious through Christ, the captain of our salvation, through the preachers. The indispensableness of a worthy and dignified ministry as leaders of our people cannot be estimated. It is evident that the minister must be elevated above his fellow brethren. The Saviour made them “fishers of men.” The apostles taught: They must know and continue in the doctrine, and be apt to teach. They are, unto God a sweet savor of Christ in them that are saved and them that perish. If anything should be first in order and first in importance in the christian work, it is the best possible moral and intellectual qualification of the ministry. And this is decidedly the best plan for reaching the class of preachers alluded to. For this is a portable theological school carried to the sufferers from ignorance. It excels every other method of missionary work, because of its complete loss of jealousy and rivalry. And the superior knowledge of the instructor is distributed through the preachers to the thousands each Sabbath, virtually making him preach to many congregations instead of one each Sabbath. The direct and immediate benefits of these Institutes are very gratifying and compensating. We teach the principles of Biblical Theology all the week and devote Friday to general interpretation and sermonizing. The interest and enthusiasm of the class during these exercises are hard to describe. The progress in Bible knowledge and sermon making is very decided. Their expressions of its value is a manifestation of progress and profit. I held Institutes at only two places in the past three months and am prepared and prompted to report that they pay. The short three or four day sessions in the varied condition and vast differences in their attainments fall proportionally.

The brethren need books and papers to take notes on, and a course of study arranged. The two efforts alluded to are proofs without controversy that time and means are both requisite to success in the work. My class of instruction will close within two weeks and Drs. Gwathney and Bernard have kindly consented to lecture on such subjects as the Incarnation of Christ, Atonement, Trinity, and Election, to confirm or correct the student's knowledge upon these universally acknowledged difficult topics.

My enrollment exceeds two hundred preachers these nine months. I hope these figures may cause our benefactors to feel satisfied with the means expended in this direction and justified and encouraged to continue it.

I would assure them that this work is both profiting and appreciated.

ATHENS, GA., March 11, 1893.

#### THE ETHNIC VALUE OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. Dwight Spencer published in April number of the *Home Mission Monthly* an able and every way admirable article on this topic which we would be glad to publish in full, but we can only find space for his conclusion, which is as follows: “America is nearest neighbor to Asia, her merchants are already, in her leading cities, marking the sites of future capitals, and planning for future manufactories and commercial enterprises. Her merchandise is even now in its leading markets, and is rapidly supplanting the imperfect handiwork of the natives. Dr. Parker, missionary in Shanghai says: ‘The products of the looms of Massachusetts are fast displacing the coarser hand-made fabrics; kerosene is displacing the tallow dip and rush light; and the Yankee clocks and watches are taking the place of the sun dial and incense time stick; California flour, groceries, and hardware are coming to supply the wants that the natural products fail to meet. The newspaper, the telegraph and the telephone are spreading intelligence among the people, and everywhere we behold evidences of awakened life.’

“Here, then, we see the ethnic value of Home Missions. It is mission work among the people who have changed the world's geography, and before whose advance the worn-out civilizations of the Old World are tottering and ready to fall. It is work for the evangelization of the people who have already sent out the most successful missionaries, and from whom the world's future evangelizers must surely come. But our present civilization must be christianized ere it takes the place of that which it is about to supplant. Our violation of treaty obligations, and our greed for gold; our subjection to soul-destroying passions, and to degrading appetites; our disregard of God's word and of His Day, but poorly fit us for the great work of regenerating the millions of Asia. The Orient may well say to the Occident of to-day: ‘Physician, heal thyself.’

“All this must be changed. The swarming hordes from foreign lands, the New West with its intense life and throbbing industries, must be reached and saved by the gospel. The men ‘who go down to the sea in ships’ must be brought to Christ, and our growing commerce made an evangelizing agency.

“With America truly Christian Asia cannot remain heathen. It is in this sense that the oft-repeated saying of eminent divines and leading statesmen, ‘Save America, and you save the world,’ is true. If Genius untouched by the Spirit of God could subdue the proudest nation the world has ever seen, what can stand before that Genius when guided by divine wisdom and impelled by divine love?

“Then let us save America. Multiply her missions a hundred fold; see to it that her ‘highways and hedges,’ her distant camps and ranches, and every haunt of vice and crime are visited by the heralds of salvation. Let ‘the mountain of the Lord’s house be established upon her mountain slopes, and ring out invitations to the gospel feast in every flowering vale.’ Let thousands of the heralds of salvation say to the thronging multitude in our cities, and in the highways and byways of travel, ‘Come, and let us go up to the House of the Lord.’ Then ‘will the God of Jacob teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’

“Again I say ‘Save America.’ It is the voice inspired by the teaching of history; it is the voice of the wisest and best men of our times; yea more, it is the voice of God prompting all others, that now cries to His church, ‘Save America.’”

#### SHALL HE HAVE A PONY?

We let our readers see the following touching letter from one of the workers in the Indian Territory, only suppressing his name.

We have no funds which we could properly appropriate for the purchase of a pony for this preacher of the gospel, but are there not brethren and sisters who will promptly send us the money for that purpose? We will gladly contribute our part, and cheerfully forward anything that may be sent us for this purpose.

It is related of General Sam Houston that when one of our missionaries called on him and was discussing the question of transportation to his field, the old hero promptly said, “The Lord’s business requires haste. The messenger of the Lord must not be detained”—and ordered out the charger he rode at San Jacinto, upon which the missionary was soon mounted, and on his way to preach Christ to the people.

Cannot some of us catch the spirit of the famous soldier, at least as far as to make a small contribution towards mounting this messenger of the Lord and sending him out over that destitute region on the Master’s business?

Indian Territory.

April 21, 1893.

Dr. Tichenor:

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST.—This blessed Sabbath evening I drop you a few lines for the first time. I am at home at this time. Have been at home most of the time since Christmas. I had up to that time preached for five churches, but as I had no horse to ride, and getting my feet cut, I had to give up my work for the present; and I am very poor, and all our churches are in the same condition. Don’t think I am begging; but I thought that may be through your influence that I could get means to buy me a pony. You can’t tell how my heart is filled with trouble at being confined at home, and my mind wandering over the destitution of our land. This is a hard country. Please look over this letter, and as brethren please bear with my weakness. Write to me. Hope this will find you well both in body and soul, and may the blessing of heaven rest upon you in everything you do. Your poor unworthy brother,

## OUR HOME FIELD.

[Entered at the Post-office at Atlanta, Ga., as second-class mail matter.]

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

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

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

J. WILLIAM JONES, Editor.

ATLANTA, GA., MAY, 1893.

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## THE YEAR'S WORK.

We give elsewhere an abstract of our annual report showing the work of the Home Board during the past year, and we beg our friends to read and ponder it. Figures are thought to be dry, but the figures of our report are fresh, interesting, and eloquent. They tell of grand work done for God and for truth, self-sacrificing labors performed by our missionaries, and of God's rich blessing upon them.

The financial exhibit is certainly a very gratifying one.

Beginning the year with a debt of ten thousand dollars, and having twenty thousand dollars to pay as our last payment on the Havana house—having to face a heated political canvass—in parts of our field, floods, cyclones, failure of crops, low prices of products, and other disasters—and all over our territory great stringency in the money market, it would not have been surprising if we had failed to carry on our regular work and meet these heavy obligations. But our report shows that we have enlarged our work, cancelled the ten thousand dollar debt with which we began the year, paid the twenty thousand dollar balance on the Havana house, met all of our other obligations, and begun the new year out of debt, and with \$2,734.41 in our treasury.

The receipts in our office have been \$106,989.58, while the receipts for our "co-operative" work, spent on the field where raised, have been \$134,130.35, making a total of \$241,119.93 raised for prosecuting the work of the Board.

The results of the labors of our missionaries have been most gratifying, the needs of our great field are very pressing, and the outlook and prospects for the future are decidedly encouraging.

## EFFICACY OF HOME MISSION WORK.

The baptisms reported by our missionaries for last year average, including women, who of course do not baptize, fourteen per missionary. If the ordained ministers of Alabama had baptized as many *per capita* the number baptized in that State would have been 10,150 instead of 8,859; those of Georgia would have been 15,526 instead of 7,208; those of North Carolina 11,312, instead of 8,163; those of Virginia would have been 6,216 instead of 6,335.

The aggregate of baptisms in these four States last year was 30,446, but if they had averaged up to those of our missionaries they would have been 52,204.

The main reasons why our missionaries report more baptisms than the pastors is, we think, because in the newly settled portions of the country people are more easily moved to religious thought and action, and our missionaries travel more, preach more, and reach more people than the average pastor.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

[Extract from Report of Home Mission Board.]

We repeat with emphasis the testimony we bore in our last report to "the zeal, wisdom and consecrated tact with which our sisters of the Woman's Missionary Union have done their work during the past year."

Each year brings us under increased obligations to these noble women, not only for the handsome sum they turn into our treasury, but also for the efficiency with which they scatter mission literature, and educate the people to a more intelligent acquaintance with our mission fields, and consequently more readiness to contribute to the support of our missionaries. The figures of the subjoined report are eloquent and telling as indicating something of what these tireless workers have accomplished.

But they do not tell the blessed influences they have sent out and the important help they have rendered to all mission workers, as they have circulated hundreds of thousands of pages of mission literature, written thousands of letters, edited columns in the papers, organized societies, trained mission bands of children, sent sunshine into many of the

homes of our frontier missionaries by their valuable boxes, created and fostered the mission spirit and performed much other labor which statistics cannot give, but "whose record is on high," and concerning which the Master has doubtless said, "*She hath done what she could.*"

The contribution to our treasury of \$26,283.97 during the past year by the Woman's Missionary Society (besides what they have done for foreign missions) is a most gratifying exhibit. But far beyond the money they have contributed, we prize the modest, womanly, scriptural manner in which they have done their work, the sweet spirit in which they have heartily co-operated with the board; but above all the incense of fervent, humble, effective prayer which has gone up from so many loving hearts, and called down God's richest blessings upon the board, its missionaries and work.

## A FORWARD LOOK.

BY REV. J. B. GAMBRELL, D. D.

[The following admirable article from the facile pen of Dr. Gambrell came too late for our April number, but we are glad to give it to our readers now, and beg that they will give it their careful perusal and serious consideration.—EDITOR HOME FIELD]

Signs multiply that the South is entering upon an era of vast expansion. From being almost an entirely agricultural people, we are about to become far more—a commercial and manufacturing people. The progress already made in many lines of manufacturing and the success over all competition settles it in the minds of thinking people everywhere that the South is to fulfill the remarkable prophecy of Wendell Phillips, just before his death, given out about in these words: "The South is to become the greatest empire of manufacturing, of wealth, of religion and culture the sun ever shone upon." The dawn of the bright day foretold is now upon us. But it is only the dawn; the full day is to come on with time. The dormant resources of the South will not remain dormant. From the northern limit of Virginia all down the great mountain ranges to their southern extremities, furnaces will blaze and factories send up their smoke to heaven.

It is conceded that more and more the cotton crop will be manufactured here by the fields where it grows. This one fact will change the commerce of the continent. With inestimable supplies of coal, iron, lime, timber of nearly every variety, with the greatest rivers in the world, the finest climate and the richest soil, the South will become the seat of untold wealth at no distant day. People now living will see a greater population in these Southern States

than now inhabit the whole of the American Union.

In looking forward there is one city which must fill the first place on the whole Southern field. That city is, of course, New Orleans. It is not now the largest Southern city, but it will be. For a long time controlled by European ideas, and dominated by the criminal classes, it has but recently shown signs of a new life. With no sewerage, it can easily have and will soon have the most complete system of sewerage known. With 20,000 miles of navigable waterway emptying into the Gulf near by, New Orleans has the finest situation of any city on the continent. The completion of the Nicaragua canal will put the city on the great highway of international and national commerce with all the Pacific slope, Japan, China, etc. A scheme will soon be completed by which the waters of the great Northern lakes will flow up Chicago river, through a canal into the Illinois river and down the Mississippi river by New Orleans. This will turn the commerce of the lakes into New Orleans and thus still further enrich that great city.

The negroes will gradually scatter over the entire Union, and many of them migrate to Mexico. Multitudes of people speaking strange tongues will flow into this Southland. At first the Northern man with American ideas will come, but he will be followed by men from every nation under heaven. To prepare for, meet and christianize these millions is the work of the Home Board. Along the mountain fastnesses of the Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, and the great coming cities of the South, the battles are to be fought within a generation which will decide the spiritual destiny of this country 1,000 years, as human affairs run. Nor is this the whole of it. The great numbers and strength of the Baptists of the South, through our Home Board, must be turned on the millions of lost souls in the North who are overbearing our Northern brethren. This is a defensive measure, since these people are to greatly affect our common country.

There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans for our Home Board than now.

Meridian, Miss.

Just as we are going to press we have received the Memoir of Dr. James P. Boyce, by Dr. J. A. Broadus, just issued by Armstrong & Son, New York, and the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville.

Reserving the privilege of a future review, we will only say now that the memoir of Boyce by Broadus is obliged to be a book of rare interest and great value which should be in every Baptist home and many other homes in the land. It can be had of the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, and is offered as a premium to subscribers to the *Western Recorder*.

We respectfully advise our readers generally to order this book at the earliest possible day.

REV. JOSEPH WALKER, D. D., an excellent likeness of whom, as he appears at the ripe old age of eighty-nine, we give on this page, is a most remarkable man.

For fifty-five years he has been a Baptist minister. He is now eighty-nine years of age. He is still comparatively robust and though he has no regular pastorate he is abundant in his labors in the gospel, both with his tongue and pen. His present home is Manchester, Va. April 10th was his birthday and the occasion was appropriately celebrated in Grace street church, Richmond, Va. He entertained a large congregation by interesting reminiscences of his life, and as the people departed they left behind them material evidences of affection and esteem for the dear old man.

He has been pastor in St. Louis, Rolla and other churches in Missouri; of churches in Virginia, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and elsewhere. He has been editor of the *Christian Index* and other papers, and during his eventful and useful career, his facile and vigorous pen has contributed much to Baptist periodicals all over the country.

He was for several years Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and our readers will remember several articles which he has contributed to OUR HOME FIELD giving some account of the work of the Board, especially in the Indian Territory and in St. Louis. Able, zealous, and progressive, he seems to have been a very efficient Secretary, and to have left his impression on the work of the Board and of Home Missions.

During the war he was very efficient as chaplain in the hospitals in Richmond, and bore no insignificant part in that wonderful work through which, by God's rich blessing, over 15,000 soldiers in Lee's army found "Christ in the camp," or the hospital. There are many of these brave men scattered all over the South to-day who remember with loving gratitude the old chaplain and there will be many more to greet him on the other side when the battle scarred veteran "crosses over the river to rest under the shade of the trees."

We are sure that our many readers will thank us for giving this speaking likeness of the faithful old soldier of the cross who has fought so many battles, "endured hardness" for so many years, and now calmly awaits the summons of the Master to lay aside the implements of his warfare that he may go to wear his glittering crown. "And we know that they will join in the fervent prayer that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon the dear old man—that his last days may be his best days, and that there may be ever sunshine in his home and joy and gladness in his heart.

Pay up what you owe HOME FIELD, and get us new subscribers.

#### FURTHER TESTIMONY CONCERNING OUR WORK IN CUBA.

The Baptist, of Baltimore, has recently published a very interesting letter from a New York merchant who chanced to be in Cuba at the time of the last anniversary of our church in Havana. We make the following extracts, only regretting that our space does not allow us to publish the letter in full:

(The following paper is by a New York merchant, a member of the Hanson Place Baptist church, Brooklyn, who goes occasionally to Cuba on business. It was read before the monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions. He insists that his name be withheld, but the paper has special interest as coming from a practical and successful business man who knows a good thing when he sees it.)

As God in the past has selected the fields for his workers, and the workers

quite a large number of Chinese who were brought there in the days of slavery under the contract system of Coolie labor.

The island, as you all know, belongs to Spain, and since the revolution has been held down by the strong arm of military power. I may mention that eighty thousand troops are quartered throughout the island, and ironclads are anchored in every harbor. The people as a mass are poor, caused by bad government and the burden of taxes they are called upon to bear. The feeling of discontent is very great, and the hatred of the natives against the Spanish, who are there, most of them temporarily, is only excelled, if equalled, by the bitter feeling existing in France toward her neighbors who conquered her—the German empire. The government is corrupt beyond description, and life and property are con-

tinuation, and has chosen this wonderful young man to push the work into the heart of this wickedness.

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The First Baptist church of Havana now occupies one of the most attractive churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. It has two galleries and is capable of seating comfortably three thousand people. It contains one of the best baptistries I have ever seen. It is made to represent a river. At the back of the pulpit against the wall of the church, in imitation of the bank of a stream, is built a second wall about three feet high of rough coral rock with bits of fern and moss here and there, and over that in bold letters is the motto in Spanish "Cuba for Christ." The last payment on the beautiful building has been made and the church is to-day the owner of a property worth not less than eighty thousand dollars. The church membership has steadily increased until now it numbers fifteen hundred. The church is already doing mission work, having five missions with a membership of 1,000, making a total of 2,500 Baptists in Cuba.

While I was there the seventh anniversary of the church organization was celebrated and there came from the States to help them enjoy this delightful occasion about seventy Baptist brethren and sisters, headed by Governor Northen, of Georgia, a noble Baptist, Dr. Lasher of Cincinnati, Dr. Jones, of Atlanta and Dr. Tichenor, Secretary of the Association, who saw with much delight the prosperous work he had helped Brother Diaz to build up.

The church is thoroughly organized in every particular. It has a Sunday-school, and a day school under the care of brother Diaz's sister. It was my pleasure to attend their weekly meeting, held on Thursday evening, which was led by Brother Diaz. Prayers were offered by members of the church as they were called upon by their pastor. Addresses were made by Governor Northen and several visiting clergymen, which were translated into Spanish by an interpreter, and the most familiar hymns that we sing were sung by the congregation, children, small and large, joining, and their sweet voices, singing our songs of Jesus in their native language, made me feel that it was good to be there, and that the time will come when we will all sing the same hymns in the same language.

The Baptist church is the only organized Protestant church on the island of Cuba. I was told the Methodists had started a small mission, without much success, and a small room in one of the hotels is used as a chapel by the Episcopalian.

The work progressing on the island of Cuba is so successful that the convention of the Southern States are deeply interested and will in the future push the work



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for the fields, so I believe he has now, within the past ten years, selected the island of Cuba as the place to commence a great work, and has also chosen brother Alberto J. Diaz as the man, the John the Baptist, who will soon deliver the island of Cuba from the evil powers that are holding her down, and will spread the Gospel throughout the entire island. And I also believe that this work will not stop until the great South American continent has been converted to the faith which we believe to be the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It has been my pleasure and profit to have recently visited the island of Cuba and there learn from personal observation something of this field. The island of Cuba, the most fertile spot on the face of the globe, is located to the south of us twelve hundred miles, and contains a population of between one and a half and two millions of people, divided between the Spaniards, the native white Cubans, and native negroes, with

stantly in peril. The moral standard is lower than in any country I have ever visited. The city of Havana, with a population of three hundred thousand, is in my opinion the most wicked spot on earth. There are a few Catholic churches which are kept open and services held, but the people attending are few. It is said that men seldom ever go, and only a few of the older women are seen there. A leading Catholic from Ohio who was visiting Havana at the time I was there and who attended mass, said to me, "There is no religion or piety here, only sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." Sunday is a holiday, business continuing nearly as usual, and the day is given up to bull-fights, theatrical performances, and other things of even more demoralizing nature.

Such is the spot and such is the condition of things, where God has planted the Standard of the Cross, and the banner of the Baptist denom-

into the Spanish countries farther south with more confidence and stronger faith. As I see Cuba and the Baptist church in the city of Havana I feel like exclaiming, "God be praised." Cuba is the star in the south that will direct the way to the extension of the Baptist church throughout the South American states.

Is there a single member of a Baptist church in this state, in the full enjoyment of all his or her faculties, who is not able to contribute something to the Centennial fund? You may not be able to give your hundreds, or fifties, or even tens, but you can give something, and be assured you will feel all the better for having given something. At a missionary meeting in Georgia, before the war, contributions were called for; a negro slave approached the table, and placed upon it three pencils, and pointing to them, said, "Dat's for me, massa; and dat's for my wife, and dat for my child"—in all, there were ten dollars. Being asked if he was not giving too much, he replied, "God's work must be done, massa, and I may be dead." Work while it is day, and give when you can, for life is short, and only the present, the now is ours.—*From the Alabama Baptist.*

Rev. F. M. Ellis, of Baltimore, proposes that the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention be consolidated into one. We are in favor of anything that will promote the efficiency of our organizations. We are free to say, however, that we fail to see any good that may result from such consolidation. The three Boards are working together harmoniously, and we are satisfied, at as small cost as is compatible with the necessities of the work which is before them. Organically considered, they are sufficiently close together to co-operate pleasantly and yet sufficiently separated to prevent any danger of friction. Really, the three Boards are practically three committees under one organization, the Southern Baptist Convention. We are willing to let well enough alone, certainly as long as there is reasonable ground for doubt as to whether the proposed change will prove helpful.—*Central Baptist.*

#### RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD FROM APRIL 1, TO MAY 1, 1893.

##### ALABAMA.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, \$105.32; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 140.63; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban missions, 2.20; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Centennial Chapel Fund, 28.05; A. L. Martin, Ozark, 10.00; Elam church, 8.40; Mrs. E. E. Waldrop's Sunday-school class, Cuban girl, 15.00; Roanoke church, Centennial Fund, 9.00; Roanoke church, 3.22; Ladies' Aid Society, Roanoke church, 10.00; New Hope church, 1.50; Elam church, Cuban missions, 2.00; L. B. Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, 121.71; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 431.69; W. B. Crumpton Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 35.10; Ladies' Society, Prattville, box frontier missionary, 22.50; Ladies' Society, Evergreen, box frontier missionary, 45.00; Ladies' Society, Anniston, box frontier missionary, 75.00; Ladies' Society, box frontier missionary, Pratt Mines, 17.50; First church, Montgomery, Cen-

tennial Fund, 265.20; First church, Montgomery, Centennial Fund, 100.00; O. M. Reynolds administrator, Anniston, 1,000.00; Mt. Pisgah church, 3.67; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, 73.18; W. B. Crumpton Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 600.00; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 15.50; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Para Cova, 12.50; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Amelle Receive, 30.00; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, 11.50; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 229.70; W. B. Crumpton Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 92.16; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 12.20; W. B. Crumpton Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.20; Troy, Centennial Chapel Fund, 7.20; Rock Mills, Centennial Chapel, 10.93; St. Francis street church, Mobile, 152.10; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 41.98; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 208.83; "Willing Workers," Greenville, box frontier missionary, 15.00; First church, Montgomery, 125.000; Lafayette, Centennial Chapel Fund, 100.00  
Total for the month, \$4,250.48.

##### ARKANSAS.

Sunbeam Society, Jonesboro, \$2.00; Mite Boxes, Jonesboro, 3.75; Mission Book, Jonesboro, 3.20; Missionary Society, Searcy, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; collected by A. B. Miller, Vice-President, 27.25; Cabot, 7.25; "Little Workers," Sunday-school, Hope, Centennial Fund, 7.70; Osceola, Centennial Fund, 62.65; Woman's Mission and Aid Society, Prescott, 14.00; Woman's Mission and Aid Society, Prescott, Centennial Fund, 6.00; Woman's Missionary Union, 8.75.  
Total for the month, \$17,655.

##### FLORIDA.

W. N. Chaudoin, Treasurer, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$750.00; Woman's Missionary Society, LaGrange, Cuban school, 50.00; Sunday-school, Tampa, Cuban missions, 4.00; W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, 50.00; M. McGregor, Jacksonville, Centennial Fund, 50.00; Milligan Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, .70; W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 100.00.  
Total for the month, \$1,004.70.

##### GEORGIA.

McDonough Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, \$25.20; Rae's Creek Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.50; First, Green street church, Augusta, 114.50; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 1,302.06; Missionary Society Southern Female College, LaGrange, 16.00; F. C. McConnell, North Georgia Convention, 50.00; Harmony Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 10.34; Little Francis Whitaker Jones, six years old, of Antioch church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 359.76; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Indian missions, 2.70; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Cuban missions, 22.75; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 991.38; collected by T. P. Bell, Treasurer Centennial Committee, pledge Centennial Chapel Fund, 15.00; Ladies' Society, Corvinton, box frontier missionary, 75.00; Miss Annie Girardeau, Johnson's Station, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Mrs. W. D. Baggs, Class No. 3, Bethlehem Sunday-school, C.F., 5.00; W. D. Baggs, Class No. 1, Bethlehem Sunday-school, C.F., 5.00; "A Friend," Forsyth, Centennial Fund, 1.00; J. S. Oakman, Augusta, 3.00; Southern Female College LaGrange, Cuban missions, 75.00; A. member, Greensboro, Cuban missions, 500.00; First church, Atlanta, Centennial Chapel Fund, 50.00; Fern Calloway, Rocky Lake, Centennial Chapel Fund, 1.45; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 123.89; J. G. Gibson Corresponding Secretary, Indian missions, 32; J. G. Gibson, Cuban missions,

5.10; J. G. Gibson, Centennial Fund, 330.13; Second church, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 300.00; I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Centennial Fund, 230.00; Ladies' Society Second church, Atlanta, box frontier missionary, 61.00; Sharon church, Stone Mountain Association, 4.35; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, 43.12; J. G. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 470.22; Second church, Atlanta, 50.00; First church, Atlanta, 1,675.15.  
Total for the month, \$6,661.99.

##### KENTUCKY.

Miss Ray Osborne, Louisville, Centennial Fund, \$5.00; Sunday-school, Perryville, Centennial Fund, 15.00; J. W. Warder, Secretary, Centennial Chapel Fund, 271.42; J. W. Warder, Secretary, 130.35; Sunday-school class, Miss A. Delph, Louisville, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Collected by T. P. Bell, Treasurer Committee pledges Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Ladies' Society, Sulphur, (contribution), box frontier missionary, 8.50; Providence church, 48.50; Thomas D. Osborne, Louisville, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Forks of Dick River church, 15.40; Woman's Missionary Society, Bowling Green, salary teacher, J. V. Cova's school, Havana, 25.00; Woman's Missionary Society First church, Bowling Green, education Cuban girl, 110.34; Mrs. Anna Gates, Sunday-school class, First church, Bowling Green, education Cuban girl, 7.00; Mrs. T. B. Bryan's Sunday-school class, First church, Bowling Green, education Cuban girl, 2.50; Mrs. R. G. Conoly, Trenton, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Miss Ammie L. Marion, Trenton, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Bethel church, Bethel Association, Centennial Fund, 56.09; Forks of Duck River church, Centennial Fund, 2.50; First church, Lexington, 90.00; First church, Lexington, Centennial Fund, 139.00; Mrs. H. T. Daniel, Richmond, 12.50; Stone Lick church, 18.50; Mrs. Dulaney, Bowling Green, collected for Cuban missions, 300.00; Mount Pleasant Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 3.00; Cedar Grove church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 18.75; North Benson church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 13.05; Harmony church, Centennial Fund, 5.10; J. A. Head, Monterey, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Twenty-sixth and Market street church, Louisville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 25.00; Sunday-school, Midway, Centennial Chapel Fund, 11.56; Woman's Missionary Society, Carlisle, 18.00; Sunday-school, Ghent, Centennial Fund, 7.50; Woman's Missionary Society, David's Fork, Centennial Fund, 20.00; Manchester, Centennial Fund, 20.05; Helping Hand Society, First church, Lexington, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Hattie Hambrick, Louisville, Centennial Fund, 3.05; Woman's Missionary Society, Walnut street church, Louisville, Centennial Fund, 20.00; Walnutstreet Baptist Sunday-school, Owensboro, Centennial Fund, 16.25; First Baptist church, Mt. Sterling, 2.50; First Baptist church, Mt. Sterling, Centennial Fund, 53.00; Miss Lois Bennett, Beechland church, 2.50; Miss Belle Moseman, Beechland church, 5.00; Mayville, 15.00; J. W. Warder, Corresponding Secretary, Centennial Fund, 5,800.87; J. W. Warder, Corresponding Secretary, 1,302.29; Upper St. church, Lexington Centennial Fund, 40.00.  
Total for the month \$8,597.37.

##### LOUISIANA.

Miss Nora Whittington, by G. A. Turner, Centennial Fund, \$5.00; John Dasher, Homer, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Ladies' Society, Knox Point, Centennial Fund, 13.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Arcadia, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Clinton, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Ladies' Aid Society, Alto, Centennial Fund, 3.75; Miss Mary Dumas, Keatchie, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Miss Mary E. Winstead, Lake Charles, Centennial Fund, 10.25; Salem Society, Red Land, Centennial Chapel

Fund, 2.35; Shreveport, Centennial Fund, 60.00; Susie Snyder, Crowley, Centennial Chapel Fund, 1.85; Gracie Bottsford, Crowley, Centennial Chapel Fund, 4.00; G. A. Turner, Treasurer, 28.35; Ladies' Missionary Society, Evergreen, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Knox Point, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Shreveport, Centennial Fund, 27.20; Ladies' Missionary Society, Shreveport, 8.55; Grand Cane, Centennial Fund, 5.80; Ladies' Missionary Society, Salem church, Centennial Fund, 5.50; Mrs. L. C. Williams, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.00; Ladies' Aid Society, New Hope church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Through G. A. Turner: Lake Charles, 2.00; Lake Charles, Cuban missions, 2.00; Concord Association, 2.55; Bethlehem Association, 8.55; Everett Association, 28.25; A. Stagg, 2.00; cash collected by E. O. Ware, 3.65; Gum Springs church, 1.35; Bayou Rouge, 17.00; Barrett Springs church, 1.80; Mrs. M. E. Winstead, 2.00; G. H. Colvin, 1.00; Mrs. Mildred Colvin, 1.00; Ringgold church, 5.00; John Docker, 2.00; Jackson, 3.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Clinton, Girl's school, Havana, 5.00; New Hope church, 6.50; New Friendship church, 5.00; Friend ship church, 2.00; Jackson church, 8.00; J. B. McFarland, 2.00; Clinton, 15.00; Coal Springs church, Cuban missions, 2.00; B. A. Fortson, 1.00; fourteen contributors, First church, New Orleans, 2.00; Valence street church, New Orleans, Centennial Fund, 450.00; Amite City, Centennial Fund, 15.00.  
Total for the month, \$792.10.

##### MARYLAND.

G. R. Waller, \$5.00; Mrs. Annie E. Carmer, Immanuel church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Woman's Home Mission Society, Mrs. J. E. Tyler, Treasurer, Centennial Chapel Fund, 155.52; Woman's Home Mission Society, Mrs. J. E. Tyler, Treasurer, Miss Diaz' salary, 25.00; Woman's Home Mission Society, Mrs. J. E. Tyler, Treasurer, frontier missionaries, 19.48; Miss Bessie E. Griffith, Barnesville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Seventh church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 191.94; Seventh church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 167.81; Brantly church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 100.00; Miss Mollie Cook, First church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 17.93; Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 46.37; Calvary church, Towson, Centennial Fund, 1.75; Collected by T. P. Bell, Treasurer Centennial Committee pledge Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Fourth church, Baltimore, box frontier missionary, 65.50; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Willing Workers' Society, Fourth church, Baltimore, box frontier missionary, 37.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Wide Awake Band (contribution), Fourth church, Baltimore, box frontier missionary, 11.50; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 597.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Miss Diaz' salary, 25.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Cuban school, 25.00; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, 14.76; Franklin Square church, Baltimore, 39.75; Rockville, 7.00; Fourth church, Baltimore, 9.46; Fuller Memorial church, Baltimore, 25.00; Poolesville church, 1.29; Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, 293.50; Franklin Square church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 191.22; Fulton avenue church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Crisfield church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 11.50; Seventh church, Baltimore, Centennial Fund, 25.00; Seventh church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.13; Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Mt. Zion church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 8.87; Lee street church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 7.52; Forrest church, Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Antioch church (colored), Baltimore, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Immanuel church, Baltimore, 23.25; "J. R." Baltimore, 5.00; Joshua Levering, Treasurer

Centennial Fund, 50.00; First church, Baltimore, 174.04.

Total for the month \$2,427.02.

## MISSISSIPPI.

Woman's Missionary Society, Crystal Springs, Centennial Fund, \$5.00; "Missionary Bees," Columbus, Centennial Fund, 17.00; Miss Hattie Whitley, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Senatobia, Centennial Fund, 5.00; First church, Meridian, Centennial Fund, 63.00; Columbia church, 16.50; Herndon, Centennial Fund, 11.25; Chapel Hill, Centennial Fund, 3.30; Learned, Centennial Fund, 3.40; Wall Street church, Natchez, Centennial Fund, 41.50; Sunday collections, Centennial Fund, 96.48; Woman's Missionary Society, Concord, 1.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Leaned, 1.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Forty-first avenue, Meridian, 1.55; Woman's Missionary Society, Brooksville, 5.00; First church, Columbus, 70.00; Sunbeams, Lexington, 2.00; Central Committee, expenses of Jose Felipe Molino, 83.75; Ladies' Society, Macon, box frontier missionary, 35.00; Ladies' Society, Fifth avenue church, Meridian, box frontier missionary, 34.55; Kossuth Missionary Union, 7.50; Jonesboro, 7.25; Central church, Cold Water, 20.00; Ladies' Society, Central church, Cold Water, 5.00; Harry Callicott, Cold Water, Centennial Chapel Fund, 1.20; H. J. Vanlandingham, West Point, 5.00; Z. L. Wiggins, Good Hope, 3.35; Woman's Missionary Society, Crystal Springs, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.50; Mississippi State Convention, 81.50; Mississippi State Convention, Centennial Chapel Fund, 78.35; "Sunbeams," Handsboro, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.00; Bay St. Louis and Pearlburg, Centennial Chapel Fund, 1.35; Edwards church, Centennial Fund, 36.00; Sunday-school, Clinton, 2.50; Mississippi State Convention, Centennial Fund, 52.50. Through John T. Buck, Treasurer Convention Board: Woman's Missionary Society, West Point, Centennial Fund, 12.50; Woman's Missionary Society, Pleasant Grove, Centennial Fund, .77; Woman's Missionary Society, Mt. Zion, Centennial Fund, 1.00; Sunday-school, Mt. Zion, Centennial Fund, 1.50; Woman's Missionary Society, Poplar Springs, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Mayersville church, Centennial Fund, 5.00. Miss E. V. Schilling, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Rev. S. M. Ellis, Centennial Fund, 7.50; First church, Meridian, Centennial Fund, 22.50; Clinton, Centennial Fund, .50; I. N. Brown, Olive Branch, Centennial Fund, 14.25; Flora church, Centennial Fund, 28.50; Woman's Missionary Society, Brookhaven, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Mrs. Mary D. Murphy, Centennial Fund, .13; Mrs. C. M. Ramsey, Centennial Fund, .50; Jackson, Centennial Fund, 1.00; Brandon, Centennial Fund, 2.94; Brandon Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 3.32; Antioch church, Centennial Fund, 6.57; Forest, Centennial Fund, 7.50; Crawford, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Woman's Missionary Society, Pleasant Grove, 7.00; Collections by State Board, 46.50; Rodney, 5.00; Rodney, Centennial Fund, 7.00; R. W. Merrill, Carrollton, Centennial Fund, 25.00; A. V. Rowe, Secretary, 42.00.

Total for the month \$981.96.

## MISSOURI.

Woman's Mission and Aid Society, First church, Odessa, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$15.00; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Centennial Chapel Fund, 8.30; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Centennial Fund, 8.27; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, for T. J. Speakman, .50; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. E. Rogers, Cuban missions, 35.50; Woman's Missionary Society, by A. Rogers, 400.21; Ladies' Society, Olive Street church, Kansas City, box frontier missionary, 26.45; German church, Higginsville, 22.00; Ladies' Society, Mexico, box frontier missionary, 50.00; Miss Emma Bruce, Spring Hill, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; T. W.

Tate, Tipton, 5.00; Sunday-school, Nelson, Centennial Chapel Fund, 12.40; Ladies' Society, Maywood, box frontier missionary, 11.45.

Total for the month \$600.24.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

Ladies' Society, Goldsboro, box frontier missionary, \$65.00; Ladies' Society, Bethel Hill, box frontier missionary, 25.60; Ladies' Society First church, Raleigh, box frontier missionary, 65.00; Ladies' Society, Leaksville, box frontier missionary, 40.00; Ladies' Society, Reidsville, box frontier missionary, 65.00; Ladies' Society, Shiloh, box frontier missionary, 12.00; Ladies' Society, Lumberton, box frontier missionary, 37.00; Ladies' Society First church, Durham, box frontier missionary, 65.00; J. D. Boushall, Treasurer State Convention, 300.00; A. H. Cobb, Treasurer, 10.25; J. D. Boushall, Treasurer State Convention, Centennial Chapel Fund, 326.54; J. D. Boushall, Treasurer State Convention, Centennial Chapel Fund, 321.83; J. D. Boushall, Treasurer State Convention, 892.07; J. D. Boushall, Treasurer State Convention, 300.00.

Total for the month, \$2,515.22.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Batesburg, Centennial Fund, \$15.64; Batesburg, 8.00; Mt. Zion church, Spartanburg Association, 6.25; Hartsville, 8.74; Beaver Creek church, Chester Association, 10.00; Bessie Riser, Vaughanville, Centennial Fund, 1.55; Bethabara church, Reedy River Association, Centennial Fund, 3.05; Parksville, Centennial Fund, 33.20; Parksville, 7.75; Red Hill church, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Red Oak Grove church, Centennial Fund, 8.00; Edisto church, Orangeburg Association, 3.00; Florence, 5.75; Buffalo church, 2.21; Harmony church, 5.00; Little Stevens Creek church, 1.35; Greenville Association, 29.89; North Greenville Association, 14.17; Big Stevens Creek church, 4.35; collected by T. P. Bell, Treasurer Centennial Committee, pledge Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.00; Ladies' Society, Pendleton street church, Greenville, box frontier missionary, 50.00; Dr. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, 15.17; Girls' North Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 6.30; Pelham church, 5.00; New Prospect church, 10.00; Union church, York Association, 3.01; Corinth church, 12.40; Catfish Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Dry Creek Sunday-school, 6.50; Sauldam church, 1.50; Ladies' Society First church, Newberry, box frontier missionary, 50.00; Sunday-school, Chick Springs, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Poplar Springs church, 1.34; Lewisville church, Orangeburg Association, 2.50; Treadway church, Aiken Association, Centennial Fund, 8.20; Springfield church, Edisto Association, Centennial Fund, 7.65; Tabernacle church, Edisto Association, Centennial Fund, 5.20; Heath Springs Centennial Fund, 12.57; collections Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society of South Carolina, Centennial Chapel Fund, 339.90; collections Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, enlargement of work, 200.00; collections Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, Home missions, 124.95; Fork Hill church, Moriah Association, Centennial Fund, 10.53; Bellevue Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.55; Swansboro and Sardis churches, Centennial Fund, 4.80; Mt. Ebal church, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Second Division Edisto Association, 1.11; Swift Creek church, Welch Neck Association, Centennial Fund, 25.00; Swift Creek church, Welch Neck Association, 18.16; Newberry, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Lynchburg, Cuban missions, 2.30; Woman's Missionary Society, Chestnut Ridge church, Centennial Fund, 7.50; Blackstock church, 5.00; Blackstock church, Home Missions, 6.72; Rabun Creek church, Home Missions, 1.53; Troy, 2.00; Wellford, Centennial Chapel Fund, 12.55; Ward's church, Edgefield county, Centennial Fund, 7.40; Dry Creek church, Centennial

Fund, 7.22; "Ninety-six" Sunday-school, Centennial Fund, 6.50; "Ninety-six" church, Centennial Fund, 3.45; Second church, Columbia, 2.10; Ladies of Union church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 10.05; Willie Marcus Smith, Simpsonville, Centennial Fund, 90; Seneca, Centennial Fund, 8.50; Pendleton street church, Greenville, 7.20; Sunday-school, Piedmont, 9.56; Four Holes church, Orangeburg Association, 9.00; Hickory Grove church, Charleston Association, 13.25; Republican church, Edgefield Association, 3.05; Parksville church, Centennial Fund, 5.75; Parksville Mission Band, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Sardis church, Ridge Association, Centennial Fund, 12.50; Salem church, Ridge Association, Centennial Fund, .60; B. M. Moore, Simpsonville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.75; Mt. Zion church, Welch Neck Association, Centennial Fund, 4.00; Lake Swamp church, Welch Neck Association, Centennial Fund, 1.50; Mount Moriah church, Abbeville Association, Centennial Fund, 18.60; Mount Moriah church, Abbeville Association, 16.00; class No. 2 Blackstock Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Flint Hill church, York Association, 8.89; Spring Hill church, Centennial Fund, 1.30; Green Pond church, 2.00; Due West, 6.93; Due West Sunbeams, Centennial Fund, 2.47; Beaufort, 50.00; Chester, 10.00; Gum Branch church, Centennial Fund, 1.92; Welch Neck church, 19.03; Fork Hill church, Centennial Fund, 1.15; Spring Hill church, 1.25; Florence, Centennial Fund, 40.50; Prosperity church, Reedy River Association, 1.00; Bethel church, Reedy River Association, 1.00; Damascus church, Centennial Fund, 25.00; Hartsville, Centennial Fund, 58.51; Miss Mollie Getzinger, Gowansville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Sumter, 5.00; W. W. Keys, Treasurer Executive Board Greenville Association, 175.44; Pendleton street church, Greenville, 9.00; Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, 2.93; Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 18.32; Ridge Springs, Centennial Fund, 12.00; Spartanburg, 3.25; West Union, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, 369.79; Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, support of girls in Havana school, 17.00; Central Committee Woman's Missionary Society, 43.81; W. F. Cox, Treasurer Executive Board Centennial Fund, 32.50; W. F. Cox, Treasurer Executive Board, 145.75; Sunday-school, Williston, 5.00.

Total for the month, \$1,385.52.

## TENNESSEE.

Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Centennial Fund, \$3.50; Central Sunday-school, Nashville, Cuban school, 2.24; Master Charlie Blackman, Oglesby, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Sunday-school, Clarksville, 8.39; Sunday-school, Cleveland, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Circle, Central church, Memphis, Havana house, 50.00; collected by T. P. Bell, Treasurer, Committee, pledge, Centennial Chapel Fund, 12.63; J. M. Taliaferro, Adolphus, Cuban Missions, 15.00; Ladies' Society, First church, Memphis, box frontier missionary, 122.10; Collections of W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, Tennessee Convention: Ogden Sunday-school, Centennial fund, 1.18; Friend of missions, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Friendship, Centennial Fund, 4.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Clarksville, Centennial Fund, 13.93; Ladies' Missionary Society, Trenton, Centennial Fund, 22.45; Sunday-school, Third church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 2.00; Edgefield Sunday-school, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Central church, Chattanooga, Centennial Fund, 3.20; Woman's Missionary Society, Edgefield church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 20.00; Commerce church, Centennial Fund, .50; Woman's Missionary Society, Bell Buckle, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Mossy Creek, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Round Lick church, 10.95; First church, Nashville, 3.85; Howell Memorial church, Nashville, 3.82; Missionary Society, Third church, Nashville, .80; Trezevant church, 8.37; First church, Dayton, 1.35; Antioch church, 1.50; Ladies' Missionary Society, Trenton, 8.20; North Edgefield church, Nashville, 2.15; Ladies' Aid Society, Third church, Nashville, 1.08; Leeville church, 1.10; Immanuel church, Nashville, 32.54; "Sunbeams," North Edgefield church, Nashville, 5.00; North Edgefield church, Nashville, 2.12; Beulah church, Beulah Association, 6.25; Woman's Missionary Society, First church, Knoxville Centennial Fund, 33.00; Beulah church, Beulah Association, 7.00; Ladies' Missionary Society, Brownsville, 16.00; Central church, Nashville, Centennial Fund, 100.00; First church, Jackson, Centennial Fund, 10.00; Pleasant Grove church, 1.00; Rock Springs church, Centennial Fund, 2.25; Covington, 28.50; Central church, Memphis, 62.75; Ladies' Society, Central church, Memphis, 6.84; Mrs. M. E. Field, Henning, 3.00; Sunday-school, Paris, 12.45; First church, Jackson, 8.00; First church, Jackson, Centennial Fund, 8.75; Central church, Nashville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 4.00; Central church, Nashville, 8.00; "Sunbeam Society," Eagleville, Centennial Chapel Fund, 8.00; Mrs. Robert McCall, Rome, Centennial Chapel Fund, 2.00; Through R. G. Craig, Treasurer: Ladies' Missionary Society, First church, Memphis, box Texas missionaries, 125.00; First church, Memphis, 12.65; Endora church, 12.50; Ladies' Aid Society, Endora church, 2.00; Frayer, 2.10; Ladies' Missionary Society, First church, Memphis, Centennial Fund, 25.00; First church, Centennial Fund, 25.65; Ladies' Aid Society, Trenton church, Centennial Fund, 14.65; Sunbeams, Trenton church, Centennial Fund, 2.50; New Hope church, Centennial Fund, 2.20; Grand Junction church, Centennial Fund, 2.50; Endora Sunday-school church, Centennial Fund, 15.00; Frayer church, Centennial Fund, 3.40; Falls Branch church, Holston Association, 2.50; Greenville church, Holston Association, 1.78; Bethany church, Holston Association, .30; Johnson City, Centennial Fund, 74.10; First church, Jackson, Centennial Fund, 2.50; First church, Jackson, 8.15; Ladies' Missionary Society, Clarksville, box frontier missionary, 68.00; Harmony and Zion Hill churches, Centennial Fund, 5.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, Centennial Fund, 47.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer Tennessee Convention: North Edgefield church, Nashville, 21.75; Sunday-school Third church, Nashville, 12.20; Eldred church, 2.30; Spring Hill church, 3.75; Milan Sunday-school, 2.50; Trezevant church, .15; Shop Springs church, 4.00; Central Springs church, 6.00; Watauga church, 4.00; Woodbury church, 7.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Fairview, 5.00; Sunday-school First church, Nashville, 1.17; Edgefield church, Nashville, 29.87; Beuna Vista church, 1.00; Woman's Missionary Society, Newport, 1.00; Sunday-school, Nashville, Third church, 8.70; New Hope church, 11.81; Cleveland church, 2.00; Pleasant Plains church, 9.00; Salem church, .25; New Hope church, 3.12; New Hope Sunday-school, 1.25; Athens church, 1.08; Newbern church, 4.25; South Fork Union church, 7.18; Trimble church, 2.45; McMinnville church, 1.40; Macedon church, 1.62; Martin Sunday-school, 1.85; Winchester Sunbeams, 5.00; Clarksville church, 69.67; Antioch church, 1.60; North Edgefield church, Nashville, 3.45; the Young South, 25.00; Medina church, 1.50; Dyer church, 4.50; Hickory Grove church, 1.50; Spring Creek church, 2.85; Spring Creek Sunday-school, .81; Trenton church, 34.40; Johnson City church, 2.00; First church, Knoxville, 541.56; L. M. Jones, Trenton, 10.00.

Total for the month, \$2,097.19.

