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MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE, MAY 12-16, 1893.

The meetings were held in the large "Sam. Jones Tabernacle," which is said to have a seating capacity of 4,000, but which the Baptist clans usually filled and sometimes crowded. It was a matter of congratulation that we had at last an audience room which would hold us, but the confusion of the crowd was so great and the acoustics of the hall so bad, that there was a general desire to get into smaller quarters once more.

There were present as accredited delegates to the convention 790, besides delegates to the W. M. Union, and visitors, which considerably swelled that number. But our Nashville brethren and the citizens generally were fully equal to the emergency, and their hospitality was graceful, cordial, and abundant, reflecting the highest credit on all concerned. They entertained the Secretaries of the Boards and the President and Secretaries of the convention at the Maxwell House, where we were treated in royal style, it being one of the very best hotels in the whole country, and the presence of a large number of delegates and visitors among them many of the "elect ladies" of the W. M. U.—added greatly to the pleasure of our stay there.

Our space will not allow any report, and scarcely a good bird's eye view of the great meeting.

The organization was quickly effected by the election of the following officers: President, Hon. Jonathan Haralson, of Selma, Ala.; Vice-Presidents, Gov. W. J. Northen, Atlanta, Joshua Levering, Esq., Baltimore, Rev. Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, Louisville, and Rev. Dr. S. H. Ford, St. Louis; Secretaries, Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta, Ga., and Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore; Treasurer, Geo. W. Norton, of Louisville; Auditor, Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Louisville.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, read an abstract of the report of the Foreign Mission Board.

The report mentions details concerning the Centennial movement; gives the names of 40 "Centennial missionaries" that have been appointed, and says that if all worthy applicants are appointed, the 100 asked for may be reached in the near future. The report speaks of the missionaries who have returned or retired, and announces the appointment of Rev. Dr. J. B. Hartwell to his old field in North China. The report of the W. M. U. is given in

full, showing receipts for the past year, for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$36,042.78, an increase of \$11,002.52.

The report notes the resignation of Dr. T. P. Bell as Assistant Secretary, gives the resolutions adopted by the board, and says:

"This resignation involves interests many and grave. But, as in the past, the convention has entrusted the details of its Foreign work to the Board, so in the matter of Assistant Secretaryship and associated things, it is confidently hoped that the convention will confide in the Board, whose best judgment and wisdom will be employed for such readjustment of its affairs as will protect the cause committed to its hands from any detriment."

per cent. much less. Enlarged revenue is the best method of diminishing the percentage of expenses, when those expenses are the least sufficient for effective service. The Board is ever desirous to reduce expenditures to the minimum consistent with fidelity to their trust. The churches, however, do not seem so deeply impressed; for they insist upon the Board paying heavy interest as the price of their delayed offerings, the interest this year being \$1,633.44, paid on \$78,668.21 borrowed money. On the last day the Board received \$22,423.48; on the last four days, \$34,223.41. Is such delay wise economy on the part of the stewards of the Lord's money, given to extend the realm of "the King of Saints?"

The report then gives deeply in-

On Saturday night the Tabernacle was filled with a deeply interested audience to whom Dr. T. P. Bell made one of his clear, incisive, touching and telling speeches on "Pagan Fields", and Dr. B. H. Carroll made an argument for work in "Papal Fields" which was able, powerful, and unanswerable, and was generally conceded to have been the speech of the Convention.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. Tichenor read an abstract of the report of the Home Board, which we gave in our last issue and will not repeat here. The report was referred to Committees on Cuba—Foreign Populations and Indians—Colored People—Importance of Home Missions—and Treasurer's Report.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Mississippi, was Chairman of the Committee on "The Importance of Home Missions," and read the report as follows:

On the field occupied by this Convention are more than 20,000,000 people. Something more than 7,000,000 of these are negroes. Somewhat more than three-fourths of the Baptists in the United States are within the territory of this Convention.

In the providence of God Baptists have had their fairest opportunity in these Southern States. For more than a hundred years our people have lived under conditions specially favorable to the dissemination of the simple faith of the Gospel. In the main, uncontaminated by the vices of great cities, it has been easy to bring the masses to accept the Gospel in its simplicity. But we are evidently entering upon a new era. Old things are passing away. In the material conditions and environments of our people all things are becoming new. Our civilization will, within a generation, be recast in larger moulds, and better, if we are alert, open hearted and true. The importance of Home Missions is emphasized by the grave fact of this transition. All transitions offer great opportunities for doing good, but also bring great perils. Southern people confront a great future. It will be good, if to-day, and to-morrow, and next day we work to make it so.

Southern Baptists, taken en masse, are like our natural resources, vast, but undeveloped. Numbers do not make strength. We may be many and yet not much. In the world of wealth and of forces raw material is of great value, but only that it may be developed into higher forms. Our great numbers form the base of the grandest missionary army the world has yet seen if we are wise and tactful to realize what God has given us. Let us face the truth. South-



JOHN LANSING BURROWS, D. D.

Vice-President of the Convention, 1867, 1871, 1874. President of Foreign Mission Board, 1864, '68, '69, '70, '72, '73. Born, Albany, N. Y., February 14, 1814. Died, Jefferson county, Georgia, January 2, 1893.

The report then appropriately notices the death of several of its missionaries, of Mrs. T. P. Bell, and of Rev. Dr. J. L. Burrows, who was for some years President of the Foreign Mission Board. The report then gives a number of "Points of Interest," and states its cash receipts for the year to have been \$154,686.23, of which amount \$21,345.90 was designated for the "Permanent Fund," and \$28,438.91 for "Centennial." The report gives details concerning the application of "Centennial" funds, and the ratio of expenses to receipts, and then says:

"Our Treasurer's figures for 1893 are as follows: Income from all sources, \$154,686.23; home expenses, \$11,673.26. This gives a ratio of expense to income more favorable than that of last year. Had the asked for \$425,000 been realized, the expense would have been no more, and the

teresting details of the work of the Board in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Africa and China.

The report gives an admirably prepared table of the statistics of each mission, showing a grand total of 33 main stations, 19 out stations in the city of Main Station, 133 other out stations, 30 male missionaries, 35 female missionaries, 18 unmarried female missionaries, 21 ordained native missionaries, 49 unordained native missionaries, 8 female native helpers, 75 organized churches, 2,923 members and 383 baptized during the past year. The contributions of these native churches during the past year aggregate \$5,368.42.

This report of the Board was referred to appropriate committees, who reported at proper hours during the sessions of the Convention, and on which there were speeches of deep interest.

ern Baptists greatly need breadth. Very many of us are satisfied if it is measurably well with our own church and neighborhood. The fields beyond do not lie as a solemn charge on our hearts. Local feelings and sectional feelings are stronger than the spirit of universal evangelization. When we lift up our eyes to behold the fields, we need a very much wider range of vision than many of our good people have, and we need to study and practice co-operation in the broad spirit of the Gospel. Very greatly do these millions of Baptists need to feel the thrill of that masterful spirit which sent the disciples everywhere preaching the gospel.

Home Missions rightly directed look to all these things. The inflowing multitudes who are coming to us, who will build new towns and cities and a large existing communities, must be received and made obedient to the faith by a robust, dominating Home Mission work. It must be large, commanding and gracious to hold to it the men of growing wealth, and to save us from a material civilization. Let there be no walls built around us to exclude Chinese or whoever else will come; but for their frown let us give them the bread of Heaven. And instead of a spirit of exclusion, let us face outward and send our men with our prayers and our money wherever Providence opens the way.

Your committee profoundly feel the dignity and grandeur of the foreign work, but cannot sink out of view the evident fact that all the springs of the foreign work are in the Home field. Strength at home, wisely directed, means strength abroad.

It seems to your committee that the need of Home Missions as a means of unifying our forces, of developing and pulling up the weaker States into the larger movements of the denomination, can scarcely be estimated. We believe that never in our history was the urgency for large plans and liberal support for the Home Board greater than now. Tremendous things must be done within a few years if the future South is to be cast in New Testament moulds. Respectfully submitted. J. B. GAMBRELL, R. H. GRIFFITH, R. B. GARRETT.

The report was enforced in earnest speeches by Dr. Gambrell, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of Texas, and Rev. W. C. McCall, of South Carolina.

The committee on work among the Colored People reported, through its chairman, as follows:

Your committee, to whom so much of the report of the Home Board as relates to the colored people was referred, recommend:

1. That the educational work auspiciously begun by the Board be prosecuted.

2. That closer fraternal relationships with the colored Baptists of the South should be cultivated by

the Board and by the constituency of this Convention, with a view to a wise encouragement and assistance of them to do themselves, in so far as may be possible, the work needed among them.

3. That the peril to which attention is called in the report of the Board of the alienation of the colored people from the Baptists by the Roman Catholics should be neither ignored nor minimized.

J. M. McMANAWAY,
Chairman.

The report elicited a very interesting discussion, participated in by Brethren W. H. McAlpine, a colored missionary of the Home Mission Board in Alabama; W. E. Hatcher, Virginia; W. S. Penick, Louisiana; M. D. Jeffries, Tennessee; J. A. Broadus, Kentucky; J. B. Hawthorne, Georgia; J. B. Gambrell, Mississippi; A. B. Miller, Texas; and the following resolution was adopted in connection with the report:

Resolved, That this Convention commends to the sisters, the propriety and feasibility of establishing Mother's Training Schools in their midst, everywhere, for the improvement of the home life of the negroes.

The report was then adopted.

Bro. McAlpine made a fine impression on the Convention by his admirable talk, and the presentation of his wise, practical, plan of work among his people. It may be added in this connection that on Sunday night the Tabernacle was given up to the colored churches of Nashville, in which to hold a Centennial meeting. Bro. M. Vann presided and sandwiched some admirable talk of his own between the speeches of the chosen speakers.

The house was full, the singing was very fine, the speakers generally were at their best, and the enthusiasm rose very high, culminating in a collection amounting to about \$700.

Brethren T. P. Bell, J. Wm. Jones, F. M. Ellis, and Searcy of Memphis were the favored ones who were to speak on the occasion, or, as one of the speakers put it, were "given the post of honor."

The interests of our Cuban Mission were considered before a crowded house Monday night.

Governor W. J. Northen, as Chairman of the committee, presented the following report:

Your committee appointed to report on the work of the Home Board in Cuba rejoice in the continued blessing of God on this department of our labor and the bright outlook for the future.

The recent dedication of our beautiful house of worship there, free from debt, was a marked day in the history of the denomination. The event attracted brethren from beyond the borders of our Convention, who were made lasting friends of this Mission. Some of them are in attendance upon this session of our body, drawn here mainly by the interest they feel in the work in Cuba.

Your committee are impressed with the need of additional houses of worship in different parts of the island, and with the necessity for the establishment at an early day of a well equipped Girl's High School in Havana. While we do not recommend any immediate expenditure for this purpose, in view of the pressing demands of other features of the work, we earnestly trust the Convention will see its way to lend assistance in some shape to this important interest.

We desire to record our gratification at the appointment to this work of our first American Missionary, Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, son of the honored Assistant Secretary of the Board, who should be followed to his field of labor by the prayers of the brethren.

As embodying the views of this committee, we ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, In the opinion of this Convention, the establishment of a High School for the education of girls and young ladies in the city of Havana would greatly advance the interests of the Mission in the island and the work among all Spanish speaking people.

Resolved, As the Home Board has already expended as much money upon the work in Cuba as is consistent with the demands from other sections, we most heartily commend the establishment of such school to the consideration of Baptists who may be inclined to the judicious expenditure of their means for the advancement of the interests of missions among the Spanish speaking people of the world. W. J. NORTHEN, J. A. FRENCH, W. H. STRICKLAND, J. T. BARRETT.

Governor Northen followed the reading of the report with an admirable speech.

Rev. Dr. R. B. Montgomery, of Brooklyn, spoke warmly of his interest in the Convention and his pleasure at meeting his Southern brethren, told tenderly the story of his baptizing Diaz, described the work as he saw it in Cuba, and made a strong appeal for the establishment of a first-class Girl's High School in Havana. He brought the greetings of the New York Baptist Ministers' Conference, and a resolution passed by them inviting Bro. A. J. Diaz to visit their churches. Dr. Montgomery's speech made a fine impression on the Convention. Bro. J. V. Cova next spoke briefly and well about his work in Cuba, and made the brethren feel that he is the right man in the right place. Indeed Bro. Cova's visit to the Convention greatly enhanced the interest in our Cuban work generally, and in his own Mission in the Pilar District in particular.

Bro. Diaz was the last speaker, and had the good taste to speak for only a short time, though the Convention always hears him gladly, and would have listened to him longer. The

statement he gave of the progress and prospects of our work was deeply interesting, and Cuba has, evidently, a growing interest for our people.

The report on "Foreign Populations and Indians" was read by Rev. M. D. Early of Memphis, as follows:

This department of the work of the Home Mission Board is becoming more and more important from year to year, in consequence of the increase of population within the territory of the Convention. There are already eight hundred thousand Germans in Missouri alone, while Texas perhaps has half that number. Fifty thousand land annually in Baltimore, while large bodies of Mexicans are to be found in Texas and on our Southern frontier. The Home Mission Board has missionaries among them in Missouri, Maryland and Texas. We approve the expressed policy of the Board of increasing its work among these people as rapidly as possible.

The Convention is fortunate in having with it to-day some of the ablest ministers who are at work among this people in the employ of the Board. The Convention no doubt will be glad to hear statements from them with reference to this work. Such statements will no doubt give to the body a much clearer view of this all-important work than can be compassed by the narrow limits of this report.

The work the Home Mission Board has been conducting for forty years among the Indians has proved a great blessing to these people. Its success in the past is the very best assurance the Convention has that it will be wisely managed in the future. We are well assured that the Board is in hearty sympathy with these people, and will do whatever is within its power for their religious welfare.

The resolutions with reference to the Chinese, submitted to the committee, are herewith returned with the recommendation that they be adopted. Respectfully submitted.

M. D. EARLY.

Brethren F. Sievers, of St. Louis, A. Konzelman, of Kansas City—our German Missionaries—A. Marchand, of Texas, a converted French Priest, who with his Mexican church had been recently baptized, and Geo. C. Stevens, of Ohio, made brief but effective speeches. Dr. J. G. Gibson, of Georgia, presented the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's report of the Home Board, which was adopted as follows, without discussion and without dissent:

Your committee beg leave to report that the Treasurer, in his report, exhibits the gratifying fact that the amount available this year for our regular work exceeds that of last year by \$2,014.36, and that in addition to meeting all expenses essential to the prosecution of the general work, the Treasurer has paid an indebtedness of \$9,662.50 brought over from the preceding year. He has

also met the last payment on the Havana house of worship, and now reports a balance to credit of the Board of \$2,784.41.

J. G. GIBSON, W. P. WELCH, E. O. WARE, T. G. SELLERS, Members of Committee.

THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, Chairman, read the report of the Centennial Committee, which was adopted as follows:

Your committee would respectfully report that they have endeavored to the best of their ability to carry out the directions given them by the Convention. After the adjournment of the Convention we at once put ourselves in communication with the Boards and the various State committees and have done what we could to aid them in their work. We appealed to the denominational papers for co-operation, and many articles in the interest of the Centennial work have been sent them during the year. Many thousands of letters have been sent to pastors, but with very little result. The Centennial was brought up at the State associations and conventions as well as at the district associations, and the movement was heartily indorsed.

It became evident to your committee that the proposed \$250,000 Fund for Permanent Work would not be secured unless some suitable man took the field in this behalf. We were fortunate in securing the services of Dr. W. D. Powell, the Foreign Mission Board kindly releasing him for this service. He began his labors last October and has been vigorously at work since.

Obedying the instructions of the Convention, the committee have laid special stress upon the raising of this special fund of \$250,000, while not neglecting to urge the enlargement of the regular work. Under our labors, and especially under the labors of our agent, many churches have pledged the support of additional missionaries. The reports of the Boards and of Dr. Powell show how much has been actually paid in during the past year. Just how much has been secured we are unable to tell, since many of the pledges given have not yet been redeemed.

The entire amounts asked from Kentucky, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana have been pledged. Maryland in proportion to ability has done best of all, and among our churches, Eutaw Place, Baltimore, stands pre-eminent.

In different States special Centennial meetings have been held, notably in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, as well as in St. Louis. The States which have been most thoroughly canvassed are Alabama, Maryland, Kentucky and Georgia, though earnest, faithful work has been done in other States. There have been special difficulties in some of the States. In Arkansas, for ex-

ample, two of the State committee removed to other States and the third member was prevented from active service by continued sickness. Pastor McManaway, of the First church in Little Rock, who has lately served as chairman, reports great interest aroused far beyond what is indicated by the amount of the contributions. In Mississippi there has been an unparalleled financial depression, which along with the agitation of the removal of the denominational college, made the results in Mississippi less than we might otherwise have expected. But the brethren there are zealous and in active sympathy with the work.

In Virginia the General Association voted to extend the Centennial period for work in that State till November, 1893, and the chairman of the State Committee, Dr. M. B. Wharton, writes from Norfolk, May 3d, that he is unable to learn how much has been done by the Virginia Baptists, and says: "There arose a fear early in the work that the Centennial offerings would cut short the regular contributions, and that the result would be robbing Peter to pay Paul. Centennial gifts by the thousand have thus gone to the credit of the regular work and the general result will, I believe, be satisfactory."

In Texas Chairman Fawcett writes that the campaign was delayed in the hope of securing the services of Dr. Powell, and also on account of the vigorous canvass for paying off the debt of Baylor University, which has prevented Texas doing what otherwise she would have done.

In South Carolina State Chairman Dr. John Stout reports: "A very large amount of work of remarkably good quality has been done in the line of educating our people as to the history of missions and the present condition and needs of our work. Our pastors generally have informed themselves, and in meetings in their respective churches and in special meetings and representative gatherings, have spoken worthily of the great work of the Missionary Centenary." He also says: "I think I can safely say that the special efforts for permanent Centennial Funds have not injuriously affected contributions for the current work, as some feared they would, and it is hoped that systematic work for missions will hereafter have more life and power in it."

In reporting the eminently satisfactory work done in Alabama, our Chairman, Dr. George B. Eager, says: "We have had our share of disaffection and opposition among brethren to contend with, not to speak of a number of important pastoral changes which embarrassed or interfered with the collection of numerous pledges to the work. But despite all this, we have been cheered by a thousand evidences of sympathy and interest, by good audiences and good collections for the most part, by the evi-

dent presence and power of the Holy Spirit in many of our meetings, and by the growing conviction in the minds of our best people all over the State that the work will accrue to the permanent benefit of the cause of missions and true love to Christ and lost men." He gives special credit to Dr. W. B. Crumpton, the efficient State Secretary, for the success of the work in Alabama. The State Convention of Alabama has voted to extend the Centennial period till next November. The Georgia State Convention has taken similar action.

In other States, though good work has been done, the reports are somewhat meagre. It is believed that the other States would have done much more had Dr. Powell been able to give more time to them. Your committee would make special acknowledgment of the faithful and earnest efforts of State Secretaries J. W. Warder of Kentucky, J. G. Gibson of Georgia, and W. B. Crumpton, of Alabama, in behalf of this Centennial work.

During the year we have held two Centennial celebrations with special programmes, as directed by the Convention, the one in Louisville last October, the other in Richmond last March. The facts concerning these meetings are too well known to require detailed statement from us. Both of them were helpful and inspiring. According to the action of the Convention last year, your committee were to arrange for a meeting at this session which would last a whole day. Owing to the pressure upon the time of the body, we would respectfully recommend that instead of a day's programme we simply have so much time given to the discussion of this report as the Convention may desire and a mass meeting in the interest of the Centennial on Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

We would recommend—

1st. That the Centennial period be extended to November, 1893.

2d. That the work of completing this \$250,000 Fund for Permanent Work, as well as the work of enlargement, be urged vigorously forward by our Foreign and Home Boards, and that the Boards be authorized to employ some brother to give this work undivided attention.

3d. That additional special efforts be made to reach the great mass of our church members who do little or nothing for missions and to impress them with a sense of their obligations to the great cause of saving mankind.

4th. The committee recommend that the Boards be instructed to administer and report separately year by year the Fund for Permanent Work, consisting of all moneys received from chapel cards and from special gifts for permanent work, with full authority to hold and use the fund, as in their judgment will best promote the cause, and appropriate it at their discretion, limited of course by the expressed purpose

of the donors to raise money "for buildings, Bible translations, and other permanent work," and by any specific designation attached to any particular contribution, as well as by such instructions as the Convention may give from time to time.

Your committee would gratefully recognize the noble service in the Centennial work which has been rendered by the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Convention. We present herewith their report and ask that it be received along with Dr. Powell's as part of the report of this committee.

Respectfully submitted. T. T. EATON, H. H. HARRIS, F. M. ELLIS, I. T. TICHENOR, T. H. PRITCHARD.

The committee also presented detailed reports from the Woman's Missionary Union, and from Rev. Dr. W. D. Powell, showing that a vast amount of work had been efficiently and well done, and with very satisfactory results under all of the circumstances.

After speeches by Brethren T. T. Eaton of Kentucky, W. C. McCall of South Carolina, A. B. Miller of Texas, W. L. Pickard of Kentucky, F. M. Ellis of Maryland, and S. H. Ford of Missouri, the report was adopted.

The speech of Dr. Eaton was so clear, able and practical, and contained so much valuable material for circulation among the churches, that there was a general desire expressed for its publication in tract form, and about 3,000 copies were subscribed for at once. We hope that at least 100,000 copies may be scattered among our people.

Sunday afternoon there was an immense mass meeting in the tabernacle in the interest of the Centennial. Stirring addresses were made by Dr. C. Durham, of North Carolina, on "Home Missions," F. M. Ellis, of Maryland, on "Scriptural Motives in our Missionary Enterprise," and Dr. W. D. Powell, of Mexico, on "The Blessedness of Giving." Of course Dr. Powell engineered a collection—he always does—and although a large proportion of those present had already given to this object their "bottom dollar," the sum of \$556.45 was realized.

METHODS OF MISSIONS.

The various publications in the papers during the past year, private letters which had been written to leading brethren in different sections, and the undercurrent of talk among the delegates clearly indicated that there was a plan on foot for very radical changes in our machinery and methods.

At the first session of the convention Brother Joshua Leving, of Baltimore, introduced the following, to which no objection was raised and which was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, We are about entering upon another century of missions; and

"WHEREAS, It is necessary for us as Southern Baptists to adopt the very
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J. WILLIAM JONES, EDITOR.

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LET BRETHREN REMEMBER.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Boards to push the Centennial collection to completion. Much has been pledged which is still to be paid. Several States have, by vote of their convention, protracted the time of raising their quota, and in others only partial work has been done. The Boards will, as instructed by the convention, put some man in the place of Brother Powell. It will take a little time for the Boards to act. The proper man must be secured. Who is he? is the question to be decided. Meantime, let our brethren everywhere push forward the work as planned and ordered by the convention.

I. T. TICHENOR.

A WORD PERSONAL.

It has been announced that I have been elected and have accepted the chaplaincy of the University of Virginia, and will enter upon my duties there the 15th of September next, thus severing my connection with the Home Board which I have served as Assistant Secretary for the past six years.

It was a hard struggle for me to consent to sever ties so strong, and to resign a position of such great usefulness, but after giving the question the most careful consideration

and earnestly seeking the Divine guidance, I was brought to the conclusion that it was my duty to accept this position at my *Alma Mater*, and to enter that field of wondrous promise among the 500 choice young men who come from every State in the South and from other sections.

During the six years I have been connected with the Board I have received from it, its officers and its individual members, the most considerate kindness, and I shall carry with me through life the most grateful recollections of their hearty co-operation.

I cannot find language to express the thoughtful kindness, the gentlemanly courtesy, the Christian forbearance, the loving helpfulness, with which I have always been treated by my distinguished and able Chief, my honored and beloved brother, Dr. I. T. Tichenor.

We have consulted together, worked together, prayed together, and during all these years nothing that came within a thousand miles of a jar, or an alienation, has ever arisen between us. Bound together by common sympathies, common trials, common work, common hopes and common joys, we have formed ties which time can never sever.

Nor can I ever forget the kindness I have received all over the South, as I have traveled from Maryland to Texas, and from Florida to Missouri, in the interests of Home Missions.

I have found the position one of hard work—unceasing toil day and night—and many trials, but the sympathies, loving words, and loving deeds of brethren in all sections of our territory have sweetened the toil and neutralized the trials, and I leave the position with sincere regret.

The Board has requested me to continue my work until my successor is elected, or at least until my new duties demand my attention, and I have consented to do so. My address will, therefore, still be Atlanta until the 1st of September.

May I not earnestly ask that my brethren will follow me to my new, important, and difficult field at the Virginia University, with kindly interest and loving sympathy, and that they will sometimes ask God's blessing upon my work?

J. WILLIAM JONES.

Atlanta, Ga., June 23, 1893.

RETIREMENT OF DR. H. A. TUPPER.

The *Richmond Dispatch* of May 31st, contains the following in its local editorial column:

"Rev. Dr. H. A. Tupper, who has for some twenty years filled the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will soon retire from that position.

"Although unanimously re-elected by the Board at its meeting held here a few days after the adjournment of the Convention, Dr. Tupper has, as

anticipated in Sunday's *Dispatch*, positively declined to serve another year. His determination was made known in a letter, to consider which a special meeting of the Board was held in its rooms Monday afternoon. Professor H. H. Harris, the honored President, occupied the chair and there was quite a full attendance.

"The committee appointed for that purpose at the meeting at which Dr. Tupper was re-elected reported that they had waited upon Dr. Tupper and urged his acceptance of the Secretaryship, giving the most potent reasons why he should remain in the position in which his services had been productive of such great good. To this he replied by communication, thanking the Board both for the compliment expressed in his unanimous re-election and for the very kind and cordial resolutions adopted commending and indorsing his work, but saying that it was impossible for him to reconsider the decision to which he had come in declining the office.

"There were many expressions of regret at Dr. Tupper's decision, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That by receiving the letter of Dr. H. A. Tupper declining the office of Corresponding Secretary, to which the unanimous voice of this Board called him, we lose an officer courteous in bearing, wise in counsel, diligent and self-sacrificing in effort, and from whom we part with sincere regret.

"Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention loses the services of an officer who has not only faithfully and efficiently discharged his duty for all these years, during which time the receipts of our treasury have been quadrupled and our missionary force has been to even larger proportions increased, but who has also adorned this office by his noble Christian spirit, by his delicate regard for others, by his courage in doing right, and by his refined and gentle manner, as well as by his energy and wisdom in action.

"The Board thereupon elected Rev. T. P. Bell, D. D., until recently Dr. Tupper's assistant, to succeed him as Corresponding Secretary. Dr. Bell has been a resident of Richmond for a number of years and is well known here. He has but recently entered upon his duties as Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, with headquarters at Nashville, having succeeded Rev. Dr. J. M. Frost, who resigned that place to return to pastoral work. A committee was appointed to inform Dr. Bell of his election, and it is hoped that he can be induced to accept, though this is entirely uncertain."

We will only add that it has been our privilege to know Dr. Tupper since 1869, 24 years—that for nearly 15 years we were a member of the Foreign Mission Board and closely associated with him—that for weeks,

after our house was burned, we were inmates of his beautiful home at guests of his charming family—and that we speak, therefore, from intimate personal knowledge when we say that we never knew a more polished gentleman, a more devoted Christian, a truer friend, a nobler man.

As Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board he has been able, consecrated, judicious, self-denying, and untiring, and has accomplished a work "whose record is on high," and for which Southern Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to him, and unspeakable thanksgiving and praise to God who has given His servant grace to serve Him so faithfully.

Through all the years he has been Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board Dr. Tupper has quietly gone into bank and, on his private credit, borrowed whatever money was necessary to "supply the lack" of the churches, and pay the missionaries in the field, until he has established for our Foreign Mission Board a credit abroad equal to that of any bank in America.

In a word he has taken rank among the great secretaries who have toiled to promote the cause of missions, and his retirement is a great calamity to the Board, and to Foreign Missions. No wonder that those who knew him best were most anxious to retain his services, and that the Board unanimously and heartily re-elected him and urged him to continue in the position which for 20 years he had filled so ably and successfully.

But as Dr. Tupper (for reasons satisfactory to himself, and of which we cannot trust ourselves to speak) has positively declined to serve longer, we do not hesitate to say that the Board has done a very wise thing in electing to the position Dr. T. P. Bell, whose rare qualifications, and large experience would be especially valuable at this critical period in the history of the Board.

We sincerely hope that he may see his way clear to accept the position, for it would be far easier, it seems to us, to secure a Secretary for the Sunday-school Board than to find a substitute for Bro. Bell's experience and ability in the Foreign Mission work.

The great speech of Dr. B. H. Carroll, of Texas, on Roman Catholicism, delivered at the Southern Baptist Convention recently held in Nashville, was printed in full in the *Texas Baptist Standard* of June 1st. It will now be issued in pamphlet form by the publishers of the *Standard* and sold at ten cents a copy. Those who desire to secure copies of this great address, pronounced by many to have been the ablest ever delivered at the Southern Baptist Convention, will please address the *Texas Baptist Standard*, Waco, Texas, stating how many copies they desire, so that the publishers may know how many copies of the address to issue.

RE-ELECTION OF DR. I. T. TICHENOR AS CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

[From the Atlanta Constitution of May 31, 1893.]

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention held a very important meetings at their rooms in the Gate City bank building yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There were present the following members of the Board:

President, Governor W. J. Northen; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, J. William Jones; Treasurer, A. D. Adair; Recording Secretary, A. C. Briscoe; Auditor, B. F. Abbott; other managers, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, Dr. Henry McDonald, John M. Green, Dr. G. G. Roy, Rev. S. Y. Jameson, Dr. J. M. Brittain, Walker Dunson, A. F. Cooledge, J. C. Daniel and M. M. Welch.

The Board transacted a good deal of routine business, appointed standing committees, and arranged for its work during the coming year.

But the item of most general interest was that it unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected as Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who has been ably filling the office for the past eleven years. Dr. Tichenor accepted the position, and the board will still have his valuable services in the prosecution of their great work.

At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Nashville, the convention adopted the policy of allowing each board to elect its own officers, and the action of the Home Mission Board in re-electing Dr. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary is in accord with the overwhelming sentiment of the Baptists of the South. The zeal, activity, ability, and efficiency of "the old man eloquent," which have so pushed and promoted the cause of Home Missions until more has been accomplished by the board within the past eleven years than for many years before, have given him a warm place in the affections of Southern Baptists. It may be that in the discharge of his onerous and responsible duties, Dr. Tichenor has excited the opposition of a few, but if so they have never ventured to express themselves on the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the denomination generally will hail with liveliest satisfaction the action of the board in re-electing Dr. Tichenor to his old place.

The board requested Dr. J. William Jones, who has served as Assistant Secretary for six years, who announced several weeks ago his purpose to go to another field, to continue in that position until his successor is elected, and it is understood that as Dr. Jones goes as chaplain to the University of Virginia in September, the board will diligently seek after the right man to fill the position. It is understood that they already have their eye upon an able and distinguished man in connection with this office.

"THE STORY OF DIAZ," by Dr. Geo. W. Lasher, of the *Journal and Messenger*, is a well printed and deeply interesting booklet which we would be delighted to see scattered by the thousands among our people.

We published in the HOME FIELD some extracts from articles written by Dr. Lasher in the *Journal and Messenger* concerning our work in Cuba, and we are sure that all who read those deeply interesting sketches will rejoice to get in permanent form this thrilling story of "The Gospel in Cuba"—"A Marvel of Modern Missions."

Dr. Lasher makes the following graceful and appropriate dedication: "To William J. Northen, LL. D., the conscientious educator, the intelligent agriculturist, the Christian governor, this sketch of the apostle of Cuba is respectfully dedicated, in memory of delightful associations enjoyed during a trip to 'the Queen of the Antilles' in 1893."



MATTHEW HILLSMAN, D. D.

Vice-President of Foreign Mission Board for Tennessee for 27 Years, 1853-61; 1866-83. Born, near Knoxville, Tenn., August 7, 1814. Died, Trenton, Tenn., October 28, 1892.

Pastors and other intelligent mission workers desirous of knowing "The Story of Diaz" would do well to order this little book at once.

It is published by Geo. E. Stevens, Cincinnati, who will send it by mail on the receipt of the price, twenty-five cents, or supply it in quantities at a very liberal discount.

It would prove an admirable book for our colporters, missionaries, mission societies, etc. to circulate, and we warmly recommend them to try it.

NEW SCHEDULES.

More fast trains by the Richmond & Danville R. R. commenced May 14. The Richmond & Danville R. R. changed their schedules May 14th, when a new fast train in addition to the "Vestibled Limited" went on. This train will be known as the "U. S. Fast Mail" and will carry Pullman cars through to New York and first class coaches through to Washington.

The "U. S. Fast Mail" northbound will leave Atlanta 6:30 p. m. and arrive at Washington 2:55 next day and New York 9:20 p. m.

All classes of tickets will be accepted, as this train carries coaches in addition to the Pullman cars, and it will not be necessary to take Pullman accommodations unless desired.

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best methods possible for the extension of the work both at home and abroad if we would be true to our responsibility as a Christian denomination; therefore

Resolved, That a committee composed of one from each State represented in this body and the District of Columbia be appointed to examine carefully into our organization and methods of work, and to make such recommendation as it may deem best adapted for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Resolved, That the committee in making this inquiry be authorized to call on the officers and members of the Boards for such information as may be necessary to enable it to carry out the above instructions."

It was generally understood that the report which was finally presented was a compromise between the di-

Lofton, of Tennessee, and Dr. Cranfill's amendment was adopted by an overwhelming majority. When a division was called nearly the whole Convention stood up in favor of the amendment, and only about fifteen against it, so the Convention decided as emphatically as possible in favor of continuing the office of Assistant Secretary. The second recommendation of the committee to the effect that hereafter the Boards should elect their own officers, seemed to meet with general approval, and was modified only to meet an apparent constitutional difficulty.

The rest of the report was not discussed, as the time had all been consumed, and the convention was evidently impatient to dispose of the question, and the report as amended was adopted as follows:

Your committee respectfully report that they have given the matters submitted to them careful and prayerful consideration, and beg leave to submit the following recommendations to the Convention:

1. That the matter of assistant secretaries be referred to the Boards, and that they be requested to use their own discretion as to whether assistant secretaries be employed or not, together with the time and terms of their employment.

2. We recommend that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to leave the names of the salaried officers of the Boards blank.

3. That the attention of the Boards be called to the resolutions adopted by the Convention of 1890, especially those two reading as follows:

"That in submitting the financial exhibit for the year, the Boards shall state only the actual cash receipts and payments which pass through the hands of the Treasurer, placing each item under its proper heading, and submitting such supplemental statements as they may deem desirable in separate form. That in publishing their respective Missionary Journals the Boards exclude from their columns all articles which do not pertain to the missionary cause, excepting such unobjectionable advertising matter as shall be paid for."

4. That the Convention instruct the Home Mission Board in reporting its work to enter in the statistical table in separate items the work done by its own missionaries in contradistinction to that performed under the co-operative plan in the several States where this method obtains.

Joshua Levering, Chairman; A. J. Dickinson, W. A. Clark, Wm. F. Holtzman, N. A. Bailey, J. H. Kilpatrick, B. W. D. Seeley, W. T. Lowrey, B. W. Bussey, W. T. Campbell, John Stout, J. Morgan Wells, A. E. Owen, G. M. Savage, Thos. Hume.

We do not believe that the Convention would have adopted the last two items of the report if it had understood just what it was doing; but it will have an opportunity of passing on these points at a future session, when, it is hoped, there will be

vergent views of members of the committee. The report as presented recommended the abolition of the office of Assistant Secretary, and the principal discussion had was on that point, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of Texas, offering a substitute to the effect that the whole question be left to the Boards. Inasmuch as the Home Board, in its report, had expressed itself "as decidedly of the opinion that 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," and inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Board, in its report, had asked the Convention to leave the matter to be decided by the Board, the square issue was presented as to whether the office of Assistant Secretary should be abolished. The question was earnestly discussed by Brethren Joshua Levering of Baltimore, J. B. Hawthorne of Atlanta, T. T. Eaton of Kentucky, J. M. Wells of Texas, S. H. Ford of Missouri, J. Wm. Jones of Georgia, B. H. Carroll of Texas, and G. A.

time for a full ventilation of the matters involved.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Dr. Frost, the late secretary, now president of the Board, presented the annual report from which we can only now make the following extract, which clearly shows the admirable condition of the enterprise:

"The affairs of the Board are in excellent condition without a discouraging feature in any department of its work. A detailed exhibit of the receipts and expenditures will be found in our annual financial statement at the close of this report. The principal feature in the business department of the Board is the publication of the Convention Series of Sunday-school helps. For the five years immediately succeeding the beginning of their publication from 1886 to 1891, the business, though conducted under great disadvantages, increased at the uniform rate of four thousand dollars per annum. During the convention year just closed, the advance over the preceding year is more than eleven thousand dollars, giving a gross income of more than forty-three thousand dollars, a net gain of thirty-four per cent. over the business of last year. We have met all our obligations, sometimes paying in advance and discounting the bills. The Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand of over eighteen hundred dollars; while the report from the Business Committee shows the liabilities of the Board to be less than three hundred dollars, and its assets nearly eight thousand. It lies in the power of the denomination to make this business yield an income of one hundred thousand dollars per annum, and so become a far mightier factor in our denominational enterprises; and this high standard can be reached inside of ten years.

"Surely it is only a just commendation to say that the Home Mission Board, under its honored secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, wrought wisely in creating this agency which from the first showed such vitality, and whose rapid increase shows clearly its immense possibilities for the future."

The report also shows that during the year the Board had contributed, in literature, to mission schools more than one thousand dollars, and in cash, to the work of Sunday-school missions, in the several states, more than three thousand dollars.

The report of the Board was referred to a committee, of which Dr. F. H. Kerfoot was chairman. He presented an able report in which, among other things, it was said:

2. "The Literature of the Board. The board has been able to offer to the Sunday-schools of the convention a literature which, in variety and worth, has been equal to any and all reasonable demands. The periodicals have been ably edited and well pre-

pared, and properly graded to the various needs of all classes in the schools. It is probable that in the near future there will have to be radical changes in the literature furnished to the Sunday-schools by this Board and by all other agencies, and when the time comes for this our Board can no doubt adjust itself as easily to changing demands as can any other agency. Meantime, however, the Board is, we are persuaded, fully able to furnish to our schools a literature of the very best and most reliable character, at the most reasonable prices. It is greatly to be hoped that the schools within our bounds can see their way clear more and more to use the literature of our own Board, especially since by so doing they will put it within the power of the Board greatly to enlarge its work and usefulness."

After able and telling speeches by Drs. Kerfoot and F. M. Ellis, the convention unanimously adopted the report of the committee, including the above recommendation, and thus again refuted the absurd statement that has been so industriously circulated, that the convention does not care whether our Sunday-schools use our own literature or some other.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Introductory Sermon was preached Friday night to an immense crowd in the Tabernacle by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, from a part of Rom. v. 4: "Experience worketh hope."

Dr. Hatcher is undoubtedly one of the best preachers in the Convention, and his sermon seems to have made a fine impression on the vast crowd who heard it.

About one hundred and fifty of our preachers occupied the pulpits of Nashville on Sunday, and from all that can be gathered, a most profound impression was made on the large congregations who heard them.

The action on the "Young People's Movement" seems eminently conservative and wise. Dr. McDonald, of Atlanta, introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, In view of the widespread interest in the religious life and work of our young people, that a committee be appointed to report on the best methods for the development of the young people of our churches."

The committee reported as follows:

Your Committee on Work Among the Young People would report:

1. That already many of the churches have inaugurated movements to secure the increased spirituality of our Baptist young people; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; and their enlistment in all forms of missionary activities through existing denominational organizations.

2. That wherever in the judgment

of the local church a society specially for the training of its young people would be helpful and expedient, we recommend that such societies be constituted as are strictly Baptist and denominational, and be under the sole authority of the local church without interdenominational affiliation.

3. In order that such literature as may be needed in attaining the ends had in view in these movements may be easily available to the churches, that the Sunday-school Board be requested to provide the literature suitable for the purposes above mentioned and place the same where it may be needed.

Respectfully submitted: A. J. Dickinson, Henry McDonald, J. B. Cranfill, C. Durham, L. L. Henson.

The report was discussed by Brethren J. B. Cranfill, Texas; T. T. Eaton, Kentucky; J. B. Hawthorne, Georgia; J. B. Gambrell, Mississippi; J. R. Farish, Mississippi; Lansing Burrows, Georgia; W. E. Hatcher, Virginia; C. A. Fulton, Maryland; and then, under operation of the previous question, the report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary were ably and effectively presented by Dr. John A. Broadus and Dr. W. H. Whitsett, who engineered a collection for the Students' Aid Fund, amounting to \$1,036.19.

The W. M. U. held frequent meetings and we heard glowing reports from them, but as we had not the privilege of attending we are not able to speak of them from personal knowledge.

Upon the whole it was a grand meeting of the Convention, and its influences will tell mightily on our work in the future.

Socially it was one of the most delightful meetings I ever attended, and made especially so to me by the fact that my wife and all five of my boys (four of them preachers) were present, and we had a delightful family re-union.

J. W. J.

"CONSCIENCE IN MISSIONS."

We have received from the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, a copy in beautifully gotten up tract form, of the superb address delivered by Dr. T. T. Eaton on the report of the "Centennial Committee." It will be mailed for five cents per copy, and can be had in quantities at a liberal discount on this low price. We have said in another column that we would be glad to see 100,000 copies of the tract circulated, but since seeing and reading it we desire to amend by saying that we would be glad to see the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention scatter among their members at least 500,000 copies.

We would be glad to print the address in full, but we can find room

for only the concluding part, which is as follows:

"Let us, then, begin this new century of missions learning wisdom from experience, and resolved to follow more closely than ever the command of God, and the example of the great first Baptist missionary. He was the greatest man the human race has ever produced; he was infallibly inspired in his words and guided in his movements by the Holy Spirit. Let us keep close to the example thus set us—everything must be made according to the pattern shown on the mount. Other things may seem to us expedient—new brooms have a reputation for sweeping clean—but no created being can tell what is expedient, particularly in matters of religion. The fate of those who have tried what they regarded expedient, instead of what God commanded, is a warning to us. Nadab, and Abihu, Uzzah and the rest should not be forgotten. In a certain narrow but true sense they died that we might live, or rather their deaths are recorded that we may live. No man can tell what is expedient; but any man who sincerely desires it, may know what is right and well pleasing to God. And to please God is the highest aim of His children.

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" was the voice from Heaven to our Elder Brother; it is written of Enoch, 'He had this testimony that he pleased God,' and the great, all absorbing purpose of Paul was 'to please God.' We must not grow impatient because the results of doing God's way seem small and meagre. Results are God's business while obedience is ours. We may be sure we will accomplish no real good trying any other plan but God's. We should study the past century of missions in the light of Scripture to see how God works, that we may be workers together with Him. When He would arouse His children to give the Gospel to the heathen, God converted a runaway scapegrace in the African slave trade, and sent John Newton home a saved man. Newton preached a sermon God blessed to the conversion of Wm. Carey. Newton preached again and Claudius Buchanan was converted. Buchanan wrote the Star in the East, and reading it fired Adoniram Judson with zeal for souls, and thus two continents have been filled with missionary fervor. Truly God's ways are not as our ways, neither are our ways His ways.

"The motive is the important thing in giving, as in all else; and here comes a danger in raising money for missions. Those interested fix their eyes on the amount needed, as they think, just as the apostles worried over the amount of bread needed to feed the five thousand. One dollar given from love is more powerful in the kingdom of God than millions given from wrong motives. The greatest gift of history was the two mites given by the poor

widow. Let us set out upon this new century, then, resolved by the Spirit's help to follow Paul's methods, trusting in Paul's God. Let us labor to bring the churches up to the point where every member will put every week one-tenth of his gross income into the treasury, to be divided out by the church among the different departments of the great work of saving the world, while the free-will offerings will provide for all emergencies. That this glad day may come, we must resolutely begin now to put the missionary giving upon the solid basis of duty to God. When that day comes, thought and time needed for the salvation of souls will not be consumed on finances.

"Brethren, we have brought the tables of the money changers into the temples as truly though not so guiltily as did the high priests of old. This talk of money, money, money, in our churches and in our associations and conventions is a repetition of the old filling of the courts of the temple. We say it is necessary—so did the money changers and the sellers of sheep and doves—but the indignant Lord of the Temple made short work of the necessity. Because we fail to give the Lord a tenth as a matter of course, all this talk about money takes up the time of our gatherings. Yet the challenge of God stands: "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This means spiritual blessing, the conversion of sinners and the growth in grace of our own souls. When we grieve over our own backslidings and the hardness of men's hearts; when the tides of vice and worldliness seem to sweep everything before them, let us remember this challenge of the Almighty to His people. Every man is to bring his own tithe; he is not to keep his tithe and try to make the Philistines furnish the amount.

"There is this difference between the pastor's salary and the missionary money. The pastor's salary remains nearly the same, while the mission fund needs to go on increasing. Therefore the subscriptions to missions should grow every year, with the growth of our people in numbers and in grace.

"This then is the conclusion of the whole matter. Put God first. Make the appeals to men's consciences. Follow Paul's plan both for giving and working, put the missionaries and the pastors upon the same footing; and bring the church members to give a tenth of their incomes as a matter of justice to God and not as a charity to man. All this cannot be done at once; the world cannot be saved by passing resolutions, but whatever is right can be done; but it can be done only by faithfully following this way without turning aside to try other devices because they

seem expedient. Let us keep this end steadily in view and the second century of modern missions will see such a blessing poured from the opened windows of Heaven as it has not entered into the heart of man to conceive, and the vision of the prophet will be fulfilled."

ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. F. SEVIERS, GERMAN MISSIONARY TO KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR BRETHREN—I can say that it gives me great pleasure to finish my report in regard to the work done in the past year. First of all I must say that the Lord has been very good to me in giving me health and strength all the year through to be able to do my work, except in January and the first part of February. I could not make all the visits I wanted to on account of the sickness of my wife and two of our children. Mrs. Seviere was not able for six weeks to be out of the bed and the children for nearly four weeks, but, thank the Lord, they are all well again.

Last fall at the fourth anniversary of our Young People's Society our meeting house was much too small for the number of young people which came to the meeting. It was a time of blessings for all. Our power and strength in church work lies right with the young people. If we get them, then our work has a future; they will work and draw others to the meetings.

At the beginning of the new year we observed the week of prayer, as we do in all our German Baptist churches, and after that we kept on with our meetings to the end of the month without any special results so far as man can see, but our church members received a special blessing, and new strength came upon us from above.

In the first part of February the German Baptist Association of Missouri held their meetings with our church. This day will be long remembered by our people. One evening was given to the Young People's Society, and the result of it is that all the German Baptist Young People's Societies of Missouri will organize a union for the grand work to be done among the hundreds of thousands of Germans in this State.

After a long time of hard work and many prayers the Lord has come to us with His blessings. Six new converts were baptized, two more confessed Christ, but not yet baptized, the interest is growing, the meetings are well attended. Yes, everything looks brighter in our work than it has for the last two or three years. This spring there is plenty of work in the city, and that keeps the people here and draws others in; therefore none of our work is lost to us. As it has been in the last few years, many of our friends whom we expected would be converted, and some already converted, left the city be-

cause they had no work, so other churches got the benefit of them. Now they will stay, as there is plenty of work.

In our church we have

1. A Sunday-school.
2. Woman Mission Society.
3. Young People's Society.
4. Temple Builders' Society.
5. A sewing circle of young girls under the leadership of Miss Shipp.

We try our very best to get all our people, old and young, interested in mission work, that they all may be useful Christians.

In regard to our church building affair, I must say that we did not advance much. I have collected this year \$1,000 cash and paid on the lot, which makes it \$6,000 worth paid. We must build our church this year, then I think we will in the time of one year be self-sustaining.

I would kindly ask, if the Board deems it advisable to give us some help for our church building out of the Centennial Fund this summer. If so, we will commence as soon as possible with the building. I am sure that when we start with our building I can collect among our Germans in Missouri and Kansas from \$1,500 to \$2,000. I cannot do it now, but they will see that the building which we so much need stands there. Please let us put our strength together and help one another pull; then the work will be done. May the Lord grant it.

Weeks of labor, 52; sermons preached, 115; prayer meetings, 115; visits made, 478; converts, 8; baptized, 6; Lord's Supper, 12; tracts distributed, 2,000; money collected for church property, \$1,000. Attended a council to recognize the German Baptist church, Atchison, Kansas; also a council to ordain Brother C. Brinckmann for the ministry.

May the Lord bless this work done in His name, that the harvest may come in due time abundantly.

Yours in the Lord, F. SEVIERS,
Missionary Pastor.

SEVERAL THINGS ABOUT OUR PAPER.

1. We never stop a paper unless requested to do so, and the subscription runs on until it is paid.

2. No one can legally or morally stop his paper until he has paid back dues. The refusal to take it from the office is not sufficient, and, whether we choose to exercise the right or not, we have a perfect right to continue to send the paper until all back dues are paid.

3. After the time of a subscriber has expired we stamp the fact on his wrapper and give the date at which his subscription expired.

Please notice your wrapper and if you are in arrears send us the amount due and enough to renew for another year at once. We need the money, and while the pittance we charge for a subscription (twenty five cents) is a very small matter to each individual, the aggregate is a serious matter to us.

We have due us to-day enough to run the paper for two years, and we want the money badly.

4. We are very anxious to extend our circulation, and beg our friends to exert themselves to send us lists of new subscribers.

Mohammedans are coming in large numbers, according to statements in the newspapers, to settle in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and other Southern States.

Mr. Webb, former United States Consul to Turkey, and who professed the Mussulman faith and has been employed to propagate it in the United States, is acting as agent for wealthy Mohammedans who desire to settle colonies of their people in the South.

In a recent interview, Mr. Webb stated that he had already purchased large bodies of land and was negotiating for further purchases, and that he expected in the near future to locate large numbers of these people in the Southern States.

How the field of the Home Board widens, and embraces Foreign as well as Home missions.

Europe is pouring into our territory every class of her people—the Chinese are here and are coming to stay, despite the infamy of violated treaties by our government and disgraceful "Exclusion Acts"—Africa we "have always with us"—the Cubans are crowding into our Southern territory—the Mexicans are numerous along our Texas border—the Indians cry for help—and now the Mohammedans are coming.

In a higher sense than John Randolph's sneer, "The Greeks are at our doors."

Surely there is greater need for Home Mission work than ever before, and the churches should remember more liberally than ever their Home Mission Board.

RECEIPTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD FROM MAY 1ST TO JUNE 1ST, 1893.

ALABAMA.

Roanoke, Centennial Fund, \$5.50; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary Centennial Fund, 388.75; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary Centennial Chapel Fund, 133.92; Roanoke Centennial Fund, 8.25.
Total for the month, \$536.42.

ARKANSAS.

Bentonville, \$1.00; Washington Centennial Chapel Fund, 9.00.
Total for the month, \$10.00.

GEORGIA.

Rae's Creek Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$90.80; T. J. Day, Second church Atlanta, 20.00; Miss Day, Second church, Atlanta, 2.50; Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band, by Mrs. Stainback Wilson, Centennial Chapel Fund, 18.00; Mrs. J. J. Pearce, deceased, Augusta, 5.00; Sunday-school, McDonough, 3.40; Ladies' Society, Second church, Atlanta, 8.50; First church, Savannah, Centennial Fund, 363.23; P. C. McConnell, Gainesville, 24.00; prayer meeting collection, First church, Atlanta, 1.55; Ladies' Society, Harmony Grove, Box frontier missionary, 55.00.
Total for the month, \$197.00.

KENTUCKY.

Ladies' Mission and Aid Society, Carrollton Centennial Fund, \$5.00; Miss Mary Caldwell, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee, 36.70; Miss Mary Caldwell, Corresponding Secretary Central Committee Centennial Fund, 10.75; Miss Mary Caldwell, corresponding secretary Central Committee, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Horse Cave, Ky., Cuban Missions, 32.00; Woman's Missionary society, Bowling Green, Salary of Teacher in Cova's School, Havana, 25.00.
Total for the month, \$88.45.

MARYLAND.

Barnesville Centennial Chapel Fund, \$3.00.
Total for the month, \$3.00.

MISSISSIPPI.

Center Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$5.00; Shuglak, Centennial Chapel Fund, 48.10; Coral Workers, Missionary Society, Columbus, 5.00; Sunday-school class of Mrs. Annie Short, Sardis, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Mrs. E. A. Tewes, Minister Clk., 5.00; First church, Meridian, Centennial Fund, 23.50; Ladies' Society, Winona, Yazoo Association, box, frontier missionary, \$2.10; Ladies' Society, Carrollton contribution to box, frontier missionary, 18.00; Ladies' Society, Goodman contribution box, frontier missionary, 2.95.

Total for the month, \$142.55.

MISSOURI.

By A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Society, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$5.00; Sunbeams Society, 5.00; Woman's Missionary Society, 1st church St. Jo., 17.00; German church, Kansas City, 2.00; Woman's Missionary Society, 33.35; German work, 5.00; Kansas City Centennial Chapel Fund, 16.00; Olive st. church, Kansas City, 12.23; California Centennial Chapel Fund, 4.00; Calvary church, Kansas City, Chapel Fund, 40.00; A. E. Rogers, Treasurer, 493.60; Mrs. Clara Moore, Warrensburg, Havana House, 1.00; Ladies' Society, Salisbury, box frontier missionary, 25.00.

Total for the month, \$847.55.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Ladies' Society, Raft Swamp, Robinson Association, box frontier missionary, \$5.00. Total for the month, \$5.00.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mayesville, \$5.21; Darlington, Centennial Chapel Fund, 33.11; Darlington, 25.00; Sunday-school, Corinth, Centennial Chapel Fund, 3.14; W. F. Cox, Treasurer, Centennial Fund, 10.00; W. F. Cox, Treasurer, 6.92; Sunday-school, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Mt. Zion church, Edgelyfield Association, 3.07; W. M. S., Highland, Home, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Boiling Springs church, 4.37; Rabun Creek church, Centennial Fund, 5.00; Brushy Fork, 1.85; Padgett Creek church, 6.00; Rocky Creek church, Centennial Fund, 5.00; S. Furman Moore, Standing Spring, S. S. C. F., 5.00; Reedy Creek church, 1.23; Sunday-school, Chester, 3.09; Sunday-school, Gowansville, .32; Wellford, 6.25; Benjamin Kennedy, Juvenile Society, Sulphur Springs, box frontier missionary, 10.00; Fairmount church, 2.10; Hopewell church, Centennial Chapel Fund, 8.00.

Total for the month, \$128.26.

TENNESSEE.

Unity Association, W. H. Thomas, Treasurer, \$2.00; Lexington, 6.50; R. G. Craig, Treasurer, 14.61; Woman's Missionary Society, First church, Chattanooga, Euclatis Logores, 60.00; Big Creek church, Memphis Association, 7.50; First church, Memphis, 44.00; W. L. Parish, Maple Creek, Indian missions, 5.00; Eddie May Neal, Alamo, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Willie Kate Biggs, Centennial Chapel Fund, 5.00; Mrs. Glover, Hermitage Station, Centennial Fund, 6.00; W. F. Woodcock, Treasurer, Centennial Fund, 135.09; W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, regular work, 290.60.

Total for the month, \$545.29.

TEXAS.

J. M. Carroll, Superintendent of Missions, \$3.00.

Total for the month, \$3.00.

VIRGINIA.

Mrs. B. H. Gorrill, Lexington, Centennial Chapel Fund, \$5.00; Sunday-school, First church, Richmond, 7.55; Grove Avenue church, Richmond, 31.04.

Total for the month, \$43.59.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections at the Convention by W. M. S. for missionaries injured by cyclone, \$119.62; Albert R. Marshall, Fresno, California, 3.00; New York Ministers' Conference, by Dr. R. B. Montgomery, Cuban Girls' High School, 454.78.

Total for the month, \$607.40.

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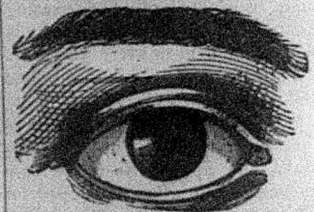
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