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MASTER MISSIONARY.

BY MISS ALLACE B. MERRIAM.

John Elliot, 1604 - 1690.

North America, from the earliest years of its occupation by the Anglo-Saxon race, has been recognized as a field for missionary work. The thought of Christian missions, though subordinate to the purpose of colonization, pervades the history of the early settlements and is often the basis of grants of lands.

"To fulfil the covenant made by the New England people unto their King" is assigned as the liarity in its use as would enable motive of earnest endeavors to give to the original inhabitants of gospel. The first service was held from the third day of the week the land a knowledge of the gospel on the 28th of October, 1646, not unto the sixth, but so travelled, of Jesus Christ. It is not surpris- far from Roxbury. After a prayer and at night pull off my boots, ing to find, however that the views of these Christian settlers lacked their own tongue, the Indians them again and so continue. But definiteness and breadth, and that were encouraged to ask questions, God steps in and helps. T have the work of missions occupied a merely incidental place in every plan for the upbuilding of a new nation.

In the first century of the history of English settlements in North America, one figure is preeminent by reason of a commanding force of character, and an earnest devotion to missionary work, and we gratefully recognize in John Eliot a true apostle to the Indians. Eliot was born in England in 1604. The place of his ening of their medicine men. birth is uncertain and but little is known of his parents or of his of persuading the the people to a siderable sum of money, but value years. His wife, who had through

tian home and of careful and parental training. He was educated at the university of Cambeen ordained in the Church of England, though no record is found of any settlement of work as following this event.

In 1631, Eliot came to America seeking, like many others, a refuge ity to exercise freedom of con-He was invited to assume a pasthat it was his special duty to ing companies. minister to a company of former. friends who had settled in Roxfor nearly sixty years Roxbury continued to be the headquarters of his work among the Indians.

It was not until 1646, however, that he began to preach to the natives. He had spent many He understand prayers in our lan- for his own necessities. guage?" This service was followsincere interest in the good news

Eliot early foresaw the necessity

His own words in dopt more settled habits of life, if later years, "I do see that it was a his work was to be a permanent great favor of God unto me to oue, and to this end obtained season my first years with the from the general court of the colofear of God, the word, and prayer" ny a grant of land, for the estabgive us the assurance of a Chris-lishment of an Indian village. Through his influence, the Indians accepted the new manner of life, and callad their town Norranetum. bridge and there gained more than They adopted many habits of civusual proficiency in Greek and ilized life. The men began to cul-Hebrew. After leaving Cambridge, tivate the ground and to learn he spent a few years in teaching trades. The women were no longand seems at that time to have er field laborers only, but were taught to spin and to sew.

Nor were Eliot's labors confined to one locality. Where ever he could find a group of indians, there he preached and taught, and his field of labor was constantly widening. from oppression and an opportun- A yearly gathering of the Indians on the Merrimac River for the science in the the worship of God. purpose of fishing, was to him a prayer and preaching was largely yearly opportunity for preaching conducted by the indians in their toral charge in Boston, but felt the gospel to new and everchang-

The work necessarily involved which had rested upon the work. many privations and difficulties. bury. Here he found a home and His preaching was often opposed by the chiefs who feared the lessening of their power, and his life was frequently endangered. Of the privations, he writes; "There is not so much as meat, drink, or lodging for those who go to preach months and years in acquiring the gospel among them; we must their language and such a famil- carry all things with us, and somewhat to give unto them." "I him to presents the truths of the have not been dry day nor night heard and asked, "How he came of Jesus Christ." The conversion to know Jesus Christ.?" "Were and advancement of the Indians Englishmen ever as ignorant of absorbed his whole heart and life.

began to ask for instructions for of those who watched his efforts.

ed most highly the spirit of co-opation thus manifested. As the village which was first made a permanent settlement continued to grow in population, he realized the necessity of teaching the Indians to govern themselves, in order that their village might become an example to others of a true Christian community. With this end in view, he suggested to them the plan which Jethro proposed to Moses. It was readily accepted and they chose for themselves rulers of companies to whom they pledged obedience, at the same time covenanting to serve God during the rest of their lives. A solemn assembly was held on the 24th of September, 1651, to ratify these agreements. It was a memorable day. The service of own language, and was a signal manifestation of the blessing

In 1662, the ordinance of the Lord's supper was first observed.

Even in the early years of his ministry to the indians, Elliot recognized the need of a Christian literature for their instruction. He first published a catechism: in 1661, the New Testament, and in 1663, the whole Bible. These were followed by other books adapted to their use, and up to the time of his death, he was constantly publishing grammars, dictionaries, catechisms and translations of english works. As a result of in English and a short address in ringing stockings, and on with this incessant labor by voice and by pen, there were in 1764, within forty miles of Bosten, seven towns They expressed a desire to know considered the word of god. 'En- of "praying Indians" as Eliot's more of the truths which they had dure had lness as a good soldier converts were often called. There were also twenty-four Indian preachers in different districts and four English ministers who Jesus Christ as indians?" "Can and he had little care or thought preached in the English language. The war between the English and At times, Eliot was cheered by the Indians in succeeding years, ed by others and soon the Indians the encouragement and sympathy seriously interfered with the work and destroyed to some extent its their chrildren, and to manifest a Tidings of his success reached results, but the work of restoration England and many Christians of was faithfully and patiently taken in spite of the protests and threat-different denominations sought to up, and continued until the aid him by pecuniary contributions. He never received any contributions. He never received any contributions of the missionary, absorbing the missionary absorbing the missionary and the missionary absorbing the missionary and the missionary absorbing the missionary absor long years, shared his work by relieving him from all temporal cares, died three years before him.

To the last moment of his life, he was busily occupied and rejoiced in the opportunity of teaching a little child to read when his strength no longer permitted him to preach. He died in 1690, at the age of eighty-six. A few of the sayings of John Eliot which have been handed down to us may fitly close this sketch by bringing before us the sincerity, the faith and the love which animated his life. He was accustomed to say of his daily task: "Were I sure of going to Heaven to-morrow, I would do what I am doing to-day." He wrought out in his own life the inspired assurance of the apostle and says: "Prayer and pains through faith in Jesus Christ can accomplish anything." From his closing days comes the happy assurance: "My understanding leaves me, my memory fails me, but I thank God, my charity holds out."

A true apostle, verily. One whose meat it was to do the will of Him that sent him, and who fulfilled the injunction of his Lord to look upon the fields and behold them white to the harvest. He looked and reaped.

"The Watchword."

CHRISTIAN LOVE.

Christian love, if it exists, will necessarily demonstrate itself. It is of the very nature of love to prove itself. It is spontaneous, requires no prompting, and is ever waiting for its opportunity. Nothing gratifies it more than expression and demonstration of its own inner life. Many things may, and often do, interfere with its outflow. Faults and infirmaties of temperament often repress genuine affection, even when it is aching to vent itself. But this is contrary to its true spririt and tendency, which is to pour itself out without stint and to expend itself freely in behalf of its beloved. It was this that animated Mary of Bethany, when she treasured up her precious alabaster box and brought it and broke it over the Lord Jesus. True live to the Lord ever longs for some 'special, signal and un-mistakable way in which to lavish itself upon him. And in his stead and for his sake, it expends itself just as freely upon those whom the Lord loves and with whom he identifies himself. "Inasmuch as ve did it unto even one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me." And therefore, unless professed love to the Lord and people does show itself in ready and unquestionable ways, it enshrouds in doubt its own reality and sincerity.

NEGROES OF THE SOUTH.

BY W. H. M'INTOSH.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR THIS ELEVATION?

The average negro of to-day is a very different being from his savupon American soil two hundred and sixty eight years ago, a harbarian from the coast of Guinea, with no knowledge of God, and no desire above the gratification of the lowest instincts of his nature.

In 1620, a Dutch man-of-war landed on the James river, Virginia, twenty negroes for sale. This was the introduction of the African slave trade into the American colonies. - For more than a century it had been carried on by most, if not all, maritime powers of Eu-

Thus, in the inscrutable providence of God, these people came to us in a state of absolute heathenism.

Christian men were early inpressed with the wants of the Negroes, and the personal responsibilities of those who either held them in bondage, or had access to them, and not without some good results. As domestics they were regarded by pious masters as members of the household. They were brought under the influence of the gospel. Many were converted, and received into the churches. They enjoyed the rest and privileges of the Lord's Day. Special provision was made for them in houses of worship. They and their masters were members of the same Churches.

In addition to the occasions when masters and servants worshipped together, pastors, in many parts of the country, had set times for religious services for the latter, on the Sabbath and other occassions; Sunday Schools were held, and they were instructed in the truths of the Bible, often by the members of the master's family. Besides the services which they attended in common with the whites, missionaries were sent among them and thousands have been brought to the knowledge of Christ and baptized upon a profession of their faith.

I speak of those in slavery. Physically, they were the best cared for laborers that the sun to old age, they were free from all anxiety as to the future. It mattered not to them that commercial panies swept over the land, or failure of crops brought disaster

and raiment and a home were sure In sickness they were nursed by tender hands, in old age supported, and in death decently buried. Their daily contact with Christianity taught them its divine lessons. The rest and spiritual reage ancester who first put foot freshments of the holy Sabbath came to them with the benedictions it bore to the Master, more highly favored, but counterbalanced by weightier responsibilities. With a moderate exaction of work, they literally "took no thought of the morrow." True, there were exceptions. There were masters who cared not for the souls of their servants, (they were unconcerned about their own) and even then among them it was not uncommon that provision was made, at their expense, for the religious instruction of their servants.

Since their emancipation, schools have been established by Christians of the north, and by state appropriations of money for educational purposes, and with those who could avail themselves of the advantages of education, there has Since 1880 Berlin has grown twice been marked improvement in their physical appearance, and in fast as Philadelphia. Since 1878 their intellectual development. Hamburg has grown three times This is more observable in cities as fast as Boston and twice as fast and towns, where they are brought more directly in contact with the best methods of instruction and the size, we find that Leipsic has outmost capable teachers. As knowledge increases, the standard of morals is elevated, other things nich and Breslau have passed Cinbeing equal. Education does not cinnatti. The growth of Clevemake men Christians, but it gives land, Buffalo and Pittsburg has a higher value to a virtuous life. been considered phenomenal in It creates self-respect, and with the last decade, yet Cologne which that class of the colored race who was much smaller than any of have been brought under its in-them at its beginning, is much fluence, I think I am safe in say-larger at its close. Kansas City, ing this is not an exception to a Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis general rule. There is a manifest have been considered especially improvement, intellectually and booming towns, yet they have been morally, among the better class of far outstripped by Hamburg in their preachers. There is an up- the decade. And the comparison lifting of the leaders of the race might be extended through a large to a higher plain of life and list of other places." Our rapidly purer conceptions of their duty to God and man.

Cotton and the South.

The measure of the power of cotton to enrich the South has never been made. It is difficult to comprehend it. Cotton is such a marvelous product that we can-not fully realize its Jaine. It has been the foundation of agriever shone upon. From infancy culture in the South, and of vast manufacturing interests, employing hundreds of millions of capital, in New England and in Great Britain. This manufacturing in-dustry is surely tending to the South, and nothing can check it.

erage of \$300,000,000 a year, as the raw material now is, but it will create in that section a manufacturing business which will more than treble the value of the crop to the South; it will give employ-ment to many thousands of hands; it will need hundreds of millions of capital invested in mills before that section manufactures even one half of its own crop; it has the raw material, the water-power, the cheap coal, the labor, the climate, which will give it a monopoly of the world's cotton mills. Added to the value of the cotton crops of the past is the new wealth created by the utilization of the cotton seed. This industry is developing most astonishingly. Even now, comparatively new as it is, it adds nearly \$50,000,000 a year to the business of the South. Manufacturers Record.

GROWTH OF CITIES.

"Since 1870 Berlin has overtaken New York in population, increasing from 800,000 to 1,578,794. while New York's increase was only from 950,000 to 1,515,301. as fast as Chicago, and twice as as Baltimore. In a comparison of other cities of nearly the same stripped San Francisco, and grown more rapidly than St. Louis. Mugrowing cities are the great problem with which we have to deal.

LOVE FOR CHRIST.

Why cite martyrs of other days in proof of what love strengthens poor weak flesh and blood to do and endure, when we may see the same in the living sacrafices of those around us who are devoting themselves, body, soul and estate, to their Lord and Master? Why visit prison walls and arenas of amphitheatres for testimony of heroic love accepting death for Christ's sake, when even now the and ruin, they were unaffected by In the future cotton will not smis. Holy Ghost is baptizing elect souls either; come what might, food ply be worth to the South an avainto the love of Christ and inspirthough in forms differing with that obey Him."-Acts 5:32. For ditions who exert their utmost to their different circumstances? Not we are God's fellow-workers.-1 less proof of love for Christis given by living for him than by dving for him. Living for Christ is the nobler and more difficult, churches, because: and hence is a surer and more incontestable proof of devotion to disciples to do so. Such is the Him, who both died and rose again meaning of his commisson; and for our sakes. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know what we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before bim."

It is said that the Christians of Ceylon have four methods for giving to the support of the gospel: First, the athes of their earnings; second, the offering of the treesthe setting apart by each of a cocoanut tree, the produce of which they sacredly devote to benevolent purposes; third, the offering of labor-devoting a certain amount of time to the interest of the church; fourth, they reserve a handful of rice from every day's meal.

For thirty years I have been priest and bishop in London, and I now approach my eightieth year, and have learned some lessons, and the first is this: The chief bar to the working of the Holy Spirit of God in the souls of men and women is intoxicating drink. I know of no antagonist to that good Spirit more direct, more subtle, more stealthy, more ubiquitous, than intoxicating drink. Though I have known men and women destroyed mon. for all manner of reasons, yet I know of no cause that effects man, woman, child and home with such universality of steady power as intoxicating drink .- Cardinal Man-

I. God's people should heartily engage in missionary work as individuals, because:

1st. They are God's people; for this God has called them into his service; and hence, to neglect this work is to come short of their du- whole in.". ty. Because:

2nd. They are the chosen witnesses of Jesus Christ, "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all of adventitious circumstances. It nations."-Luke 24:47. This is, therefore, the imperative duty of determination to make the best of every Christian. Ability is the one's nature and powers for God only limitation of this duty; Be- and humanity wherever placed. It it. He gave His life for it. The

things, and so is the Holy Spirit, of man. It is realized in the no- signed his office?

Cor. 3:9. Acts 1;8.

II. God's people should hearti-

so the apostolic church understood that commission .- Mark 16:20.

2nd. Jesus Christ organized his church to give His gospel to the world, and hence this is the work of the church, "Ye are the salt of the earth."-Matt. 5:13. "Ye are the light of the world."-Matt. 5:14. See Acts 19;2, 3.

3rd. Because the church of the New Testament was a missionary church.-See Col. 1;23 and 1 Thess. 1:8.

FRANK M. ELLIS. Baltimore, Md.

How A Missionary Was Made.

My widowed mother made me a missionary. We had in those days in our town a missionary contribution box-a cent box, and we were encouraged to earn some special cents for that box.

I remember well one occasion which was, I think, a turning point in my experience. When the autumn meeting came, every boy had a pocket full of cents to spend. My mother gave me seven cents, saying, as she gave them:

"Perhaps you will put a cent or two in the contribution box, in Mrs. Farrar's porch on the com-

So I began to think as I went along, "shall I put one, or shall it be two?" Then I thought two cents was rather small, and I came up to three-three cents for the heathen, and four cents for gingerbread; but that did not sound right, so I turned it the other way -four cents for the heathen.

Then I thought "the boys will ask me how much I have to spend, and three cents is rather too small a sum to talk about. I'll put the

Proper Ambition.

Worthy ambition is independent is in and of the man. It is the

ing them to similar fidelity, whom God hath given to them ble and good of all ages and conimprove themselves and others af-Gospel lines. He who is ambily engage in missionary work as tious to do the right, to do good, to be like Jesus, and to conform to 1st. Jesus Christ commands the the Bible standard, will live longest in human memories and in becoming deeds. The righteons shall be held in everlasting remembrance."

Indication of Providence.

There are at the present time multitudes of earnest Christians in the church at home, to whom God has given great wealth, and who sincerely desire to follow the leadings of Providence in the disa specific indication to such in the financial embarrassments of the present time? Many of the poor-They live so near to the line of Exchange. real self-denial that they are really embarrassed by the question of duty. Is there not, therefore, a special call at such a time for the generous gifts of those who never know real sacrifice in the gifts which it is their privilege to bestow? They may have experienced a diminution in their income, but still they have not approached the border line of self-denial. Is not Providence saying these, Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Miss Francis E. Willard once asked Thomas A. Edison if he were a total abstainer; and when he said he was, she said "May I inquire whether it was home influence that made you so?" and he replied: "No, I think it was because I always felt that I had better use for my head." Miss Wil-lard afterward remarked: "Who can measure the loss to the world, that wonderful instrument of thought that has given us so much of light and leading in practical mechanism of life had become soddon with drink instead of electric with original ideas?"

world impossible? Impossible! The Father believed in it. He the evil. No, there must be no promised it. The Son believed in more attempts to regulate the canfinds its grandest expression in an Holy Spirit believes in it. He a root must be left behind, for un-3rd. The Holy Spirit has been Apostle Paul, who bent all his stands pledged to it, Is God til this is done, all classes must given to believers for this work:

masterly gifts to the spread of dead? Is the Son still in his continue in danger of becoming "And we are witnesses to these Christianity and to the salvation grave? Has the Holy Spirit re-victims of strong drink — Abraham

Use the talent you have, and do not boast of what you would do if you possessed the gifts of others. ter the Ghrist model and along Stop declaring that if you had sufficient means you would cancel the indebtedness* upon your church, but contribute the little you have and try to get others to do the same, and it may be that the multiplication of the littles may result in the wiping out of the mortgage so much complained of and enable all to rejoice in that they had a hand in the accomplishment. Cease telling how you would readily take part in the prayer-neeting if you could speak like brother A, or pray as fluently and acceptably as your pastor, but do the best you can in this respect, and make your special power in charge of their duty. Is there not in other directions felt in every telling way. In fact, do not think of what you have not and excuse yourself from duty on this account, er class of Christians, and even of but use whatever you have of those who in ordinary times are time, talent, influence, money or in comfortable circumstances and position to the utmost as God has able to contribute in greater or endowed you and according to the less measure, are now crippled. call of his grace and providence.-

"Who Shall Prepare Thy Way Before Thee."

MATTHEW 11, 10.

The Lord never builds a bridge of faith, except under the feet of the faith-filled traveler. If he built the bridge a rod ahead, it wouldn't be a bridge of faith. That which is of sight is not of faith

There is a self-opening gate which is sometimes used in country roads. It stands fast and firm across the road, as a traveler approaches it. If he stops before he gets to it, it won't open. But if he wil drive right at it his wagon wheels press below the roadway, and the gate swings back to let him through, He must push right on at the closed gate, or it will continue closed. This illustrates the way to pass every barrier on the road of duty.

H. CLAY TRUMBRULL.

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out the vitals and threatening destruction, and all at-Is the evangelization of the tempts to regulate it will not only prove abortive but will aggravate eer; it must be eradicated. Not

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Home Missions.

The work of Home Missions demands and should receive, for its own sake, the support of every lover of his country and his Lord. Of all the objects which appeal to christian hearts, there is surely none more important or more imperative-than that of carrying the gospel to the destitute and neglected of our own land. Upon the prosecution of Home Missions the future welfare of our country very largely depends. The character of the coming American citizen, the growth and etheiency of our denomination, and the extension of the cause of Christ, are all involved in this great enterprise. Daty and interest unite in impelling us to do our utmost to win our whole land to Christ.

Foreign and home missions are linked together. The success of passed, received a large amount of that wider enterprise which looks to the redemption of humanity is largely dependent upon the evangelization of our own land. If America be won to Christ, we will have the best basis and assurance of the coming in of that happy time when "the earth shall be full the state. of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

It cannot be doubted that the leading race in the world is the one which in a general way may be called the Anglo-Saxon. During the past hundred years no other race has made such progress or won such triumphs. It is this race which has swarmed out from the original home in England. The language is now every where spoken and the influence of the Anglo-Saxon life and thought' is everywhere felt. There can be no question that in the next century Auglo-Saxon ideas and forces will the field. be the chief motive power of the

Alabama Baptist Convention.

This body met in Marion, July 4th. A pleasant ride over the Atlants and Montgomery Railway. one of the best in the south, brought us to the capitol of Alabamn. This city has improved rapidly in the last decade, and is one of the most thriving places of our southern land

There are three white Baptist Churches here, all of which are in a prosperous condition. Brother Gay, of the Adams Street Church, was engaged in a meeting, with every prospect of great success.

The ride through the country, from Atlanta to Marion, showed the crops clean but small.

The corn in places was suffering greatly for want of rain. The season has been an unusually dry one. The rainfall for the first six months of the year, has been about twelve inches less than the

The Convention had about the usual attendance. Notwithstanding the extremely hot weather, the meetings were spirited and the business of the body well executed.

The President, Dr. W. C. Cleaveland, is evidently renewing his youth. He presided with more than his wonted ability, and to the entire satisfaction of the body. No one of our State Conventions, has a more efficient Secretary, than Bro. W. A. Davis. In that respect, he is evidently the son of his father, who preceded him in this office. pression has been greatest.

The Educational interests of the

Convention, have, for some years attention at every meeting. The removal of Howard College, and the burning of the buildings of the Judson, have extended financial embarrasments upon both institutions, which have perplexed the wisest and best of our brethren in

It is gratifying to know that light is dawning upon these dark problems, and there is strong hope that before the next meeting of the Convention, they will be so far settled, as to relieve both these educational institutions from their present difficulties.

Missions received a good share of the attention of the body. Some new features of their state work were proposed by the Board of Missions, and concurred in by the Convention. Fewer missionary pastors will be supported and more evangelists will be put in to

A series of Missionary meetings, or "Baptist rallies," as they are called, will be held under the supervision of the Corresponding Secretary, of the State Board, in many parts of the state. They are expected to increase the interest of the Churches in mission work, and to be helpful to all the Boards. We entertain no doubt of their

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the Sunday School Board, each, had opportunity to present its claims to the Convention. Dr. Hawthorne represented the Home Board in one of his ablest addresses. In the absence of Bro. Willingham, the Foreign Mission Board was represented by Brother L. O. Dawson, and its interests suffered nothing in his hand. Bro. T. P. Bell was happy, as he always is, in the presentation of the Sunday School interests. The meeting was a pleasaut one and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the brethren of the Convention. The abundant hospitality of Marion. was never more overflowing than on this occasion.

Our pleasant stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moore, whose hospitality was enjoyed also by Brethren Eager and Ellis, will long be remembered. May the Lord reward them for their kindness to his servents.

Alabama has felt the pressure of the greet financial crisis, more perhaps, than any southern state. Of late years, much of her surplus capital has been involved in her mineral region, and there the de-

The coming of large numbers of

foreigners, into the mining region has thrown upon the Churches, of Alabama, a mission difficulties and magnitude are not realized by many of her people. Let her business men remember that it is cheaper to Christianize Birmingham and its surroundings than to pay losses entailed by strikes and the consequent destruction of property. It pays to evangelize the people and especially the rough element of the country.

The National Evangelization Society.

This institution recently organized has Rev. H.M. Wharton D.D. for President and W. Eason Wil-

liams secretary.

The purpose of the Society is to sid churches in securing the services of such evangelist as are sound in doctrine and free from objectionable methods. The bretheher-en associated in this work enter-tain the brightest hopes of its success.

Result of Year's Work.

We give below results of work of the Home Mission Society, of New York, and of the Home Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention. It may be of interest to note the relative efficieney of the work of the organizations:

Number of laborers 1 111 Weeks of labor 35 467 Churches and Stations 2 221 16 289 Churches and Stations 2 221 1 229
Sermons 80 940 34 024
Baptisms 5 988 4470
Received by letter 427 4 039
Churches organized 143 133
Sunday Schools 1 162 429
Attendance at 8, 75 72 071 19 881
Tracts distributed 1 482 135 390 750
Money expended \$524,125,58 \$134,646.55

The Society had nearly three times as many laborers, and expended nearly four time as much money as the Board. It occupied less than twice as many stations, baptized about one fourth more converts, and constituted but one eigth more churches. While we do not boast of our work, we see nothing to be ashamed of when it is compared with that of our sister organization.

American Baptist Home Mission

The Home Mission Monthly, for July, published by this Society, is at band. It is styled "The American Report Number," and contains much valuable information.

We note among other matters of interest, that this Society has in its office, in New York, a Corresponding Secretary, and an Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Field Secretary, a Secretary of Church Edifice work, and a Su-

has six General Superintendants worship. It thus appears that in of Missions, eight District Secretaries, twenty General Missionar- twice as many negros as whites beies for whites, and twelve for the long to Baptist churches. negroes, making in all, a corps of fifty-one officials, before you reach the rank and file of its missionary force. Nineteen of these men devote their time and energy to the organization of the work, and securing funds for it. These nineteen leaders, cannot cost the Society less than fifty thousand dollars per annum, but their receipts of half a million dollars annually, are a justification of this large expenditure.

Our Southern Faptist Convention has proceeded on the opposite idea of reducing the worling force of its Boards, to a minimum. The result is that the 800,000 Baptists of the northern states give about eight times as much to Home Missions, as the 1,500,000 southern baptists.

In the item of legacies alone, the average amount received annually by the Home Mission Society for the last ten years, has been about \$90,000 per annum, while for the Board it has scarcely been a thousand dollars a year. These legacies were made, no doubt, in response to the personal solicitations those employed by the Society.

In view of the fact that contributors to our mission work are so few, and the amount given is so small, we submit the question, whether the forces employed are not insufficient to instruct and stimulate our churches to the full discharge of their duty, in giving the Gospel to every creature.

THE NEGROS.

States census, there were, in 1890, ern Baptist-while the Homa Mistwenty-two millions of inhabitants in the former slave states-of these, a little more than fifteen less than seven millions were negroes.

The fifteen millions of whites have seventeen thousand five hundred Baptist churches and a membership of 1,362,351. They have one church to every eight hundred and sixty, and one member out of every eleven of population.

The seven millions of negroes churches, and a membership of population. The census further gomery, Ala, The church was shows that a larger percentage of composed of about one third the white than of the negro whites and two thirds blacks.

There is another striking fact. If the members of all other Evangelical Negro Churches combined. are equal in numbers to half of the Baptist churches, then two out of every seven of the entire negro population, belong to some evangelical church. No race of men now living, or ever have lived, could show so many members of evangelical churches, as the negro of the south. More than one fourth and nearly one third of them, including infants, are church members. No people have ever been so nearly completely evangelized as

The people of the south have been accused of neglecting these people of ignoring their spiritual wants, and allowing them to live and die as heathens at our very door.

We present these facts which no man can question and which demonstrote that somebody has helped them to a knowledge of Christianity, and turned the feet of this race as none other was ever turned into the path of life.

"Who has done it?" is an interesting question. Whence have come the influence that has so thoroughly christianized them, that an infidel or a skeptic is unknown among them?

I anwser: "First, not from the north. For while northern missionary societies, have expended large sums of money upon them, it has not been spent in the work of evangelization, but in their education. The missionaries they have had among them, have been few. Not from the mission-According to the last United ary organizations of the Southsion Board and the Board of the State Convention, have to some extent helped them on this work, millions were white and a little of evangelization, the efforts they have made, are too feeble to measure such results.

From whence did they come They are largely the results of the conditions prevailing in the south at the time of the freeing of the negro, and for many years before. For a quarter of a cen tury or more before the war, in all our towns, there were negro have twelve thousand five hundred congregations connected with the white churches, and under their 1,291,000. They have one church fostering care. As an illustrato every five hundred and sixty, tion-at that time I was paster For Girls and Young Ladies and one member to every six of of the Baptist church, in Mont-

perintendent of Education. It churches are without houses of When I began my pastorate, the whites numbered about 150,-at proportion to numbers, about the close of the war, the white were about 300 and the blacks about six hundred. These blacks, in addition to the privilege of attending the services for the whites, held every Sunday morning and evening, had a special sermon every Sunday afternoon, and a weekly prayer-meeting, which were attended by the pastor or some white member of the church.

The spacious galleries of the house of worship held hundreds of them every Sunday night. They were almost a separate church. They received and disciplined their own members; had their own deacons, whom they elected, and under the supervison of the committee of the white church, transacted all the business a church of Christ might rightfully

Among them were not less than half a dozen preachers, one of whom, Nathan Bell, was elected as assistant pastor for them; another of them was Jacob Belser, a noted evangelist, who preached all over the neighboring country. Then, in addition to half a dozen younger men who were licetiates, there was a band of deacons, grave and venerable, who magnified their offices and who prided themselves upon the order and discipline of the congregation.

When the day of freedom came, they went out from us, a fully or-ganized church, with their pastor, deacons and a well trained membership. A house of worship was built, of which the white nichnbers paid no inconsiderable part, and by special invitation, I, as their new pastor, preached the dedication sermon. This church soon sent out colonies, that formed other churches. Their preachers visited the churches in the adfacent country, and did mission work in destitute places. The result was, that in a few years, one of the largest associations in Alabama, or the south, was organized of the work done by past genera- against them. tions.

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A recent estimate gives the following figures: The United States, Great Britain, Germany, Denmark-Switzerland, Holland, Sweden and Victoria, eight in number, have an area of about 4,000,000 square miles, a population of 149,000,000, and an illiteracy of four per cent. These are Protestant countries.

Austria, France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Brazil and Veneznela, also eight in number, have an area of 4,000,000 square miles, a population of about 148,000,000, and an illiteracy of sixty per cent. These are Catholic countries.

Whence this enormous difference? and would it not be more seemly and sensible for the Pope to send his Satolli, his bishops, his cardinals and priests to teach and elevate his subjects in those dark dependencies of his, than to make such prodigious efforts to reconstruct and Romanize our American free-shool system?

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The National League for the Protection of American Institutions has petitioned Congress to discontinue appropriation of public funds for the support of denominational schools among the Indians. As far as we know Baptists have never asked or received any money in this way; and now the highest official bodies of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Protestant Episcopal churches have decided to withdraw their applicain that vicinity. And thus it was tions for a share of these funds." everywhere throughout the South. Of course the Romanists will get The prosperity of the negro all they can, and then cry out that churches, is largely the outgrowth the government discriminates

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The Sunday School Board Says:

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Kingfisher, O. T. June 23-1894 Rev. I. T. Tichenor. Atlanta, Ga.,

Dear Sir, I came to this country two years ago next month, having two objects in view, 1st that I might take a piece of land which the Government was then offering to settlers to make me a home where I could dwell under my own vine and fig tree. 2nd that I might have a part in the great work of extending the kingdom of Christ and moulding society in this new Country.

I was fortunate enough to get work in a grocery store at good wages and have been clerking week days and preaching Sundays. The first Sunday after I came here I hitched up my pony and struck right out into the Cheyenne country then lately opened up and fifteen miles West of here they had just started a new town. A few Baptist families were there and we got together and I preached the first sermon ever preached in the town and that afternoon we organized a Baptist Sunday School, A lew months later we organized the Omega Baptist Church, for Omega is the name of the town. Then a few months later we secured a gift of one hundred dollars from the Board of New York and raised about one hundred and fifty dollars among the citizens and bretheren and built us a church, and I have been preaching for them regularly ever since. Then last fall I began another work at Hantadile, ten miles south west of here; the result was the organization of a church with twenty members and a large and interesting Sunday School, and I divided my time between the two Churches I have been able to improve my farm which lies about midway between the two appointments having gotten one hundred and fifteen acres in cultivation in crops and hope to be able to quit the store in the south.

by Febuary or March and live on the farm and continue my preach-

I have never received any pay for any of the work ever done, nor do I ask it, knowing that the people are having all they can do to take care of their families in this New Country where there are so many things call for money, and knowing the H. M. Boards have all they can do to care for their missionaries who are not so favored as my self. And I could scarcely tell you all that my dear wife and I have passed through, or the weight that pressed my heart when I moved my little familywife and three little children out on the wild prairie and bid them good bye to go back to my work to be gone a week: She could look out either direction and see the Indians tepees less than a mile away and hear at night the frightful howling of the wolves. But to come to the point, we want to build at Huntsville during the coming year, and we would like help from your Board.

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The Board was at Marion for thirty seven years and has been in Atlanta

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It is proper to say that out of thirtyeven years, there were 13 years, when no report is made of churches constituted or of houses of worship built. If the average of the remaining twenty years be added for these missing reports, the sums would be swelled to about one thousand houses of worship and not less than twenty-five hundred churches constituted.

During its existence the Board has stablished about one seventh of all the whi echurches in the Sothern Baptist Convention.

In the states of Louisirna, Arkansas Texas and the Indian Territory, there are about 4,500 churches. It is safe to say that one half of these have been constituted by missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

There have been added to these churches 117,270 members. These, with the additions' since acquired musi amount now, to not less than 200,000 members. So that not less than one seventh of the numerical strength of the Baptist of the South, is due to the work of the Home Mission Board.

Money-hoarding was much spok en against by Mr. Spurgeon, while living; and there has been not a little interest since his death, to know whether he lived up to his principles. Now that his will has been published, the yerdict is satisfactory. His income from his books and sermons, was immense; yet, he so far, gave it away, that beside his home and modest provision for his family he left but £2,000 "actual personality" Says The Christian. "In view of such facts" says the same paper, it will be felt that Mr. Spurgeon practised what he preached; that the warnings against the love of moncy, which he addressed to others. he was himself careful to heed.

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"I was sick and ye visited me," Matt 25:86.

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