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FORM OF BEQUEST.

The laws of the different States vary so much as to testamentary bequests that it is desirable to secure the advice of a competent lawver.

The following form, however, is reasonably safe and reliable, and may be used in the absence of legal advice:

"I give and bequeath to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., dollars (or if other property de-

ACTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

scribe it here definitely)."

The committees of conference appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Home Mission Society to consider certain questions of cooperation, and territorial limits in fining our duties: the work of the respective bodies, met at Fortress Monroe, Va. There were present from the Southern Baptist Convention committee, Drs. T. T. Eaton, H. H. Harris, I. T. Tichenor, J. B. Gambrell, T. P. Bell and O. F. Gregory, The committee unanimously invited Professor Noah K. Davis, of Virginia, to sit with them and participate in the deliberations. The committee from the American Baptist Home Mission Society present were, Hon. J. L. Howard, of Connecticut; Drs. H. L. Morehouse, T. J. Morgan, M. McVicar and A. S. Hobart, of New York; Drs. Jesse B. Thomas and Nathan E. Wood, Massachusetts, and Dr. E. H. Johnson, of Pennsylvania.

The joint committee organized by the election of Hon. J. L. Howard as chairman, and O. F. Gregory and N. E. Wood as secretaries. The whole meeting was marked by Christian courtesy, unanimity of feeling and an evident desire on their work for Christ.

The overture of the Southern Baptist Convention committee contained the following paragraph:

discussion of past issues or of mat- time to time by the American Bap- sideration."

views of brethren' North and South | the control of the schools shall re are widely divergent, we will in all sincerity address ourselves to the task of securing for the future such co-operation as may be found practicable, without attempting at once to adjust all differences. The committee desire to state that in making this overture the Southern Baptist Convention is prompted, not by any necessity of its own work or that of its Home Mission Board, but, believing that its Home Mission Board, shall the time has come when it should enlarge its work among the colored people of the South, it entertains port of these schools, and that the hope that a proper co-operation these local committees shall enwith the Home Mission Society in its work already established would contribute to the efficiency of

Copy of resolutions under which this committee was appointed, de- the foregoing section as unani-

"Whereas in times past this Convention has made overtures to colored people. the American Baptist Home Mission Society similar to this, without securing the desired results; and whereas, now there is reason to hope that an overture will prove more satisfactory; therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society with reference (1) to co-operation between our Home Board and the Society in work colored, in the joint appointment among the colored people of the South, and (2) with reference to a more definite understanding in regard to the tarritorial limits of the work of the Board and the Society among the native white people, the Indians and the foreign population of the country."

"UNANIMOUS ACTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

I. As to Schools among Colored People. 1. That the Home Board of the part of the brethren from both the Southern Baptist Convention sections to get closer together in appoint an advisory local committee at each point where a school controlled by the American Baptist Home Mission Society is, or shall be located, and that this committee shall exercise such authority "Resolved, That, desiring to avoid as shall be conferred upon it from and asks for it favorable con-

main in the hands of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; but these local advisory committees shall recommend to the American Baptist Home Mission Society any changes in the conduct or in the teaching forces of these schools, including the filling of vacancies. with the reasons for their recommendations, 3. That the Southern Baptist Convention, through appeal to the Baptists of the South for moral and financial supcourage promising young colored people to attend these institutions. 4. That the joint committee recommend to the respective bodies appointing them the adoption of mously expressing their views as to the work in the schools among the

II. As to Mission Work among the Colored People. It is unanimously voted by the joint committee to recommend to our respective bodies that the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention co-operate in the mission work among the colored people of the South, in connection with the Baptist State bodies, white and of general missionaries, in holding ministers' and deacons' institutes and in the better organization of the missionary work of the colored Baptists. The details of the plan are to be left to be agreed upon by the bodies above named.

"III. As to Territorial Limits, The committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, not being instructed to consider any subject except co-operation in labor for the colored race, respectfully fers to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society the proposition of the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on the subject of territorial limits,

ters on which at is known that the tist Home Mission Society. 2. That . The following is the text of the proposition referred to: "We believe that, for the promotion of fraternal feeling and of the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, it is inexpedient for two different organizations of Baptists to solicit contributions or to establish missions in the same localities, and for this reason we recommend to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and to the American Baptist Home Mission Society that, in the prosecution of their work already begun on contiguous fields or on the same field, all antagonisms be avoided, and that their officers and employees be instructed to co-operate in all practicable ways in the spirit of Christ. That we further recommend to these bodies and their agents, in opening new work, to direct their efforts to localities not already occupied by the other."

Meeting adjourned, after devout thankfulness to God for his guidance in our counsels and prayers for his blessing upon the work now undertaken.

O. F. GREGORY, / Sec'ys. N. E. Wood,

J. L. Howard, Chairman. .

Fortress Monroe, Va., Sep. 12,

A HARBINGER OF CLOSER UNITY.

From an excellent editorial in The Examiner we clip the closing paragraph, as follows:

"There are great problems confronting the Christian people of this country; problems involving the application of principles dear to Baptists, which need for their solution the combined wisdom and the hearty co-operation of the two great wings of the denomination.

The agreement reached at Fortress Monroe is a harbinger of closer unity and more effective work in the future, and is, therefore an event to be builed with especial joy, not only by the Baptists but by every well-wisher of his country, and every disciple who looks and longs for a closer unity, and a more aggressive advance of all branches of the Chris- . tian church."

The Religious Herald.

The committees of conference appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Society met at Old Point Comfort last week. We print elsewhere the full official statement of the results of this conference. A careful reading of that statement will show that their action is very important. The temper of the conference was Christ-like and the whole atmosphere of the gathering was thoroughly fraternal. In order that our readers may have some notion of the value and significance of the meeting, we print below some expression of opinion from each member of the conference:

Rev. J. B. Thomas, D. D., of Newton Theological Seminary, Massachusetts: "I regard the action taken as a patch of new sky, which foretells noonday for the Baptists and the cause of Christ in this country. It seems to me to be the beginning of an absolute disarmament of all possible suspicion, and prophesies a complete and prosperous fraternity of feel-America "

Rev. N. E. Wood, D. D., pastor ton, Mass .: "It is one of the greatest results in the way of denomiminational unity that I know anything about. I am delighted."

Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D., corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Education Society: "It is a consummation for which we all should be devoutly thankful. And now, that it is earnest influence. It is one thing to have the action of the committee and another to carry it forward."

Professor E. H. Johnson, D. D., Crozer Theological Seminary: "It looks like the most momentous event in Baptist history since the war."

Hon. J. L. Howard, Hartford, Conn .: "I esteem it an honor to have presided over this confer-I would like to tell the Rathing Herald what I think of it : but you see that, if I am detained a moment longer, the boat will leave me. My heart overflows with joy at what we have done. God bless the white people of the South, and the black people of the South, and all the people in all the sections of our great coun-

the Religious Herald what I think all the other brethren, I am been thinking along the same line greatly delighted with the action taken.

General T. J. Morgan, secretary of the American Baptist Home we needed only to come together Mission Society, said: "I never at- in fraternal conference to find all tended a more delightful conference. Every member seemed impressed with a sense of the importance attaching to its action, and with an earnest desire to reach a result that should promote the cause of educating and evangelizing the negroes of the South, and of uniting the Baptists of the United States in this great enterprise. There was not an unpleasant word spoken nor an unkind thought eutertained. I am very greatly pleased with the agreement reached. believe it is a day long to be remembered in Baptist history. It only remains for the action of the conference to be ratified by the the plans proposed to be wisely, patiently, liberally carried out. I help. I never saw a more beautiam thankful for the privilege of ful spirit among men." co-operating in such a work."

Professor H. H. Harris, LL. D., ing among Baptists throughout of Richmond College: "The conference was providentially delayed Convention. "I came to the meetfrom July, the first appointment. of the First Baptist church, Bos- If it had been held at that time, it is likely that nothing good I have been most agreeably disapspent in anxious thought, frequent conference by letter and in tee of the Southern Baptist Con-person, and much prayer to the vention were cordially accepted by that each side was determined to bury the past, be moderate in demands and considerate of the The Joint Home Mission Condone, every Baptist should give to views of the other, and seek hen-the movement his cheerful and estly and earnestly the glory of the Master and the promotion of His We have not actually cause. accomplished much, but we have gotten into a position to begin work with far better prospects than for hopefulness, for caution, for mutual confidence, for earnest. prayerful work.

Dr. T. T. Eaton, editor of the Western Recorder: "It was a most remarkable meeting and a most wonderful agreement. Every vote was unamimous. There was not a note of discord nor even of dissent."

Prof. N. K. Davis, LL. D., of the University of Virginia: "I am inently desirable.-The Praminer. very hopeful. I am well satisfied

of leaving, and can't stop to tell in our work among our colored brethren. It is quite evident that about it, except to say that, like a number of leading brethren have Too Religion Herald. and trying to map out a course that would be acceptable to North and South, black and white, and looks like the most momentons parties in entire harmony."

Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D.D., president of Mercer University, of Georgia: "There was an admirable spirit. Great good sense prevailed. Everything was done with unanimity. A new era opens to American Baptists."

Rev. T. P. Bell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: "I never have seen a set of men come together who seemed so fully under the influence of the Holy Spirit. I believe that all came looking for divine guidance. As soon as I began to pray about it, I felt that I 3,000,000 Baptists interested, and must come, and I find that all the brethren came looking to God for

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist ing of the joint committee with little hope of any desirable result. Hier activity and larger expendiwould have been accomplished; pointed. The meeting was most but the intervening days were pleasant and harmonious. All the suggestions made by the commit-God of peace; and it came about the committee of the Home Mission Society. I think great good will result from the meeting."

ference

A very important conference was held at Fortress Monroe last week, between committees appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Bapever before. The situation calls tist Home Mission Society, to devise some method of co-operation in the work among the colored people of the South. A very fraternal feeling was manifested. By unanimous consent the past was treated as dead and buried; the conference concerned itself only with the future. When the problem was approached in this way, co-operation was found to be as wholly practicable as it is em-

"If I had my time to live over that there has prevailed a mis- again, said a landlord of a public person was present who did not understanding, which is happily house, at the verge of death, "I corrected as far as the personnel of would rather sweep crossings, or with something like amazement this conference is concerned. The beg, or even starve to death, before Certainly all saw its issue with Rev. A. S. Hobart, D. D., Yon- action taken bids fair to result in I would again see the misery which profound thankfulness to God. kers, N. Y.: "I am just in the act earnest and effective co-operation I and my trade have produced."

HOW IT LOOKS.

Close at hand, the recent conterence between committees of Northern and Southern Baptists event in Baptist history since the war. It accomplished so much, so readily and lo so little time. One day's conference sufficed to secure the adoption for substance of the sole plan for co-operation in education-a plan presented by the Southern committee-and of the sole plan for co-operation in mission work-the Northern committee's plan-while the suggestions of the Southern committee as to partition of the territory in work for the whites were referred to the Northern Home Mission Board, with a recommendation for favorable consideration. The instructions of the Northern committee did not embrace this matter.

The primary benefit comes to the negro race. They will no longer be able to think of the Northern Baptists as more friendly to their interests than Southern Baptists, because every arrangement in behalf of the race will be afforded and sustained by all their white brethren. If the Baptists of the North have the advantage of earture for the education of "our brother in black," the Baptists of the South will now enjoy in full the great advantage of near neighborhood and its opportunity for kindly influence and aid. That the colored race should be able to find reason for regarding no other Baptists with greater confidence than they feel for their white neighbors, and that these in turn should be ble to feel greater trust in their colored brethren, is an advantage of inestimable value to the emancipated race, and an advantage amply provided for in the plans of co-operation adopted.

Hardly less momentous, and greatly more conspicuous, is the removal of the last ground of misunderstanding between white Bap tists in the efforts for the colored-Baptists. The difficulties in the way of this result seemed to many just as unmanageable as they long had been. When one matter had been adjusted, most of us sat down in something like despondency to discuss the next. But every obstacle fell of itself as seen as it was approached. Probably not a watch the course of proceedings One official, who privately re-

ment in him and that he always investment, and, until they of the dom of God." "We must all ap-loved and give his life. If we took things as a mere matter of South become able to take and pear before the judgment-seat of would follow their example, and course, fairly choked when he tried maintain the financial manage- Christ." "So run, that ye may thus be perfect as they are perfect, to tell how happy he was, and sat ment, they cannot expect that the obtain." "Henceforth know we we must also love. But ours must down to a silence more moving schools will be given over entirely no man after the flesh." "The not be a dead, inactive love; it than anything that so obviously into their hands." unfeeling a creature could have nttered.

To say that God was with us must people, have the endorsement and the time is short." "Now we see gave; Christ loved and gave; if we not be held to imply that he had support of both bodies, and that, through a glass darkly . . . now love, ought we not likewise to not been with His children in all especially, general missionaries. I know in part." "Then cometh give? The love of the Father and the way that led up to this most receive the joint appointment of the end." "The last enemy that of the Son is measured by the comfortable result. It was "the both the Home Mission Society shall be destroyed is death." gifts they made. My brother, are fullness of times" for American and the Board of the Convention. Baptists, because the evils of the existing situation were so obvious position, relative to mission work have hope in Christ, we are of all have you given to God? And as to demand and partly provide on the same or contiguous fields, men most miserable." "We shall does what you have given fully for their own correction. I can- we trust that both boards will see not doubt that the recent collis- the propriety of its acceptance and ruptible must put on incorruption, a perishing world? How thankions of prominent brethren, which adoption." were deplored surely by none more than by themselves, made us all whole, we rejoice; yea, and will feel that a state of things that rejoice. It augurs good for our him, its disappointments and de- the way of salvation. God has naturally had such an issue, had Baptist cause throughout the feats, its realizations and tri- made in the gift of his Son his become intolerable and must be whole country. We have no deled up to the settlement, whatever come one. We believe that it is ness. In fact, his life was that called upon to give our little mites be accorded to the good temper Convention go on with its work accepting the ways and language fering salvation to the lost. and wisdom of the secretaries of unhindered, and that it have for as well as the inconvenience of his ed and gentle-hearted.

mons recommendations of both ed fathers who called the denomi- The Biblical Recorder: committees, and with such accept- nation to engage in the effort to win. Christ set a high standard beance, the Baptist denomination North America for Christ. puts behind even its own past attainments and reaches forward to things before-to the prize of its high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Amen and amen!

Chester, Pa. E. H. Johnson.

The Basis of Co-Operation.

We copy the following extracts from an editorial in the Journal and Messenger:

"It is with great satisfaction we receive the assurance that, while the control of these schools shall still remain in the hands of the Home Mission Society, yet the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention is to appoint advisory local committees which shall exercise certain anthority and exert influence for the promotion of the interest of the are well aware that responsibility logue of pleasant and familiar his life. God the Father loved Texas.

"No less gratifying will it be, if it shall come to pass that mission-

"Over the result reached, as a both societies. Their actual power its field all that it feels competent sojourn, and that cheerfully. But to block the road was used to clear to cultivate. Only thus will it be he was only a traveler, and the the road, and let them have all the able to call out the funds needful expectation of his heart reached It is not to be imagined that proper spirit among those who are What is ours? the Northern or the Southern board with us fellow-heirs of the inheritwill fail to accept the unani- ance bequeathed us by the honor-

What it Means.

The following extract is copied from an editorial in the Baltimore Baptist:

While we do not see any occasion for very great surprise in the act that a committee of representative Baptists of the North met a similiar body from the South in such a spirit of harmony, nevertheless it is an occasion for profound gratitude to God. It means that the two sections understand each other better, and are prepared betthe providence of God, they are and so we read, "If we love one called so to work. .

The Apostle Paul's View of Life.

It was a simple and consistent schools. Our Southern brethren one, and the contrast between this —that is, it moves to action; for for Kentucky and Dr. R. B. Gardesire to take a more active part life and the other was ever before we read that "God so loved the rett, Vice-President for Texas was eliconomics.

mortality."

work, and only thus cultivate the was the view of the great apostle.

If We Love, We Should Give.

my Father, and ye in me, and I of great value. - The Standard. in you." United as they are with Christ and the Father, the children of light should strive to be like their Heavenly Father, and also to follow the Saviour, as he himself commanded. Now we are taught that "God is love," the divine personification of love, and that "he that loveth not, knoweth not God." In order to be like ter to work together wherever, in. God, we must have him within us, another, God dwelleth in us." God is love, and love is the test of God's children.

God's love is active and living world that he gave his only begot- received. and are willing to contribute "All things are yours . . . and ten Son," etc. "In this was manioccasioned on account of the brethmoney for the support of the ye are Christ's, and Christ is fested the love of God toward us, ren named havings removed from schools; but they have never de- God's." "Judge nothing before because that God sent his Son inmanded that the control be given the time." "Know ye not that to the world," Christ the Son almanded that the control be given the time." "Know ye not that to the world." Christ the Son alcessors, Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Kenentirely into their hands. They the unrighteous," in a long cata- so manifested his love by giving tucky, and Dr. A. H. Mitchell, of

marked that there was no senti- and management go with financial vices, "shall not inherit the king- and gave his Son. God the Son things which are seen are tempo- must manifest itself; and as God ral; but the things which are not has given us the example of love, He seen are eternal." "I suppose this also has shown as in what way to How account for such an issue? aries, working among the colored is good for the present distress. . . manifest this love. He loved and "Charity" -charity only-"never you willing to have your love all be changed . . . for this cor- represent your love to Him and to and this mortal must put on im- ful we should be that God has given us the opportunity of help-All that this life brought to ing Him in bringing men to know umphs, its customs and maxims, contribution to missions, Christ relieved. In the discussions that sire that the two organizations be- he accepted with perfect natural- has given his life, and now we are is due to others, great credit must better that the Southern Baptist of a traveler in a strange country, and thus share in the honor of of-

Rio de Janeiro, June 1, 1894.

Results of Great Value.

Readers of The Standard will be praise which is due the wide-mind- for the best and most efficient out to his home beyond. This interested in the report, we furnish, in the "Baptist World" department, of the meeting of committees held at Fortress Monroe. Va., on Wednesday, December 22, representing the Southern Baptist Convention and the American fore his people when he said to Baptist Home Mission Society. them: "Be ye perfect, even as your The question under consideration Father which is in heaven is per- and the conclusions reached are fect." But a standard which falls of a character highly important short of this, could not be in keep- in their bearing, and promise, in ing with the declaration, "I am in the event of final adoption, results

Texas.

The quarterly report of 87 Missionaries show: . Weeks of labor. Stations supplied..... 3 409 Sermons. Churches constituted 18 Additions to churches. . . . 628 Sunday-schools organized. Religious visits. Pages of tracts distributed . 100,872

New Vice-Presidents.

At the last meeting of the Home Mission Board, official information in regard to the resignation of Dr. M. M. Riley, Vice-President These resignations were

The Board elect d as their suc-

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REMEABER.

The Conference Committee Meetle

On our first page we publish the report of the meeting of the conference committees of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The conference was important

The questions for consideration were the management of the boards. schools for the negroes owned by the Home Mission Society in the South, the co-operation in mission between these two great bodies.

officer of the joint committees, longer tolerated anywhere. and Drs. Wood, of Boston, and

secretaries. The sessions of the would seem to be sufficient to test that State, not more than 400 give tees. There was no proposal for wealth of the Baptists of the organic union. The action of the South have been doubled. They committees relates only to the co- are to-day able to give four times operation of two independent as much as they were twenty years bodies, acting in harmony on such ago. If, therefore, upon examinalines as will promote the efficiency tion we find that the Southern and prosperity of both. The Baptists give four times as much treaty between these two bodies as they did twenty years ago, we of Baptists-which together in- may conclude that the present syscluded 25,000 churches and nearly tem has equal efficiency with the 2,500,000 members-on the quest old agency plan. From 1873 to tions involved, must powerfully 1882, Georgia, where the new plan promote the harmony of the was first adopted, gave to foreign whole country.

nominations separated on the Her yearly average for the last slavery question in 1845, war be- ten years has been \$12,300 for fortween the sections became inevit- eign missions, and \$9,400 for home able. When they shall harmon- missions, an increase of about 125 ize in their views as to the in- per cent for foreign missions, and tellectual and religious culture of of about 100 per cent. for home this race, and co-operate in efforts missions. The annual average of to promote them, the "era of the Southern States during these good feelings in politics" cannot ten years, was for foreign misbe far in the future.

brethren will soon be followed by age for the last ten years has been, equally happy results attendant for foreign missions, \$95,800; upon like efforts of other relig- for home missions, \$67,500. The ious bodies, and sectional differ- increase for the Foreign Board ences throughout the whole coun- has been 150 per cent, and for try will cease forever.

Plan of Collecting Mission Funds.

pointed by the various boards for info consideration that the Wothat purpose.

Georgia led off in this change. Her Baptist State Convention re- sion work within the past ten quested the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention to with- done, we will be constrained to draw their agents from her territory, and proposed to provide what the convention regarded as a more efficient means of collecting funds bers and ability. for them.

corresponding secretary of the show an annual average to the State Board the agent for all the Foreign Board of \$20,000, and to boards, State Board of Missions and the Home and Foreign Boards ducting these sums from the rein its objects, harmonious in its of the Southern Baptist Conven. ceipts of the boards, and we have deliberations and gratifying in its tion. He was expected to induce for the Foreign Board an average the pastors to raise funds in their annual income of \$15,000, and of churches for all these mission the Home Board of \$54,000. The

pended upon the efficiency pas- that out of 120,000 white Baptists secretary of a State, board can tors exhibited in securing these in Georgia, 80,000 of them give work among them, and the de-funds. One after another, all the nothing to missions. The corretermination of a boundary line State Conventions of the South sponding secretary of the State cleatefor an empire, is too absurd adopted, with more or less modi- Board of Kentucky makes a simi- to be thought of for a moment-Ex-Governor Howard, of Con- fication, the Georgia plan. Such lar statement as to the Baptists There should be, and must be. actiont, was made the presiding a thing as the old-time agent is no of that State.

committees were most harmoni- its merits. What has been accom- anything to foreign missions. A ous, and the results attained were plished by it? Within that time similar condition prevails in all highly gratifying to both commit- both the numbers and the average the other States. missions a yearly average of \$5,-When the great religious de- 500, and to home missions, \$4,680. sions \$38,700, and for home mis-We trust that the success of our sions \$19,750. The general averthe Home Board about 240 per cent. These figures show that the present plan has not been more Nearly twenty years ago the efficient than the old agency plan. Baptists of the South discarded Under it we have barely kept pace the plan of raising money for with the increase of our wealth missionary purposes by agents ap- and our membership. If we take man's Mission Societies have become a powerful factor in our misyears, and deduct what they have living man, with his heart fired the conclusion that our contributions to missions have not kept pace with the increase of our mem-

The contributions of these so-The new plan was to make the cieties for the last eight years, the Home Board of \$13,000. Desagacious corresponding secretary The success of the new plan de- of the Georgia State Board says

What has been the success of for foreign missions in Missouri, associated with him, enough of

It may be confidently asserted that out of the 1,400,000 white Baptists of the South, not more than 400,000 of them give anything to missions. These facts demonstrate that under the present plan there has been a failure to develop the mission spirit in our churches. No other Christian people in proportion to intelligence and wealth, give so little to missions as Southern Baptists. We do not think this results from defects in the plan adopted. The pastor is the one to whom our boards should look for mission contributions from the church to which he ministers. The Word of God makes him the overseer of the church, and he ought to supervise especially the acts of the people which are designed to execute the great commands of our Savior. and accomplish the great purpose for which our churches are organized, giving the gospel to every creature. It would be a great mistake to change this feature of our present method.

The point of difficulty seems to be that we have not stimulated the pastors to this duty. The great majority of our pastors need to be informed and strengthened to do this work, and we have not supplied adequate agencies for this instruction and stimulation. This cannot be done by books, tracts, or other publications. These are helpful, but of themselves they are not sufficient. The with the great purpose of bringing the nations to the foot of the cross, must go to him and talk with him and with his people face to face until their hearts are aglow with God's grand design to give his Son the kingdoms of the world. In no other way can this be accomplished. Christ's plan is to send a man-not a book or a newspaper, but a man-not an angel, but a man, to tell the story of His redeeming love. and when we deviate from his method we must not expect sur-

The idea that the corresponding reach effectively a thousand pastors scattered over an area suffiwe ever succeed in developing our Brother B. G. Tutt, the agent people in misson work, other men Gregory, of Baltimore, were made this new plan? Twenty years says that out of 1,700 churches in them to effectually reach all the

pastors and all the churches in gro, again, because he is an in- asmuch as ye did it unto one of The Joint Report Accepted by the Home Mission

"Expense," did somebody say? What can be done that is worthy of an effort without expense? Expenditure is the prime factor of success in every undertaking. True economy is nothing but judicious expenditure. There must be expense in our mission work as in every other work. Our great tronble to-day is that we are not willing to expend that we may succeed-we are not willing to sow to do for the education of the ne- one day, 'those folk's out West are that we may reap. We challenge gro-having expended five milthe world to show an instance lions of dollars for this purpose where a great enterprise is so re- alone. What we must do now is looked thoughtful, and I continstricted and hampered by a lack to help them help themselves, ued: 'Yes, and we can't hope to of judicious expenditure as the These millions of money have put be brothers and sisters to the mission work among Southern strengthening influences under blessed Lord, either, till we learn Baptists. It is a most striking il- their control that-they must be to do the will of the Heavenly lustration of the words of the wise man, "There is that which with- ply, in a reflex way, upon them- days longer to live at most, and holdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

Our Duty to the Negro.

We reproduce the following extract from an article in the Teacher for October, under the above betterment of the condition of the That brought tears to my eyes; it caption, by Gov. W. J. Northen, of Georgia:

"Of course we owe the negro the benefits of moral and religious this great work is successfully do without that.' 'It shatters my training. Possibly this last is done in the name of the Lord for nerves anyhow,' I cheerfully conmore directly the duty of the churches and the denominations people. than the training of the mind, but when the proper education of the negro is not secured by the State or by private enterprises, so essential is such development to the well-being of society, that the churches themselves should undertake it rather than leave him in "Why, I don't believe the blessed of some of the doings of the 'Wo- pecially request that you would ignorance. This is necessary, not Lord would care half as much for man's Society' Pd say, 'Well, I give us the name and location of only to the proper understanding us if he hadn't done so much for guess that tea is doing somebody of the duties of citizenship, but to our sakes, do you? There used some good, anyhow!''' with the names and addresses of of the duties of citizenship, but to our sakes, do you? There used some good, anyhow!' " the best understanding of the to be a time when I did'nt want to Scriptures and the application of give anything for missions, and the truth to the heart and to the when they kept telling about the life. If we owe the gospel to the privations out West, I said I'd is done when converts are made work of the Society among the negro in Africa, and this no Bap- nothing at all to do with it. I and added to the church. Those colored people of the South, and tist doubts, we much more owe it to the negroes at the South.

out the Southern States an earnest inquiring on the part of the negroes as to the advisability and mind? Well, I'll tell you. You bers, genuinely good people, who joint mission work among the colpracticability of their return, in know that winter I slipped on the are inefficient workmen. The root see the hand of God leading the I never was a master hand for have never been trained. They should be more desirable. events of the times. If we are reading, but somehow it was all I are magnificent material, but have faithful to give them the light of could do then; and when the min- never been fitted for any use. Pol- ing Secretary during the months the gospel, and the Lord leads ister sent me in some mission pa- ished and dressed, they might bethem, in the wisdom of his plans, pers to read, 1 said I reckoned come stones fitted for the head of sequence of the meetings of our back to the land whence they came, they would pass the time better the corner in the temple of God. how marvelous would be the spread of the metal of the gospel under the influences got interested. The people out we can only have the highest sary arrangements for this work, of His divine grace carried abroad West got to seeming like real men happiness by having wide thoughts but we trust they may be perfected by this vast throng of suitable and and women to me, and the mis- and much feeling for the rest of as speedily as possible. well-prepared missionaries!

"These duties we owe to the ne- in the Lord. Then that text, 'In- "Preferring one another."

word and in its broadest application one of us. We cannot endure rid of 'em for him to continue 'a body of death.'

"It may be pertinent to ask, how much of these duties have we discharged?

"The States at the South, it seems to me, have done fully as much as they have been financially able we found it. 'Husband.' said I. encouraged and counseled to ap- Father. We haven't got many selves and lift up their fellows as others have lifted them up and kingdom? thus have their education repro-

rely upon the contributions and known. 'And I'll give up my tea,' co-operation of the churches if I said. 'No,' said he, 'you can't the uplifting of this unfortunate tinued, 'and if the Lord sees I

Atlanta, Ga.

Aunt Polly's Opinion.

weather.

mate of our homes, a part of our the least of these, ye did it unto business, and in every sense of the me, words direct from the Master, got hold of me and I could'nt get

> "Somehow there seemed less than ever to give at our house. I was crippled, and husband waiting on me, made him lose a good deal of time from work. But I tell you," emphasized Aunt Polly, "'where there's a will there's a way,' and our brothers and sisters, and we are doing nothing for them.' He we've done next to nothing for his

"Well, said the husband, the duce itself in others of their race, Lord's work shall have the price The Home Mission Board is by of my tobacco. I've got to do withno means satisfied with the lim- out it in heaven anyway, and I ited work accomplished for the might as well learn how here.' negroes at the South. We must was the only luxury he had ever a way.

"And so we began to give for missions-just a little, you know; and when the reports would come otherwise direct. "If you want to think a good deal in from the West, husband would of anybody, just try to help him say, 'My tobacco is bearing a good such information as will facilitate all you can," said Aunt Polly, harvest, wife; and when I'd hear the action of the Board. We es-

Teaching Them.

"There is now prevalent through- door, and to save a little for rainy ed in Christian truths and trained under appointment of your Board. for Christian work. It is a fact "How did I come to change my that in all our churches are memlarge bodies, to Africa. I think I ice and couldn't walk for months. of the matter is in them, but they by personal interview, if that

sionaries like brothers and sisters the world as well as ourselves.

A full meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on Monday, September 24th. The report of the joint committee conference at Fortress Monroe, which appears elsewhere in this paper, was read by the Corresponding Secretary. After a full and harmonious discussion of the report, it was unanimously adopted, subject only to revision by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pursuant to this action of the Board, the following letter has been sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ATLANTA, GA., Sept., 25, 1894.

REV. T. J. MORGAN, D. D., Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. Society, New York.

Dear Brother:-It affords me great pleasure to inform you that the Home Mission Board at its meeting on yesterday (24th) accepted by a unanimous vote the agreement entered into at Fortress Monroe by the Joint Committee of the Home Mission Society and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board desires to begin at once the duties made obligatory upon it by that agreement, and to can't do without it, he'll provide prosecute them continuously, unless some future action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which we do not anticipate, should

> We would be obliged to you for of the presiding officials.

We would also be glad to receive It is a great mistake to think all full information as to the mission never did have much money-only who believe must be trained and especially the names and addressenough to keep the wolf from the developed. They must be educat. es of all the general missionaries

> We shall be pleased to confer with you in regard to plans for ored people, by correspondence or

The absence of our Correspondof October and November, in con-State Conventions, may somewhat delay the completion of the neces-

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our whole country, and confidently expects larger prosperity and a fuller measure of the Divine blessing upon all the efforts of our churches to promote the glory of the Prince of Peace as a gracious result of their fraternal co-operation.

> Your brother, I. T. TICHENOR, Cor. Sec.

Dr. Lansing Burrows.

At a very full meeting of the Home Mission Board held on Monday, the 24th inst., the committee, previously appointed to take into consideration the question of an Assistant Corresponding Secretary made its report, recommending the election of Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., of Augusta, Georgia, to that office. The report of the unanimously committee WAS adopted.

The pre-eminent qualifications of Dr. Burrows, as demonstrated to the Baptists of America by the marked ability with which he has served as secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and compiler and editor of the Baptist Year Book for many years, as well as his successful pastoral work, attests the wisdom of the board in its selections.

It is not known whether Dr. Burrows will accept the office, but his acceptance would be gratifying to the Raptist brotherhood, and we hope to be able to announce this pleasing information in our next edition.

The Outlook.

Many years ago our forefathers planted on American soil the germs of a government founded on the principles of an open Bible, free schools, and religious liberty. Successive generations watched its growth with loving anxiety, nourishing it with tears and prayers, watering it with the life-blood of their loved ones, till now, as we opment, we proudly exclaim, "It's the grandest government the sun ever shone on!"

But, dear friends, as in days of old, so to-day; clouds heavy with

harmony among the Baptists of threatened disaster loom above our horizon. Echoing voices from out the history of the past resound you not remit the amount due? their solemn warnings, "The God-less nation is doomed!"

Why were the floodgates of Heaven opened to destroy that antedilu- you to continue to read it. vian race? Because they forsook God. Why is the Jewish nation a by word in the mouth of all people to-day? Because they rejected God. Why the decay and death of that mighty empire of Because the viper of idolatry and expenses of publishing the paper infidelity poisoned her life-blood and sapped her foundations, unfate of "the nations that forget God."

MRS. ARTHUR BRUSH.

NORMAN, O. T., July 2, 1894. DR. I. T. TICHENOR.

My Dear Brother:—I feel grateful to our Heavenly Father that your life is yet spared and prolonged, and that your health is so far restored to you again. I did so much desire to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas, but could not.

I do wish you would visit our field. Can't you be with us at the general salesroom and office department. On the second floor are Knale, Fis. My Dear Brother :- I feel grate-

meeting of our Association in August? Little River Association will convene with the church at Lexington, in the extreme south finishing rooms, spacking department, atc. meeting of our Association in August? Little River Association end of Oklahoma, about one mile from Purcell, Indian Territory. We meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August. Come and be with us. Let us hold sweet counsel together; then we will doubtless be better prepared to take action in regard to our future work. My prayers, my sympathies and my labors are with our Southern Zion. I love her doctrines and tenets, the faith once delivered to the saints. I feel assured that the truth is mighty and that it will prevail. Let us hold our forces together if there is any chance, and mark (only) those who cause divisions.

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Yours truly,

J. M. Cern.

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Previously reported	354	45
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Total for the month	300	10
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