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CONSTITUTION.

We, the delegates from missionary societies, churches, and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States, met in convention in the city of Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the Gospel, agree to the following rules or fundamental principles:

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the "Southern Baptist Convention."

ART. II. It shall be the design of this Convention to promote foreign and domestic missions, and other important objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to combine for this purpose such portions of the Baptist denomination in the United States as may desire a general organization for Christian benevolence, which shall fully respect the independence and equal rights of the churches.

ART. III. The Convention shall consist of members who contribute funds, or are delegated by religious bodies contributing funds, on the basis of one delegate for every hundred dollars contributed to our funds at any time within the twelve months preceding the meeting of the body; and of representatives, on the terms hereinafter specified, from any of the following bodies, viz: the Maryland Union Baptist Association, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist General Association of West Virginia, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Convention of Western North Carolina, the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, the Florida Baptist State Convention, the Alabama Baptist State Convention, the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Southeastern Mississippi, the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, the Baptist State Convention of Texas, the Baptist General Association of Texas, the Baptist Convention of Eastern Texas, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, the Tennessee Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Association of Kentucky, the Missouri Baptist General Association, the Southwest Missouri Baptist Convention, which bodies shall be allowed one representative in this Convention for every five hundred dollars which, during the twelve months ending December 31, previous to the session of this Convention, may have been expended by them for objects similar to those in the prosecution of which this Convention may be actively engaged, which objects are at present those of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Indian Missions, and Sunday-school work; *provided*, that the official organs of such State Convention or General Association shall, by the first day of March preceding the annual session of this Convention, have communicated to the Home Mission Board of this Convention the

amount expended by the body in question as above indicated: *provided*, also, that the representatives of these bodies shall be formally appointed by the organs thereof in the manner which may by the said bodies be hereafter directed, and that their appointment shall be duly certified to this Convention.

ART. IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice-presidents, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and hold their office until a new election; and the officers of the Convention shall be, each by virtue of his office, members of the several Boards.

ART. V. The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting as many Boards of Managers as in its judgment will be necessary for carrying out the benevolent objects it may determine to promote—all which Boards may continue in office until a new election. Each Board shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and fifteen other members; seven of whom, including one or more of the officers, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. To each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the object with whose interest it shall be charged, all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions adopted by this Convention, and such other instructions as may be given from time to time. Each Board shall have power to make such compensation to its Secretaries and Treasurer as it may think right, fill the vacancies occurring in its own body, and enact its own by-laws.

ART. VI. The Treasurer of each Board shall faithfully account for all moneys received by him, keep a regular entry of all receipts and disbursements, and make report of them to the Convention whenever it shall be in session, and to his Board as often as required. He shall also, on entering upon the duties of his office, give competent security to the President of the Board for all the stock and funds committed to his care. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of any member of the Convention and of his Board. No moneys shall be paid out of any of the treasuries of the Board, but by an order from that Board from whose treasury the money is to be drawn, which order shall be signed by the presiding officer.

ART. VII. The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Boards shall maintain intercourse by letter with such individuals or public bodies as the interest of their respective bodies may require. Copies of all such communications, with their answers, if any, shall be kept by them on file.

ART. VIII. The Recording Secretaries of the several Boards shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and of such other documents as may be committed to them for the purpose.

ART. IX. All the officers, Boards, Missionaries, and agents appointed by the Convention, or by any of its Boards, shall be members of some regular church in union with the churches composing this Convention.

ART. X. Missionaries appointed by any of the Boards of this Convention must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in their Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

ART. XI. The bodies and individuals composing this Convention shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied. But when no such specification is made, the Convention will make the appropriation at its own discretion.

ART. XII. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, but extra meetings may be called by the President, with the approbation of any one of the Boards of Managers. A majority of the attending delegates shall not be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. The President, or in the event of his death, any of the Vice-presidents of the Convention may, at the request of two of its Boards, postpone or alter the place of meeting of the Convention, when it may be deemed by him inexpedient to convene at the time or place appointed.

ART. XIII. Any alterations which experience shall dictate may be made in these Articles, by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Convention.

BY-LAWS.

Impressed with the obligation resting on the Convention to endeavor more energetically and systematically to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the Gospel, we adopt the following By laws :

1. That the Boards of the Convention be directed to form the closest possible connection with the State Boards, where such exist, in such way as shall be mutually agreeable, and in other cases to secure such agency as each of the Boards may deem best ; in both cases providing for necessary expenses incurred.

2. That the Secretaries of the Boards of the Convention be instructed to secure frequent distribution of information relating to their work, by means of newspapers, tracts, leaflets, and otherwise, as may be found expedient, among the masses of the people.

3. That the Committees on the Nomination of New Boards be instructed to nominate, as Vice-presidents of the Boards, men known to be identified with the interests of the Convention and of their own State Boards, and unless special reasons exist to the contrary, men who make effort to attend the sessions of the Convention. These Vice-presidents shall be expected to co-operate with the Boards, both giving and receiving suggestions as to the work to be done, and they also shall be expected to present at the next session of the Convention a brief report in writing of what they have been requested to do, and of the way in which they have complied with these requests, with any suggestions that they may have to offer as to the condition and needs of their respective fields. It shall be the duty of each Secretary, in due time, to furnish the Vice-presidents of his Board with suitable blanks for such reports, and to call their attention to this article, and to make any proper effort to secure the due preparation of these reports. In case any Vice-president appointed is unable or unwilling to comply with the requests herein mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Board, if possible, to find some person who can and request him so to do; and furthermore, the Vice-president for each State shall be desired, as speedily as possible, to prepare a roll of the associations, churches and Sunday-schools in that State, to be used for the distribution of information, and to ascertain, as far as possible, which of the churches, and Sunday-schools are contributing to the funds of the Board, and the annual amounts, and to make systematic effort, each year, to increase the number and amount of such contributions.

4. The Boards shall report, at each session of the Convention, what special efforts they have been able to make toward carrying out the objects of these By-laws.

5. That so much of the second day of the Convention as may be necessary shall be set apart for consideration of these reports, and of questions connected with them.

6. That these By-laws may be altered at any time by a majority vote, except on the last day of the Convention.

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PROCEEDINGS.

WACO, TEXAS, May 9, 1883.

1. The Southern Baptist Convention assembled in the meeting-house of the Baptist Church at Waco, Texas, and at 10 o'clock, A.M., was called to order by the President, P. H. Mell, of Georgia.

2. After the singing of the hymn "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and the reading of the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, the Convention was led in prayer by J. W. M. Williams, of Maryland.

3. On call of States, the names of delegates were reported, and subsequently enrolled by the Committee on Credentials, as follows :

MARYLAND.

Entitled to 45. Present 2.

BALTIMORE—FIRST CHURCH—J. W. M. Williams, James Pollard.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Entitled to 1. None present.

VIRGINIA.

Entitled to 128. Present 23.

J. L. Carroll, J. L. M. Curry, Manly B. Curry, W. T. Derieux, T. H. Ellett, Wm. Ellyson, W. E. Hatcher, W. G. Hicks, J. H. C. Jones, J. Wm. Jones, J. L. Jordan, J. A. Lawless, A. W. Read, D. C. Rittenhouse, Geo. B. Steel, L. R. Steele, W. R. L. Smith, J. A. Spilman, L. R. Spilman, L. R. Thornhill, H. A. Tupper, J. B. Turpin, W. A. Tyree.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Entitled to 56. Present 19.

W. P. Blake, C. C. Blanton, W. L. Brown, J. E. Carter, H. C. Dockery, G. C. Funderburk, G. P. Hamrick, M. D. Jeffries, W. T. Jordan, J. R. Littleton, R. D. Mallory, A. G. McManaway, H. B. Moore, W. A. Nelson, B. F. Peterson, N. R. Pittman, J. B. Taylor, J. B. Wilkinson.

CHARLOTTE CHURCH—O. F. Gregory.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Entitled to 130. Present 63.

T. P. Bell, E. E. Bomar, M. E. Broaddus, W. C. Brown, J. F. Buist, J. M. Callas, G. H. Carter, W. L. Durst, A. S. Duncan, J. R. Earle, J. K. Fant, J. W. Fowler, J. C. Furman, J. T. Garrison, R. H. Griffith, E. B.

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GREENVILLE CHURCH—Richard Furman.

GREENVILLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL—G. G. Wells.

JOHNSON CHURCH—W. T. Hundley.

JOHNSON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—J. K. Pace.

GEORGIA.

Entitled to 137. Present 71.

A. D. Adair, R. B. Adair, H. Atkins, J. T. Baker, S. Boykin, T. M. Brantley, C. L. Brown, Joseph E. Brown, B. W. Bussey, D. K. Butler, H. H. Cabaniss, B. T. Cameron, C. D. Campbell, J. Coleman, W. H. Culpepper, A. Davis, S. A. Dennaud, N. B. Drewry, A. Echolls, J. N. Embry, A. A. Fluker, J. Galt, J. W. Goldsmith, W. A. Gregory, D. W. Gwin, J. C. Hallman, R. H. Harris, R. B. Headden, J. H. Holland, J. K. Jenkins, A. R. Jennings, J. D. Johnson, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. S. Lawton, J. T. Long, W. W. Lumpkin, A. A. Marshall, F. C. McConnell, H. McDonald, J. J. C. McMahon, P. H. Mell, W. J. Mitchell, S. Mooney, G. B. Myers, G. A. Nunnally, C. B. Parker, A. Pinson, J. H. Pittman, M. L. Pritchett, S. M. Provence, W. J. Reeves, R. D. Render, C. D. Robinson, C. C. Sanders, M. D. Sanders, W. L. Stanton, J. B. Stephens, Jno. B. Stewart, J. M. Terrell, I. T. Tichenor, C. R. Twitty, D. H. Walker, Harry Wells, W. B. Wells, T. B. West, M. B. Wharton, G. W. H. Whitaker, B. L. Willingham, J. C. Wingo, J. H. Woolridge, A. W. York.

FLORIDA.

Entitled to 15. Present none.

ALABAMA.

Entitled to 64. Present 56.

C. S. Anderson, T. M. Bailey, W. H. Bedell, M. Bishop, J. C. Boyd, Willis Burns, B. H. Crumpton, J. S. Dill, A. F. Dix, J. Falkner, W. W. Felts, W. H. Fiquet, C. P. Fountain, Robt. Frazer, J. B. Gay, J. H. Glazener, W. N. Goodson, J. D. Harrell, A. J. Hearn, Geo. Hill, T. A. Knight, J. K. P. Lacy, J. F. Lassiter, Matt. Lyon, D. Manly, W. T. McAlister, G. W. McQueen, T. P. Miller, J. M. Phillips, W. F. Pond, S. O. Y. Ray, M. E. Reese, J. J. D. Renfro, B. F. Riley, Z. D. Roby, J. B. Scott, W. S. Simpson, A. T. Sims, T. H. Stout, J. L. Thompson, A. J. Waldrop, R. T. Wear, W. A. Whittle, M. Wimberly.

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MONTGOMERY, FIRST CHURCH—B. B. Davis, J. C. Stratford, A. B. Woodfin.

SELMA CHURCH—E. J. Forester.

MISSISSIPPI.

Entitled to 43. Present 37.

J. K. Andrews, D. C. M. Bigham, J. W. Burress, L. R. Burress, Thos. Burress, W. H. Carothers, R. C. Cates, M. C. Cole, J. A. Cox, J. L. Crigler, S. C. English, H. L. Finley, Frank Harper, E. W. Henderson, R. G. Hewlett, Jno. F. Jackson, E. E. King, J. P. Lahde, J. W. Lipsey, J. D. Mallery, F. C. McGee, R. E. Melvin, A. J. Miller, W. N. Nash, H. H. Parnell, L. S. Piker, G. W. Potter, A. P. Pugh, D. I. Purser, L. T. Ray, H. A. Simmons, W. L. Skinner, Frank Souter, M. L. Souter, E. M. Stephens, E. A. Taylor.

STARKVILLE CHURCH—T. G. Sellers.

LOUISIANA.

Entitled to 19. Present 19.

T. J. Allen, D. H. Burt, T. N. Coleman, V. G. Cunningham, J. P. Everett, C. B. Freeman, G. M. Harrell, T. B. Harrell, G. W. Hartsfield, W. H. Jack, W. H. McGee, M. Scarborough, A. P. Scofield, M. O. Stribling, W. R. Rutland, A. J. Terry.

MANSFIELD CHURCH—C. W. Tomkies.

NEW ORLEANS, COLISEUM PLACE CHURCH—S. Landrum.

SHREVEPORT, LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY—J. A. Hackett.

TEXAS.

Entitled to 144. Present 144.

STATE CONVENTION—J. B. Armstrong, A. T. Belk, J. A. Bell, J. M. C. Breaker, C. R. Breedlove, A. S. Broadus, W. N. Brown, A. S. Bunting, I. M. Camp, G. W. Capps, J. M. Carroll, T. J. Chandler, C. C. Chaplin, W. T. Chase, W. C. Crane, Geo. Cook, G. M. Daniel, G. B. Davis, T. J. Dodson, W. H. Dodson, W. P. H. Douglass, A. W. Dunn, M. Eastland, B. F. Elliott, E. C. Everett, Wm. Ferguson, J. L. Fowlkes, D. D. Foreman, H. Garrett, O. H. P. Garrett, Lee Green, P. Harris, B. Hatcher, P. Hawkins, A. T. Hawthorne, Harvey Haynes, J. F. Hillyer, J. W. Howell, D. W. Jackson, L. D. Jackson, G. L. Jennings, W. D. Johnson, P. E. Kirven, W. S. Lackey, J. B. Link, J. H. Luther, T. T. Martin, W. P. Matheny, O. McGaffey, J. R. Miller, L. R. Millican, Z. M. Morrell, Norton Moses, S. G. Mullins, H. Nabring, O. C. Pope, D. A. Porter, G. W. Rogers, W. T. Sanders, Isaac Sellers, A. F. Sharp, R. J. Sledge, C. E. Smith, G. W. Smith, A. T. Spalding, M. J. Stamp, C. E. Stephen, T. H. Storts, J. H. Stribling, A. B. Turner, W. H. Wallace, A. Weaver, Z. M. Wells, H. S. Weymouth, Kit Williams, W. L. Williams, W. T. Womble.

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EAST TEXAS CONVENTION—Reddin Andrews, J. S. Bledsoe, W. G. Caperton, J. H. Kimball, W. R. Maxwell, A. B. Vaughn.

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 J. L. Williams.
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KENTUCKY.

Entitled to 110. Present 62.

- M. A. Alderson, W. B. Arvin, G. F. Bagby, C. D. Bell, A. T. Chenault, D. A. Chenault, R. F. Connor, H. T. Daniel, Jno. L. Dismukes, W. H. Felix, J. O. Ferrell, S. P. Forgy, J. H. Fullilove, G. W. Given, J. W. Givens, T. K. Givens, P. T. Hale, W. P. Harvey, S. L. Helm, Wm. M. Hinton, A. J. Holt, J. C. Hopewell, J. M. Joiner, J. G. Kendall, Eusebius Kirtley, J. A. Kirtley, R. E. Kirtley, J. E. Meadow, A. J. Miller, E. Y. Mullins, J. M. Peay, M. M. Riley, J. V. Riley, H. C. Rosamon, A. Frank Ross, J. W. Rust, C. C. Shewmaker, C. M. Smoot, J. B. Solomon, U. H. Threlkeld, J. Vanderen, T. Wadlington, C. T. Wells, W. H. Yeager.
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Entitled to 41. Present 37.

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 BROWNSVILLE CHURCH—R. G. Thomas, S. F. Thomas.

ARKANSAS.

Entitled to 4. Present 4.

W. A. Clarke, J. P. Eagle, M. D. Early, J. B. Searcey.

MISSOURI.

Entitled to 75. Present 75.

J. C. Armstrong, C. F. D. Arnold, A. C. Avery, H. B. Babb, T. W. Barrett, I. R. M. Beeson, T. A. Bowman, Jno. Burnham, W. H. Burnham, J. S. Coleman, M. B. Collins, W. B. Craig, W. S. Crouch, C. B. Crumb, A. Cruse, A. S. Dodge, H. W. Dodge, J. M. Ellis, L. B. Ely, Rochester Ford, S. H. Ford, W. A. Gray, J. P. Greene, W. F. Harris, G. W. Hatcher, Harvey Hatcher, A. J. Hess, J. Hickman, J. P. Hickum, E. D. Isbell, J. F. Lanneau, L. Leonard, W. F. Leonard, G. O. Lofton, H. C. Lollar, A. Machette, R. K. Maiden, J. C. Maple, S. W. Marston, C. T. Martin, A. P. Miller, D. W. Morgan, M. E. Motley, W. R. Painter, A. F. Pearson, S. Y. Pitts, A. C. Rafferty, J. D. Robnett, Jehu Robinson, G. A. C. Rochester, W. T. Russell, C. S. Savage, P. M. Sears, J. V. Schofield, J. F. Smith, J. P. R. Smith, N. J. Smith, J. W. Southworth, M. Sparks, C. R. Stephens, E. W. Stephens, H. Talbird, T. B. Turnbaugh, W. M. Walker, H. C. Wallace, T. M. Walton, S. B. Whiting, J. T. Williams, W. H. Williams, U. S. Wright, W. P. Yeaman.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY—J. L. Carmichael, R. S. Duncan, D. B. Ray, W. R. Rothwell.

CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY—Howard Ford.

Whole number present, 612.

4. The Convention proceeded to the election of officers. On motion of G. A. Nunnally, Georgia, P. H. MELL, of Georgia, was re-elected by acclamation, no one objecting, President of the Convention.

5. R. D. Mallory, of North Carolina, A. P. Scofield, of Louisiana, and B. F. Riley, of Alabama, were appointed to count the votes cast for Vice-presidents. They subsequently reported the election of the following :

SAMUEL B. MAXEY, of Texas,
 JOSEPH E. BROWN, of Georgia,
 JAMES C. FURMAN, of South Carolina,
 J. W. M. WILLIAMS, of Maryland.

6. On motion of J. S. Lawton, Georgia, LANSING BURROWS, of Kentucky, and OLIVER F. GREGORY, of North Carolina, were re-elected by acclamation, no one objecting, Secretaries of the Convention.

7. The bar of the Convention was fixed at the suggestion of the Chair, and on motion of A. A. Marshall, Georgia, representatives of the press were invited to seats within the bar.

8. The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was presented, and an abstract read by the Corresponding Secretary, H. A. Tupper, Virginia.

9. On motion of J. L. Carroll, Virginia, the Report was referred to Committees on Woman's Work, on By-laws of the Convention, on Foreign Mission Journal, on Treasurer's Report, on Mexican Missions, on Brazilian Missions, on China Missions, on African Missions, on Italian Missions, and on General Conclusions of the Board.

10. The hours of business were ordered to be as follows: To meet at 9 A.M. and adjourn at 12:15; to meet at 3 and adjourn at 5 P. M.; and when a night session is held, to meet at 8 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

11. The following resolution was offered by W. C. Crane, Texas:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each State represented be appointed to report on the expediency of amending Article XII of the Constitution by striking out the word "annually," and inserting instead thereof the word "biennially."

The resolution was ordered to lie on the table by a vote of yeas 157, nays 115.

12. On Motion of J. T. Williams, Missouri, it was

• *Resolved*, That a meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and that a meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held on Friday evening, at the same hour.

13. The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by S. L. Helm, Kentucky.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

14. The Convention was called to order at 3 o'clock, and prayer was offered by T. P. Bell, South Carolina.

15. Visiting brethren were, on motion of J. L. Carroll, Virginia, invited to seats.

16. The Report of the Home Mission Board was presented, and an abstract read by the Corresponding Secretary, I. T. Tichenor.

17. On motion of J. J. D. Renfroe, Alabama, the Report was ordered to be referred to Committees on Indian Missions, on California Missions, on New Orleans Missions, on Memphis and other points east of the Mississippi River, on Western Territories, on Colored People, on Foreign Populations in our own country, on "Kind Words," on Church Building Fund, on Needs of the Work of the Board, and on Treasurer's Report.

18. A communication from the Baptist Church, at Jacksonville, Florida, was read, and on motion of M. B. Wharton, Georgia, was referred to a Select Committee.

19. The Report of the Treasurer, George W. Norton, was read, and on motion was received and ordered to be printed in these proceedings.

20. The Secretaries presented certain Statistical Tables, which, on motion of J. W. Jones, Virginia, were ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

21. The following was presented by G. A. Nunnally, Georgia:

Resolved, That the Secretaries be authorized to append to the published Proceedings a limited number of advertisements of Baptist institutions of learning, denominational magazines and newspapers, and supplies for churches and Sunday-schools, the proceeds arising therefrom to be devoted to the expense of gathering statistics, and of more judicious distribution of the Proceedings;

Which, on motion of J. P. Boyce, Kentucky, was ordered to be referred to a Select Committee.

22. Words of welcome were spoken by B. H. Carroll, pastor of the church in Waco, to which reply was made on behalf of the Convention by J. D. Stewart, Georgia.

23. The Convention then adjourned, after prayer by John Hillyer, Texas.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

24. The Convention Sermon was preached by John A. Broadus, of Kentucky, from the text, II. Timothy, iii. 15: "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 10, 1883.

25. The Convention assembled, and was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by S. Boykin, Georgia.

26. The Journal was read and approved.

27. The Reports of Vice-presidents of the Boards of the Convention, as provided for in By-law 5, being called for, the following made response: For the Foreign Mission Board—J. A. Hackett, Louisiana; J. J. D. Renfroe, Alabama; G. W. Pickett, Texas; R. H. Griffith for Chas. Manly, South Carolina; M. Hillsman, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, North Carolina; R. S. Duncan, Missouri; and for the Home Mission Board—J. W. M. Williams, Maryland; J. P. Everett, Louisiana; Lansing Bur-

rows, Kentucky; C. C. Chaplin, Texas; H. Talbird for Wm. Furguson, Missouri; M. D. Early, Arkansas; J. B. Turpin for W. R. L. Smith, Virginia.

28. The following Committees were announced by the chair:

On Woman's Work (Foreign Missions): J. W. M. Williams, Md.; D. A. Chenaunt, Ky.; J. B. Turpin, Va.; W. L. Brown, N. C.; H. C. Smart, S. C.; A. A. Marshall, Ga.; B. H. Crumpton, Ala.; E. W. Henderson, Miss.; T. M. Coleman, La.; W. A. Jarrel, Tex.; G. F. Bagby, Ky.; J. M. Senter, Tenn.; H. W. Dodge, Mo.; W. A. Clark, Ark.

On By-laws of the Convention: M. Hillsman, Tenn.; J. A. Broadus, Ky.; W. C. Crane, Tex.; M. B. Curry, Va.; C. C. Blanton, N. C.; J. W. Wilkes, S. C.; A. J. Miller, Miss.; T. M. Bailey, Ala.; W. H. Jack, La.; T. J. Ferguson, Tex.; W. G. Inman, Tenn.; J. P. Eagle, Ark.; A. P. Miller, Mo.

On Foreign Mission Journal: James Pollard, Md.; R. A. Massey, Tex.; J. A. Spilman, Va.; W. T. Jordan, N. C.; R. N. Pratt, S. C.; T. B. West, Ga.; E. J. Forester, Ala.; W. L. Senter, Miss.; G. W. Hartsfield, La.; A. J. Hill, Tex.; A. J. Holt, Ky.; A. W. Lamar, Tenn.; T. W. Barrett, Mo.

On Mexican Missions: R. C. Burlison, Tex.; J. V. Schofield, Mo.; T. H. Ellett, Va.; W. A. Nelson, N. C.; J. C. Furman, S. C.; F. C. McConnell, Ga.; J. J. D. Renfroe, Ala.; J. F. Jackson, Miss.; A. J. Terry, La.; Kit. Williams, Tex.; J. A. Kirtley, Ky.; J. M. Robertson, Tenn.; J. H. Luther, Tex.

On Brazilian Missions: O. C. Pope, Tex.; S. H. Ford, Mo.; J. A. Hackett, La.; Wm. Ellyson, Va.; J. B. Wilkinson, N. C.; J. H. Wideman, S. C.; S. M. Provence, Ga.; J. H. Stribling, Tex.; B. F. Riley, Ala.; W. H. Carothers, Miss.; M. Scarborough, La.; A. T. Hawthorne, Tex.; W. Price, Ky.; J. T. Williams, Mo.

On China Missions: J. L. Carroll, Va.; Harvey Hatcher, Mo.; J. H. Kimball, Tex.; J. L. Jordan, Va.; H. B. Moore, N. C.; G. A. Norwood, S. C.; H. McDonald, Ca.; G. B. Eager, Ala.; S. C. English, Miss.; D. H. Burt, La.; J. M. Graves, Tex.; A. J. Miller, Ky.; G. W. Everett, Tenn.; J. C. Maple, Mo.

On African Missions: G. E. Brewer, Ala.; D. B. Ray, Mo.; W. G. Hicks, Va.; J. R. Littleton, N. C.; A. J. S. Thomas, S. C.; H. H. Cabaniss, Ga.; J. C. Boyd, Ala.; M. C. Cole Miss.; T. B. Harrell, La.; R. C. Buckner, Tex.; W. M. Pratt, Ky.; W. H. Dodson, Tenn.; T. J. Chandler, Tex.; W. H. Williams, Mo.

On Italian Missions: J. L. M. Curry, Va.; G. A. C. Rochester, Mo.; Harry Wells, Ga.; J. C. H. Jones, Va.; B. F. Peterson, N. C.; J. A. Jackson, S. C.; M. B. Drewry, Ga.; R. Frazer, Ala.; H. H. Parnell, Miss.; W. H. McGee, La.; W. S. Huff, Tex.; H. T. Daniel, Ky.; J. T. Christian, Tenn.; W. Howard, Tex.; J. Hickam, Mo.

On General Conclusions of the Board: S. Landrum, La.; S. W. Mars-ton, Mo.; J. R. Lawless, Va.; W. P. Blake, N. C.; B. P. Smith, S. C.; C. D. Campbell, Ga.; C. C. Sanders, Ga.; J. K. P. Lacy, Ala.; J. A. Cox, Miss.; W. M. Blackwelder, Ala.; W. R. Rutland, La.; J. S. Bledsoe, Tex.; T. H. Pritchard, Ky.; G. S. Williams, Tenn.; T. A. Bowman, Mo.

On Treasurer's Report, Foreign Board: J. B. Taylor, N. C.; W. G. Calloway, Tex.; M. B. Curry, Va.; N. R. Pittman, N. C.; J. R. Earle,

S. C.; J. S. Lawton, Ga.; G. S. Anderson, Ala.; R. E. Melvin, Miss.; C. B. Freeman, La.; J. L. Williams, Tex.; G. W. Given, Ky.; W. G. Gates, Tenn.; I. M. Camp, Tex.; W. H. Burnham, Mo.

On Indian Missions: S. L. Helm, Ky.; W. R. L. Smith, Va.; A. S. Dodge, Mo.; A. C. Stepp, S. C.; B. L. Willingham, Ga.; W. F. Pond, Ala.; R. G. Hewlett, Miss.; C. W. Tompkins, La.; S. E. Brooks, Tex.; W. L. Williams, Tenn.; W. R. Painter, Mo.

On California Missions: C. C. Chaplin, Tex.; J. S. Coleman, Mo.; L. R. Steele, Va.; Wm. M. Hinton, Ky.; J. E. Wingate, S. C.; T. P. Lide, S. C.; R. H. Harris, Ga.; T. P. Miller, Ala.; M. D. Sanders, Ga.; S. T. Cobb, La.; A. H. Norris, Tex.; R. W. Norton, Tenn.; S. Y. Pitts, Mo.

On New Orleans Missions: T. T. Eaton, Ky.; J. H. Kilpatrick, Ga.; S. Watson, S. C.; G. W. H. Whittaker, Ga.; C. R. Twitty, Ga.; T. H. Stout, Ala.; A. F. Dix, Ala.; G. M. Harrell, La.; A. B. Vaughn, Tex.; C. D. Bell, Ky.; T. P. Glass, Tenn.; J. F. Lanneau, Mo.

On Memphis and other points east of the Mississippi River: J. R. Graves, Tenn.; R. A. Venable, Tenn.; L. R. Thornhill, Va.; G. P. Hamrick, N. C.; Richard Furman, S. C.; A. W. York, Ga.; J. D. Harrell, Ala.; E. M. Stephens, Miss.; M. G. Cunningham, La.; J. R. Clark, Tex.; T. H. Storts, Tex.; J. C. Moore, Tenn.; H. Talbird, Mo.

On Western Territories: W. P. Yeaman, Mo.; A. T. Spalding, Tex.; R. H. Griffith, S. C.; M. H. Bunn, Ga.; Z. D. Roby, Ala.; Thos. Burress, Miss.; J. S. Killen, La.; J. R. Kelly, Tex.; W. H. Dodson, Tex.; W. W. Gardiner, Tenn.; U. S. Wright, Mo.

On Colored People: W. E. Hatcher, Va.; W. P. Harvey, Ky.; W. T. Hundley, S. C.; B. W. Bussey, Ga.; J. P. Shaffer, Ala.; J. P. Lehde, Miss.; T. J. Allen, La.; W. G. Caperton, Tex.; A. Weaver, Tex.; R. D. Wilson, Tenn.; L. B. Ely, Mo.; J. Galt, Ga.

On Foreign Populations in our own country: W. H. Felix, Ky.; M. B. McGee, S. C.; R. B. Adair, Ga.; D. D. Bestor, Ala.; L. R. Burress, Miss.; A. K. Seago, La.; Wm. Ferguson, Tex.; H. A. Tupper, jr., Ky.; E. L. Jordan, Tenn.; G. A. Lofton, Mo.

On "Kind Words": F. B. Headden, Ga.; T. J. Price, S. C.; A. A. Fluker, Ga.; M. Bishop, Ala.; M. O. Stribling, La.; T. J. Anderson, Tex.; J. L. Dismukes, Ky.; R. G. Thomas, Tenn.; J. M. Ellis, Mo.; J. W. Howell, Tex.

On Church Building Fund: A. B. Woodfin, Ala.; J. D. Stewart, Ga.; E. B. Hart, S. C.; J. M. Terrell, Ga.; A. J. Waldrop, Ala.; W. P. Copeland, La.; W. W. Finley, Tex.; T. B. Osborne, Ky.; D. B. Vance, Tenn.; J. P. Greene, Mo.

On Needs of the Work of the Board: T. P. Bell, S. C.; B. Manly, Ky.; Jno. Burnham, Mo.; J. R. Clark, Tex.; I. G. McKissick, S. C.; R. D. Render, Ga.; P. M. Sears, Mo.; J. R. Miller, Tex.; Z. M. Morrell, Tex.; R. D. Thomas, Tenn.; W. Harris, Mo.

On Treasurer's Report, Home Board: M. D. Early, Ark.; R. D. Render, Ga.; Geo. B. Steele, Va.; J. L. Vass, S. C.; W. P. Stanton, Ga.; A. D. Adair, Ga.; Geo. Hill, Ala.; C. G. Thurmond, La.; M. S. Stamp, Tex.; J. B. Solomon, Ky.; E. C. Gates, Tenn.; W. R. Rothwell, Mo.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting: D. A. Walker, Ga.; J. W. M. Williams, Md.; A. W. Read, Va.; W. A. Nelson, N. C.; J. K. Pace, S. C.; Willis Burns, Ala.; A. J. Miller, Miss.; S. Landrum, La.; E. C. Everett, Tex.; T. S. Potts, Ky.; S. F. Thomas, Tenn.; A. C. Avery, Mo.; M. D. Early, Ark.

On Nominations: J. A. Hoyt, S. C.; R. H. Caldwell, Ky.; Geo. B. Steele, Va.; A. W. York, Ga.; W. S. Simpson, Ala.; A. K. Seago, La.; G. W. Smith, Tex.; J. W. Rust, Ky.; S. K. Tigrette, Tenn.; H. C. Wallace, Mo.

On Credentials: B. B. Davis, Ala.; James Pollard, Md.; D. C. Rittenhouse, Va.; G. C. Funderburk, N. C.; J. F. Buist, S. C.; G. A. Nunnally, Ga.; J. B. Scott, Ala.; G. W. Potter, Miss.; A. P. Scofield, La.; R. J. Sledge, Tex.; J. M. Joiner, La.; P. T. Hale, Ky.; H. C. Wallace, Mo.; W. A. Clark, Ark.

On Secretary's Statistical Tables: J. Wm. Jones, Va.; J. B. Searcy, Ark.; J. K. Fant, S. C.; A. G. McManaway, N. C.; Rochester Ford, Mo.; L. S. Piker, Miss.; W. E. Penn, Tex.; M. A. Alderson, Ky.; J. S. Dill, Ala.; R. T. Hanks, Tex.; R. S. Duncan, Mo.

On Nunnally Resolution, Item 21: J. P. Boyce, Ky.; G. A. Nunnally, Ga.; J. B. Link, Tex.; E. D. Isbell, Mo.; H. Garrett, Tex.; J. P. Hickman, Mo.; E. E. Folk, Tenn.

On Communication from Jacksonville, Item 18: M. B. Wharton, Ga.; M. W. Taylor, S. C.; J. B. Kimbrough, Tex.; J. G. Hardy, Mo.; J. M. C. Breaker, Tex.

29. A question concerning the right of representation in this Convention on the basis of funds sent up and not reported prior to the meeting, was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

30. It was further, on motion of H. A. Tupper, Va.,

Resolved, That funds received by the Boards at this meeting of the Convention may be represented in this body.

31. A communication from the colored Baptists was received, and on motion of S. A. Hayden, Texas, they were recognized as visiting brethren.

32. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was offered by J. P. Eagle, Ark. :

“*Provided,* Also, that the Convention shall have the power to seat delegates upon satisfactory evidence that the bodies from which they come are entitled to the representation asked for.”

A motion to lay the proposed amendment on the table prevailed by a vote of yeas 162, nays 96.

33. The Convention adjourned, with prayer by Wm. Howard, Texas.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

34. The Convention was called to order at three o'clock, and prayer was offered by J. A. Kirtley, Kentucky.

35. On motion of J. D. Stewart, Georgia, it was

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to report to this body what amendments, if any, should be made to Article III of the Constitution of this Convention, to entitle persons to be represented on

this floor, who have contributed funds for the purposes of the Convention.

The committee was made to consist of J. D. Stewart, Georgia; S. B. Maxey, Texas; J. B. Turpin, Virginia; H. C. Wallace, Missouri; D. W. Gwin, Georgia; G. G. Wells, South Carolina; and J. W. Rust, Kentucky.

36. Certain funds, sent up to the meeting of the Convention without designation, were ordered to be equally divided between the two Boards.

37. B. B. Davis, Alabama, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following partial report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the application of Bro. Link, that W. E. James of Caldwell church, and Wm. M. Burns of Lexington church, be admitted as delegates, because of the statement made that there had been contributed at least one hundred dollars, by their several churches, would report favorably on the petition.

B. B. DAVIS, *Chairman*.

38. The Convention, after prayer by S. Landrum, Louisiana, adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

39. The Convention was called to order at eight o'clock by J. W. M. Williams, one of the Vice-presidents, and was led in prayer by T. H. Pritchard, Kentucky.

40. The special order being the consideration of the interests of the Foreign Mission Board, the Convention was addressed by M. B. Wharton, Georgia, J. L. M. Curry, Virginia, and W. D. Powell, Texas, after which a contribution of \$4,978.47 was made in behalf of the Chapel Fund of the Mexican Missions.

41. And then the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1883.

42. The Convention re-assembled at nine o'clock, and after singing, prayer was offered by J. P. Boyce, Kentucky.

43. The Journal was read and approved.

44. T. T. Eaton, Kentucky, presented the Report of the Committee on

NEW ORLEANS.

Your Committee on that part of the report of the Home Board which refers to the work in New Orleans would respectfully report as follows:

The great city of New Orleans is just now the field alike of greatest

need and of greatest promise of all the territory under the eye of our Home Board. We have but two white churches amid a population of a quarter of a million souls, in a great center of commercial and social and intellectual influence. These churches are weak and struggling, and the need for help is great and pressing.

1. The First Church have \$2,000 in hand for a building. The property they now occupy is for sale, and they have the refusal of it till June 1st. Your Committee are of opinion, however, that it would be best for the location to be changed, and that a place farther from the Coliseum Place Church be secured, where there is a better prospect of speedily building up a self-sustaining organization. We recommend, therefore, that an effort be made to this end, and if in the judgment of the Home Board the amount likely to be raised within the limited time is inadequate to secure a new location, then let whatever is raised go to the purchase of the property now occupied, and the title to said property be made to vest in this Convention, with a view to a removal of the church in a few years.

2. Of the \$5,000 pledged at the last session of the Convention for Coliseum Place Church, only \$3,060 has been received by the church. We recommend that the remainder be made good that this church may be relieved of the debt that has hung so darkly and heavily over them. Your Committee believe that this church gives promise of more efficiency in the near future than ever before if they can be speedily relieved of debt.

3. We recommend that the three men and two women needed to reinforce our laborers in New Orleans, and to occupy the destitute fields there ripe to the harvest, be sent by the Home Board so soon as their financial condition shall justify such appointments. If the work is to be pushed in New Orleans the denomination must be thoroughly in earnest and put forth no half-hearted efforts.

4. Your Committee recommend that all our churches be earnestly requested to make special prayer to God for His blessing and guidance in the efforts made to win New Orleans to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. EATON, *Chairman.*

A. F. DIX,	T. H. STOUT,
G. M. HARRELL,	J. H. KILPATRICK,
G. W. H. WHITAKER,	C. D. BELL,
JNO. F. LANNEAU.	

The Report was discussed by T. T. Eaton, Kentucky.

45. The hour of ten having arrived, the consideration of the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which had been made the special order, received the attention of the Convention. Addresses were made by J. P. Boyce, Kentucky, Jos. E. Brown, Georgia, and John A. Broadus, Kentucky, after which pledges to the amount of \$7,500 were secured for the permanent endowment of the institution.

46. And then the Convention adjourned, with prayer by J. H. Kilpatrick, Georgia.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

47. The Convention re-assembled at three o'clock. W. P. Yeaman, Missouri, led in prayer.

48. The Report of the Committee on New Orleans was further discussed by S. Landrum, Louisiana, and was then adopted.

49. S. L. Helm, Kentucky, presented the Report of the Committee on

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The highly gratifying report of the Home Mission Board on our work among the Indians is just ground for gratitude to God, and furnishes abundant argument for enlarging the field of our labors among the peculiar and scattered aboriginal race of America. It has been truly said in that report, "What is to be done must be done quickly."

We recommend the appointment of Mrs. Buckner, the widow of the lamented Dr. Buckner, as Bible-reader among the Indian women. Her devotion to the life-work of her husband, and love for the people for whom he devoted the energies of his noble mind and loving heart, bind her to them with a martyr devotion. Her home is there; her husband sleeps in his grave there beside her first-born child, and there she desires to lay her weary body down to rest when life's work is done.

We also recommend the publication of Dr. Buckner's "Thirty Years Among the Indians" (the manuscript of which he left ready for the press), by the Home Mission Board on such terms as they may settle with Mrs. Buckner.

We look to the Levering Manual Labor School among the Creeks as the future hope of their elevation. Some measures should be adopted by which aid could be furnished in building cheap, comfortable houses of worship among the Indians. Having full confidence in the skill and wisdom of the Home Mission Board to carry on the good work in its details, we once more commend Indian Missions to the sympathies, prayers, and increased liberality of Southern Baptists.

S. L. HELM, *Chairman*,

W. R. L. SMITH,	A. S. DODGE,
A. C. STEPP,	B. L. WILLINGHAM,
W. F. POND,	R. G. HEWLETT,
C. W. TOMPKINS,	S. E. BROOKS,
W. L. WILLIAMS,	W. R. PAINTER.

APPENDED TO REPORT.

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, native ministers of Baptist churches in the Creek nation, avail ourselves of this opportunity and method of expressing to the Baptist Home Mission Board and the world our deep sense of the magnitude of the affliction that has fallen to us and the church in the death of brother Buckner, our faithful missionary, unflinching friend, and brother in Christ.

Resolved, Further, that we appreciate with gratitude the good services of the Board in so promptly filling the vacancy by the appointment of brother W. P. Blake, whom we hereby welcome as our Missionary, our friend and brother, and to whom we extend our hand of fellowship and love, offering our humble co-operation with him so long as his labors among us shall have in view the education of our people in the way of life.

Rev. DANIEL ROBERT, Pastor Eufaula Church.
 Rev. JAMES COLBERT, Pastor Tuskegee Church.
 Rev. JOHN MCINTOSH, Pastor Big Arbor Church.
 Rev. WESLEY SMITH, Pastor Oyokofkey Church.
 Rev. JAS. BARNETT, Pastor Quassardy Church.
 WM. MCCOMBS, Missionary Interpreter.

Resolved, By the Southern Baptist Convention in General Session assembled, that among the varied interests composing the constantly increasing work of the churches, not the least important is the conversion and salvation of the Indian race of the North American continent.

Resolved, Further, that in order that an efficient ministry for the effective propagation of the truths of the gospel, and the wholesome influences of our Christian civilization and religion may be extended and maintained among the nations and tribes located in the United States, it is, in the opinion of the Convention, of prime importance that the general government should preserve good faith with the Indians by a strict and uniform adherence to the demands of the provisions and promises contained in the treaties sought and negotiated with them.

Resolved, Further, that the repeated removals of Indian tribes and nations from established homes to new reservations, together with the constantly recurring threat of a change of the relations subsisting between the various Indian nations and tribes and the United States, constitute, in our judgment, a prolific cause of the many Indian wars and kindred complications so effectively barring the progress of Christianity and civilization among them, thus indicating the presence of a fault which should be eliminated from the character of the Indian policy of the government; and we invite the co-operation of all good Christians with the spirit of these resolutions to the end that justice may be done, and the fair fame of the Christian civilization of the nation be maintained.

The report was discussed by S. L. Helm, Kentucky, and J. W. M. Williams, Maryland, and brethren W. P. Blake, A. Frank Ross, Willis Burns, and Wesley Smith, missionaries among the Indians, were introduced to the Convention. The body was addressed by Wesley Smith in the Muskogee tongue, being interpreted by G. W. Grayson, and the hand of fellowship extended to these brethren, followed by prayer, led by B. Manly, Kentucky. The report was then adopted.

50. J. A. Broadus, Kentucky, from the committee, offered the following report, which was adopted:

BY-LAWS OF THE CONVENTION.

Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to suggest the following changes.

I. In section 2 strike out from first sentence beginning "and,

further, that each of the Secretaries be required," etc., to end of the section, inclusive.

II. Omit section 3.

III. Change section 4 to section 3. Strike out "*To these Vice-presidents definite duties shall be assigned at the discretion of the Boards;*" and insert: These Vice-presidents shall be expected to co-operate with the Boards, both giving and receiving suggestions as to the work to be done, and they shall also be expected to present, etc. To the end of this section add: And furthermore the Vice-president for each State shall be desired, as speedily as possible, to prepare a roll of the Associations, churches, and Sunday-schools in that State, to be used for the distribution of information, and to ascertain, as far as possible, which of the churches and Sunday-schools are contributing to the funds of the Board, and the annual amounts, and to make systematic effort each year to increase the number and amount of such contribution.

IV. Change the number of section 5 to section 4. Strike out the whole and insert as follows: The Boards shall report at each session of the Convention what special efforts they have been able to make toward carrying out the objects of these By-laws.

V. Change the number of sections 6 and 7 to sections 5 and 6.

51. R. B. Headden, Georgia, Chairman, presented the following Report from the Committee on

"KIND WORDS."

It is with pleasure that your Committee are able to report that for the past few years the financial management of Kind Words and its editorial management, under Rev. S. Boykin, have been all that the Convention could well expect. The announcement by the Secretary of the Home Board that the old debt, so long diminishing the usefulness of the paper, will be extinguished in January next, is exceedingly gratifying. The present value of the paper is very great, consisting in its sound scriptural teachings, its earnest missionary spirit, and its special aim to lead the young to Christ. It is also a cheap and ready means by which the Home Board can reach the young in our Sunday-schools and educate them in the spirit of missions. The future value of the paper will be greatly enhanced when the old debt is paid off, but its merits entitle it now to a wider recognition, and the beneficial effects of its teachings deserve to be more widely felt. Both of these ends can be reached only by the increased circulation of the paper.

The prospects of the paper for greater usefulness were never so bright as now, and we are glad to learn that the editor will soon publish a missionary edition of Kind Words, for the benefit of those Sunday-schools which do not want the lessons printed in their Sunday-school paper.

The Committee therefore call the attention of pastors and superintendents to the following facts:

1. It is our paper, and its large circulation of nearly two hundred thousand of all issues monthly, proves its popularity.
2. It is a good paper now, and when the proposed improvement is made it will fully answer all the purposes of a Sunday-school paper.
3. By a general support of Kind Words in our families, schools, and churches, we would not only secure a *cheaper* and *better* paper, but obtain for our Convention Boards a permanent instrumentality for reaching and

training the young of our denomination, and at the same time create a valuable source of revenue to the funds of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HEADDEN, *Chairman.*

52. Pending discussion, the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

53. The Convention was called to order at eight o'clock by the President, and was led in prayer by G. A. Nunnally, Georgia.

54. The special order being the consideration of the interests of the Home Mission Board, the Convention was addressed by Geo. B. Eager, Alabama, W. H. Felix, Kentucky, and C. R. Breedlove, Texas, and a collection for the Board was taken, amounting to \$912.67.

55. And then the Convention adjourned, with the benediction by I. T. Tichenor.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

56. The Convention assembled and was called to order by the President, at nine o'clock. After singing, prayer was offered by S. W. Marston, Missouri.

57. The Journal was read and approved.

58. The consideration of the Report of the Committee on "Kind Words" was resumed, and after discussion by S. Boykin, Georgia, was adopted.

59. On motion of W. H. Burnham, Missouri, it was

Resolved, That during this day all speeches be limited to five minutes, except Chairmen of Committees, who shall be allowed ten minutes.

60. J. W. M. Williams, Missouri, presented the Report of the Committee on

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

The Committee, to whom was referred that part of the annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions, having reference to "Woman's Work," respectfully report:

One of the most hopeful features in the Missionary enterprise is the active part women are taking in the work.

We congratulate the Convention upon the assurance of the Board that "our Christian women are working for our cause with commendable zeal."

There are several reasons why our pastors should aim to organize the women of our churches in Missionary work.

1. Thus organized they will cultivate their own spirituality, pro

mote their own growth in grace, enhance their power for good, and increase their religious enjoyment as the followers of Him who went about doing good, and says "follow Me."

2. It will stimulate our pastors to keep themselves informed on the subject of Missions. A revival of the missionary spirit in the hearts of our ministers is, we may almost say, the one thing needful in our Southern Zion. Give us missionary pastors, and we will soon have missionary churches in reality as well as in name.

3. Bible-readers and female teachers are a necessity among the heathen. By cultivating the missionary spirit in these organizations some may be led to say *send us!*

4. The funds raised by such organizations are greatly needed by the Board, and their example will stimulate the men to increase their contribution.

5. If our women become thoroughly missionary in spirit they will train the children in that direction, and there will be more hope for the next generation. With consecrated pastors and consecrated mothers, we shall have the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our churches. Then there will be no lack of men, women, or money to meet the demand of the home and foreign field.

We would commend to the patronage of our churches "The Heathen Helper," a missionary paper published in Louisville, Kentucky, and edited by earnest, competent women.

All of which is respectfully submitted by Committee.

JNO. W. M. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by J. W. M. Williams, Maryland, J. B. Turpin, Virginia, G. F. Bagby, Kentucky, I. T. Tichenor, Georgia, and W. M. Pratt, Kentucky, and adopted.

61. M. B. Wharton, Georgia, from the Committee upon the communication from the church at Jacksonville, Florida, reported as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to consider the communication from the Baptist Church at Jacksonville, Florida, report that they have carefully considered the same, and affirm most heartily of the church's purpose to erect a suitable house of worship in that growing city. Jacksonville being the gate city through which countless thousands are continually pouring into all parts of this attractive State, is a strategic point of vast importance to our denomination. As the church is powerless to build unaided from abroad, we recommend that this Convention extend to the church its earnest sympathies in their work, and express the hope that Baptists in all parts of our country who have the ability and disposition to aid a good cause, may contribute liberally toward the accomplishment of the object in view.

M. B. WHARTON, *Chairman,*

M. W. TAYLOR,

J. B. KIMBROUGH,

S. G. HANDY,

J. M. C. BREAKER,

After discussion by J. P. Boyce, Kentucky, M. B. Wharton, Georgia, S. M. Provence, Georgia, and T. T. Eaton, Kentucky, the report was adopted by a vote of yeas 159, nays 117.

62. J. L. Carroll, Virginia, presented the Report of the Committee on China Missions, which was adopted :

CHINA MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board as relates to China Missions, submit the following :

It is well nigh impossible to overstate the importance of these missions. The ancient empire of China, with its teeming millions of immortal beings, presents a hopeful and an inviting opening for consecrated Christian effort. Whatever may be said of our other mission fields—and far be it from us to disparage any one of them—there can be no doubt that the one in China is, in respect not only of the salvation of its present immense population, but also of its reaching influence upon the divine scheme for the conversion of the pagan world, the grandest of them all. The points now occupied have been wisely selected, and the foundations of the work prayerfully and prudently laid. The progress made, though regarded by some as slow, has been, nevertheless, eminently conservative, and gives promise of permanence. The converts to the faith of the Gospel manifest striking evidences of earnest, liberal, and consecrated Christian character. But some of the devoted band of self-denying laborers have grown old in the service they love so well, and the situation makes a loud appeal for strong and prompt reinforcements. The disproportion between the work contemplated and the means employed for its accomplishment is as painful as it is obvious. We are glad to learn from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board that your valuable reinforcements will soon be forwarded to this field. The record of the past is gratifying, the present situation is encouraging in a high degree, and the prospect is full of hope, if our people can only be brought up to a more earnest and liberal and prayerful support of our Board.

May the day soon come when God's people shall give themselves enthusiastically to this work, and when the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in their hands.

JOHN L. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

63. C. C. Chaplin, Texas, presented the report of the Committee on

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the work of the Home Mission Board in California, submit the following for your consideration :

Since November, 1879, the Board has been prosecuting this work in San Francisco. The church originally constituted with nine members has grown to sixteen. There is connected with it a Sunday-school and a night-school, all of which are working as efficiently as the meager facilities at the disposal of the missionaries will allow. Other denominations (Northern) with large and elegant houses of worship, and well located and thoroughly furnished school-houses are presenting superior attractions, and latterly the Catholics have a missionary who, having spent many years in China, is now ordered to California to work among the Chinese there. All these denominations are expending thousands upon thousands of dollars on their work among these Chinese.

We have there only two missionaries, Brother J. B. Hartwell and Mrs. Jane L. Sanford. Their zeal, devotion, and efficiency are deserving

of all praise. But the odds against them are fearfully increased by the scanty and inferior accommodations offered those whom they would fain win to Christ our Lord.

The Presbyterians, for instance, have a \$25,000 church house and a large and admirably arranged school-house for the use of their congregation and pupils, while ours is a store sixty-five feet long by fifteen feet wide, with pine board seats, and lighted with kerosene oil. We have no place for the Chinese girls, our missionary, Mrs. Sanford, finds, and she is compelled to turn them over to the Methodists, simply because we have no place of our own to put them, and it is absolutely necessary that they be removed from heathen influences.

From all these facts, furnished us by our missionary, we learn that our work in California demands most imperatively a chapel, a mission home, and in connection with it a place for girls.

We find that Brother Hartwell's work is very greatly crippled from his being compelled to restrict his labors to the city. Had he an assistant, in whose care he could leave that Mission, while he visits other Chinese settlements in easy reach of his home, very much more good may be done.

This mission needs funds with which to sustain a teacher in the night-school.

We therefore recommend that the Board be assured of our hearty approval of the desire expressed in their report to enlarge their work, and suggest that the Board be instructed to enter vigorously upon the prosecution of such plans as may, in their judgment, be conducive of the end sought.

	C. C. CHAPLIN, <i>Chairman,</i>
W. M. HINTON,	T. P. LIDE,
A. H. NORRIS,	R. W. NORTON,
J. M. PEAY,	S. Y. PITTS,
I. E. WINGATE,	ROBT. H. HARRIS.

After discussion by C. C. Chaplin, Texas, and J. E. Carter, North Carolina, the report was adopted:

64. S. Landrum, Louisiana, presented the report following, which was adopted:

CONCLUSIONS OF REPORT OF FOREIGN BOARD.

Your Committee on Conclusion of the Boards beg leave to report as follows:

We agree with the Board in what is so well stated in the Conclusion of the Report, and hereby give the fullest emphasis to all its sentences. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the one great and constant necessity of all our missionary work. The laborers on the field need the anointing of the Spirit, and the churches need His moving power, that they may give liberally, regularly, and devoutly to missions in foreign fields. The Holy Spirit is promised in answer to *prayer*. Let us then hold more special services of prayer for missions. It may not be practicable to re-establish the old monthly concert of prayer, but meetings having the same design and leading to like results may be inaugurated. In some places a monthly union missionary meeting may be held by the churches of the town, or city, as is now done in Memphis. Where several churches can not unite, the pastor can give one service a month to missions with great benefit to his church and the

cause. At such meetings the promises of God can be read, information from the fields occupied by the Board in distant places given; and above all united, earnest, and special prayer for the Holy Spirit. Thus shall we receive the grace of giving, and means to support more missionaries. We urge the importance of holding in all our churches a *monthly missionary meeting*.

It is a matter of gratitude that young men and women in the churches are offering themselves in increasing numbers for the work of foreign missions. The Board must look to the constant enlargement of their work, and as rapidly too as it can be done with prudence. A fuller consecration, on the part of our Baptist people of the South, would bring to the Board the means necessary to support twice the number of missionaries now in their employ. When will we learn the lesson that *giving is worship?*

Respectfully submitted,

S. LANDRUM, Chairman.

65. The Committee upon the Constitutional question submitted by J. D. Stewart, Georgia, reported as follows through S. B. Maxey, Texas:

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee having had under consideration a resolution asking if certain changes should be made in Article III of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, touching representation in this body, beg leave to report: That while important questions, growing out of the construction of the Article of the Constitution mentioned, have been submitted for the consideration of the Committee, yet it is believed that the difficulties may be averted hereafter by now calling public attention to the same, and it is therefore deemed inadvisable to make any change in the Constitutional law of the body.

The Committee thinks it competent and proper to express the opinion that where funds have been paid to any accredited agent of the Convention during the conventional year, and the same has not been reported to the Convention, that the funds thus paid shall not be denied representation, upon proper proof being submitted that the moneys were raised and expended in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution of this Convention.

The Committee would respectfully recommend that nothing be done to hinder or restrict fair and just representation in this body, and would therefore urge that those who receive funds for Missionary purposes or for the purposes of this Convention, as set forth in Article III of the Constitution, be prompt in reporting the same, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. Such a course will doubtless tend to prevent hereafter difficulties which have been presented during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,

J. B. TURPIN,

G. G. WELLS,

S. B. MAXEY,

H. C. WALLACE,

J. W. RUST.

The Report was discussed by J. P. Boyce, Kentucky; S. B. Maxey, Texas; J. B. Solomon, Kentucky; J. A. Broadus, Kentucky; Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; J. B. Searcey, Arkansas;

J. D. Stewart, Georgia; James Pollard, Maryland; J. E. Brown, Georgia; and having been amended was adopted as above.

66. Reddin Andrews, Texas, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following Report on

BRAZILIAN MISSIONS.

It is with much pleasure and with profound gratitude to God that we can report such a favorable outlook for our mission work in the great Empire of Brazil. The establishing of the headquarters of the mission at Bahia is regarded as discreet because of the commercial importance of that city, its healthfulness, and its intimate connections with the interior.

Brethren Bagby and Taylor are constantly growing in the esteem and affections of our people. When they went to Brazil they were young in years and experience, but they have displayed great aptitude in learning the language, and much wisdom in the management of their work.

Their wives, two of the most precious daughters of Texas, are winning their way to the hearts of the Brazilian women. These young workers for Christ should find a place in the sympathies and prayers of every Baptist on this continent.

We recommend that this Convention heartily indorse the effort of our Foreign Board to send additional laborers to that important field. The report of the Corresponding Secretary furnishes the itemized information as to details of the work, to which we beg to refer instead of producing a repetition here.

Let the work in Brazil go grandly on.

Respectfully submitted,
O. C. POPE, *Chairman.*

67. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Convention was led in prayer by J. V. Schofield, Missouri, and adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

68. The Convention was called to order at three o'clock, and was led in prayer by W. L. Brown, North Carolina.

69. The consideration of the Report on Brazilian Missions was resumed, and after discussion by J. H. Luther, Texas, it was adopted.

70. The report of the Committee on Statistical Tables was presented by J. W. Jones, Virginia, and adopted as follows:

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Your Committee beg leave to report:

1. That we cordially commend the diligence and skill with which our secretaries have compiled the very valuable statistical tables contained in their report.

2. That these tables be printed in the Minutes of the Convention.

3. That the secretaries be requested to continue their efforts to per-

fect these tables, and that the clerks of our State and District Associations be urged to give them active and practical co-operation.

J. WM. JONES, <i>Chairman</i> ,	
J. B. SEARCEY,	J. K. FANT,
A. G. MCMANAWAY,	ROCHESTER FORD,
L. S. PIKER,	W. E. PENN,
M. A. ALDERSON,	J. S. DILL,
R. C. FAUK,	R. S. DUNCAN.

71. G. A. Lofton, Missouri, presented the Report of the Committee on

FOREIGN POPULATION IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Your Committee on Foreign Population in our own Country beg leave to submit the following report :

The evangelization of the foreign population of our country is a matter of the gravest importance. Except among the Chinese in California this Convention is doing nothing to meet its responsibility in this direction. While we are sending missionaries to China, Africa, Italy, and other places, America, the home of our missionary influence abroad, is herself filling up rapidly with a population who fear not God and keep not His commandments. While we fight the enemy in front we are attacked by a powerful enemy in the rear, an enemy which threatens to undermine and destroy the very power and influence which make it possible for us to send the Gospel to foreign lands. In our cities, towns, and agricultural districts, especially in our new States and Territories, this foreign population is strongly intrenching itself with sentiments and actions wholly inimical and destructive to the religion of Jesus Christ. As wise men, it behoves us to look well to our defenses at home, while we relax none of our efforts to spread the Gospel in foreign lands. This class of our population is a part of our political, commercial, and social existence, and is exercising a powerful influence upon our social and religious institutions. Some of the most vital questions connected with our work and hopes are depending for effectual solution upon the evangelization of these people. The Sabbath demoralization and demon of intemperance, which sadden the hearts of Christian people all over the land, are aided and abetted by this class more than any other influence in our midst. We recommend to the Convention to take immediate steps to organize and sustain mission work among this people in our large cities, as far as the means afforded will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FELIX, <i>Chairman</i> ,	
M. B. MCGEE,	R. B. ADAIR,
L. R. BURRESS,	A. K. SEAGO,
W. FERGUSON,	H. A. TUPPER, jr.,
E. L. JORDAN,	G. A. LOFTON.

The Report was discussed by G. A. Lofton, Missouri, and adopted.

72. The Report of the Committee on African Missions was read by the Chairman, G. E. Brewer, Alabama, and adopted, as follows:

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Your Committee find nothing demanding special notice in the Report of the Foreign Board, so far as that Report relates to our Missions in Africa. The work in this field is meeting with some success, but retarded greatly by the prevailing wars. Who knows but that the dark cloud of war which now so distresses our missionaries there may not, when the storm has blown over, leave the soil in such mellow and prepared condition for the reception of the seeds of eternal truth, as that soon thereafter may appear the blade, then the stalk, and then the full corn in the ear? Such was the following of that dark period which swept over our China Missions in the past, and the not less dark one of the famine which opened the way for the wonderful success of the Teloogo Mission. If our Lord is, by His providence, thus preparing the way for effectually doing His bidding, let us, as workers together with Him, be ready with well-equipped laborers to enter at once earnestly into the work.

Two thoughts present themselves in this connection, to which we invite your attention.

1. The people of Africa are embraced among the nations, tribes, and people to whom the Gospel is to be carried, as certainly as are the people of Europe, Asia, or America. The Master tells us that his coming in power and glory for the full redemption of his people, the event longed for by every Christian heart, can not take place until the dark sons of Africa, as well as all other people, have heard the Gospel of his Kingdom. Let our part of the work be done with an energy and heartiness corresponding to our desire to share in the blessedness thereof.

2. It must strike every thinking mind that the colored man is the best medium through which to reach, by direct contact, those of his own race. That the race can be reached, that they ought to be reached, that they *must be reached*, is the firm conviction of your Committee.

We would therefore recommend that the pastors of all our churches make direct and earnest efforts to secure funds for the Board, so as to enable it to comply with the request of our missionaries for the means to erect and maintain training-schools for native assistants, or, for what in the judgment of your Committee would be better, the selection and sending out of qualified colored assistants from our own country. Such assistants could not only tell the story of Jesus and his love, but could also assist in imparting some of that higher civilization which they have absorbed from long contact with the whites.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BREWER, *Chairman.*

73. A. B. Woodfin, Alabama, presented the Report of the Committee on

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

The Committee appointed to consider so much of the report of the Home Mission Board as relates to a Church Building Fund, submit the following report:

We earnestly recommend that the Board be instructed to raise a fund for church-building purposes, from which, either by gift or loan, as in their judgment may seem good, they shall assist in the construction of houses of worship in destitute places.

We further recommend that the said Board be instructed to avail themselves of all favorable opportunities for obtaining possession, either

free of cost, or at small expense, of eligible lots in any place, suitable for the establishment of Baptist Churches.

Finally, we recommend that, with a view to the protection of the interests of this body, the Home Mission Board of the Convention be incorporated under the laws of the States in which it is located, if necessary.

A. B. WOODFIN, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by J. D. Stewart, Georgia, M. C. Cole, Louisiana, O. C. Pope, Texas, W. Carey Crane, Texas, J. B. Solomon, Kentucky, J. P. Boyce, Kentucky, and James Pollard, Missouri, and was adopted.

74. The following resolution, offered by G. A. Nunnely, Georgia, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The building in which the First Church of New Orleans worships after the first of June next can not be had unless purchased; and

WHEREAS, There is no other building in New Orleans available that will accommodate its congregation and Sabbath-school; and,

WHEREAS, It is believed that the denomination will, with opportunity, respond to the call of this Convention for help for this church, because of its unwearied faithfulness, Christly devotion, and willing sacrifice during many years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board be and is hereby instructed to purchase the property now rented by the First Church, on such terms as it may be able to effect, vesting the title in the Convention. The sum to be invested not to exceed \$5,000, provided the \$2,000 reported as on hand by the church be used for the first payment, and that appeal be made to the churches, associations, and conventions represented in this Convention for the balance of the purchase-money, as the Board may elect.

75. The Committee on Credentials made their final report through the Chairman, B. B. Davis, Alabama, and it was adopted, as contained in item 3.

76. T. W. Barrett, from the Committee, presented the report on

WESTERN TERRITORIES.

Your committee beg leave to submit that, as a new and inviting field for Christian effort, the Western Territories are not more than equaled by any other field to which Providence calls the attention of the Home Mission Board of this Convention. The rapid development of precious metals, the unsurpassed advantages for profitable stock growing, the general thrift and enterprise of an active and generous people, a charming and healthful climate, a grandeur and beauty of natural scenery, not surpassed by any region of the globe, combine to offer inducements to immigration that meet with a response in a constant influx of men of all castes and characters. Capital in fabulous sums seeks investments in these enchanting and remunerative regions.

Towns spring into existence as by magic, and many of them grow and crystallize into cities of no mean importance.

The mines and plains are daily fielded with man, drawn from the

sacred influences of home by the glitter of prospective wealth. The business of the towns and cities call many families from the States and away from the institutions of the Christian religion. These all need, and ought to have, the Gospel, and they call for it with earnest desire.

The native Mexicans in southern Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, are ignorant and priest-ridden, and should have the blessings of a pure Gospel.

Now is the time for this Convention to turn its thought, its prayer, its work, and its material aid to this truly wonderful region. In a few years more the teeming thousands of an active and prosperous population will be beyond the influence of the true and saving principles represented by our denomination.

Already the regions herein named are being networked by a system of railroads that afford at once the greatest commercial and evangelizing advantages. Not a day should be lost.

We recommend that the Home Board make speedy and special efforts to meet the demands for a preached Gospel in the Western territories; and we recommend further that, for this region a district secretary and general evangelist be appointed by the Home Board, who shall superintend missionary operations in the regions named and work under the direction of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

W. POPE YEAMAN, *Chairman.*

77. J. B. Taylor, North Carolina, presented the following Report of the Committee on

TREASURER'S REPORT—FOREIGN BOARD.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report of the Foreign Mission Board, beg leave to submit the following:

The financial exhibit is more than ever encouraging. The contributions for the past year reach the full amount asked for. Not only is the Board out of debt, but it has a handsome balance in the treasury. By wise expenditures, and by receiving the continued blessing of God on its operations, our Foreign Mission Board is gaining a still warmer place in the hearts of Southern Baptists. They are giving its blessed work a child's place in their hearts and purses. Let more of our brethren leave legacies to this Board.

We would emphasize the urgent wish of the Board that we shall make regular and systematic contributions. Our sixty-five missionaries, costing the Board \$4,500 a month, must be supported in the spring and summer as well as in the fall and winter months. And the Board should not be compelled to borrow money at large interest to pay the salaries of these missionaries in the spring and summer.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

After discussion by J. B. Taylor, North Carolina, it was adopted.

78. J. R. Graves, Tennessee, presented the following report from the Committee on

MEMPHIS AND POINTS EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the above-named subject, respectfully submit the following as our report:

1. *Memphis*—the very mention of the name excites an interest in and a sympathy for her. Like the waving of a magic wand, it raises from the buried places of memory a thousand associations which are terrible beyond description. But we do not mention this to excite you unduly to an interest in the cause in that city. We would have you lend heart and hand in this work from higher considerations than the misfortunes of the past few years can ever inspire. Memphis is a missionary field, and the past reverses in the destruction of human life and property have reduced it to its present and urgent need. We would not emphasize the difficulties of the field, but say there are *difficulties*, but not insuperable, which will have to be encountered and overcome.

Not the least among these obstacles is the rapid increase of the population of the city from every part of the earth, which must be utilized *now*. This immigration is made up of men from every climate of thought and feeling, all destined to make their impress upon the people among whom they live; they themselves are more impressible now than they will be five or ten years from now; hence the urgent need of seizing the present opportunity. This unexpected influx of population will continue, and every moment lost increases the difficulty of giving them the pure Gospel of Christ.

2. We are glad to know that efforts are making to meet the demands of this important field. Since the first of December last, Rev. J. W. Lipsey has been laboring as city missionary under the employment of the Memphis City Mission Board, in co-operation with the State Board of Tennessee, and of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He divides his time between north and south Memphis, and has, so far, met with most gratifying success. In north Memphis we have a church, weak in numbers and financial ability, which promises large results; in the south a large and prosperous Sunday-school, numbering about one hundred and thirty pupils. The only obstacle in the way of success in this part of the city is the want of a house in which to meet. The room occupied by the school so far has been rented from an Irish Catholic, and he now shows an unwillingness to rent the hall longer. This is truly an inviting field, and is an unoccupied field so far as Protestants are concerned, with the exception of a little Methodist church which has met with comparative disfavor. Hundreds of persons here never go to church from one year's end to another. They show a willingness to hear preaching, and give expressions of encouragement to us to go forward and build a house for the Lord. Words of encouragement to the brethren in that city from this Convention, and expressions of sympathy of a more substantial character will do much in the building of this house, which is an absolute necessity to the success of our work in that field. In the eastern part of the city, half way between the northern and southern part of the city, we have a most interesting and flourishing Sunday-school under the management of Rev. E. M. Parks and wife. Brother Parks so far has been laboring without compensation and has borne the actual expense of carrying on the school himself. This field is an inviting one, and should be at once taken hold of, and Brother Parks sustained in the consummation of an enterprise which he has so nobly begun. This school is also kept in a hired house.

We can but deem it a wise policy for our Home Board to stimulate the activities of all the old churches on the east side of the Mississippi River by assisting them in their efforts to plant mission stations in the unoccupied parts of those cities, with the purpose of taking full possession of them for Christ. Among them all we think of no city that has

stronger claims upon your assistance than Memphis, but the demand for more permanent quarters is not so urgent as in the southern part of the city. In view of the above considerations we recommend to the Board the propriety of increasing the appropriation to the mission work in the city of Memphis.

J. R. GRAVES, *Chairman*.

The report was discussed by R. A. Venable, Tennessee, and adopted.

79. J. A. Hoyt, South Carolina, presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted as on page 7 of these Proceedings.

80. The report of the Committee on Mexican Missions was presented by the chairman, R. C. Burleson, Texas.

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

Our sister republic, Mexico, with her twenty-seven States and eleven million souls, lies at our door and cries, "Come over and help us."

No other cry for missionary help pleads more eloquently to our hearts. Their vast territory, stretching from the thirty-fifth to the fifteenth degree of latitude, her varied and genial clime, her vast resources of mines, agriculture, and tropical fruits, with the certainty that the mighty commerce of the East will pass through her borders, add commercial and patriotic reasons for heeding her Macedonian cry.

The republic of Mexico, founded sixty-two years ago, has suffered seventy nine revolutions and changes in government. This demonstrates the great, the sad fact, that no Catholic nation can remain a free republic. No people that kneel at the feet of priest or pope, that wear the galling chains of papal superstition, are capable of self-government. If, therefore, we would lift up our sister republic out of her endless bloody revolutions, we must lift her up from the feet of the pope, and say to her, as the angel said to John, "See thou do it not; worship God."

If, as patriots, we would see Mexico a stable, powerful republic, we must give her an open Bible, and make her sons and daughters "free in Christ Jesus our Lord." Then, by every motive of commerce and patriotism, we *can not*, we *dare not*, turn a deaf ear to Mexico pleading for the Gospel. But as Christians, we are impelled by higher, grander motives; eleven million souls groping in papal darkness and manacled by papal superstitions, are perishing at our very door.

But a still higher and grander motive is that Jesus, who gave his life-blood for us, and has gone up to heaven "to prepare many mansions for us," has solemnly commanded us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"—to every Chinaman, to every African, to every Mexican, to every sinner on this planet. Will not a hundred missionaries say, as did our beloved Bagby and Taylor and Powell, "Lord, here am I; send me?" Will not the one million eight hundred thousand Southern Baptists say, Blessed Saviour, I will go by my prayers, by my tears, and by my money?

We praise God that a glorious work has already begun. Three years ago this Convention entered Mexico by her first missionary, Elder John O. Westrop. Now we have five churches, sixty members, five missionaries, male and female, three native helpers, three day-schools, and one hun-

dred and fifty students. And the best of all, we have just the right men in the right place. One conscientiously wrong-headed, self-important, impracticable man would be dead flies in the sweet ointment, and hinder our progress for years. We rejoice that the Board, under God, has selected prudent, cautious, praying, practical men, "whose praise is in all the churches." But these are less than "the five loaves and two small fishes" amid eleven millions of hungry, dying souls. We must at an early day have one hundred missionaries and native preachers in Mexico. We should by all means occupy immediately these four great and important cities, Chihuahua and Durango, and Aguas Calientes, and San Luis Potosi. Chihuahua, capital of the State of Chihuahua, has twenty thousand inhabitants, is three hundred miles south of El Paso, and two hundred miles west from Progresso, the important field of Brother Flournoy. It is a mining city of great influence. Durango, the capital of Durango, the richest State in Mexico, has a population of thirty thousand, and is three hundred miles southwest of Saltillo, occupied by Brother Powell. A small Baptist Church was organized in Durango thirteen years ago by Elder Jose Wrango, converted in San Francisco, but this little church has never had a regular pastor, and pleads piteously for a shepherd to lead them into green pastures beside the still waters. Aguas Calientes has a population of thirty-five thousand. San Luis Potosi has forty-five thousand. All these are State capitals, and lie along the great American railroads, and all must exert a powerful influence, and are contiguous to our present mission stations. There are sixteen other great cities, capitals of great States, that should by all means be occupied as early as possible by our missionaries.

We note with pleasure the fact that Waco and Baylor Universities are educating native Mexicans for Christian teachers in Mexico, and also that Baptist schools are multiplying rapidly in Mexico, all of which are great helpers to the truth.

But we must regard all these as secondary to God's great plan of saving men, preaching "Jesus only," also glorying in nothing save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. BURLESON, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by R. C. Burleson, Texas, and W. M. Flournoy, and W. D. Powell, missionaries to Mexico.

81. Pending the discussion the Convention adjourned, with prayer by A. A. Fluker, Georgia.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING.

82. The Convention met at eight o'clock, and was led in prayer by W. G. Inman, Tennessee.

83. The report of the Committee on Mexican Missions was adopted.

84. D. H. Walker, Georgia, presented the following report of the Committee on

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Your committee recommend the next session of this body be held in the Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, beginning on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in May, 1884, at ten o'clock A.M.

We also recommend that Lansing Burrows, of Kentucky, preach the Convention sermon, and A. W. Lamar, of Tennessee, be his alternate.

D. H. WALKER, *Chairman*.

85. The following, presented by H. A. Tupper, Virginia, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be and is hereby authorized to apply for an act of incorporation when such incorporation is deemed necessary by the Board to secure the interests of the Board and Convention.

86. J. P. Boyce, Kentucky, presented the report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the resolution of G. A. Nunnally (item 21), and it was adopted as follows:

The Committee on the resolution of Brother G. A. Nunnally, of Georgia, relative to advertisements in the Minutes, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the nature and effect of the proposed resolution, and report it back to the Convention with the recommendation that it be adopted.

JAMES P. BOYCE, *Chairman*,
G. A. NUNNELLY, J. B. LINK,
H. GARRETT, E. E. FOLK,
E. D. ISBELL

87. M. D. Early, Arkansas, presented the following Report of the Committee on

TREASURER'S REPORT HOME BOARD.

Your committee, to whom was referred the examination of the Treasurer's Report of 1883 of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, beg leave to report:

That in accordance with the statement rendered by your Treasurer, J. H. James, we find the account correct.

The amount received during the fiscal year was \$45,195.27, against \$37,642.07 the preceeding year. We find the disbursement during the year to be \$40,505.55, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$4,689.72.

For further particulars in detail see table as itemized.

Respectfully submitted. M. D. EARLY, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

88. The Committee on Needs of the Work of the Home Mission Board was presented by B. Manly, Kentucky, as follows:

The Committee on Needs of the Work of the Board beg leave to report:

That we have taken into consideration that part of the report of the Home Mission Board which has reference to the wants of the Board for the ensuing year, and are all satisfied that the amounts asked for are but reasonable. No part of the work of our Convention is more important than that intrusted to this Board; none has greater promise; none more needs enlarged contributions. The great need of the Board, under God's blessing, is money. The money is in the hands of our people; how to get it into the Treasury of the Board is the important question. How shall the Board reach the people and secure the funds needed?

The Board is practically excluded from direct, paid agency in the greater number of the States, and if it reaches the people must do so through the active, earnest labor of its Vice-presidents, working in each district association, through some individual whom they shall select.

We earnestly recommend the board to appoint as Vice-presidents only those who have approved themselves friends of the cause by earnest efforts in its behalf.

We recommend the Vice-presidents to seek out in each district association one active brother, who shall be requested to represent the Board in his association, and endeavor to interest each church thereof in the work of the Board. Such representative to distribute mission literature and strive to secure a worker in each church.

All this is in the direction of the plan urged upon the Board by the Convention at Columbus, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted.

T. P. BELL, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by I. T. Tichenor, Georgia; A. C. Stepp, South Carolina; W. E. Hatcher, Virginia; G. A. Nunnally, Georgia; J. B. Solomon, Kentucky; J. W. M. Williams, Maryland; J. C. Furman, South Carolina; and S. H. Ford, Missouri.

89. W. P. Harvey, Kentucky, presented the following Report of the Committee on

COLORED PEOPLE.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Home Mission Board relating to the colored people, submit the following: In the language of the Secretary of the Board, "no part of our work requires greater wisdom, and more enlarged liberality than the work among the colored people." There is a colored population in the United States of about six million five hundred thousand, and over five millions of them live in the bounds of this Convention. Their condition and the varied relations we sustain to them, especially appeals to us for sympathy and material aid. In the States and Territories represented by our Convention, we have one million six hundred and seventy-eight thousand and forty-two Baptists, and seven hundred and fifty-two thousand of them are colored—or nearly one half. We cheerfully approve of the plans of the Home Mission Board in the prosecution of their labors among the colored people, and most heartily recommend that the amount asked for in their report be granted.

Respectfully,

W. E. HATCHER, *Chairman,*

On behalf of the Committee.

The report was adopted.

90. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Mission Journal was read by the Chairman, James Pollard, Missouri, and adopted as follows :

FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

The Committee on "Foreign Mission Journal" note with gladness, the following facts, viz :

1. That the paper is now more than self sustaining.
2. That it has been enlarged and improved ; and,
3. That its subscription list is growing.

Your committee further approve of the policy of disseminating such missionary matter as the Journal contains, among the churches ; and suggests that at the "stated missionary meetings," so strongly and wisely urged upon the churches by the Board, that the missionary news from this paper be made a prominent feature of these meetings, and that on such suitable occasions, such efforts be made to increase the subscription list, and otherwise extend its circulation.

JAMES POLLARD, *Chairman*,
 JNO. A. SPILMAN, G. W. HARTSFIELD,
 W. T. JORDAN, A. J. HOLT,
 R. N. PRATT, THOS. B. WEST,
 T. W. BARRETT, W. S. SOUTER,
 R. A. MASSEY, E. J. FORRESTER,

91. Robert Frazer, Alabama, from the committee presented the following report of the Committee on

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

Those who have kept up with the progress of our work in Italy, and who are acquainted with the difficulties that environ it, will find in the report of the foreign Board solid grounds of encouragement.

The mission is hardly yet in its teens, and we find thirteen vigorous stations, in addition to the central one at Rome, all well manned and bringing a free Gospel within reach of over two millions of souls.

The report tells us that one brother "has made the greatest sacrifices"; that another "has been the target for persecution"; and that another "has suffered from false brethren." If we have fairly learned the logic of the New Testament, the contemplation of this little band, upon whom God is setting the seal of his favor in trial and in persecution, can but inspire our highest hopes.

True, our members are not large; and he who *counts* men rather than *weighs* them may take a gloomy view of Baptist affairs in Italy. But who can estimate the moral force of even a single man whose strength is born of heaven and nourished upon the trials and persecution of earth?

The greatest present need of the mission seems to be chapels that we may call our own. In Italy, where the power of externals is singularly great, this want is singularly pressing. The erection of attractive buildings will be found a most effective agency in arousing Italian interest in our work. The need exists at all the stations except Rome and Torre Pellice, but it is specially felt in Naples, the largest city of the kingdom.

J. L. M. CURRY, *Chairman*.

The report was discussed by Henry McDonald, Georgia, and was then adopted.

92. The following resolution, offered by J. A. Hoyt, South Carolina, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, in appreciation of the distinguished hospitality received from the citizens, of Waco, and especially from the members of the Waco Baptist Church, hereby express their profound thanks for the open-hearted and generous entertainment received during their sojourn in the Lone Star State, and as a Convention they hereby tender to the citizens and members aforesaid, their cordial wishes for the temporal and spiritual welfare of this entire people, praying that our Heavenly Father shall give to them the richest blessings in His storehouse of mercy and grace.

93. The following, offered by J. W. Jones, Virginia, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this Convention print and distribute in the usual way, five thousand copies of the minutes of this session of the body; that the expense be borne by our Boards; and that the Secretaries of the Convention be allowed fifty dollars each for their services.

94. On motion of W. R. Rutland, Louisiana, it was

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to all the Christian denominations of this city, who have extended to us the use of their houses of worship during the sessions of this body.

95. GEORGE W. NORTON, Kentucky, was re-elected *Treasurer*, and NIMROD LONG, Kentucky, was re-elected *Auditor* of the Convention.

96. The roll of the Convention was read and corrected, the journal was read and confirmed, and after the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer by J. A. Broadus, Kentucky, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

P. H. MELL, Athens, Georgia, *President*.

LANSING BURROWS, Lexington, Kentucky.

OLIVER F. GREGORY, Charlotte, North Carolina,

Secretaries.

The next session of the Convention will be held at

BALTIMORE, MD.,

Wednesday, May 7, 1884.

APPENDIX A.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has enlarged our mission-fields, provided additional laborers, succeeded our plans at home and our endeavors abroad; and, with hearts grateful for a year of signal prosperity, we greet the Convention with an encouraging report.

BEQUESTS.

Being officially informed that Mrs. M. D. Ellington, of Tuskegee, Ala., had bequeathed to us some seventy-five hundred dollars, the board have taken legal steps to secure the legacy, which is held in litigation. A bequest of \$819.33 has been received from the estate of the late Mrs. M. G. Harley, of South Carolina.

BIBLE CONVENTION.

In June last our Board were invited to send representatives to a Conference in New York to arrange for a Convention to consider the best means of conducting Bible-work in this country and in foreign lands. The invitation was respectfully declined, on the ground that the Board did not feel themselves authorized to accept it.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Our Christian women are working for our cause with commendable and increasing zeal. They publish at Louisville, Ky., a paper called *The Heathen Helper*, conducted by a corps of earnest and efficient editors. The growing disposition among the Women's Societies to contribute to our general fund for missionary purposes is gratifying to the Board. In order to avoid possible complications, the following resolution has been adopted:

"Resolved, That in considering the appointment of unmarried women as missionaries to any field, the Board will duly respect the opinions of resident missionaries in the particular field as to the need and acceptability of such assistants."

BY-LAWS OF THE CONVENTION.

So far as these laws relate to this Board, they have been faithfully executed. Early in the Conventional year an address on Missions was mailed to the pastors and a great number and variety of tracts, leaflets, and other missionary documents, have been distributed through the Vice-Presidents and agents of the Board, and the Corresponding Secretaries of State Boards. The denominational press also has been freely used. In a letter addressed to the Vice-Presidents, they were respectfully solicited to aid the Board in the following kind offices:

1. "Secure the gratuitous service of some efficient brother in each Association of your State. 1st. To see that the cause of Foreign Missions is properly presented at the next meeting of his Association. 2d. To see that some brother in each church of the Association is engaged to secure from his church a collection for our Board during this conventional year.

2. "Report to us the names and post-offices of all these brethren, that correspondence may be opened between them and our Board.

3. "Attend in person, or by proxy, your State Convention or General Association, and have adopted, if practicable, such measures as will tend to the perfecting of the published statistics of the churches and associations so far, at least, as relate to contributions, so that our Board may ascertain, from the minutes of the Convention or General Association, what the churches and Sunday-schools of your State are doing for Foreign Missions. The tables relating to contributions, found in the copy of the minutes, herewith sent you, may suggest what we need to complete rolls of the churches, as required by the Convention.

4. "Copies of an address, ordered by the Convention, will be sent you soon, and various missionary documents, from time to time, which you will oblige the Board by sending to the pastors, and others, at your discretion, in your State. An occasional line about our work from your own pen in your State paper would aid the cause.

5. "Rolls of the churches, with their contributions to Foreign Missions, of twelve of the States, have been more or less perfectly prepared by the Vice-Presidents and sent to our Board. If the roll of your State has not been prepared, will you prepare it this year? If it has been prepared, will you continue the work of making it more complete?"

The Board have had some misgiving as to the wisdom of making such direct demands on the Vice-Presidents, as are authorized by the By-Laws; and have questioned whether the rolls of the churches might not be more useful in the hands of the representatives of our cause in the several States, than in the office of our Board. The following report of a special committee on these By-Laws was adopted by the Board:

1. "The Corresponding Secretary has sent out about seventy thousand copies of address, tracts, etc., according to the By-Laws of Southern Baptist Convention.

2. "He has prepared a blank for the reports of the Vice-Presidents, on the back of the letter sent them in June last, and sent the same to the Vice-Presidents for their reports to the Convention, as directed by the By-Laws.

3. "The committee would inquire whether the Convention might not wisely modify their By-Laws, especially with regard to the rolls of the churches, and the dictation by the Board of duties for the Vice-Presidents."

FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

In accordance with a recommendation adopted at the last meeting of the Convention the *Journal* has been enlarged, beginning with the August number, 1882. The new form is one-third larger than the old, and of course adds proportionately to the costs of publication. At the same time it was determined to put the paper in charge of an editor, and to allow him \$300 per annum for his ser-

VICES. Prof. H. H. Harris, an active member of the Board, a warm friend of the cause, and one who had much experience in editorial work, was selected for this position, and has been performing its duties. His report, dated April 1st, shows that the subscription list had increased to nearly seven thousand, and that the receipts had been sufficient to pay all expenses, and leave a balance of \$13.81.

It is the deliberate judgment of the Board, as often heretofore expressed, that in no other way can the small amount required for the subscription to the *Journal* be employed more advantageously to the cause of missions. Intelligent Christians give to that in which they are interested; they are interested in that about which they keep themselves informed. The letters published month by month from our devoted missionaries, ought to be read by half a million of our brotherhood. The cause of missions will progress only as pastors and other active friends bestir themselves to promote the circulation of missionary literature. It is confidently believed that with a little exertion the circulation of the paper might be more than doubled, and then it would not only better accomplish its own proper work, but become a source of revenue to our treasury.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount received by the Treasurer is \$56,804.71. Of this sum, \$1,000 from "a friend in the First Baptist church," of Baltimore, Md., and \$447.12 realized from an old investment for the benefit of the "Missionary Society of Richmond Female Institute," have been specially invested, as per the Treasurer's report. The interest alone is to be used for the objects of the Board. These amounts, together with the \$819.33 received from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary G. Harley, a life-long friend of missions, are not credited to the respective States of their donors, as the two former must be reported annually, and the latter also has a separate account in the books of the Treasurer. The extra expenses, in executing By-Laws of the Convention, have been \$504.44. The \$1,500 charged to the Torre Pellice chapel closes the account of that chapel, now finished and paid for. The whole expenditure for it has been \$5,100. The attention of the Convention is called again to the large amount of interest paid on borrowed money, made necessary by the irregularity of contributions and the regularity of the drafts of our missionaries. The established policy of our Board not to remit funds, but to honor the drafts of the missions, has been highly approved by organs of other missionary bodies, and commended by them to general adoption. This policy would be made complete by regularity in the offerings of the churches. The Board owes nothing, and has \$6,060.10 in the treasury to meet drafts for the April-July quarter.

MEXICAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. D. Powell, Mrs. Powell, and Miss Annie J. Mayberry, with several native assistants, W. M. Flournoy, Mrs. Flournoy.

Stations: Saltillo, Progreso, Juarez, Muzquez, Sabinas, Lampazos and other places.

Statistics: Baptized, 13; church members, 65.

W. M. FLOURNOY.

Brother Flournoy has his headquarters at Progreso, in the State of Coahuila. He travels constantly; preaches regularly; and distributes many religious tracts and portions of Scripture. On the 22d of July last he reported: "Signs appear that the Lord is blessing the work, and young men are being raised up among the natives to help. My mission now, as established, ranges from Progreso to the northwest, to Bustamante and Viladama, 78 and 89 miles respectively to the south, including Juarez, 21 miles northeast, and Lampazos, 45 miles southeast. I have been sent for and requested to go to Candela, a large town of 7,000 inhabitants; it is 52 miles south from here. The field is too extended for me alone, but I am determined to try and hold the fort until reinforcement comes."

Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy have had extraordinary success in their school work. Our missionary, W. D. Powell, writing from Monterey, November 7th, says: "The success of the Progreso school has been wonderful. There is nothing like it in the history of the Mexican missions. With an appropriation of only \$35 per month, two schools, one for boys and the other for girls, are maintained, with more than one hundred matriculates, while here in Monterey a school for girls is maintained by the Presbyterians at a cost of \$300 per month, with only fourteen pupils.

"Brother Flournoy's work has grown until he must have an assistant. All of his time should be given to Progreso, San Juan de Sabinas, Muzquez and Juarez. He has developed considerable interest in Lampazos, Bustamante and Candela, three towns of more than five thousand inhabitants each. Two of them are situated on the railroad, the first towns of importance after you leave the Rio Grande. There are two other towns, Viladama and Valladares, near these, where there are some believers. This would make a delightful field for a native missionary, it being only 45 miles from Lampazos on the north to Bustamante on the south, the other points lying between."

Previously brother Powell wrote: "Brother Flournoy reports three baptisms, and seventeen received for baptism, on his last round of appointments." In reference to administering the ordinance of baptism, brother Flournoy writes: "We have some who are sound in the faith, and ready to be baptized and to join us. I have been delaying their baptism, owing to the religious excitement which is still going on in this State, and for fear of trouble with the local authorities.

"A Federal enactment of December 14th, 1874, says: 'No religious act or rite shall be celebrated in public by any worshippers whatever, outside of their respective temples of worship, without being subjected to suspension by the local authorities, and punishment by a fine of not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment from two to fifteen days.'

"As I have not yet any permanent houses rented and fitted up with baptisteries, if I baptize I must go outside of my house of worship to do it, laying myself liable to the penalties of the law referred to.

"However, I shall try to get all fit subjects baptized."

Our brother appeals for reinforcement—specifying two native Christians, well reported of the brethren—who are ready to enter the work. He says: "If we wish to make our work permanent

here, we cannot afford to lose these opportunities of employing good native helpers, and by so doing, encouraging other young men to prepare for the good work."

W. D. POWELL.

This brother, widely and favorably known in Texas as a Sunday-school missionary, was, with Miss Annie J. Mayberry, his wife's sister, appointed by our Board on the 31st day of May last. He had visited Mexico and knew something of Spanish. From Loreda he wrote, October 12th: "To-night we held our first service in Spanish. It was a precious meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was with us. We had some thirty or forty Mexicans present. Many were moved to tears. They liked the spirit of the meeting very much. I spoke through my teacher and interpreter, Santiago A. Warren, after which he addressed the congregation in earnest words, and was followed by a native Methodist minister. I have secured all the Bibles, etc., which we shall need for the present."

HOUSE SECURED AND WORK BEGUN.

Arriving at Saltillo, in the State of Coahuila, our brother addressed himself to the work, supposed by some impossible, of obtaining a house suitable for his family and for missionary purposes. He reported: "We prayed to God and labored, and we have secured for three years a commodious place in the heart of the city, one block from the cathedral and main plaza, at \$27 per month. In six months this house would rent for \$60 per month. Last night I made my first talk here, brother W. interpreting. Some thirty Mexicans were present. It was to me a joyful occasion. The city has more than 20,000 inhabitants, and is 4,500 feet above the level of the sea. It is beautifully situated, and has the finest climate in the world. In three years the thermometer has not varied more than 29 degrees; never lower than 52 degrees, nor higher than 82 degrees. We have perpetual spring. The outlook for the work is encouraging. I think we shall soon have a church, though we must expect bitter opposition. Many have already signified a desire to hear the truth. * * * I have been offered the position of teacher of English in the State college at Saltillo, at \$25 per month, for one hour each day. It will give me access to 150 young men of the first families."

NATIVE CHRISTIANS—BAPTISM—GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Two of his children having been stricken down by a terrible malady, brother Powell wrote, October 30th: "We did not know what moment they would breathe their last; but God has graciously heard our prayers, and those of the native Christians who have come in crowds morning, noon and night, to inquire if they could serve us in any way, and have met from time to time and made special prayer for the recovery of our little ones. Last night the doctor pronounced them out of danger. God has meant to teach us some important lesson by this sad introduction to the country.

"Yesterday I stole away a few moments to witness the baptism of five converts. One came more than 170 miles to follow Christ in baptism. He is a gentleman of intelligence and piety. I pray that he may be called to the work of the ministry.

I have proposed to the brethren that we organize a General Association for Northern Mexico, and they all heartily concur in the opinion that it would result in much good. We will issue a call for a meeting in Monterey some time in April next."

SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

In December brother Powell wrote: "Miss Mayberry will open her school next Monday. Mrs. Powell will assist. Female workers are very desirable. 1. Because they will soon become self-sustaining from the tuition received. 2. They can find access into the homes of the people. The stronghold of priestcraft is with the women. Very few men of intelligence attend Catholic services of any kind. The women of course exert more or less influence over the men and the children. 3. The field which promises the largest fruitage of good is work among the young."

Subsequently brother Powell wrote: "I feel that a high school or college, where young men who are called to preach could prepare themselves for their life work, is important. I have one young man with me studying for the ministry. Another who has been preaching several years, but who realizes the importance of better preparation, is coming to-morrow some seventy miles on horseback, to see if he can arrange to study with me."

REINFORCEMENT AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

After urging the Board to send help to brother Flournoy, brother Powell says: "I wish you would secure the services of Pablo Rodriguez, now in Louisville, and two or three other men of ability, to occupy some cities of more than twenty thousand inhabitants, where the people are ready for the gospel. And I would that we had a man for the city of Mexico. Think of a city of more than 200,000 inhabitants and no Baptist preaching. The people there are more interested in Protestantism than any other place in Mexico. As to places of worship, there is but one Baptist meeting house in Mexico, and that a very humble one, built entirely by the contributions of natives. A church house is needed in Saltillo, and in several points where brother Flournoy preaches." "When we begin to erect houses of worship," says brother Powell, "the people will know that we have 'come to stay.'"

GOD AND SATAN.

The following is from the pen of brother Powell:

"This evening I administered baptism for the third time in two months. Yesterday a young gentleman, who is evidently a Christian, informed me that his whole family are believers and desired me to come and instruct them in the way of the Lord more perfectly. A very pious old gentleman remained after service last night to converse with us, and is evidently deeply concerned.

"But while God works, Satan is not idle. The Catholics are doing everything possible to drive me from our rented house. I do not propose to vacate; and took precaution to provide against the enemy. While we were at worship on Sunday morning, some of the devil's emissaries came to the window and spit on us. At night the crowd was very boisterous, and I thought they would have stoned us. When I asked persons who wished to join the church to come forward, one that spit on us approached, to bring on some trouble. I talked so kindly about the necessity of saving his soul that he burst into tears, and the mob dispersed. On Thursday the attendance was larger than usual, which incensed the crowd, and they stoned the house. Some thought they intended to break in and kill us. The Mayor provided police protection. The church resolved, that in connection with our recognition exercises next Sun-

day, January 13th, we would protract the services through the week. Thank God for a protracted meeting in Saltillo! I am able now to speak freely in Spanish."

On March 5th brother Powell wrote: "I am now conducting three services in Spanish each Lord's Day, besides two or three prayer-meetings during the week. Our little band of believers are faithfully at work. The Holy Spirit is manifesting his power in almost every service."

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Powell writes: "My sister's school is doing quite as well as we could expect, considering her limited knowledge of the language. She and I having never studied any foreign language, find it more difficult to acquire the Spanish than my husband. Schools, I feel, are quite important, but if ever this people is converted, it must be by God's own chosen method, the preaching of the gospel in the assembly and from house to house. In this latter work there are grand opportunities for devout women, full of the Holy Spirit, and of knowledge of the scriptures. The women of Mexico are so completely under the control of the priests, that the only way to reach them is to go into their homes and tell them the sweet story of redeeming love. We have a delightful climate, and the intelligent people are very kind. I was much alarmed the night we were stoned. And I am sometimes apprehensive lest the priests might induce some wicked person to injure my husband. We are sincerely hoping for reinforcements soon."

BRAZILIAN MISSION.

Missionaries: W. B. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, Z. C. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor.

Stations: Santa Barbara and Bahia.

Statistics: Baptized, 5; church-membership, 50.

THE FIELD.

In reference to the moral state of the Brazilians, brother Bagby says: "It is the same sad story of religious slavery, moral canker and corruption. No form of words, no picture of pen, no relation of circumstances and of isolated facts, can fully convey a conception of the darkness and gloom that fill the moral sky of this papal land. The most puerile and debasing superstitions, the most delusive fictions, the most merciless soul-tyranny and mental bondage; the most corrupting dogmas, the most shameless perverseness of truth and unblushing enforcement of errors, every where prevail. The dignitaries of Rome calmly survey the field of moral night, while their agents debase, pervert, oppress."

SANTA BARBARA.

A delightful revival season has been enjoyed at this station. Brother Bagby wrote: "We preached ten days and nights, and baptized five happy converts. Eleven or twelve professed conversion. The church was greatly revived and strengthened. It now numbers fifty members. Two native Presbyterian pastors reported *sixty-two conversions* last month. Two young men desire to prepare themselves for work among the Brazilians. They were reared in this country, and are well acquainted with Brazilian life, manners, customs and language. What they need is a thorough course of study in English and Portuguese." Since our missionaries have moved to

Bahia, the Board have made no provision for the church at Santa Barbara, hoping that they might take care of themselves, and not sure that it is wise to maintain a mission there, so remote from our headquarters in Bahia, and in a province pre-occupied by another denomination.

BAHIA.

After an extended prospecting tour, with the view of changing the base of operations in Brazil, our missionaries decided, with the consent of the Board, to settle in Bahia, a large city on the coast, some seven hundred miles northeast of San Paulo, and within the tropics, being some 13 degrees south of the Equator. The reasons influencing this decision were stated by our missionaries thus:

"We believe that Bahia is the best place for us to locate. Next to Rio Janeiro, it is the largest city in the Empire. We choose it from several considerations:

1. "Its large population. It is now estimated to contain 200,000 inhabitants. Here we would find the masses in immediate reach.

2. "Its surrounding region toward the interior is well populated. The country is *agricultural*—richly productive—and the population is therefore not *nomadic*, as in a stock-raising region.

3. "It has connection by sea with other important points; by bay and rivers with large surrounding towns, and by two lines of railroad with many places in the interior.

4. "In Bahia we would have a field before us almost entirely unoccupied. While there are six or eight evangelical ministers in Rio Janeiro, in Bahia there are only two—northern Presbyterians. Then in the province of Bahia there are, we believe, no laborers for the Master at all, while in the provinces of Rio Janeiro and Sao Paulo there are a good many missionaries and native assistants. Thus Bahia and its surrounding region is more destitute than the southern provinces.

5. "In Bahia we would have fine business facilities, and direct communication with our Board and home work.

"There are some provinces to the south of Sao Paulo which have seaports, but these provinces are thinly settled; are undeveloped; have few cities of importance, and no great centres of influence; and there we would be restricted in our work in many ways. There are other provinces to the north of Bahia, but all have disadvantages of climate or population, we believe, and none have cities of such size and importance."

On the second Lord's Day in July our missionaries received their letters of dismissal, to organize a church at Bahia, and bade farewell to the church at Santa Barbara. Brother Bagby wrote: "I resigned my pastorate, and the church is, therefore, without a pastor and knows not where to get one. Should our work extend from Bahia to other portions of the Empire, as we hope it will in future years, a strong church here in the south would be of *immense advantage*." The missionaries sailed from Rio Janeiro, and arrived in Bahia on the 31st of August. General A. T. Hawthorne, the representative of our Board in Texas, who spent some time in Brazil, says of Bahia: "It is a point at which all English, French and American steamers touch on their way to and from Rio, and is one of the healthiest cities on the entire coast. The more I reflect on the matter the better satisfied I am that there is no place in Brazil that offers more inducements for the location of a permanent mission than Bahia."

ORGANIZING AND WORKING.

On the 15th of October the missionaries organized themselves into the "First Baptist church of Bahia," and into what is technically called a "mission." A large building, in a central part of the city, which, as they say, "serves for home and church," was secured for \$650 per annum. The hall for preaching can accommodate some 200 persons. On the 15th of November Mrs. Bagby wrote: "We are about to enter upon real work. Mr. Bagby is ready now to preach, having filled a number of irregular appointments, while Mr. Taylor has read several sermons in Portuguese of his own composition. Of course Mrs. Taylor and myself look forward with pleasure to forming women's Bible classes, to visiting in native homes, and to doing lawful church work. My heart is almost sick with waiting, though I strive to work while I wait." On the 13th of December brother Bagby reported: "During the quarter just ended I preached twelve sermons in Portuguese—six in the Presbyterian chapel and six in our own house. I have translated a *Baptist Catechism* for children, and am now engaged on a *History of the Baptists*." On January 15th brother Taylor wrote: "We are in the beginning of our long hoped for work. We have three public services a week. Last night we had twenty hearers. We have not done much 'high-way and hedge' work yet, on account of our setting our house in order and getting through the press our books—'The Bible on Baptism,' and 'Church Usage and Rules of Order.' We have on hand \$500 worth of Bibles and tracts.

"We use the Figueiredo translation of the Bible, published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in Lisbon, which has the approval of the Archbishop of Bahia. The following is a comparison with King James' Version: 'Figueirredo has for *with*, the preposition '*em*,' whose primary signification is *in*. 'Em agua' for 'with water.'—Matthew III, 11. 'Em agua' for 'with water.'—Mark I, 18. Figueiredo continues the use of '*em*' in similar passages."

In his last quarterly report brother Bagby writes: "On the second Lord's Day in January we began public services in our preaching hall. Every Sunday since, with one exception, I have preached. I am acquiring some ease in speaking and preaching in Portuguese, though it may be several years before I can use the language with perfect fluency. I hope soon to be able to speak altogether without manuscript. Sunday night we had about seventy persons present. Our influence seems to be steadily increasing. Many are reading the tracts and leaflets we distribute. The priests have denounced us publicly and warned their people against attending our worship, but they still come."

ENLARGING THE FIELD.

The report of our missionaries says: "We hope that at no distant day we shall be able not only to preach the gospel in all *this region*, but to establish a mission in *Rio*, where we would be in the midst of thousands, and in reach of all the *south* of the Empire, just as we are here in reach of the *north*. We have always longed to occupy Rio Janeiro, and while we still think our choice of Bahia a correct one, we believe that we ought to establish a mission in the *capital* of the Empire as soon as possible. We pray that the Lord will so increase the contributions to the work of the Board, and so fill the hearts of southern Baptists with zeal and enthusiasm in the sublime mission of preaching the gospel to our ruined race, that we shall be enabled to greatly extend our work this year. Oh, how *white* is the harvest! We are all in good health and spirits, and at work."

CHINA MISSIONS.

STATIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Tung Chow Mission : P. O. Chefoo, T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss L. Moon, N. W. Halcomb, C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Pruitt.

Shanghai Mission : M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, W. S. Walker, Miss Ruth McCown, student in Philadelphia, William J. Hunnex and Mrs. Hunnex, at Ching-Kiang. *Native Pastors* : Wong Ping San and See T'ay San, with three other native assistants.

Canton Mission : R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden, E. Z. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Sallie Stein, and eleven native assistants and Bible women.

Statistics : Baptized, 62 ; church members, 587 ; pupils, 202 ; contributions, \$546.26.

TUNG CHOW MISSION.

THE MISSIONARIES.

The annual report of this mission says : "On the one hand we have been weakened and saddened by the absence of Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Holmes, still in the United States recruiting their health, while on the other hand, we are encouraged and strengthened by the presence of the new recruits, brethren Halcomb and Pruitt. They have made good progress in the language, and have begun their life-work of preaching the gospel. They teach English in the boys' school. Mrs. Pruitt has taken a class in the Sunday-school. She is a real missionary, with heart thoroughly enlisted in the work of the Lord. The mission has enjoyed uninterrupted health, and every department of labor has been sustained to the best of our ability. Besides his usual services in the chapel, Dr. Crawford preaches regularly in the streets to attentive crowds. Miss Moon superintends her school of twenty-five girls, and, in addition to much other work, has visited 227 villages. The school for boys is smaller than usual, in consequence of our effort to make their parents provide food for them. This their parents should do.

THE CHURCH.

"The church has grown in knowledge, self-reliance and efficiency, having supported a native preacher to labor within its bounds, and arranged to do the same next year. The church receives no funds from the mission, but works according to its own financial ability. An intelligent young brother, professing a call from God to the ministry, preaches voluntarily as he has opportunity. This is a cheering sign, as we rely on divine calls and voluntary work. Thirteen have been baptized ; our membership is 106.

NEED OF GOSPEL PREACHERS.

"The people are becoming daily more favorable, and the whole land is open to us. Our need is men to take possession, in the name of the Lord. As soon as possible will not the Board send a man and his wife, who, with one of the brethren here, may establish a new station in the promising field west of our city ? We ought to advance our lines and have fuller share in the conversion of this province. The gospel is what the people are dying for. Send us men to preach the gospel—the gospel of life and salvation to the perishing people of this land."

SHANGHAI MISSION.

HEALTH OF MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Yates, after a series of severe surgical operations, reports himself in "normal state of health and vigor." The strength of Mrs. Yates failing, she spent two months in Chefoo, and expects to spend this summer in that more invigorating climate. Dr. Y. pleasantly remarks: "We are like a house; when it gets old, and the walls begin to crack, it requires more patching and white-washing than when it was new and fresh." Brother Walker is reported in "splendid health."

MISSION WORK.

Regular worship has been maintained in five places—two in Shanghai, one five miles from the city, and the other two at Kwin San and Soo-Chow. In Shanghai the mission has five services per week. The Sunday morning congregation is about 150; the Sunday night attendance from 50 to 100. The student assistants have a daily exercise in the chapel, where Dr. Yates says, "brother Walker tries occasionally the extent of his vocabulary." One of these students preaches every Sunday to the "country members," who attend communion in Shanghai. Rev. See Tay San has charge of the church at Kwin San, and Tsung Tsoong Oh preaches regularly at Soo Chow. They both labor constantly among the people.

Dr. Yates remarks: "Notwithstanding the great amount of faithful work, we see no revival spirit. The yearly additions are from natural growth—persons connected with our church members. We aim at solid work—no clap-trap, no sensational enterprises to write about. Schemes of missionary work, sometimes suggested by influential Chinese having 'an ax to grind,' are not the trees that bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. The mission that uses money freely among the Chinese will be popular; for where the carcass is there the vultures will assemble. I have arrived at the definite conclusion that the free use of foreign money for high pay of natives, and for grand educational enterprises for teaching English science and Confucian classics is the dry-rot of Chinese missions. What must be the fruitage of such sowing to the flesh? Be not discouraged by our comparatively small accessions, nor by our quiet methods of work. We believe thoroughly in schools, but for evangelizing agency our reliance is on the law and the gospel. The Lord bless his own appointed means! Eight have been baptized. The church numbers 110. Contributions for mission work, \$216.84. The leaven is at work, and it will work through the ages till the whole lump is leavened and fit for the Master's use."

ACCESSION OF MISSIONARIES AND PREACHING PLACES.

Rev. W. J. Hunnex and wife, English Baptists of the Inland mission, were received into our mission at Shanghai, on recommendation of brethren Yates and Walker, and located at Ching-Kiang, a city of 200,000 inhabitants, at the junction of the grand canal and the river Yangtze, and about 150 miles from Shanghai. It is near three large cities, and not far from Nanking. It is the port of entry for \$60,000,000 of foreign goods. Mr. Hunnex labored formerly in this city and is familiar with the dialect of the province. As his house is next door to the city dispensary, whose physician is a friend

of his, he will have access to the numerous Chinese that apply daily for medical aid. Our new missionary writes: "I wish to express to you my happiness in being permitted to labor in China in connection with the Southern Baptist mission. I trust that I may be able to prove, by my faithful and zealous service in China, that your confidence has not been displaced. My dear wife unites with me in thanking our Baptist brethren and sisters of the Southern Convention for thus permitting us to be their representatives amongst this great heathen people, and we trust that we shall be abundantly helped and strengthened by their sympathy and prayers, that our work of faith and labor of love may not be in vain.

"A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Yates and brother Walker to Ching-Kiang. Dr. Yates will shortly pay me another visit.

"I have succeeded in renting a small place here, which will do very well for a preaching hall. I have been busy getting it in order and hope in a few days to be able to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ there. We have just entered upon the Chinese new year, and I have had many opportunities of preaching the gospel to the multitudes of people gathered together at this time in their idolatrous temples."

In Shanghai a new preaching place has been opened in the English Concession, and in Soo Chow a fine site has been bought on London street for a chapel. Dr. Yates writes: "This place was obtained directly—that is, not in the name of a Chinaman, as all other lots there have been secured. The deed is authenticated by the seals of two officials and the Viceroy of Nanking, who dictated a proclamation to be suspended in the chapel, warning all bad men of the consequences of disorderly conduct. This marks progress."

OFFICE WORK.

During the year Dr. Yates has published his translations of Mark and Luke, so that his people have now all the gospels, the Acts, and Romans in the vernacular of their Province. He has translated Galatians, and is working on Corinthians. He spends an hour daily with a class of students of theology. He says: "I think I have done good work on these young men, for they are good preachers of the gospel. In early spring they go to their permanent evangelical work."

Brother Walker adds to the report of Dr. Yates: "I write this to say that the past year has been spent in an earnest effort to learn the language, and my success has been encouraging."

CANTON MISSION.

NEW OUT-STATIONS.

A notable advance has been made in the establishment of two new centers of influence in the interior at *Szue* and at *Ng Chau*, from which our missionaries had been driven in times past. In reference to *Szue*, Dr. Graves writes: After repeated failures, we finally succeeded in securing a small house as a dispensary and as a place for religious conversation. The Gentry oppose us in every way, and terrify the people. Two men have come from this city to our quarterly Bible-class in Canton. The one died seeming to trust in Christ; the other is a believer in Christianity, but has not the moral courage to put away his concubine, according to our rule with regard to church membership.

At *Ng Chau* the Gentry incited a mob to pillage our rented house, and hired roughs to stone brother Simmons. As this city is the gateway of the *Swang Si* province, our missionaries retain the lease of the house, and hope, by the prayers of God's people, to re-establish their work. Dr. Graves says: "The Gentry of China are almost the exact counterpart of the Scribes and Pharisees of Christ's day, and most of the opposition to Christianity arises from these self-appointed guardians of the belief of the people."

TRACTS AND SCRIPTURES.

This part of the work has been unusually prosperous. The church raised the money for printing Christian books for gratuitous distribution among the literati, who come in large numbers to the triennial Government examinations in Canton. From sale of tracts and scriptures \$63.86 was realized. The number of copies sold was 85,379.

FALLEN ON SLEEP.

Yeung Sin Shang, who has been connected with our Mission since 1845, fell asleep in Jesus on December 26th, 1882, recognized by all as "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

Ch'an Sin Shang, the ablest, and in some respects the best, of our native helpers, has also been called up higher.

Chang Kun Tsin returned home to die, after laboring faithfully as a missionary to his people in Oregon and California.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Graves has two Bible-classes for women, in sessions of two months each. Twice a week she has meetings, which "gives her access to some 100 or 150 women per month." Miss Stein accompanies her Bible-woman in "house to house visitation." By the Bible-women "many heathen women are brought to the Sunday services." The Mission report says: "We are looking forward to the speedy return of Miss Whilden to her useful labors here, and hope she may be accompanied by at least one other lady to help in the work among the women."

SCHOOLS, BIBLE-CLASSES, AND MEDICAL WORK.

Six schools—two for boys and four for girls—are kept up in Canton, with an average attendance of 125 pupils, and at a cost of \$494.81. Dr. Graves has a Bible-class for native assistants, with an average attendance of twenty. He writes: "There is an increasing demand for native helpers, well grounded in the Word of God, and we trust that from these students God will raise up efficient fellow-helpers to the truth." Thirteen hundred and eleven patients have been treated at the dispensaries of *Sze* and *Sai Nam*.

MISSION-WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Besides daily preaching in Canton, where the congregations from July to October were very large on account of the many students and their followers in the city, and in most of the nine out-stations, a number of preaching tours in the country have been made by the missionaries and their assistants. The Word has been dispensed to thousands of souls.

Referring to a recent visit to our out-station at Hong Kong, Dr. Graves says: "Twenty-five in all were present at the Lord's Supper as communicants. Three were received for baptism, and baptized by me the following day. A sum was raised which will be sufficient to pay about half the rent of the room in which we meet for worship. We are trying to develop the system of self-support. In Canton we hope to raise this year from the native members \$75."

Forty-one have been baptized, and \$229 42 has been contributed by the native churches. The church membership of the Mission is 368. As to its foreign work, Dr. Graves writes: That one of the church members is a colporter in Calcutta; that the Canton church is petitioned to give two Chinese preachers to California and Oregon; that one of their brightest former students has returned from Oregon, where he is pastor of a Chinese church of seventy members, and that their Lough Foooh and his brethren in Demerara have raised \$1,000 to build another chapel. "Thus," says Dr. Graves, "besides our out-stations here we have these *outer* stations in other lands, in whose prosperity we feel the deepest interest, as they are the outgrowth of our work in Canton."

NEW CHAPEL.

The Board has appropriated for another chapel long needed in Canton \$3,000, which it is hoped will be speedily raised by a special effort of the churches.

THANKS AND REQUEST.

The annual report of this Mission concludes thus: "We return thanks to the churches for enabling us to carry out our Lord's command, and trust they will continue to repose confidence in us, and will vigorously press forward the Lord's work until the millions of China shall have the Gospel offered to them."

AFRICAN MISSION.

STATIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Lagos—W. J. David, Mrs. David. *Abbeokuta*—P. A. Eubank, Mrs. Eubank. *Ogbomoshaw*—Moses L. Stone. *Gaun*—S. L. Milton. *Hausser Farm*—Albert Eli.

Statistics—Baptized, 5; Converts, 11; Pupils, 194; Contributions, \$170.92; Church members, say, 100.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Brother and sister Eubank arrived at Lagos August 15th, 1882.

HOPE OF PEACE.

Under date of March 3d, brother David writes:

The war clouds in the interior have increased. Not only all the Egba towns, but most of the Yoruba towns, together with the adjoining tribes on the East and South, have become involved. There is, however, much dissatisfaction in all the camps. Even the great trading "daddies" have become aroused to consider their interests, and are bringing their influence to bear upon the chiefs and kings engaged in the war. A few days ago the Governor here informed me that the Government has opened negotiations with the different tribes, and not without hope of success. We are encouraged to believe that hostility will cease at no distant day, when several tribes, hitherto closed against missionary work, will be opened, which will enlarge our already large field.

OGBOMOSHAW.

On account of this war we have not heard from brother Stone since his return to Ogbomoshaw last spring, hence we cannot make any report of work done in that station this year. He needs our prayers in his isolated and trying condition.

ABBEOKUTA.

J. A. Hanson had charge of this station until December, when brother Eubank went there. Three have been converted. One of the converts is a Bale, (head of a compound,) of influence and means, who will be of much help to the work. This station, that was so promising in 1876-'8, will soon come to the front again under the management of brother Eubank.

As to the mission-house: A two-story house being more conducive to health, we took the £100 appropriated to put a roof on the old house, and £43 balance on hand after meeting the expenses of the mission, and ran the walls up and put on another story. To complete the house with flooring, ceiling, partitioning, and to add a kitchen, £105 will be necessary. We have arranged to fit two rooms for your missionaries to live in until the above estimate is approved. This sum cannot be reduced or eliminated.

GAUN.

Our evangelist, Milton, is kindly received in the homes of the people, and they willingly hear him talk and read the Bible. Furthermore, they not only gave him a lot for house and chapel, but helped him to build the latter. The chapel, 20x30 feet, has been built without any assistance from the Board. As brother Milton can teach in it, he is hopeful that his school, as well as his congregation, will increase; for the chapel does away with the objection of the heathen to send their children or to attend themselves in a private hired house. For two years Milton has been pleading for a house to live in, and I agreed to ask for an appropriation of £30, if he would build a chapel. This he has done. I think he deserves the appropriation—will the Board not grant it? His work among the heathen will meet with more encouragement by his having the chapel, and still more if he has a house of his own to receive them, where none can interfere. There are many who would follow the example of Nicodemus.

LAGOS.

We have had here only five conversions, owing to the fact that I have been able to do no street preaching nor visiting from house to house. Each Lord's Day we have had two sermons in the church, one in the chapel, and two Sunday-schools. During the week we have had two other services. Mrs. David has a "Girls' Society," which aids the church finances.

The Day-school has increased this year over 33 per cent. We are desirous of prosecuting this department of work with more energy than in the past. I renew my application for £125, for a primary school house, part of which might be used for teaching teachers and evangelists until we get our Training Institution, which we should have in the *near future*.

The Hausser Farm station has been maintained by the Lagos church, which has determined to undertake it another year. There are five small towns visited regularly for preaching by Albert Eli,

from this town. As I have more liberty now I hope to develop the work at this place and Gaun, by more frequent visits and longer stays.

We have been much encouraged lately by receiving applications to educate some of our boys. Two were from Virginia and one from Tennessee. May the Lord direct other societies, churches and individuals to thus help us in our arduous work. Our hope for Africa is to prepare boys and girls, and send them as teachers to their kindred. The expense of each child per year is about \$35.

HEALTH OF THE MISSION.

Brother and sister Eubank have had a lingering fever since the first of December, brought on by exposure on the long journey of eight days, up the river to Abbeokuta. Soon after our arrival we moved out of the house into an out-house. Their room was 8x9 feet, with mud floor and walls. In front of our house was a dung-hill for 150 people. Just behind us one or two corpses had been buried in a shallow trench and a little dirt thrown over them. Vultures soon tore the decaying bodies from their graves. Is it a wonder that their systems were *poisoned*? You have no idea what your missionaries undergo in giving the gospel to this people. We do not complain; I only state *some* of the circumstances connected with the sickness of brother and sister Eubank. Do you not see the necessity for a *two story* mission house in Abbeokuta?

The health of Mrs. David is perfect, notwithstanding she has been cumbered with many cares. Soon after the arrival of brother Eubank my health began to give way. I went with brother and sister Eubank to Abbeokuta. After two month's manual labor there I returned a few days ago, feeling as well as when I left America. Our little Nettie is doing as well as any of the black native children. The Lord be praised.

NEED OF NATIVE AGENTS.

Recently I have gone to Abbeokuta by different routes—east and west of the river, and up the river. I found *scores* of towns—some with 4,000 or 5,000 inhabitants—on all the roads. Before all the towns were fetishes, offerings, and sacrifices. Before one town I saw the saddest and most abominable of all sacrifices—that of a human being beheaded and disemboweled—before an altar of stone.

We are not content simply to sustain our present work. May God forbid. The Master's command is "Go," and go we must, go we will, and going we are. The people must know that the great sacrifice has been made; hence the imperative demand for more native agents. The other denominations have high-schools for both young men and women, besides numerous schools for children. *We must have a training institution.*

EUROPEAN MISSION.

STATIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Rome—G. B. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, J. H. Eager, Mrs. Eager.
Torre Pellice—Signor Cocorda. *Pinerolo*—Signor Ferraris.
Milan—Signor Paschetto. *Modena and Carpi*—Signor Martinelli.
Bologna—Signors Colombo and Torre. *Venice*—Signor Bellondi.
Naples—Signor Basile. *Bari, Barletta, Acqua Viva*—Signor Volpi.
Island of Sardinia—Signor Cossu.

Statistics.—Number in Sunday-schools, 112; contributions, \$238; baptized, 39; church membership, say 220.

OUR NEW CHAPEL

in Torre Pellice was, on the 10th and 11th of last June, solemnly set apart for the preaching of the gospel and for the pure worship of God. Our peculiar principles were kindly set forth by Signor Paschetto, and Dr. Taylor spoke on the essential unity of all Christians. The services were interesting and impressive. The chapel was opened free from debt. Signor Cocorda, who since October has had charge of the work there, thus writes of the influence of the chapel: "It has increased in some the hatred against Baptists, in others the conviction that conscience is free, and in yet others the desire of informing themselves as to our principles."

A NEW STATION

has been forced on us by the logic of events. Signor Ferraris was removed from Torre Pellice to Pinerolo, a town of about ten thousand inhabitants, ten miles from Torre Pellice, at the mouth of the Waldensian Valleys, where he can, in part, occupy his old field as colporteur-evangelist, and utilize his knowledge of French, the *patois* of the Valleys, and the Piedmontese dialect. He entered this new field full of courage and of hope to build up a work there as he had done in Torre Pellice.

ROME.

A year ago Professor Torre and Signor Paschetto were both here as evangelists. Signor Paschetto was transferred to Northern Italy, and after a brief but useful sojourn in Torre Pellice, he returned to his old and loved field in Milan. In October Professor Torre returned to Bologna, where, in connection with his professorship, he also assists our regular evangelist, Signor Colombo. Thus the church in Rome was suddenly left without an Italian evangelist. It was providential, and a blessing in disguise, as it enabled and forced brother Eager and Doctor Taylor to preach as they might not have done otherwise. The church has co-operated cordially, and a forward step has been taken. The congregations are encouraging. Two mother's meetings have been maintained. The Sunday-school has been marked by good teaching, and has been fed from the day-school, where also a weekly religious service is held. A meeting for homiletical study and exercise has been held every week. Teachers and scholars, 60; baptized, 4; contributions, \$112.

SALIENT POINTS FROM OTHER STATIONS.

Torre Pellice.—Signor Cocorda preaches on special occasions to large congregations, composed in part of Roman Catholics. The church numbers some of the excellent of the earth. Number in Sunday-school, 12; baptisms, 4; a Roman Catholic is awaiting baptism; contributions, \$40.

Pinerolo.—Evangelist Ferraris has visited eight villages, gathered a nucleus of a congregation, is instructing eight catechumens, and is encouraged.

Milan.—The present evangelist, Signor Paschetto, and the church have suffered moral persecution for their practice of strict communion. Besides the meeting at the *locale*, a suburban meeting has been held at the house of a member. The evangelist pleads earn-

estly for a *locale* in the new quarter. A very important historical building could probably be bought on favorable terms. Sunday-school, 17; baptisms, 8; contributions, \$45.

Venice.—Signor Bellondi has made the greatest sacrifices to keep up a paper published by him called *Il Veneto Christiana*. He believes that but for the immensely preponderating Pedo-Baptist influence from abroad Baptist principles would be generally accepted in Italy by those who accept the gospel. The church has contributed liberally for its own poor. The congregations are good, and fourteen have been baptized.

Bologna.—Though this church is numerically small, the work of evangelization done is very important, and the congregation is the largest in the city, and composed of excellent material. A good baptistery is a great need for the decorum of the ordinance, and to render it a witness for the truth.

Modena and Carpi.—In the first-named city the church is too poor to give, but the evangelist himself has succored the more needy brethren. In Carpi the church pays its incidental expenses, and the poor evangelicals can freely avail themselves of some, at least, of the public charities. A member of the Carpi church has been the target for clerical persecution. He remains faithful in the fire. Another brother, in a country village, gives his house up for public gospel meetings, which are well attended. In Modena there is a Sunday-school of six scholars.

Bari, Barletta, Acqua Viva, and Gioja.—The Bari church has been bereaved by the death of some of its best members. In Barletta a brother in the municipal hospital, assailed by the nuns and then by the priests, was able to respond opportunely, defending the gospel, so as to give pleasure to the sick and to bystanders. In Acqua Viva there recently died a lawyer, who, though not a member of an evangelical church, professed faith in Christ, and always declared himself an evangelical even in his death. Owing to the severity of the persecution in Gioja, endangering the lives of the evangelist and of the frequenters of the meeting, his visits there have been suspended. Sunday-school in Bari, 12; baptisms on the field, 2, and others awaiting baptism; contributions, \$35.

Naples.—The work received some impetus during the stay of Signor Cocorda; but it is now depressed. Still the evangelist, Signor Basile, has hope, as a new *locale* has been secured. But as he is now sixty-three years old, he has need of a colleague in that great city, and some attractive adjunct to his meetings.

Cagliari.—The evangelist has suffered from "false brethren." The Jesuits have returned, under the name of "missionaries," and are very active, specially with the pretext of instructing and educating the young. The evangelist expects to print, at his own expense, a small paper in Italian and the Sard dialect, for the promulgation of New Testament doctrine. Baptisms, 4; catechumens, several; contributions, \$35. Many of the members are scattered far and wide.

In conclusion, it is claimed that during the past year some progress has been made in Italy—specially, perhaps, in the training of churches in systematic giving. The greatest obstacle is the general religious indifference of the population. And this is specially true of Rome. Signor Gavazzi recently said that those who labor in this field have great need of patience. Let us "not despise the day of small things," but sow in hope, trusting to God for an abundant harvest.

CONCLUSION.

Seven new laborers have been sent this year into the field, and yet every mission is calling for reinforcements. Twice the number might be wisely sent out during the coming year. Will the churches see the leadings of Providence, and respond to the call of duty? Great is the need of men and means, but greater is the need of the Holy Spirit to deepen Christian conviction as to the obligation to give the gospel to the nations. With this deepened conviction, God's money and God's men would be abundantly supplied. Will not pastors recommend to their churches a stated missionary meeting, corresponding with the old and invaluable "Monthly concert of prayer?" No ground of hope for the world's evangelization is so sure as the Word of God, which should be constantly pleaded. If asked the prospect of the foreign missionary enterprise, we would not reply that in the last thirty years \$200,000,000 have been expended in this work; nor that a hundred and fifty millions of copies of the Bible are in circulation; nor that there are in pagan lands forty-five thousand missionaries, native and foreign; nor that there are a million of converts and three and a half millions of nominal Christians. Our answer would be the threadbare, but the best reply, "The prospect is as bright as the purpose and the promise of the Almighty Father, who said to our Lord, who orders his servants into the harvest field of the world: 'Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.'" Let the Spirit of God come down upon the people, and let their offerings be freely and fully made for the universal spread of the gospel, and sooner than is expected by many the cry will go up from earth to heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

ANNUAL

*Of Receipts and Disbursements by the Treasurer of the Board of
30th, 1882, to April*

1882.	RECEIPTS.	
April 30—Balance per report to the Convention.....	\$	3,279 76
1883.		
April 30—Alabama.....	\$	2,494 16
Arkansas.....		292 55
California.....		29 00
Connecticut.....		10 00
District of Columbia.....		69 28
Florida.....		296 14
Georgia.....		6,109 95
Illinois.....		12 00
Indiana.....		2 00
Kentucky.....		6,020 82
Louisiana.....		779 90
Maryland.....		2,829 72
Mississippi.....		3,601 48
Missouri.....		4,335 14
New York.....		200 00
North Carolina.....		4,368 76
Ohio.....		2 40
Pennsylvania.....		1 00
South Carolina.....		6,500 15
Tennessee.....		2,284 23
Texas.....		5,611 35
Virginia.....		8,271 86
West Virginia.....		131 12
		\$54,253 01
Isaac Davis fund, interest on \$5,000 at 5 per ct..		250 00
Maryland fund.....	\$	1,000 00
Interest on same.....		45 00
		1,045 00
Missionary Soc. of Richmond Female Institute.		447 12
Mrs. Mary G. Harley, deceased, by will.....		819 33
Bills payable.....		10,800 00
Southern Bap. Con., by G. W. Norton, Tr.....		90 25

\$70,984 47

1883.
April 30—Balance in hand of Treasurer..... \$ 6,160 10

JOHN C. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, from April 30th, 1883, inclusive.

DISBURSEMENTS.

China Missions:		
Canton.....	\$5,498 28	
Tung Chow.....	5,385 07	
Shanghai.....	3,831 77	
	<hr/>	\$14,715 12
African Mission.....		5,495 14
Brazilian Mission.....		4,603 94
Mexican Mission.....		3,653 11
European Mission.....		12,010 00
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		\$40,477 31
Agency Expenses:		
Kentucky.....	\$ 1,808 00	
Texas.....	1,321 85	
Georgia.....	626 17	
Missouri.....	934 58	
North Carolina.....	289 75	
Mississippi.....	130 00	
Alabama.....	244 48	
Tennessee.....	257 93	
Florida.....	22 50	
Preparing rolls of churches, printing and distributing addresses, tracts, and <i>Journals</i> , by order of the Con- vention.....		504 44
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		6,139 70
Salary of Corresponding Secretary....	2,500 00	
Salary of Clerk for same.....	498 30	
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		2,998 30
Travelling expenses of Cor. Secretary		207 70
So. Bap. Con., printing Minutes.....		306 67
Rent of Mission Rooms.....		175 00
Interest on borrowed money.....		275 11
Printing.....		118 85
Mite-Boxes.....		61 97
Expense—Fuel, stationery, postages, large map, insurance, &c.....		217 01
Maryland fund—\$1,000 Atlanta and Charlotte R. R. Co. 7 per cent bond		1,086 75
Chapel at Torre Pellice.....		1,500 00
Missionary Society Richmond Female Institute—\$400 City of Richmond 6 per cent bond.....		460 00
Bills payable.....		10,800 00
Balance.....		6,160 10
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		\$70,984 47

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1883.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of John C. Williams, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, commencing April 30, 1882, and ending this day. I find them correct, and sustained by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance of \$6,160 10 in his hands. I have also examined the securities called for by his accounts, and find that they conform to the same.

J. F. COTTRELL, AUDITOR.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The brethren appointed by the last Convention to constitute the Home Mission Board met as early as practicable, and organized by Hon. J. D. Stewart, President.

D. W. Gwin, D. D., Vice-President.

I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

H. H. Cabaniss, Recording Secretary.

John H. James, Treasurer.

A. D. Adair, Auditor.

As the Corresponding Secretary could not enter upon the duties of his office until the 1st of July, Rev. Dr. McIntosh was requested to continue his connection with the Board at the same salary; and under his care the property of the Board was removed from Marion to Atlanta.

At its first meeting the Board took steps to obtain information in regard to the work committed to its hands by the Convention. It issued an address to the denomination, setting forth the fields of labor, its plans of operation, and its needs.

It asked fifty thousand dollars for the current year; at the same time frankly stating that one hundred thousand would not exceed its future necessities. When the Corresponding Secretary entered upon his duties it was deemed best for him to visit, as far as possible, every State within the bounds of the Convention, calling the attention of the Churches to the work of the Board, arranging to secure needed funds, and organizing such plans of co-operation with State Boards as were deemed desirable. That this might be done more effectively, Dr. McIntosh was requested to remain in his position until the first of January, 1883. During this time he had charge of the office in Atlanta, and conducted its correspondence. Subsequently he was, in connection with State Board of Georgia, appointed Theological Instructor to the colored people, and in this position is doing an important work, in which he is meeting with most gratifying success. No labor of his long and useful life promises more beneficial results than that in which he is now engaged.

In conformity with the instructions of the Board, the Corresponding Secretary visited the Conventions of Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. He also attended many Associations in Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama, besides visiting the Indian Territory. Everywhere the brethren welcomed him gladly. Private approval and public endorsement of the work of the Board were received from every quarter.

Every State visited agreed to do more than ever for the Board, and some of them determined to raise stipulated amounts for its treasury. Virginia agreed to raise five thousand dollars. Associations in Kentucky pledged themselves to raise in the aggregate an equal amount. North Carolina resolved to raise five thousand dollars within their Conventional year. South Carolina pledged an equal sum. Tennessee promised two thousand dollars by first of May, and other bodies promised increased contributions.

The Board was thus encouraged to enlarge its work. Had these promises all been redeemed, it could easily have employed three times the number of missionaries under appointment the year before.

Some brethren, who are eminently wise, advised the Board to adjust its work to such an expenditure; but more conservative counsels prevailed; and while its work has been enlarged, its expenditures have fallen within the limits to which *they* deemed it expedient for us to go.

Had sufficient resources been at our disposal we could have occupied other grounds in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, and have strengthened our missions at many other points.

The most painful thing in connection with the work of the Board is to be compelled to decline applications for aid, from those who are starving for the Bread of Life.

During the incoming year, we trust, the increased liberality of our churches will enable us to supply large fields now destitute, and relieve us from the trying necessity of refusing a help to the needy.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1882-83.

GEORGIA.

I. T. Tichenor.....	Corresponding Secretary.
W. H. McIntosh.....	Theological Instructor to Colored People.
S. Boykin.....	Editor Kind Words.
J. H. Campbell.....	Columbus, Ga.

LOUISIANA.

S. Landrum.....	New Orleans.
M. C. Cole.....	New Orleans.
L. S. Piker.....	Baton Rouge.
C. B. Freeman.....	Alexandria.
A. P. Scofield.....	Opelousas.
A. J. Perry.....	Lake Charles.
W. A. Mason.....	Monroe.

TENNESSEE.

J. W. Lipsey.....	Memphis.
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ARKANSAS.

J. D. Jameson.....	Hot Springs.
J. M. Wise.....	Camden.
A. J. Fawcett.....	Pine Bluff.
J. E. Jasper.....	Helena.
W. F. Box.....	Morrilton.
G. C. Harris.....	Bentonville.
J. B. Barry.....	Russellville Association.

CALIFORNIA.

J. B. Hartwell.....	San Francisco.
Mrs. J. L. Sanford.....	San Francisco.
Mrs. J. B. Hartwell.....	San Francisco.

FLORIDA.

W. N. Chaudoin, General Agent of State Convention	Jacksonville.
W. F. Wood	Key West.
W. B. Hare	Sumterville.
W. T. Gordon	Tampa.
N. A. Bailey	Micanopy.
H. M. King	Starke.
T. E. Langley	West Florida Association.
W. M. Davis	Lake City.
S. F. Gove	Wekiva Association.
S. Sheffield	East of Suwanee River.
W. J. Martin	West of Suwanee River.
A. J. Robinson	Fruitland Peninsula.
S. S. Proctor	LaFayette County.
A. C. McCants	Tallahassee.
W. S. Perry	Gulf Coast.
C. H. Nash	Lake Weir.
G. W. Hall	Waldo.
J. H. Hayman	Orange County.
R. A. Rogers	Darbyville.
James Hickey	Clay and Duval Counties.
Paul Willis	Monticello.
B. M. Pack	Tampa.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

*H. F. Buckner	Creek Nation.
Mrs. H. F. Buckner	Creek Nation.
Wm. McCombs	Creek Nation.
W. T. Blake	Creek Nation.
J. A. Trenchard, Superintendent Levering School	Creek Nation.
Mrs. J. A. Trenchard, Teacher	Creek Nation.
James O. Wright, Teacher	Creek Nation.
Miss C. Baker, Teacher	Creek Nation.
Mrs. R. Rodman, teacher	Creek Nation.
R. J. Hogue	Choctaw Nation.
A. F. Ross	Choctaw Nation.
Willis Burns	Chickasaw Nation.
E. B. Hardie	Chickasaw Nation.
Wesley Smith	Wild Tribes.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS.

G. W. Pickett, General Agent of General Association	Dallas.
H. D. Pender	Texarkana.
A. H. Morris	Denison.
J. C. Ward	Montague.
M. Lambricht	Bowie.
S. A. Beauchamp	Gainesville.
L. S. Knight	Cisco.
A. R. Kelly	Baird City.
G. W. Black	Graham.
N. T. Byers	Brownwood.
Thos. E. Muse	Hillsbor.
R. W. i Bllops	Sulphur Spring.
R. S. Hurt	Hamilton.
W. B. Lang	Eastland.
W. M. Lee	Winn's Ranch.
M. Root	

*Deceased.

TEXAS BAPTIST CONVENTION.

O. C. Pope, General Agent of State Convention.....	Houston.
M. T. Martin.....	Dripping Springs.
H. C. Weymouth.....	Beaumont.
George Cook.....	Jasper.
J. H. Rowland.....	Salado.
Pinckney Harris.....	Moulton.
L. R. Milliken.....	Lampasas.
G. B. Douglas.....	Mason.
J. S. Evans.....	Waldrop.
A. F. Ford.....	Junction City.
W. T. Sanders.....	Jewett.
B. H. Beall.....	Bremond.
D. W. Jackson.....	Talkington Prairie.
S. C. Mullens.....	Corsicana.
W. H. Wallace.....	Palestine.
T. H. Lydston.....	Kerrville.
T. E. King.....	Willis.
J. Beall.....	Comfort.

KENTUCKY.

V. E. Kirtley.....	Agent.
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NORTH CAROLINA.

*Elias Dodson.....	Agent.
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RECAPITULATION.

Arkansas.....	7
California.....	3
Florida.....	22
Georgia.....	4
Kentucky.....	1
Indian Territory.....	14
Louisiana.....	7
North Carolina.....	1
Tennessee.....	1
Texas Convention.....	18
Texas General Association.....	16
Total.....	95

WORK DONE.

Laborers.....	95
Weeks of labor.....	1,821
Churches and stations supplied.....	276
Sermons and addresses.....	5,571
Prayer and other religious meetings.....	1,632
Baptisms.....	245
Received by letter.....	494
Sunday-schools.....	55
Teachers and pupils.....	2,680
Miles travelled.....	60,480
Religious visits.....	10,324
Pages of tracts distributed.....	74,479
Houses of worship begun.....	32
Houses of worship finished.....	11
Collected for Missions.....	\$ 843 73
Collected for houses of worship.....	2,090 75

Many Missionaries have not reported the Sunday-schools connected with the churches and stations to which they preach, nor the amounts raised for houses of worship.

*Deceased.

These dry figures give us but a faint idea of the real work performed. We measure the rainfall by inches, but what a meagre conception does that give us of the blessings of the general showers that water the thirsty land and feed the cattle upon a thousand hills.

STATE BOARDS.

The Board is actively co-operating with the State Boards of Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and Arkansas, and with the Boards of both the State Convention and General Association of Texas.

The General Association of Missouri, at its last meeting, resolved to support a Missionary in New Orleans through our Board. Our work with these Boards has been very pleasant, and there is every reason to believe that the co-operation has been mutually beneficial.

Our relation to all the other State Boards is most cordial, and whenever it may be deemed desirable, active co-operation with any of them can be easily established.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

A great calamity, as men see it, has befallen our Mission among the Indians. On the 31 of December, Rev. H. F. Buckner, D. D., who for thirty-three years had been the untiring friend of the Red man, who, impelled by the love of Jesus, had endured labors and hardships and suffering rarely equalled since the days of the martyrs, while lying on his couch of suffering, and longing still to live for the people he loved, felt the approach of death, and after wrestling with God to live, at last yielding to his Master's will and exclaiming, "Eternal life! eternal life! now let it come," closed his eyes for the long and dreamless sleep of death and the ransomed spirit went up to rest in the Paradise of God. No eulogy is needed for him. His memorial is in the hearts of his brethren. His record is on high. His name will live among the Red men as long as the land he has glorified with his labors shall spread its green bosom to the sun, or its streams shall flow downward to the sea.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Buckner was appointed a Missionary of the Board. Several proposals for her benefit, were made in our denominational papers, but the Board felt that it was proper to leave it to the Convention to make such provision for his family as it might deem best; that this body, whose faithful servant he had been, and who had known and loved him so long and well, should not be denied the melancholy pleasure of caring for those whom he had left behind.

The disturbance in the Creek Nation during the past winter seriously interfered, for a time, with mission work and with the school.

Brother Trenchard reports the average attendance of pupils, except during the panic caused by the outbreak, as 110.

His report made to the Council last October was highly gratifying to that body, and they immediately passed a bill donating five hundred dollars for the purpose of supplying the school with apparatus and for painting the buildings.

Considerable stock having been acquired by persons connected with the school, and it being contrary to the laws of both the United States and the Creek Nation, that stock should be owned in the Nation by others than citizens, it became necessary for the Board to purchase it

for the benefit of the school. Under the advice, and by the efficient aid of brother W. O. Tuggle, of Georgia, an act was procured from the Council of the Creek Nation, authorizing the Board to purchase and own stock in the Territory for the benefit of the school, and granting for this purpose the use of whatever lands might be needed. The Council also returned to the Board two thousand dollars of the amount invested by it in buildings for the school, on condition that it should be used in the purchase of the stock then upon the premises. Since this purchase was made the increase in numbers and value has been so rapid that it could now readily be sold for nearly double that amount. Bro. Trenchard anticipates that it will not be long before sales of the increase will fully equal the purchase money.

Last autumn, Bro. Buckner earnestly requested the appointment, by the Board, of an assistant in his work, and at the time of his death, we were in correspondence with Bro. W. P. Blake, of North Carolina, with the view of securing his services for this field. After careful consideration of the whole question, it was deemed best to appoint Brother Blake as his successor. Accepting the appointment, Brother Blake made immediate preparation for his work. He moved to the Indian Territory in March and entered upon his duties. We have received the most pleasing accounts of his reception by the brethren there, and anticipate great and blessed results from his labors.

Among the wild tribes in the western part of the Territory, a little band of sixty-nine members, speaking thirteen different languages, gathered years ago by the labors of our Missionaries, but who, for two or three years, have been as sheep without a shepherd, still continue steadfast in their faith, holding meetings every Sabbath, and praying for some one to teach them more of Jesus and his love. To these wild tribes Brother Wesley Smith, a native Creek, has been appointed Missionary. He is a good man, an ardent lover of the Saviour and devoted to the work of preaching the gospel.

The Board has greatly desired to have another good man sent to the Chickasaws, and nothing but our inability to supply the needed funds has prevented the appointment.

The Board is impressed with the fact, that in this work among the Indians, whatever it does must be done quickly. They are environed with dangers which threaten their existence, and nothing but their moral and intellectual elevation will enable them to withstand these influences and maintain their hold on life.

The other laborers in this field, Brethren Wm. McCombs, A. F. Ross, R. J. Hogue and the aged Willis Burns, whose devotion to his Master increases with his years, deserve mention in this report, for their faithful services in preaching the gospel.

TEXAS.

The Board is co-operating with both the State Convention and the General Association of Texas. This is a vast and inviting field for Mission work. The rapid construction of railways over its immense territory, the influx of population, the upspringing of new centres of influence, mark this as the time when the most vigorous efforts should be put forth to establish churches and carry the gospel into all these forming communities. Twenty thousand dollars may seem to be a large sum to expend in a single State, but if we remember that it is more than six times as large as Louisiana, where we ought to spend five thousand dollars outside of New Orleans, it will not be deemed so disproportionate. Indeed, this sum, if supplemented by twenty thousand more, would not equal the demands made by the wants of this field upon the benefactions of our people.

FLORIDA.

In conjunction with the State Board of Florida, we are supporting in that State, twenty-two Missionaries. The delights of a land, among whose orange groves winter never comes is drawing to it from all parts of the North and the West, those who are weary of their frosts and wintry winds. They are enticed as much by the balmy air and golden fruit, as by its promises of golden gains and of lengthened days to the invalid.

Of the thousands who annually flock to her shores, many make investments and build homes for themselves and their children. There is but one Florida, the Creator made no other.

The numbers drawn there by her attractions, make Florida one of our most important fields of labor. Our twenty-two Missionaries should be doubled, and must be, if we keep pace with the advancing population.

Jacksonville is the gate of Florida. Through it the multitudes flow in, seeking other localities in that State, and its spacious hotels are crowded all winter with many of the wealthy and distinguished citizens of the North. The house of worship of the Baptist church is humble and unattractive. It contrasts painfully with the church edifices of other denominations. The church is small and the membership mostly poor. They need a house in keeping with the architecture of the city, and a kindly word from this Convention may help them to procure it. We trust the Convention will not neglect the encouragement of so important an enterprise.

CALIFORNIA.

Bro. J. B. Hartwell writes encouragingly of the Mission to the Chinese in San Francisco. Our Missionaries there have labored under the disadvantages of restricted and inconvenient quarters for mission work.

The Board had contracted for a house to contain chapel, school and comfortable rooms for the Missionaries, but after the offer of the owner of the property had been accepted, he withdrew it and demanded a higher price. The Missionaries retain their old quarters.

Brother Hartwell's devotion to the work among the Chinese, is too well known to need even mention in this report, but the Convention is not so well aware of the courage and faith of Mrs. Jane L. Sanford, who is associated with him. No word of commendation can be too strong for one who has shown, under trying circumstances, the earnest zeal and persevering diligence manifested by this godly woman.

The Board has been desirous of reinforcing this Mission. We believe that efficient men and women are ready to go, but our treasury did not permit the necessary expenditure.

We have asked for \$7,500 for this Mission. Surely that is not too much to give for the heathen, whom God's providence has brought to our doors, and who are living and dying without a knowledge of salvation.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

In Covington and Newport, Ky., in Louisville, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans, and in parts of Texas are large numbers of foreigners for whom we are doing nothing. They come to our shores educated for the most part in opposition to evangelical religion. By their energy and their economy they are rapidly acquiring, most of them, a competency, some of them wealth. They and those who will come after them must form a potent factor in our civilization. We cannot

permit them to disseminate their false and dangerous opinions on religious and other vital questions, and make no effort to counteract their pernicious influence. In self-defence we must teach them that wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable. Missions ought to be maintained among them in all the places of which we have spoken. Nor can we afford longer to be idle. The tares sown by them are already germinating, and promise a harvest of vice and of sorrow. Ten thousand dollars is not more than we need for this field.

MEMPHIS.

The Board, in conjunction with the State Board of Tennessee, has established a Mission in Memphis. The Baptist cause there, always weak as compared with other denominations, greatly needed such aid. The three Baptist churches in that city all lie north of an east and west line drawn through the centre of its population, while the number of its inhabitants would justify the existence of twice the present number of churches. We are persuaded that there are few more important points for Mission work than this growing city.

There are other cities lying along the seaboard and the Atlantic slope where the strength or the enterprise of the churches located in them does not seem to be equal to the task of keeping pace with the increase of population. Such churches need some stimulus to duty, and the Board is fostering in some of them a desire to enlarge the sphere of their activity, with the expectation that Mission stations will be established at an early day.

These places will claim and merit assistance from the Board.

NEW ORLEANS.

During the year the debt on the Coliseum Place church has been reduced to about \$4,000. With the splendid property in hand, and a growth church and congregation, this small indebtedness may give the denomination little concern for its future.

Dr Landrum has devoted part of his time to the instruction of the colored pastors of the city, and his labors in this direction have been highly appreciated and abundantly blessed. His church has established a Sunday-school for the Chinese residents in the city, from which we hope great good will result.

The First Baptist church, Rev. M. C. Cole, pastor, has been without a house of worship. The place in which they have been worshipping has been recently purchased. They have funds enough to pay about one-half the price. For the remainder, they must be dependent, to a large extent, upon the liberality of their brethren. The church numbers about one hundred and ninety members. They are mostly of that class who depend upon their labor for their daily bread. The church receives five hundred dollars from the Board, and five hundred from the State Board of Mississippi, for the support of its pastor. They are utterly unable to pay the remaining two thousand five hundred dollars upon their house, and must be helped. It is earnestly hoped that something will be done for their relief during this Convention.

But there will then remain much to be done for that great city. Three other locations, in which Missions should be planted, have already been selected. One of these will, we hope, be occupied by the Brother who will be sent by the General Association of Missouri. Good men ought, as early as possible, to be sent to the other two. They will need, besides their salaries, funds to provide places of worship and means to disseminate gospel doctrines in their localities.

If New Orleans is to become a Mission field for our Board, there must be no stinted expenditure. The stronghold of irreligion and false Christianity is not to be overthrown by puny efforts. We must, if we would succeed, gird ourselves for a great conflict, and hundreds of thousands of dollars and the lives of many noble and good men must be expended there. If we are prepared for nothing but meagre contributions and feeble efforts, which can result only in failure and disappointment, better abandon all thought of work in that field and turn our attention to other and more accessible points. But we cannot desert this enterprise. We have already put our hands to the plough and we cannot look back. We cannot abandon New Orleans, the great metropolis of the South-West, that is to mould the moral and religious thought, as well as the commercial destiny of coming generations, without violating our trust, dishonoring our Master and entailing unmeasured calamities upon our country and our race. We must go forward. If New Orleans, in the next ten years, shall require five hundred thousand dollars from the Baptist of the South, they can give it without appreciably diminishing their abundance, and they could bestow it nowhere else more wisely. The past of this great city, so far as our efforts are concerned, may not be encouraging. Happy will it be for us, if our partial failure, or at least our delayed success, shall teach us what is needed to succeed and stimulate us to perform it.

COLORED PEOPLE.

No part of our work requires greater wisdom, or more enlarged liberality, than the work among the colored people.

In conjunction with the State Board of Georgia, we have appointed Brother W. H. McIntosh to labor in that State among this class of our population, as a Theological Instructor.

Though he has been in the field only about three months, he has found abundant reason for encouragement. More than one hundred preachers and deacons have attended his lectures and given the most unmistakable evidence of their interest in his work, and their appreciation of it. Overtures for similar arrangements with other State Boards have been made, and we hope, during the next year, greatly to increase this department of our work. We are most deeply impressed with the importance of this field, and we rejoice to see the difficulties which have surrounded it on every side giving way, while many of our most thoughtful people are feeling that we have too long neglected our full duty to a race whose claims upon us we cannot ignore. The fifteen thousand dollars the Board asks for this mission, is far too small to meet all its needs, and we have reduced our request to this insufficient sum, only because we fear the liberality of our churches is not prepared to go beyond it.

WESTERN TERRITORIES.

The Board has had application for aid from New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Southern California. The condition of the Mexican and Chinese populations, as well as that of our own people, has called forth the liveliest interest on the part of some of the scattered few of God's people there, and they have made urgent appeals to us for help.

Our scanty means allowed us no alternative. With sorrow and tears, we were compelled to reply that we had no power to help them.

KIND WORDS.

The contract under which our Sunday School paper is published, still continues. The lessees pay the Editor's salary, and a royalty of one thousand dollars per annum. This amount, under the existing arrangement, goes to extinguish an old debt due the publishers, but in January next the debt will have been paid and the royalty will come into the treasury of the Board.

Kind Words is a valuable means of communicating with our Sunday schools, and has done much to excite the spirit of Missions among them. It is the steadfast advocate of Baptist principles and practices, and, as a paper for children, is equalled by few in the land. Its monthly issues are about twenty thousand. They ought to be doubled, and could easily be, if our pastors and superintendents would interest themselves in this matter. If this were done, not only could the paper be improved and its price diminished, but they would thus render no inconsiderable service to the Board.

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The new and ever-forming communities in Florida and Texas, and in other States, demand houses of worship. The Missionary can do little permanent work without such a house for the church he gathers. The new settlers often exhaust their means in constructing houses for themselves and preparing for the business of life, and have little they can give for a structure in which to worship God. A few hundred dollars given or loaned, would often stimulate them to successful exertions, and a fund from which they could be aided is matter of first importance to the largest success of our Home Mission work.

A church building fund, if it can be secured, will greatly increase our facilities for establishing permanent and self-supporting churches in many destitute places. With a house of worship, a church will soon care for its own wants; without it, the effort at permanent establishment is prolonged into years of toil. In many places more can be accomplished by money to build houses than to support Missionaries.

WANTS OF THE BOARD.

The Board, instead of stating the necessities of each separate locality, has summed up what is required, reasonably, to satisfy the demands of the various districts. In none of these is there an overestimate. In some of them, more than twice the amounts might be judiciously expended. We hope and pray that the Baptists of the South, represented in this Convention—the largest body of Baptists in the world—will, by their increased liberality, enable us to accomplish, not only what we now ask, but far beyond our expectations, spread the influence of their principles and the saving power of the Gospel like a wave of light over all the dark places in our land.

We need, for our California Mission among the Chinese, seven thousand five hundred dollars. To this amount, we might add something from the field. We need five thousand dollars for the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona, to which would probably be added two thousand five hundred more from this field. We need seven thousand five hundred dollars for our Indian Missions and schools, which they would increase by seven thousand five hundred dollars more. We need five thousand dollars for Arkansas, to which they would probably add seven thousand five hundred more. We need five thousand dollars for Louisiana, outside of New Orleans, and five thousand more might be raised on

the field. We need twenty thousand dollars for Texas, to which she will respond by raising twenty thousand more. We need five thousand dollars for Florida, to which she will add two thousand five hundred dollars. We need five thousand dollars for Memphis and other points east of the great river, in localities which would supply an equal amount. We need, for the foreign population in Kentucky, Missouri, Louisiana Texas and other States, ten thousand dollars. Here, little could be gleaned from the field. We need fifteen thousand dollars for the colored people of the South, who would probably add seven thousand five hundred dollars to this sum. We need ten thousand dollars for Mission work and ten thousand more for houses of worship in New Orleans, where we could probably secure contributions of five thousand dollars more. These sums, when aggregated, show one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, of which, one hundred and five thousand dollars must be contributed by our churches and sixty-five thousand dollars raised on the fields.

Though far in advance of any thing we have done, to raise such an amount is not beyond our ability or our duty. It would require less than twenty cents per capita from our membership, and an average of less than twenty dollars from our churches. This amount we are not too poor to give to the Lord, who bought us, nor are our people, when properly informed, unwilling to do this, and far more than this for their perishing fellows. What we need is some system of contribution in all our churches, by which every member will be reached and the mites of the poor, as well as the munificent offering of the rich, flow into the treasury of the Lord. That system, whatever it may cost of patient thought and prayer for wisdom in its elaboration, or of men and means to secure its efficient action, we must have. Without it we shall always have a meagre support for our Boards; continual embarrassment of those who compose them; crying destitution on every hand, and our land filled with churches whose piety and activity are dwarfed by the want of proper training for the very work for which they were organized.

The grandest duty of the hour, the noblest work of this Convention, is to devise and make effective some plan that will elicit and combine the benevolence of our people.

To secure the amounts we need for the full work of the Board, we must have from

Virginia.....	\$15 000
Kentucky....	15 000
Georgia.....	15 000
North Carolina.....	10 000
South Carolina	10 000
Alabama.....	10 000
Mississippi.....	10 000
Tennessee.....	10 000
Maryland.....	5 000
Missouri.....	5 000
Total	\$105 000

SECRETARIES.

The Convention, at its last session, authorized the Board to appoint additional Secretaries, if it thought proper.

The experience of the Board in connection with its work, has not allowed it to reach a conclusion on this point. Should it be the pleasure of the Convention to extend this authority for another year, the time thus given will enable it to mature and adopt such a policy as will best promote the interest of the cause committed to its hands.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

So many things have pressed themselves upon the attention of the Board, that the instructions of the Convention in relation to Vice-Presidents, have not been complied with.

Some of them have rendered us most efficient service. We are under great obligation to Brethren Burrows, of Kentucky, Smith, of Virginia, and Edwards, of South Carolina.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE BOARDS.

The following amounts have been reported to us as raised and expended by the various State Boards, on which they are entitled to seats in the Convention:

Alabama.....	\$ 8,841.70
Georgia.....	13,240.37
Kentucky.....	5,928.54
Missouri.....	13,460.09
South Carolina.....	9,867.35
Tennessee.....	5,627.16
Texas.....	21,354.43

REV. ELIAS DODSON.

This venerable and highly esteemed brother, while in the employ of the Board, on the _____ fell asleep in Jesus. North Carolina holds the dust of Hooper and Wangate, and Prichard and McDaniel, and a host of others, who await the resurrection of the just. But there sleeps in her soil the mortal part of no better man than Elias Dodson. Faithful to the last day of life, he has left a memory that is precious, and an influence for the cause of his Master, that will live when the name of the wicked shall perish and the deeds of the great be forgotten.

IN CONCLUSION.

The Board entertains the opinion that its work is but begun. In this country population must soon equalize itself according to natural advantages. Of the one hundred millions of people who in twenty-five years are to occupy the soil of our country, fully fifty millions must be within the bounds of this Convention. On our wide-spread plains, along the shores of the Atlantic and the Gulf, in the valleys of our mountains, and where the old forests have for long centuries stood like grim sentinels guarding the treasures that sleep at their feet, must be found multitudes of men. We will need to quadruple our houses of worship, our church organizations and our ministers to furnish adequate instruction to these coming myriads.

It was said of the men of Issachar, that "they had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do." May God give His people a knowledge of these times in which we live, and wisdom to improve the golden opportunity for the salvation of this and coming generations.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1883—Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.

<p>1883. To balance as per report April 28, 1882..... To amount from Creek Council, J. T., appropriation to Levering Manual Labor School..... To amount extra appropriation from Creek Council Levering Manual Labor School for painting, etc..... To amount from Georgia..... To amount sale Confederate bonds..... To amount interest six months on \$1,000 bond..... To amount from South Carolina..... To amount from J. C. Buckingham, Executor, Estate Mrs. M. G. Harley, Legacy..... To amount from Texas..... To amount from Tennessee..... To amount from Virginia..... To amount from Maryland..... To amount from Ladies of Baltimore, clothing for students at Levering Manual Labor School..... To amount from California..... To amount from Louisiana..... To amount from Kentucky..... To amount from Florida..... To amount from Alabama..... To amount from North Carolina..... To amount from Arkansas..... To amount from Indiana..... To amount from Mississippi..... To amount from Missouri.....</p>	<p>\$6,342 28 9,000 00 500 00 \$4,949 56 36 30 40 00—\$5,025 86 3,687 14 819 33—4,566 47 2,335 40 619 57 4,614 70 1,312 22 435 00—1,747 22 47 50 472 35 3,977 39 1,226 77 2,251 74 1,252 15 131 80 2 00 734 22 457 85 \$45,195 27 \$4,689 72</p>	<p>1883. By cash paid Missionaries current year..... By cash paid Missionaries Special Contributions, viz: R. J. Hogue..... A. F. Ross..... Mrs. H. F. Buckner..... By cash paid W. H. McIntosh, acting Corresponding Secretary from May, 1882 to January, 1883..... By cash paid W. H. McIntosh, acting Corresponding Secretary, traveling expenses, etc..... By cash paid for one Atlanta 8 per cent. Bond as Permanent Fund..... By cash paid Alabama Agency..... By cash paid Georgia Agency..... By cash paid Kentucky Agency..... By cash paid Texas Agency..... By cash paid Tennessee Agency..... By cash paid South Carolina Agency..... By cash paid J. P. Harrison & Co., printing..... By cash paid rent and furnishing office..... By cash paid insurance on Levering Manual Labor School for three years..... By cash paid J. W. Burke & Co., printing Reports..... By cash paid postage, fuel and other incidental expenses for office..... By cash paid taxes on Texas land..... By cash paid Coliseum Place Church, New Orleans..... By cash paid First Church, New Orleans..... By cash paid clothing to Indian School..... By cash paid I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Sec'y, salary..... By cash paid I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Sec'y traveling expenses, Creek Council and invested in stock..... By cash paid Levering Manual Labor School, returned by Creek Council and invested in stock..... By cash paid Levering M. L. School on current expenses..... By cash paid Levering M. L. School on painting.....</p>	<p>\$19,190 20 236 02 5 31 146 80 1,333 28 347 28 1,060 00 \$204 80 605 41 690 82 4 50 4 17 3 00—\$ 1,512 70 318 10 225 98 398 28 50 130 59 1 66 3,006 65 54 25 435 00 2,083 30 561 90 2,000 00 7,000 00 500 00 \$4,689 72 \$45,195 27</p>
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Special Fund: One thousand (1,000) Atlanta 8 per cent. Bond.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT KIND WORDS, WITH J. W. BURKE & CO.

To balance due them, as per last report, June 1st, 1882.....	\$1,497 82
To interest on same one year to June 1st, 1883.....	119 82
By amounts royalty, as per contract, 1883.....	\$1,617 64
Leaving this balance due June 1st, 1883.....	1,000 00
Respectfully submitted.	\$617 64

J. H. JAMES, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. H. James, Treasurer Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, from May 1st, 1882, to this date, and find the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of four thousand six hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents.

A. D. ADAIR, Auditor.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1st, 1883.

C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

G. W. NORTON, *Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.*

<p>1882. <i>Dr.</i></p> <p>May 1. To balance, as per report of this date made to Southern Baptist Convention, \$90 00</p> <p>June 1. To June, 1882, dividend on \$1,500 of Nashville & Decatur Railroad Stock, 45 00</p> <p>Dec. 1. To December, 1882, dividend on \$1,500 of Nashville & Decatur Railroad Stock and Exchange 25 cents, 45 25</p> <hr/> <p>180 25</p>	<p>CONTRA.</p> <p>April 23. To cash paid J. C. Williams, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, \$90 25</p> <p>April 23. To cash paid John H. James, Treasurer of Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, 90 00</p> <hr/> <p>180 25</p>
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Audited and found correct.

N. LONG,
Auditor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. NORTON,
Treasurer.

D.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

COMPILED BY LANSING BURROWS, ONE OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE
CONVENTION.

The following tables, showing information by States, are compiled from the Minutes of three hundred and eighty-five Associations, for 1882, with added assistance of Rev. H. F. Sproles, in Mississippi, Mr. B. B. Davis, in Alabama, and Rev. O. F. Gregory, in North Carolina. The figures of Associations named are, therefore, correct, from last reports. Estimated figures of the remaining Associations are, generally, the returns of 1881. The "Contributions" are taken from the Minutes, and are the aggregate of sums reported therein. In some States, as Georgia, it is not customary to report beyond the finances of their missionary operations.

Some Associations embrace territory in two or more States. Where the Minutes define such division, the tables indicate it by the words "in part" appended. The Minutes should always indicate the location of the churches by counties and States. It is hoped this will be done.

The absence of the Minutes of one hundred and forty-eight Associations, of course affects the integrity of the whole, as their membership is estimated and their additions, etc., entirely wanting. It is requested that brethren interest themselves so far as to secure, in their Associations, *the adoption of a standing resolution*, directing the clerk to forward a copy of the Minutes to the Secretaries of this Convention. It is further requested that clerks embody such information as these tables provide for, that *in every case* they give the *last reported membership* of any churches not represented at any Associational meeting; and that they print in the Minutes *the post-office address of both Moderator and Clerk*. Those clerks whose post-office is thus printed will be furnished with copies of these Proceedings.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

MARYLAND.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED.				DISMISSED.				TOTAL.	For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.			
1. Baptist Union, . .	34	427	109	..	100	171	149	..	51	5,301	\$10,627 59	\$53,740 60

VIRGINIA.

1. Accomac,	14	14	11	..	1	12	7	4	18	1,265	\$3,014 09	\$5,494 09
2. Albemarle,	39	232	104	..	41	79	36	..	46	4,702	917 27	986 27
3. Appomattox,	29	178	47	..	8	83	35	15	40	2,661	884 49	970 57
4. Augusta,	28	54	36	12	5	46	33	58	26	1,924	791 58	5,422 75
5. Blue Ridge,	15	43	6	..	..	7	7	..	6	868	71 69	388 14
6. Clinch Valley,	38	120	28	4	3	61	30	..	13	1,561	106 08	297 28
7. Concord,	25	124	38	..	6	48	27	1	25	2,151	647 95	3,197 95
8. Dan River,	17	106	25	..	1	56	37	..	25	1,910	588 98	613 98
9. Dover,	54	353	196	45	36	185	89	44	154	7,750	14,252 24	52,248 07
10. Goshen,	49	253	99	34	15	140	63	..	83	6,192	1,959 32	12,041 31
11. James River,	19	89	20	..	9	30	11	..	26	1,648	294 37	340 08
12. Lebanon,	17	58	41	..	3	89	21	..	15	1,605	314 13	3,880 85
13. Middle District,	25	208	84	..	24	82	36	..	53	2,573	801 07	5,492 87
14. New Lebanon,	22	96	10	..	10	16	9	..	13	1,442	86 90	116 85
15. New River,	19	44	13	..	16	9	..	..	4	922	92 53	573 41
16. Portsmouth,	55	544	234	3	40	199	109	67	136	7,321	6,935 82	29,502 04
17. Potomac,	43	291	76	6	10	97	18	15	44	3,422	1,578 99	9,311 51
18. Rappahannock,	52	449	64	31	51	129	82	46	157	8,045	5,658 62	18,063 86
19. Roanoke,	31	172	102	..	11	99	37	..	40	3,249	806 00	16,860 22
20. Shenandoah (new),	13	73	27	7	..	22	7	22	6	1,135	450 00	4,478 30
21. Shiloh,	31	84	54	..	2	64	6	..	32	2,892	1,043 54	1,095 44
22. Strawberry,	39	277	86	17	9	102	33	26	37	3,616	849 47	9,502 02
23. Valley,	39	113	97	..	9	100	40	24	35	2,783	6,455 29	10,596 22
Total,	713	3975	1498	159	322	1755	773	322	1034	71,637	48,779 52	182,448 68

WEST VIRGINIA.

1. Broad Run,	43	129	46	5	6	40	46	..	19	2,487	\$250 24	\$1,579 00
2. Goshen,	16	44	14	3	1	17	12	..	16	1,141	376 03	1,993 03
3. Greenbrier,	30	24	42	1	1	35	13	12	24	1,691	274 89	1,270 50
4. Guyandotte,	30	160	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	2,001	150 62	1,526 51
5. Harmony,	31	82	37	12	4	27	24	..	13	1,602	..	..
6. Hopewell,	40	89	59	..	9	69	30	..	21	2,722	609 25	3,537 47
7. Judson,	25	106	19	..	11	38	48	..	25	2,194	280 78	1,675 18
8. Kanawha Valley,	46	326	78	31	23	79	79	..	34	2,408	358 38	3,290 49
9. Mount Pisgah,	35	219	49	..	21	96	32	..	29	2,157	160 77	915 52
10. Parkersburg,	36	105	41	6	15	51	60	44	35	2,771	1,556 43	6,853 32
11. Raleigh,	27	69	54	24	7	64	24	..	20	1,532	204 30	824 66
12. Teay's Valley,	27	69	38	..	9	61	68	..	21	1,854	204 87	1,996 91
13. Union,	26	60	17	..	1	43	11	..	37	2,178	1,073 44	3,614 34
Total,	412	1482	494	82	108	620	447	56	321	26,768	5,500 00	29,076 93

GENERAL STATISTICS.—NORTH CAROLINA.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED.				DISMISSED.				TOTAL.	For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.			
1. Beulah,	26	126	61		4	56	29		28	1,931	\$1,706 75	\$3,293 48
2. Brier Creek,	23	114	20		12	56	22		15	2,279	179 73	206 32
3. Brown Creek,	31	216	99		26	75	47		35	2,294	773 71	4,324 64
4. Brushy Mountain,	34	166	44		25	116	39		26	2,792	154 38	188 91
5. Buncombe Co. (new)	17									1,104	968 17	2,120 57
6. Cape Fear,	62	237	123		76	133	109		53	6,045	705 65	791 18
7. Catawba River,	27	136	36		11	62	28		10	1,341	98 38	120 67
8. Cedar Creek,	32	93	55		27	84	46		28	2,674	479 40	525 95
9. Central,	19	161	89		12	109	39		36	2,839	2,256 44	10,718 73
10. Chowan,	72	620	235		122	277	240		268	11,327	5,245 72	17,747 18
11. Eastern,	66	487	107	5	40	147	97		65	5,101	1,589 52	8,457 86
12. Elkin,	13	18	10			22	1		3	767	9 78	21 13
13. Flat River,	27	294	78		15	133	46		38	3,324	1,220 65	3,810 19
14. French Broad,	35	300	102		26	94	43		25	2,923	\$810 11	\$855 11
15. Green River,	32	255	74		29	145	44		23	3,505	318 88	2,726 84
16. Hend'sn Co. (new),	11	37	47			4	15		12	860	277 95	1,211 55
17. Kings Mountain,	37	383	227		26	398	80		95	5,676	1,698 09	5,833 14
18. Liberty,	18	86	35		1	33	28		18	1,413	693 56	1,078 48
19. Little River,	16	72	10		2	19	5		10	944	144 16	165 26
20. Mount Zion,	26	151	78		14	109	41		33	2,738	1,925 96	7,695 31
21. New Found,	19	80	45		14	44	46		6	1,606	7 45	316 85
22. Pee Dee,	27	165	39		12	57	22		37	1,973	806 48	1,276 63
23. Raleigh,	41	198	137		16	168	110		60	4,190	1,291 54	8,484 84
24. Rocky River,	20	68	40		7	44	16		13	1,009	92 50	121 60
25. Sandy Creek,	35	185	29		8	76	22		40	2,570	281 70	319 60
26. South Fork,	18	96	16		6	36	19		15	1,177	306 15	497 70
27. South River,	22	54	15		10	47	50		19	1,600	116 63	147 98
28. South Yadkin,	22	64	53		3	62	33		10	1,540	1,930 05	8,299 30
29. Tar River,	52	321	125		29	116	112		50	4,855	5,212 57	18,984 33
30. Tennessee River,	20	112	61		16	67	13		14	850	39 29	153 14
31. Three Forks,	23	73	71		14	65	36		12	1,682	126 78	163 88
32. Transylvania,	16	99	35		5	74	15		7	1,026	119 03	729 23
33. Tuckasiege,	41	102	76		16	123	60		24	2,847	40 16	1,628 65
34. Yadkin,	29	117	18		2	34	29		18	2,313	106 70	136 20
9 Assoc'ns estim'd,	103									7,875		
43 Associations,	1112	5656	2299	5	630	3126	1583		1156	98,590	31,731 42	113,142 03

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1. Abbeville,	16	83	60		5	60	6		17	1,111	\$1,468 38	\$5,984 48
2. Barnwell,	37	144	71		17	70	43		43	3,373	1,057 55	2,512 65
3. Bethel,	6	34	12		3	15	10		6	398	119 30	444 05
4. Broad River	26	179	87		12	87	28		18	2,933	513 00	2,593 00
5. Charleston	30	97	44		9	47	17	4	27	1,849	1,424 80	1,430 38
6. Chester,	14	78	19		5	24	5		12	1,175	958 85	3,515 05
7. Colleton,	25	27	26		5	21	21		18	1,510	99 28	128 18
8. Edgefield,	40	227	185		32	230	104		70	4,583	2,168 06	9,122 57
9. Eisto,	23	66	62		14	56	14		21	1,060	505 83	2,058 83
10. Fairfield,	23	53	14		6	13	7		9	1,060	306 77	322 62
11. Fork,	14	102	41		15	56	14		10	1,292	346 14	1,171 74
12. Greenville,	36	290	232		29	241	59		67	5,259	2,876 46	9,184 56
13. Lexington,	12	27	8		2	11	25		4	636	61 61	75 50
14. Moriah,	24	160	41		54	92	56		27	2,406	723 48	3,109 73
15. Orangeburg,	18	91	38		16	28	22		21	1,476	1,445 97	3,136 07
16. Pee Dee,	25	150	72		29	76	40		20	2,135	1,475 76	3,993 61
17. Piedmont,	13	82	63		8	69	19		8	1,216	206 35	417 20

GENERAL STATISTICS.—SOUTH CAROLINA.

ASSOCIATION.	Churches.	RECEIVED.				DISMISSED.				Total.	For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.			
18. Reedy River, . . .	26	157	84	..	21	96	22	..	35	2,616	\$227 30	\$268 15
19. Saluda,	34	148	106	..	6	154	24	..	47	3,933	1,809 86	7,260 06
20. Santee,	17	56	22	..	3	..	6	..	9	1,439	642 00	4,257 00
21. Savannah River, . . .	32	86	64	..	3	46	10	..	27	1,786	649 48	1,660 65
22. Spartanburg,	26	307	163	..	16	157	55	..	49	4,240	1,771 76	6,502 26
23. Twelve Mile River, . .	35	201	77	..	17	138	24	..	18	2,367	155 00	182 20
24. Union County,	15	42	20	..	1	20	25	..	17	984	411 44	430 19
25. Waccamaw,	40	199	95	..	43	66	53	..	27	2,628	41 85	87 75
26. Welsh Neck,	46	218	107	25	7	96	44	..	39	3,713	2,591 31	3,001 11
27. York,	11	34	23	..	4	35	15	..	6	961	464 89	2,039 04
Total,	664	3338	1836	25	282	2004	768	4	678	59,039	24,842 46	79,004 42

GEORGIA.

1. Antioch,	4	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	409	..	..
2. Appalachee,	21	58	21	..	4	57	27	..	17	1,291	\$205 80	\$373 46
3. Baptist Union,	30	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,496	..	..
4. Bethel,	45	240	139	..	17	171	57	..	40	3,573	1,003 75	1,100 85
5. Bowen,	30	136	93	..	18	86	49	..	6	1,940	206 80	327 40
6. Carrollton,	28	157	182	..	13	123	39	..	20	2,336	177 35	223 75
7. Cave Spring,	16	191	132	..	16	191	28	..	32	2,227	974 69	1,017 94
8. Central,	25	64	46	..	9	56	21	..	12	1,393	577 05	927 35
9. Chattahoochee,	31	213	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,116	..	..
10. Clarksville,	16	50	43	..	2	51	13	..	12	782	15 60	30 00
11. Columbus,	36	93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,510	..	..
12. Concord,	10	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	635	..	..
13. Coosa,	25	61	82	..	7	94	22	..	22	1,707	219 88	255 08
14. Ebenezer,	25	64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,225	..	..
15. Elijah,	27	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,452	..	..
16. Fairburn,	22	139	91	..	11	155	24	..	16	1,938	164 15	203 65
17. Flint River,	50	177	177	..	22	255	45	..	40	4,475	670 95	750 20
18. Friendship,	39	169	113	..	10	205	17	..	32	2,672	496 25	536 55
19. Georgia,	52	181	201	..	26	144	82	..	55	5,095	3,393 58	3,479 78
20. Georgia, Second,	12	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	658	..	..
21. Gillsville,	3	3	13	..	..	11	3	..	2	467	15 65	23 30
22. Harmony,	10	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	607	..	..
23. Hephzibah,	43	126	107	..	20	111	35	..	44	3,554	1,242 07	1,548 47
24. Hightower,	36	230	82	..	12	255	44	..	29	3,262	24 23	69 18
25. Hiwassee,	23	75	46	..	3	64	15	..	11	1,305	18 00	41 00
26. Houston,	19	12	21	..	3	56	18	..	12	1,346	203 95	228 45
27. Jasper,	30	155	60	..	5	118	32	..	21	2,045	..	29 05
28. Lawrenceville,	22	61	73	..	6	121	23	..	13	1,134	32 35	60 95
29. Liberty,	22	142	90	..	5	86	9	..	20	1,577	36 90	58 88
30. Little River,	16	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	710	..	..
31. Mercer,	40	111	113	..	11	119	32	..	15	2,156	679 97	727 82
32. Middle,	28	89	48	..	23	63	39	..	24	2,058	215 17	527 82
33. Middle Cherokee,	33	269	202	..	29	156	48	..	30	3,437	1,116 28	1,158 53
34. Mountain,	30	45	60	..	7	51	18	..	9	905	..	17 40
35. Mount Vernon,	30	97	77	..	10	63	26	..	21	1,491	365 11	424 91
36. New Ebenezer,	40	57	71	..	10	77	20	..	18	1,359	229 80	259 90
37. New Sunbury,	22	34	30	1	4	55	17	1	18	1,211	961 64	1,305 84
38. New Union,	7	5	7	..	..	9	1	..	2	209	6 75	14 50
39. Noonday,	32	168	171	..	11	108	36	..	26	2,230	411 97	447 62
40. North Georgia,	27	135	74	2	17	84	47	..	20	1,738	70 96	97 71
41. Notty River,	16	62	31	..	3	44	25	..	6	726	..	10 70
42. Oostanaula,	17	27	56	..	9	75	27	..	19	1,102	164 88	192 33

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43. Piedmont,	18	31							772			
44. Rehoboth,	27	112	128		6	100	16		2,340	\$248 50	\$288 25	
45. Sarepta,	46	138							4,332			
46. Smyrna,	22	101	46	11	13	33	11		672	101 05	121 05	
47. St. Mary's River,	14		3		1	1	1		125	15 43	32 18	
48. Stone Mountain,	35	204	268		12	206	48		4,193	533 30	584 05	
49. Tallapoosa,	26	167	135		15	98	27		1,940	3 80	44 05	
50. Tugalo,	28	192	98		29	125	39		2,760	47 55	73 75	
51. Washington,	25	141	65		19	112	32		2,378	434 58	466 08	
52. Western,	40	151	179		15	229	40		3,728	1,140 00	1,210 30	
3 Assoc'ns estim'td,	42								2,043		2,429 39	
55 Associations,	1413	5426	3674	14	463	4217	1151	1	845	16,516 64	21,526 07	
Primitive Churches	353	67	66	3	4	85	24		40		179 75	
Total White Bapt's,	1766	5493	3740	17	467	4302	1175	1	885	16,516 64	21,705 82	

FLORIDA.

1. Alachua,	27	58	58		10	53	29		1,034	\$446 84	\$559 32
2. Beulah,	11	21	26		9	20	18		6	549	23 56
3. Florida,	38	41	46		11	74	31		13	878	86 40
4. Hamilton (new),	11	42	44		12	30	25		3	600	28 55
5. Manatee,	15	34	44		9	39	14		2	580	162 75
6. Santa Fe River,	12	64	40		7	29	4		7	643	334 91
7. South Florida,	27	105	40		13	28	24		7	852	136 67
8. Wekiwa,	21	39	55			29	7		11	546	84 35
5 Asso'ns estimat'd,	106									4,372	
13 Associations,	368	404	353		71	302	152		67	10,054	1,304 03

ALABAMA.

1. Alabama,	36	103	90	2	10	138	20		36	2,253	\$1,550 00	\$1,602 20
2. Bethel,	44	115	79		24	102	39		26	3,101	466 25	2,704 05
3. Bethlehem,	41	134	53		16	76	42		26	2,503	284 05	1,983 70
4. Big Bear Ck (in pt)	15	53	26		4	48	31		14	896	107 40	330 20
5. Big Bee,	25	50	46		3	32	16		15	1,225	470 50	993 25
6. Cahawba,	30	71	61		17	120	17		23	2,592	6,459 01	9,773 16
7. Canaan,	17	151	98		11	42	15		13	1,419	582 75	5,902 60
8. Cedar Bluff,	14	42	27		9	39	24		18	1,170	176 00	196 80
9. Centennial,	11	27	46		4	53	9		7	583	506 60	3,172 60
10. Central,	40	117	99	5	18	133	42		23	2,201	201 35	249 20
11. Cherokee,	28	166	107		15	101	27		15	1,640	34 30	70 10
12. Coosa River,	35	244	171		15	91	22		40	2,920	557 03	631 48
13. Elim,	23	68	45		11	28	49		8	962	624 95	1,562 95
14. Eufaula,	21	89	75		8	95	14		12	1,412	1,607 04	6,805 64
15. Liberty, E.,	26	105	131		15	181	31		27	2,616	999 85	1,065 75
16. Liberty, N.,	25	60	58		7	29	12		13	1,800	108 05	124 95
17. Liberty, S.W. (in pt)	18	30	12		4	33	30		6	888	240 45	284 00
18. Macedonia,	5	10	20			21			1	194	5 60	29 80
19. Mobile Union,	7									1,200	3,764 85	5,413 54
20. Montgomery (new)	16									1,500	153 55	177 30
21. Mount Carmel,	18	79	58		11	26	21		13	920	91 60	112 45
22. Mulberry,	22	76	36		6	58	11		17	1,576	77 15	115 15

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23. Muscle Shoals . . .	44	234	68		22	95	33	45	3,056	\$594 30	\$647 70	
24. New River, . . .	22	107	47		10	74	23	4	1,255	200 90	404 55	
25. North River, . . .	31	70	52		3	84	18	8	1,320	153 09	333 66	
26. Pea River, . . .	8	27	20		3	9	5	1	237			
27. Pine Barren, . . .	27	71	62		6	57	37	21	1,536	598 15	640 50	
28. Rock Mills, . . .	15	36	34		6	66	12	2	865	15 40	34 90	
29. Salem, . . .	33	179	147	3	15	124	28	14	1,876	373 38	423 08	
30. Southeastern (in pt)	11	29	15		7	4	17	6	356	102 05	129 05	
31. Tallapoosa River,	10	75	31	4	13	40	17	1	731	20 35	45 40	
32. Tallasahatchee } and to Island, . . . }	33	162	148		25	141	26	23	2,122	172 75	221 55	
33. Tennessee River, . .	22	172	62		27	52	22	16	1,497	28 00	59 50	
34. Tuskalooza, . . .	29	139	75		7	91	29	16	1,745	530 15	2,513 35	
35. Tuskegee, . . .	31	66	82		16	104	38	17	1,840	930 90	978 35	
36. Union, . . .	33	105	53		12	66	18	23	1,679	313 60	326 75	
37. Unity, . . .	26	92	50	11	5	47	11	15	1,575	191 50	241 50	
38. Zion, . . .	28	34	45		12	45	28	10	1,426	222 35	259 45	
13 Assos'ns estim'd,	293								15,341			
51 Associations, . . .	1216	3388	2220	25	397	2525	835	575	74,046	21,455 80	50,506 16	

MISSISSIPPI.

1. Aberdeen, . . .	31	103							1,819	\$528 21	\$2,258 31
2. Bethlehem, . . .	17	32							1,006	19 45	69 40
3. Big Bear Ck (in pt)	12	7	12		4	31	7	5	451		
4. Bogue Chitto, . . .	11	136	41		6	40	16	13	1,452	417 65	786 40
5. Calhoun, . . .	29	103	72		19	113	47	18	1,648	65 90	113 75
6. Central, . . .	34	135	86		16	74	48	36	2,414	2,890 05	2,901 25
7. Chickasahay, . . .	14	47	40		5	53	11	6	778	701 50	3,779 72
8. Chickasaw, . . .	35	184							2,670	259 30	299 15
9. Choctaw, . . .	20	54	33		6	36	6	6	1,093	499 50	526 20
10. Coldwater, . . .	42	131	98		8	98	36	33	2,510	973 80	1,048 70
11. Columbus, . . .	24	90	58		4	75	4	26	1,529	4,748 70	9,203 95
12. Deer Creek, . . .	10								369	165 00	165 00
13. Ebenezer, . . .	31	95							1,343	227 80	227 80
14. Fair River, . . .	20	139							1,735	703 50	763 50
15. Gulf Coast, . . .	9	63	48		9	25	2	8	646	542 00	5,061 03
16. Harmony, . . .	22	82	44		11	56	14	13	1,076	227 95	254 95
17. Hobolochitto, . . .	11	32							439	26 45	26 45
18. Judson, . . .	34	216	104		11	136	35	32	2,677	131 00	170 75
19. Kosciusko, . . .	28	75	37		21	47	41	23	1,491	318 30	1,050 80
20. Liberty (in part), . .	9	39	50		16	31	23	6	607	17 45	17 45
21. Louisville, . . .	40	154	63		28	78	48	19	2,476	137 95	187 45
22. Magee's Creek, . . .	14	76	26		6	27	9	23	1,214	93 15	113 15
23. Mississippi, . . .	29	611	48	3	28	71	36	32	2,238	522 03	604 03
24. Mount Olive, . . .	7	16							323	14 00	35 25
25. Mount Pisgah, . . .	44	171							2,259	153 30	273 45
26. Oxford, . . .	10	96	55		7	108	35	11	1,114	628 30	9,917 50
27. Pearl River, . . .	17	118	81		5	85	20	15	1,638	358 80	1,247 30
28. Salem, . . .	30	92	60		23	100	32	11	1,393	86 75	106 75
29. Southeastern (in pt)	7	12	9		1	6	4	4	204		
30. Springfield, . . .	25	69	48		6	59	21	15	1,274	163 65	222 00
31. Strong River, . . .	34	168							3,090	820 43	1,950 03
32. Sunflower, . . .	9	27							222	45 35	59 25
33. Tippah, . . .	31	165	97		14	81	32	18	2,030	1,071 45	1,114 80
34. Tishomingo, . . .	35	140	92		7	80	25	15	2,202	584 80	604 80
35. Union, . . .	23	79							1,670	336 00	898 00

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36. Yalobusha,	28	88	45	..	14	42	18	..	21	1,505	\$897 50	\$1,183 00
37. Yazoo,	32	81	62	..	14	76	19	..	44	1,639	392 40	3,709 85
38. Zion,	34	99	108	..	10	115	41	..	29	2,507	184 00	950 05
5 Ass'ns estimated,	85	10,678
43 Associations,	987	4025	1517	3	299	1743	630	..	482	67,429	20,073 37	53,100 22

LOUISIANA.

1. Bayou Macon,	18	38	36	..	7	19	9	..	5	788	\$58 12	\$92 52
2. Big Creek,	10	57	50	9	7	21	15	..	7	554	100 30	125 30
3. Calcasieu,	27	22	25	..	7	28	9	..	16	485	114 85	138 25
4. Concord,	31	129	64	5	15	133	44	..	27	2,256	118 75	163 75
5. Grand Cane,	26	266	95	..	20	109	25	..	18	1,763	1,274 35	8,765 10
6. Louisiana,	22	19	40	5	6	25	17	..	17	1,030	701 65	766 10
7. Mississippi River,	1	62	30	..	6	50	27	..	17	1,243	99 10	153 80
8. North Louisiana,	20	66	48	..	5	56	10	..	22	1,084	143 10	210 45
9. Ouachita,	27	54	42	4	11	62	24	..	14	1,230	214 60	286 20
10. Red River,	27	128	79	..	21	83	46	..	18	1,528	56 15	136 85
11. Sabine,	26	36	30	..	1	69	21	..	6	1,121	175 00	220 00
12. Vernon,	13	57	..	..	5	17	17	..	7	557	40 00	60 15
5 Ass'ns estimated,	69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,805	..	..
17 Association,	326	874	551	23	111	672	264	..	174	16,444	3,095 97	11,118 47

TEXAS.

1. Alvarado,	22	121	109	..	5	122	28	..	19	1,529	\$469 30	\$517 65
2. Bethlehem,	20	17	24	2	6	22	10	..	9	780	93 15	163 15
3. Blanco,	14	49	32	..	11	33	26	..	5	503	1,070 09	2,133 39
4. Bosque River,	26	85	181	..	4	198	35	..	6	1,129	145 95	185 60
5. Brazos River,	11	42	46	5	..	24	9	..	2	352	72 50	86 00
6. Cherokee,	37	207	148	..	19	89	49	..	27	2,200	254 78	299 13
7. Clarksville (new),	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	628	..	36 45
8. Colorado,	20	49	59	..	15	73	40	..	19	915	231 95	274 70
9. Comanche,	29	48	104	..	5	98	23	..	9	1,236	195 40	244 60
10. Dallas-Collin (new),	6	154	146	..	2	67	8	..	5	890	44 70	55 95
11. Elm Fork,	19	50	142	..	3	88	7	..	9	1,243	100 40	138 95
12. Hamilton County,	21	93	64	..	4	109	26	..	8	721	6 20	38 55
13. Harmony,	19	104	84	..	18	76	22	..	18	918	63 67	160 62
14. Hill County,	12	..	30	..	..	36	2	..	2	492	66 55	88 65
15. Lavaca River,	15	292	132	..	16	150	39	..	13	1,214	515 80	555 35
16. Leon River,	29	114	185	..	10	148	24	..	16	1,349	97 80	159 40
17. Liberty (new),	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61 25	81 25
18. Little River,	22	108	99	..	21	101	50	..	14	1,366	222 38	256 13
19. Llano River (new),	10	42	69	2	4	41	23	..	3	316	68 15	94 26
20. Mount Zion,	30	147	148	..	22	114	32	..	20	1,663	53 10	108 10
21. Navasota River,	23	89	74	..	22	89	95	..	18	1,507	226 65	280 05
22. Neches River,	33	92	109	..	15	106	29	..	21	1,337	330 83	538 30
23. New Bethel,	22	51	47	..	20	22	14	..	9	751	190 40	230 70
24. New Bethlehem,	16	45	45	..	8	41	18	..	6	687	47 25	73 20
25. North Sulphur,	31	134	223	..	3	112	30	..	15	1,798	151 95	182 80
26. Pecan Valley,	26	38	103	..	4	61	10	..	4	835	130 80	177 15
27. Perdenales,	20	129	104	..	9	58	21	..	15	801	271 80	751 15
28. Pleasant Grove,	14	494	233 90	263 90

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29. Prairie Grove, . . .	17	105	89		14	81	18		4	907	\$309 85	\$406 60
30. Red Fork, . . .	12	21	45		2	52	8		1	410	177 45	198 60
31. Red River, . . .	13	28	69	6		38	6		9	715	5 50	20 60
32. Rehoboth, . . .	39	198	153		29	197	61		31	2,542	199 82	260 32
33. Richland, . . .	22	75	74		7	75	22		9	1,001	237 30	268 85
34. Salem, . . .	19	83	61		5	52	28		8	954	237 40	269 40
35. Saline, . . .	24	127	101		9	86	41		18	1,206	495 15	534 30
36. Salome, . . .	10	3	7			22	4		6	260	22 84	32 04
37. San Antonio, . . .	23									1,533	492 85	535 15
38. San Saba, . . .	20	162	137	50	2	105	29		10	976	187 65	230 95
39. Shiloh, . . .	49	208	246		14	243	42		31	2,208	164 55	232 57
40. Texarkana (in p'rt),	10	4	10			21	11		6	260	136 08	174 28
41. Towash, . . .	22	132	177		15	149	48		6	1,171	94 25	133 60
42. Trinity River, . . .	30	75	62		10	65	22		15	1,100		27 65
43. Tryon, . . .	18	75	57		9	44	17		10	827	286 78	325 53
44. Union, . . .	38	42	62		5	99	73		26	2,023	1,269 85	4,455 75
45. Waco, . . .	30	205	210		21	173	67		16	2,245	3,070 60	8,047 50
46. Waxahatchie, . . .	29	163	216	5	4	104	28		17	1,779	155 76	208 36
47. Western Branch, . . .	11	45	23		3	39	9		7	550		183 85
17. Ass'ns Estim'd	379									18,049		
64. Associations, . . .	1393	4051	4306	70	411	3723	1204		512	68,379	12,060 28	24,721 10

KENTUCKY.

1. Baptist, . . .	19	115	45		1	41	14		10	1,909	\$146 70	\$169 90
2. Barren River, . . .	34	114	60		9	121	40		45	3,510	281 00	644 90
3. Bay's Fork, . . .	23	105	33		2	78	34		19	2,235	146 52	884 97
4. Bethel, . . .	49	210	117		7	132	42		54	4,886	2,700 92	16,592 31
5. Beulah (in part), . . .	4	12	4		1	15	10		8	211	23 90	28 90
6. Blackford, . . .	24	173	89	21	17	75	87		33	2,308	244 95	1,097 40
7. Blood River, . . .	27	179	65		6	51	30		19	2,057	26 30	67 50
8. Boone's Creek, . . .	13	50	19		7	24			9	1,034		337 10
9. Booneville, . . .	11									302		
10. Bracken, . . .	25	238	107		7	50	13	43	35	2,647	1,528 15	11,410 31
11. Campbell County, . . .	16	157	48	16	13	54	10		25	1,832	175 50	197 85
12. Clear Fork, . . .	29	154	50	10		69	18		20	2,520	280 26	718 86
13. Concord, . . .	32	311	234		16	171	82		50	3,965	2,052 60	6,496 60
14. Crittenden, . . .	15	133	24	13	8	26	26		17	1,351	23 52	23 52
15. Cumberland River, . . .	17	212	22		65	26	26		22	1,625	18 64	27 89
16. Daviess County, . . .	34	186	115	9	9	101	74		47	4,330	1,127 65	5,934 95
17. Elkhorn, . . .	28	245	134	12	12	118	19	17	44	3,227	3,680 74	23,739 27
18. Enterprise, . . .	16	30	1	25	1	21	22		13	702	387 24	505 06
19. Franklin, . . .	17	159	65	47		39	8		30	2,501	251 20	3,163 60
20. Freedom, . . .	23	154	10		1	12	9		14	1,397	38 50	52 85
21. Gasper River, . . .	29	148	48		12	45	29		40	2,885	114 35	518 05
22. Goshen, . . .	20	128	49	3	9	65	10		23	1,774	383 75	412 85
23. Green River, . . .	18	122	25		8	20	15		21	1,110	21 35	35 20
24. Greenup, . . .	22	60	26	4	43	18	55		13	1,567	145 49	391 16
25. Greenville, . . .	8	12		2		3	3		4	241		9 45
26. Henderson Cou'ty, . . .	12	195	38		6	34	6		10	1,345	195 41	222 91
27. Irvine, . . .	23	64	16	14		0	15		14	1,412		15 40
28. Laurel River, . . .	29	131	37		23	58	22		26	2,215		24 95
29. Liberty, . . .	41	281	115		18	100	24		28	3,602	130 71	1,881 76
30. Little Bethel, . . .	39	311	68		13	84	50		35	2,941	378 15	1,074 35
31. Little River, . . .	58	490	101		25	103	84		56	5,339	766 00	7,148 47
32. Long Run, . . .	24	246	182	13	21	113	19	3	38	3,907	25,299 02	42,026 53

GENERAL STATISTICS.—KENTUCKY.

ASSOCIATION.	Churches.	RECEIVED.				DISMISSED.				Total.	For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.			
33. Lynn,	27	111	37	2	6	106	39	..	31	3,262	\$194 16	\$222 86
34. Lynn Camp,	22	48	21	..	4	42	10	..	17	1,229	..	15 45
35. Mount Olivet,	18	92	37	..	5	58	21	..	11	1,257	112 05	144 15
36. Nelson,	18	93	19	..	3	42	15	10	24	2,173	922 20	5,209 85
37. North Bend,	13	117	31	..	..	36	29	..	22	1,522	1,166 38	1,166 38
38. North Concord,	28	51	9	4	5	12	17	..	19	1,568	..	17 10
39. Owen,	6	31	6	..	..	17	5	..	6	771	42 67	49 92
40. Rockcastle,	20	133	26	..	13	20	22	..	13	1,465	34 55	40 35
41. Russell's Creek,	37	192	51	1	4	78	27	..	31	2,979	499 90	1,926 50
42. Salem,	43	207	93	15	14	137	72	..	50	4,258	724 55	1,593 75
43. Shelby,	14	42	44	3	..	62	13	..	29	2,139	908 86	4,584 41
44. South Concord,	16	51	17	..	..	45	8	..	21	1,071	..	12 80
45. So. Cumberland R.,	24	79	17	..	6	55	14	..	32	1,887	156 15	167 75
46. South District,	28	331	151	13	3	90	14	..	26	2,972	946 80	15,004 60
47. South Kentucky,	19	120	32	..	13	47	9	..	15	1,507	185 05	201 85
48. South Union,	18	44	15	..	2	19	12	..	15	1,438	..	12 50
49. Stockton's Valley,	28	33	33	..	5	22	25	..	8	1,760	..	40 70
50. Sulphur Fork,	25	158	57	..	5	92	25	..	38	2,709	258 51	291 71
51. Tate's Creek,	21	126	22	30	6	53	24	..	19	2,049	519 66	530 66
52. Ten Mile,	14	44	27	..	2	54	16	..	16	1,731	316 26	336 26
53. Union,	18	88	25	..	7	41	3	..	20	1,551	519 65	540 45
54. Union County,	12	73	42	3	3	33	15	..	16	946	314 30	1 193 05
55. West Union,	48	297	197	..	17	120	63	5	48	3,479	3,234 60	6,600 55
56. W. Union, of Tenn.	5	16	10	..	..	6	1	..	2	317	..	3 20
Total,	1291	7702	2666	260	489	3238	1413	78	1351	119113	56,624 92	165,840 42

TENNESSEE.

1. Beulah (in part),	28	209	80	..	6	92	32	..	25	2,250	\$229 65	\$276 40
2. Big Hatchie,	59	349	128	..	27	148	52	..	59	5,007	268 86	354 01
3. Central,	50	460	158	..	22	162	68	..	50	4,750	913 02	4,902 02
4. Concord,	28	200	72	..	32	46	29	..	28	2,767	1,056 78	8,797 14
5. Cumberland,	27	166	64	3	2	63	16	26	41	3,461	..	..
6. Cumberland, E.,	7	21	14	1	2	23	3	..	1	278	..	12 76
7. Duck River,	43	215	89	..	16	75	25	..	34	3,276	772 79	3,642 69
8. Enon,	32	123	42	..	4	78	24	..	35	2,839	49 75	81 45
9. Hiwassee,	22	78	38	9	10	60	5	..	8	1,123	98 22	120 22
10. Holston,	41	243	70	11	23	115	95	..	43	3,850	538 69	593 56
11. Indian Creek,	40	56	41	8	11	68	45	..	13	1,228	29 70	232 05
12. Judson,	11	17	4	3	..	9	3	..	3	374	27 15	42 15
13. Little River,	21	27	8	15	6	10	23	..	8	2,133	180 76	904 21
14. Mount Harmony,	13	53	21	3	5	24	9	..	7	801	64 98	508 13
15. Mulberry Gap,	49	168	72	6	29	124	61	..	47	3,277	72 50	111 15
16. Nollachucky,	46	238	120	4	18	152	47	..	58	4,199	51 41	93 56
17. Northern,	40	137	91	9	18	153	76	..	31	3,990	104 14	142 64
18. Ocoee,	28	127	113	6	20	95	12	..	27	2,580	438 10	469 39
19. Salem,	44	290	106	..	5	156	37	..	45	5,111	186 90	1,185 50
20. Southwestern,	33	84	28	..	8	72	40	..	14	2,203	38 20	81 35
21. Sweetwater,	35	191	79	4	7	94	23	..	28	2,579	74 45	902 50
22. Tennessee,	24	152	52	4	4	94	32	..	30	3,125	417 79	3,093 39
23. Western District,	38	121	50	..	6	84	29	..	26	2,255	79 75	129 80
24. W. Union (in part),	21	12	14	..	..	8	6	..	12	828	..	9 50
9 Ass'ns Estimated,	218	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,725	..	..
33 Associations,	999	3737	1554	86	291	1995	798	26	682	78,209	5,693 59	27,285 57

GENERAL STATISTICS.—ARKANSAS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	RECEIVED.				DISMISSED.				TOTAL.	For Benevolence.	For all Purposes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Died.			
1. Caddo River, . . .	25	55	43		5	28	15		2	524	\$49 35	\$71 35
2. Fayetteville, . . .	25	94	95		4	76	15		7	934	168 55	189 95
3. Saline, . . .	46	100	88	7	4	46	26		18	1,520	343 40	395 25
4. Texarkana (in part) 31. Ass'ns estim'd,	6 728	16 .	30 .		1 .	20 .	10 .		7 .	295 33,843		
35. Associations, . . .	830	265	256	7	14	170	66		34	37,116	561 30	656 55

MISSOURI.

1. Bear Creek, . . .	21	67	41	7		80	12		18	1,206	\$147 85	\$171 45
2. Bethel, N. E., . . .	26	50	50	3		84	26		47	2,565	212 50	247 50
3. Bethel, S. E., . . .	15	18	6	12	4	8	10		15	730	12 50	33 95
4. Black River, . . .	22	147	76	8	9	37	26		21	1,014	95 05	118 25
5. Blue River, . . .	33	218	251	33	7	141	14	31	29	3,154	2,011 01	18,936 22
6. Butler, . . .	20	110	97	43	2	95	24		6	1,170	762 51	792 91
7. Cape Girardeau, . . .	13	34	11		14	26	6		8	502	155 25	1,169 35
8. Charleston, . . .	13	54	43	20	1	30	11		7	389	15 40	35 15
9. Franklin, . . .	24	129	47	1		47	20		25	1,290	161 97	192 82
10. Gentry, . . .	10	34	7	38		26	11		8	836		13 10
11. Greene County, . . .	27	66	61		11	72	35		13	1,654	506 35	1,908 65
12. Jefferson County, . . .	16	114	12	16	16	14	15		10	1,119		30 55
13. Lafayette and Johnson, . . .	29	221	103	7	2	144	32		16	2,136	370 44	397 54
14. Lamine, . . .	22	116	57	13		72	21		20	1,198	775 45	3,266 65
15. Lawrence County, . . .	22	104	61	13	3	50	35		12	1,231	194 05	776 35
16. Little Bonne Femme, . . .	41	183	96	21		106	20		42	3,452	231 65	278 65
17. Livingston County, . . .	10	18	11			22	14		7	720	241 85	258 60
18. Macon, . . .	25	69	44	5	4	57	32	6	20	1,548	133 61	153 91
19. Missouri Valley, . . .	18	85	22	9	1	50	12		18	1,882	5,252 46	7,479 46
20. Mount Moriah, . . .	12	60	40	15	1	23	10		7	711	251 18	271 23
21. Mount Pleasant, . . .	32	211	105		39	62	18		35	2,183		172 15
22. Mount Zion, . . .	20	51	26	5		46	7		24	1,329	1,607 40	5,242 90
23. Nevada, . . .	29	127	159	21	2	75	26		15	1,378	249 44	280 24
24. North Liberty, . . .	52	278	157	43	2	212	65		49	4,117	1,121 90	18,788 65
25. North Missouri, . . .	11	8	16	1	1	19	5		4	380	116 00	128 25
26. Northw't Missouri	24	118	58	63		67	49		8	1,375	481 75	4,024 55
27. Old Path, . . .	26	55	30		13	19	22		18	1,127	124 80	518 70
28. Pleasant Grove, . . .	15	71	12	20	9	24	9		12	879	221 13	243 18
29. Saline, . . .	23	187	128		16	133	46	23	26	1,905	492 05	10,191 41
30. Salt River, . . .	38	151	116	12	3	118	30		46	3,241	694 80	748 60
31. Shoal Creek, . . .	42	128	115	26		126	27		35	2,097	69 00	108 65
32. Smith Valley, . . .	12	17	14	1		13	2		8	402	97 75	115 80
33. Spring River, . . .	27	48	74	7		85	32		14	1,213	375 06	1,818 16
34. St. Francois, . . .	21	163	57	6	8	52	29		15	1,131	403 00	430 80
35. St. Joseph, . . .	24	146	64		5	80	29		19	1,880	1,463 75	1,493 65
36. St. Louis, . . .	11	32	74	4		63	37	42	19	1,187	1,930 34	17,104 65
37. Tebo, . . .	32	202	105		48	107	26		16	2,120		189 85
38. Wayne County, . . .	26	94	25	7	4	21	30		18	831		22 95
39. Webster, . . .	22	64	29	4		64	16		9	1,078	219 15	512 95
40. Wyaconda, . . .	20	238	70	12	12	105	13		29	2,458	834 80	870 80
41. Zion, . . .	16	37	14	16		15	13		10	737	256 15	277 30
24. Ass'ns estim'd, Non-associated,	346 30									17,168 2,000		
65. Associations, . . .	1327	4323	2584	512	237	2689	926	102	778	80,733	22,291 35	99,816 48

STATE ORGANIZATIONS, CONSTITUENTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

		PRESIDING OFFICER.	SECRETARY.	IN CHARGE OF MISSIONS.	NEXT MEETING.
Maryland.	Bap. Un. Associat' n.	F. H. Kerfoot, D. D., Baltimore.	C. P. Grady, Baltimore.	F. Wilson, D. D., Baltimore.	Baltimore, Oct. 23, 1883.
Virginia.	Gen'l Associat' n.	J. L. Burrows, D. D., Norfolk.	L. J. Haley, Buckners.	H. K. Ellyson, Richmond.	Norfolk, May 28, 1884.
W. Virginia.	Gen'l Associat' n.	J. B. Purinton, Morgantown.	W. F. Atkisson, Parkersburg.	L. W. Holden, Clarksburg.	Nov. 8, 1883.
N. Carolina.	State Convent' n.	D. C. Scarborough, Raleigh.	N. B. Broughton, Raleigh.	John E. Ray, Raleigh.	Edenton, Nov. 13, 1883.
	West' n Convent' n.	D. B. Nelson, Hendersonville.	W. T. Bradley, Morgan Hill.	John Mitchell, Asheville.	Enon, Oct. 18, 1883.
S. Carolina.	State Convent' n.	B. W. Edwards, Darlington.	Luther Broadus, Newberry.	R. H. Griffith, Greenville.	Charleston, Nov. 22, 1882.
Georgia.	State Convent' n.	P. H. Mell, D. D., Athens.	G. R. McCall, Griffin.	J. H. DeVotie, D. D., Atlanta.	Atlanta, Apr. 24, 1884.
Florida.	State Convent' n.	W. N. Chaudoin, Jacksonville.	Paul Willis, Monticello.	W. N. Chaudoin, Jacksonville.	— Dec. 6, 1883.
Alabama.	State Convent' n.	Jon. Haralson, Selma.	B. E. Davis, Montgomery.	T. M. Bailey, Marion.	Marion, July 11, 1883.
Mississippi.	State Convent' n.	W. H. Hardy, Meridian.	A. J. Miller, Crystal Springs.	Benj. Thigpen, Paulding.	Crystal Springs, July 11, 1883.
	S. E. Gen. Ass' n.	N. L. Clarke, Decatur.	Benj. Thigpen, Paulding.	Wm. C. Friley, Trenton.	Zion Hill, Smith Co., Oct. 27, 83.
Louisiana.	State Convent' n.	Wm. H. Jack, Natchitoches.	G. W. Hartsfield, Mansfield.	O. C. Pope, D. D., Houston.	San Antonio, Oct. 6, 1883.
Texas.	State Convent' n.	C. C. Chaplin, D. D., Dallas.	O. H. P. Garret, Brenham.	G. W. Pickett, D. D., Dallas.	Cleburne, July 20, 1883.
	Gen'l Associat' n.	R. C. Buckner, D. D., Dallas.	S. J. Anderson, Sulphur Springs.	G. W. Clark, Turnersville.	Carlton, Aug. 3, 1883.
Kentucky.	Central Convent' n.	P. B. Chandler, Gatesville.	J. G. O'Brien, Dublin.	J. W. Warden, D. D., Louisville.	Glasgow, May 21, 1884.
Tennessee.	Gen'l Associat' n.	Green Clay Smith, Louisville.	B. W. D. Seeley, Midway.	James Waters, Nashville.	Chattanooga, Nov. 8, 1883.
Arkansas.	State Convent' n.	M. Hillsman, D. D., Trenton.	Aug. Larcombe, Nashville.	W. A. Clark, Little Rock.	Fayetteville, Nov. 1, 1883.
Missouri.	Gen'l Associat' n.	J. P. Eagle, Lonoke.	J. B. Searcey, Annonver.	W. P. Yeaman, D. D., C' lmbia.	Trenton, Oct. 24, 1883.
		W. P. Yeaman, D. D., Columbia.	J. T. Williams, Paris.		

BENEVOLENT AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1882.

Maryland,	\$5,103 10	\$1,747 42	\$1,829 72	\$2,676 12	\$177 41	\$2,967 54	\$50 00	\$6,063 21	\$32,126 19	\$53,740 60
Virginia,	7,755 38	4,614 70	8,271 86	3,795 71	10,500 00	3,038 00	2,218 00	142,255 03	182,448 08	29,076 93
West Virginia,	2,610 33	. . . . .	131 12	. . . . .	378 50	1,039 97	. . . . .	. . . . .	24,917 01	11,342 03
North Carolina,	38,934 48	1,252 15	4,368 76	783 44	15,000 00	8,156 60	1,000 00	1,000 00	42,466 60	79,004 42
South Carolina,	8,021 45	4,506 47	6,300 15	2,378 32	2,555 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	55,033 03	34,841 63
Georgia,	15,183 50	5,025 66	6,109 95	2,048 42	2,800 00	1,200 00	473 84	. . . . .	. . . . .	2,555 88
Florida,	830 42	1,220 77	296 14	146 55	50 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	50,590 10
Alabama,	12,889 84	2,251 74	2,494 16	1,072 35	. . . . .	1,500 00	751 74	. . . . .	29,636 33	53,100 22
Mississippi,	734 22	734 22	3,601 48	244 10	1,559 39	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	37,399 07	41,352 95
Louisiana,	9,561 97	472 35	779 90	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	135,681 91
Texas,	24,510 88	2,335 40	5,611 35	543 95	6,500 00	2,305 25	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	16,840 42
Kentucky,	9,130 07	3,927 39	6,020 82	10,057 23	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	18,550 76	27,285 57
Tennessee,	5,075 01	619 57	2,284 23	185 90	229 35	. . . . .	340 15	. . . . .	. . . . .	424 35
Arkansas, . . . . .	. . . . .	131 80	292 55	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	17,989 12
Missouri,	23,267 77	457 85	4,335 14	269 35	53,000 00	461 25	36 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	99,816 18
Other sources, . . . . .	. . . . .	15,891 78	17,057 14	1,609 80	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	34,580 72
	162,890 94	45,195 27	70,984 47	26,411 24	92,749 65	21,091 61	4,869 73	7,063 21	536,235 05	967,513 17

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS, 1882.

	Associations . . .	Churches . . .	Ministers . . .	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.				Total	Colored Member-ship	Grand Total . . .
				Baptism . .	Letter . .	Relation .	Restored .	Letter . .	Excluded .	Erased . .	Died . . .			
Maryland	1	34	23	427	100	100	100	171	149	51	5,301	4,052	9,353	
Virginia	23	713	433	3,975	1,498	159	322	1,755	773	1,034	71,037	137,710	209,347	
West Virginia	13	412	220	1,482	494	82	108	620	447	321	26,768	1,327	28,095	
North Carolina	43	1,112	485	5,650	2,299	5	630	3,126	1,583	1,156	98,590	102,097	200,687	
South Carolina	27	664	317	3,338	1,836	28	282	2,004	768	678	59,039	96,341	149,380	
Georgia	55	1,766	1,027	5,493	3,740	17	467	4,302	1,175	885	113,454	119,542	232,996	
Florida	13	368	150	404	353	71	302	152	152	67	10,054	13,168	23,222	
Alabama	51	1,216	627	3,388	2,229	25	397	2,525	835	575	74,046	35,626	109,672	
Mississippi	40	987	956	4,025	1,517	3	299	1,743	630	482	67,429	60,228	133,157	
Louisiana	17	326	211	874	551	23	111	672	264	174	16,444	37,958	54,122	
Texas	64	1,393	750	4,051	4,306	70	411	3,723	1,204	512	68,379	41,817	110,735	
Kentucky	54	1,201	690	7,702	2,966	260	489	3,238	1,413	1,351	119,113	47,326	166,175	
Tennessee	33	999	690	3,737	1,554	86	291	1,995	708	682	78,200	26,389	104,123	
Arkansas	34	830	450	265	7	14	170	60	60	34	37,116	17,825	54,111	
Missouri	65	1,327	806	4,323	2,584	512	237	2,689	926	778	86,733	10,903	91,195	
	533	13,438	7,845	49,140	26,292	1,274	4,229	29,035	11,183	8,780	926,312	759,109	1,678,111	
Remaining States and Territories (Baptist Year-Book.)														
Total in United States														
Rest of the world (Baptist Year Book.)														
Grand total														

Remaining States and Territories (Baptist Year-Book.)

Total in United States

Rest of the world (Baptist Year Book.)

Grand total

HISTORICAL TABLE

Of the Southern Baptist Convention since its Organization.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Presidents.	Secretaries.	Preachers.
1845	Augusta, Ga.,	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.,	Jesse Hartwell, Ala.; James C. Crane, Va.,	Richard Fuller, Md.
1846	Richmond, Va.,	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.,	Jesse Hartwell, Ala.; James C. Crane, Va.,	W. B. Johnson, S. C.
1849	Charleston, S. C.,	Wm. B. Johnson, S. C.,	James C. Crane, Va.; Basil Manly, jr., Ala.,	J. B. Jeter, Va.; J. L. Reynolds, S. C.
1851	Nashville, Tenn.,	R. B. C. Howell, Va.,	James C. Crane, Va.; Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.,	R. B. Howell, Va.; S. Baker, Ky.
1853	Baltimore, Md.,	R. B. C. Howell, Va.,	H. K. Ellyson, Va.; Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.,	A. D. Sears, Ky.
1855	Montgomery, Ala.,	R. B. C. Howell, Va.,	Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.; James M. Watt, Ala.,	Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.
1857	Louisville, Ky.,	R. B. C. Howell, Va.,	Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Md.,	D. R. Campbell, Ky.
1859	Richmond, Va.,	Richard Fuller, Md.,	Wm. Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Va.,	Wm. H. McIntosh, Ala.
1861	Savannah, Ga.,	Richard Fuller, Md.,	George B. Taylor, Va.; Sylvanus Landrum, Ga.,	J. L. Burrows, Va.
1863	Augusta, Ga.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	George B. Taylor, Va.; W. Pope Yeaman, Ky.,	R. Fuller, Md.
1866	Russellville, Ky.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	A. Fuller Crane, Md.; A. P. Abell, Va.,	W. T. Brantly, Md.
1867	Memphis, Tenn.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	A. P. Abell, Va.; A. F. Crane, Md.,	T. F. Skinner, Tenn.
1868	Baltimore, Md.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	A. P. Abell, Va.; A. F. Crane, Md.,	E. T. Winkler, S. C.
1869	Macon, Ga.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	A. P. Abell, Va.; A. F. Crane, Md.,	J. L. Burrows, Va.
1870	Louisville, Ky.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	J. Russell Hawkins, Ky.; E. Calvin Williams, Md.,	William Williams, S. C.
1871	St. Louis, Mo.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Ala.,	J. W. M. Williams, Md.
1872	Kaleigh, N. C.,	James P. Boyce, S. C.,	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Ala.,	T. G. Jones, Tenn.
1873	Mobile, Ala.,	James P. Boyce, S. C.,	M. B. Wharton, Ky.; W. O. Tuggle, Ga.,	E. G. Taylor, La.
1874	Jefferson, Texas,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	G. R. McCall, Ga.; W. O. Tuggle, Ga.,	T. H. Pritchard, N. C.
1875	Charleston, S. C.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	W. O. Tuggle, Ga.; G. R. McCall, Ga.,	Geo. C. Lorimer, Mass.
1876	Richmond, Va.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	C. C. Biting, Va.; E. Calvin Williams, Md.,	Henry McDonald, Ky.
1877	New Orleans, La.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	O. F. Gregory, Ala.; W. E. Tanner, Va.,	B. H. Carroll, Texas.
1878	Nashville, Tenn.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	C. E. W. Dobbs, Ky.; W. E. Tanner, Va.,	J. C. Furman, S. C.
1879	Atlanta, Ga.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	C. E. W. Dobbs, Ky.; W. E. Tanner, Va.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.
1880	Lexington, Ky.,	James P. Boyce, Ky.,	C. E. W. Dobbs, Ky.; O. F. Gregory, S. C.,	S. Landrum, Ga.
1881	Columbus, Miss.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	Lansing Burrows, Ky.; O. F. Gregory, N. C.,	T. T. Eaton, Ky.
1882	Greenville, S. C.,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	Lansing Burrows, Ky.; O. F. Gregory, N. C.,	John A. Broadus, Ky.
1883	Waco, Texas,	P. H. Mell, Ga.,	Lansing Burrows, Ky.; O. F. Gregory, N. C.,	

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