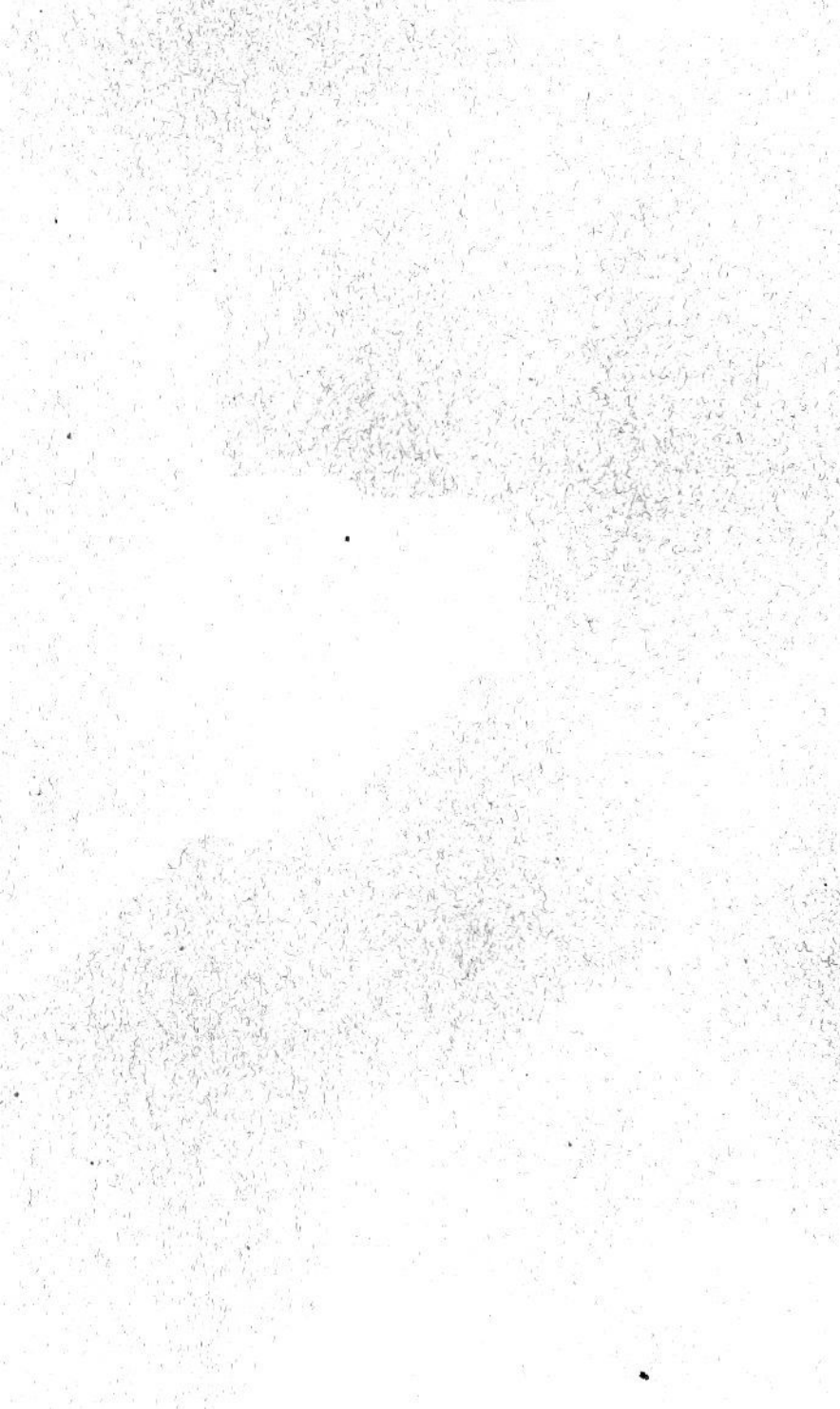


SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONVENTION,
1876.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

IN

RICHMOND, VA., May 11, 12, 13, 15, 1876.

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Preamble and 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 ; provided, however, that in case of great collateral societies, composed of representatives receiving contributions from different parts of the country, the ratio of representation shall be one delegate for every thousand dollars paid within the current year ; but the number of such representatives shall never exceed five.

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 shall 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 interests 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 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 the 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.

PROCEEDINGS.

RICHMOND, VA., Thursday, May 11th, 1876.

The Southern Baptist Convention met, by appointment, at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., at 10 o'clock, A. M., the President, James P. Boyce, in the chair. The hymn commencing "Come thou Fount of every blessing" was sung, the President read Psalms cxxv, cxxviii, cxxxiii, and Thomas Dawson led in prayer.

2. In the absence of the Secretaries, and on motion of A. C. Caperton, C. C. Bitting and O. F. Gregory were appointed Secretaries.

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

MARYLAND.

First Baptist Church, Baltimore—J. W. M. Williams, O. F. Flippo, D. D. Read, E. Calvin Williams, John A. McFadden.

Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore—J. Frank Brown, W. B. Davidson, D. K. Bayne, Samuel Saunders, George W. Beale.

Seventh Baptist Church Sunday School, Baltimore—Henry R. Crane.

Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore—Richard Fuller, Miles S. Read, Hiram Woods, Thomas M. Johnson, Joshua Levering, James R. Edmunds, B. B. Warren, Lewis Raymo, R. M. J. Harker.

Franklin Square Baptist Church, Baltimore—W. Judson Brown, Patterson Bayne, C. West, George F. Adams.

Lee Street Baptist Church, Baltimore—John Pollard, F. B. LaBarrer, Jas. Pollard.

High Street Baptist Church, Baltimore—J. T. Craig, B. G. Parker, Wm. Rogers, Charles Parker, Samuel W. Duval.

Broadway Baptist Church, Baltimore—A. J. Hires.

Rockville Church—W. Viers Bouic.

VIRGINIA.

C. C. Bitting, H. C. Burnett, A. Broaddus, S. C. Boston, A. Bagby, A. C. Barron, A. B. Brown, J. K. Bagby, J. L. M. Curry, J. L. Carroll, J. D. Coleman, C. R. Dick-

inson, W. F. Dunaway, T. S. Dunaway, N. K. Davis, J. F. Deans, T. T. Eaton, W. H. Gwathmey, J. R. Garlick, S. S. Gresham, W. E. Hatcher, H. H. Harris, J. B. Hutson, L. J. Haley, J. E. L. Holmes, R. D. Haymore, T. Hume Jr., J. E. Hutson, G. J. Hobday, J. Wm. Jones, R. Jones, W. H. Kirk, I. B. Lake, Charles Manly, W. A. Montgomery, James Nelson, G. H. Northam, A. E. Owen, B. Puryear, W. S. Penick, J. M. Pilcher, H. Petty, D. G. Potts, C. H. Ryland, Wm. Slate, C. T. Sutherland, Thomas W. Sydnor, H. A. Tupper, James Thomas Jr., J. B. Turpin, J. O. Turpin, Thomas Tabb, C. Tyree, W. D. Thomas, E. W. Warren, J. B. Watkins, John C. Williams, Edwin Wortham, W. H. Williams, G. F. Williams, D. A. Woodson, W. A. Whitescarver, D. B. Winfree, J. W. Ward, F. M. Latham, J. M. Garnett, H. H. Wyer, B. G. Manard, E. T. Fristoe, J. H. Cuthbert, J. W. Clark, W. H. Young, J. K. Faulkner, G. M. Gordon, A. B. Willingham, W. R. Vaughan, A. T. Scott, L. R. Dickinson, W. S. Bland, J. K. Speight, A. F. Davidson, J. T. Randolph, J. O. Kirk, R. W. Cridlin, W. G. Roane, Jesse Perkins, C. F. James, L. R. Chiles, T. H. Ellett, Alex'r Eubank, J. M. Butler, F. H. James, Fred. M. Wills, W. J. Shipman, Thomas J. Evans, W. D. Rice, K. B. Tupper, G. W. Garnett, T. B. Shepherd, A. Broaddus Jr., C. Quarles, John Hart, C. L. James, G. H. Snead, H. G. Crews, A. B. Smith, Joseph H. Gwathmey, J. B. Jeter, A. E. Dickinson, T. W. Lewis.

Charlottesville Baptist Church—R. H. Rawlings.

Second Baptist Church, Richmond—J. B. Winston, Jud. B. Wood, Thos. J. Starke, John F. Tanner, Henry K. Ellyson.

WEST VIRGINIA.

S. F. Taylor.

NORTH CAROLINA.

W. R. Gaultney, C. Durham, F. H. Jones, J. A. Stradley, F. R. Underwood, R. H. Marsh, S. F. Conrad, A. C. Dixon, J. B. Taylor, C. E. Taylor, G. W. Harman, J. B. Boone, J. M. Heck, V. P'Anson, E. Frost, J. C. Turner, E. Dodson, C. L. Wilson, G. R. French, J. M. French, T. H. Pritchard, M. T. Norris, C. T. Bailey, J. M. Cashon, J. F. Cashon, J. B. Richardson, T. J. Rooke, J. H. Vernon, S. O. Wilson, N. B. Kennedy, R. H. Griffith, W. S. Fontaine, A. F. Purefoy, M. M. Welch, L. C. Perkinson, A. D. Cohen, J. S. Bridgers, K. Thompson, A. B. Harriss, F. H. Ivey, J. B. Wilkinson, E. W. Manning.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

J. C. Furman, C. H. Toy, A. B. Woodfin, J. K. Mendenhall, A. W. Lamar, J. A. Chambliss, T. P. Smith, J. H. Dargan, R. N. Pratt, J. L. Vass, O. F. Gregory, W. C. Lindsay, L. Broaddus, J. C. Hudson, Julius C. Smith, J. S. Withers, L. C. Ezell, A. J. Dodamead, T. M. Golfin, Thomas Dawson, J. B. O'Bannon, T. S. Wilbur, J. G. McKissick, F. C. Jeter, J. B. Hartwell.

Greenville Baptist Church—J. C. Hiden, G. G. Wells, W. W. Sanders, W. T. Shumate, Samuel Stradley.

Chester Baptist Church—J. S. Harden.

Young Ladies Society of Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston—Zimmerman Davis.

Sunday School of Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston—Wm. Thayer.

Welsh Neck Association—W. H. Strickland, B. W. Edwards, R. W. Lide, John Stout.

Saluda Association—Joseph N. Brown.

GEORGIA.

State Convention—P. H. Mell, S. Boykin, A. Pope Abell, A. K. Seago, W. H. Davis, A. J. Beck, M. L. Duggan.

Georgia Association—L. R. L. Jennings, J. H. Kilpatrick, C. H. Strickland.

Baird's Church—J. R. Sanders.

ALABAMA.

W. H. McIntosh, J. O'B. Lowry, W. H. Williams, D. W. Gwin, C. B. Miller, E. T. Winkler, J. B. Lovelace, B. F. Riley.

MISSISSIPPI.

W. E. Berry, J. H. Eager, E. E. King.

Carrollton Baptist Church—H. F. Sproles.

LOUISIANA.

State Convention—George B. Eager.

TEXAS.

State Convention—G. B. Davis, J. W. D. Creath, J. B. Link.

First Baptist Church, Galveston—Wm. Howard, C. R. Breedlove.

General Association—W. O. Bailey.

MISSOURI.

M. J. Breaker, M. L. Bibb, J. P. Green.

FLORIDA.

J. H. Tomkies.

TENNESSEE.

General Association of East Tennessee—A. E. Rogers, O. C. Pope.

Central Church, Memphis—S. Landrum.

First Baptist Church, Nashville—T. G. Jones.

KENTUCKY.

J. P. Boyce, A. C. Caperton, C. E. W. Dobbs, Cad. Lewis, F. H. Kerfoot, John L. Smith, S. L. Helm, G. F. Bagby, J. M. Frost, Jr., G. S. Williams, John McIntosh, Joseph W. Warder, Z. T. Leavell, J. L. Burrows, Wm. Harris, W. M. Pratt, T. C. Stackhouse, Henry McDonald, T. G. Keen, H. F. Buckner, Wm. McComb.

Broadway Church, Louisville—J. B. Hawthorne.

4. The order of business being the election of officers, Z. Davis, J. E. L. Holmes and W. O. Bailey were appointed tellers for the election of President, and reported the election of James P. Boyce to the office of President of the Convention.

5. O. C. Pope, Wm. Harris and H. F. Sproles were appointed tellers for the election of Vice President, and reported the elec-

tion of P. H. Mell, J. L. M. Curry, Hiram Woods and S. Landrum, Vice Presidents of the Convention.

6. W. H. Williams, J. C. Green and F. L. Underwood were appointed tellers for the election of Secretaries, and reported the election of C. C. Bitting, and E. Calvin Williams, Secretaries of the Convention.

7. Pending the reports of tellers, the Convention engaged in devotional exercises, and R. Fuller, G. W. Samson, and Geo. C. Lorimer addressed the body.

8. On motion of J. W. M. Williams, an abstract of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary.

9. On motion of J. B. Jeter, the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor of the Foreign Mission Board were read by H. A. Tupper, when

10. On motion of C. C. Bitting,

RESOLVED, That appropriate parts of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board be referred to committees as follows: 1. On Bequests; 2. On Woman's Work; 3. On Treasurer's Report; 4. On Foreign Mission Journal; 5. On African Missions; 6. On China Missions; 7. On Italian Missions.

RESOLVED, That Foreign Missions be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock, A. M. on Friday; instead of the usual mass meeting.

11. On motion of T. T. Eaton,

RESOLVED, That Mell's Parliamentary Practice be the Rules of Order for this body.

RESOLVED, That committees be called upon to report in the order in which they are appointed by the President.

12. On motion of J. B. Watkins,

RESOLVED, That this Convention will hold only two sessions per day—one beginning at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., and closing at 2 o'clock, P. M.; the other beginning at 8:15 o'clock, P. M. and closing at pleasure, and that the time from 10:30, A. M. to 11 o'clock, A. M. of Friday, and thereafter from 11:30, A. M. to 12 o'clock, M. on subsequent days of the sessions, be devoted to devotional exercises.

13. On motion, a *Committee on Devotional Exercises* was appointed consisting of E. W. Warren, C. C. Bitting, W. E. Hatcher, J. R. Garlick, J. B. Hutson, J. M. Butler, G. F.

Williams, H. G. Crews, D. B. Winfree, T. T. Eaton and T. S. Dunaway, with instructions to report the name of a preacher of the Annual Sermon in the absence of the appointees of the last Convention.

14. On motion, visiting brethren not delegates were invited to seats, when the following named brethren reported :

New York—George W. Samson, Thomas Rambaut, R. S. Macarthur, S. T. Hillman, Smith Sheldon, W. H. Leavell, W. D. Wheeler, — McCully, L. Sykes. *Pennsylvania*.—John C. Long, Henry G. Weston, O. W. Spratt. *Vermont*—J. B. Farrar. *Ohio*—Duncan McGregor. *Washington*—C. C. Meador, W. M. Ingersoll, A. Rothwell. *Virginia*—W. W. Dabney, C. H. Corey. *Canada*—Thomas Howland, T. J. Porter.—*Massachusetts*.—Geo. C. Lorimer.

15. On motion, a *Committee on Time, Place and Preacher* for the next Convention was appointed, as follows: J. H. Kilpatrick, J. A. Chambliss, J. B. Link, W. D. Thomas, A. B. Brown, J. Wm. Jones, Z. T. Leavell, A. E. Rogers, C. B. Miller, S. W. Duvall, E. E. King, J. P. Green, C. T. Bailey, W. S. Fontaine, W. W. Sanders, T. M. Golfin, J. H. Tomkies.

16. The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented by the President and read by the Secretary, and, on motion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Wm. Thayer, Hiram Woods, J. C. Williams, J. B. Lovelace, J. M. Heck.

17. The *Committee on Devotional Exercises* reported the name of Geo. C. Lorimer, as preacher of the Annual Sermon in the absence of the appointees of the last Convention. Approved.

18. On motion adjourned. Prayer by H. F. Buckner.

THURSDAY, May 11, P. M.

19. The Convention met at 8 o'clock, P. M., when the Annual Sermon was preached by George C. Lorimer, from 1 Corinthians xiii, 13: "*The greatest of these is charity.*" After which

20. The Convention resumed business, the President in the

chair, and the Report of the Home Mission Board was read by W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary.

21. On motion of J. L. M. Curry

RESOLVED, That appropriate parts of the Report of the Home Mission Board be referred to the following named committees: viz., 1. On "Kind Words;" 2. On Indian Tribes; 3. On Report of the Treasurer; 4. On Policy of the Board.

22. On motion adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FRIDAY, May 12, A. M.

23. The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., the President in the chair. The hymn commencing "Sweet hour of prayer" was sung. Prayer by Thos. W. Sydnor.

24. The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

25. The President announced the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES.

Credentials of Delegates.—Henry R. Crane, Wm. D. Thomas, James B. Taylor, A. W. Lamar, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. O'B. Lowry, W. E. Berry, Geo. B. Eager, G. B. Davis, M. L. Bibb, C. E. W. Dobbs, A. E. Rogers, J. H. Tomkies.

On Bequests to Foreign Mission Board.—J. M. Heck, Joshua Levering, J. B. Taylor, B. W. Edwards, J. B. O'Bannon, W. H. Davis, A. K. Seago, Cad. Lewis, J. B. Link, T. Hume, Jr., W. A. Montgomery, T. W. Sydnor, J. T. Randolph, J. B. Boone, V. I'Anson.

On Woman's Work.—E. T. Winkler, J. A. Chambliss, J. M. Heck, C. H. Strickland, J. L. Vass, John Stout, J. H. Cuthbert, G. F. Bagby, T. C. Stackhouse, John Pollard, O. F. Flipppo, R. H. Marsh, R. H. Griffith, C. L. Wilson, T. T. Eaton, A. E. Owen, W. S. Penick, C. H. Ryland, J. B. Turpin, G. F. Williams, R. W. Crindlin, T. B. Shepherd.

On Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.—A. P. Abell, Thomas P. Smith, S. Landrum, J. E. L. Holmes, J. H. Vernon, A. F. Purefoy, A. J. Dodamead, W. T. Shumate, S. Stradley, A. E. Rogers, D. G. Potts, W. M. Pratt, John L. Smith, A. C. Caperton, Reuben Jones, A. Broaddus, J. O. Turpin, E. T. Fristoe, J. T. Randolph.

On Foreign Mission Journal.—Wm. Howard, J. M. Frost, Jr., R. N. Pratt, C. H. Toy, W. H. Strickland, O. F. Gregory, J. B. Boone, E. Dodson, A. D. Cohen, L. C. Perkinson, A. J. Beck, J. O'B. Lowry, J. B. Lovelace, D. D. Read, A. J. Hires, W. B. Davidson, Lewis Raymo, J. L. Carroll, Charles Manly, C. Tyree, D. A. Woodson.

On African Missions.—J. L. Burrows, J. W. Warder, T. H. Pritchard, T. W. Sydnor, O. F. Flippo, G. F. Adams, W. H. Davis, W. E. Berry, M. L. Bibb, J. C. Furman, J. K. Mendenhall, T. Dawson, R. W. Lide, A. C. Caperton, C. E. W. Dobbs, J. W. D. Creath, A. Broaddus, J. F. Deans, C. H. Ryland, D. B. Winfree.

On China Missions.—R. Fuller, H. McDonald, Cad. Lewis, T. G. Keen, A. B. Woodfin, J. B. Hartwell, W. C. Lindsay, L. C. Ezell, S. C. Boston, H. C. Burnett, A. Bagby, A. C. Barron, J. H. Eager, P. Bayne, J. R. Edmunds, J. Frank Brown, J. R. Sanders, W. R. Gualtney, C. Durham, F. H. Jones.

On Italian Missions.—J. L. M. Curry, T. G. Jones, D. W. Gwin, N. K. Davis, J. M. Pilcher, Jno. F. Tanner, H. H. Wyer, S. Boykin, M. L. Duggan, J. B. Hawthorne, F. H. Kerfoot, G. S. Williams, B. B. Warren, W. Judson Brown, A. C. Dixon, G. W. Harmon, V. P'Anson, E. Frost, J. H. Dargan, R. W. Sanders, L. Broaddus, J. C. Hudson, J. S. Withers.

On "Kind Words."—D. W. Gwin, J. H. Cuthbert, W. H. Davis, A. C. Caperton, T. G. Keen, John A. McFadden, H. R. Crane, J. Pollard, Z. Davis, A. J. Doda-meade, B. W. Edwards, W. H. Strickland, A. E. Rogers, G. B. Davis, J. B. Watkins, K. B. Tupper, B. G. Manard, I. B. Lake, S. Boykin, C. H. Strickland.

On Indian Tribes.—S. L. Helm, H. F. Buckner, Geo. B. Eager, J. D. Coleman, W. H. Gwathmey, W. F. Dunaway, J. R. Garlick, B. Puryear, S. F. Conrad, G. R. French, J. F. Caslion, M. B. Kennedy, W. H. Williams, A. K. Seago, Wm. McComb, J. McIntosh.

On Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.—H. K. Ellyson, J. B. Winston, Jno. F. Tanner, T. J. Starke, F. M. Latham, J. C. Smith, R. W. Lide, G. G. Wells, Z. Davis, T. S. Wilbur, G. R. French, H. C. Burnett, W. O. Bailey, C. B. Miller, A. K. Seago, J. R. Sanders, W. M. Pratt, T. C. Stackhouse, John. L. Smith.

On Policy of the Home Mission Board.—T. G. Jones, J. W. M. Williams, J. W. D. Creath, A. B. Brown, W. E. Hatcher, H. H. Harris, J. B. Hutson, G. J. Hobday, J. W. Warder, Cad. Lewis, T. G. Keen, C. West, F. B. La Barrer, S. Saunders, W. E. Berry, H. F. Sproles, J. M. French, J. B. Richardson, M. M. Welch, L. C. Perkinson.

26. On motion of J. B. Watkins, a Committee to Nominate New Boards was appointed, as follows:

To Nominate New Boards.—J. C. Furman, T. H. Pritchard, W. D. Thomas, Wm. Rogers, Jno. L. Smith, J. P. Green, S. Landrum, Geo. B. Eager, H. F. Sproles, J. O'B. Lowry, Wm. Howard, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. H. Tomkies.

27. On motion, leave was granted to the Committee on Woman's Mission Work to sit during the session of the Convention.

28. The time appointed for devotional exercises having arrived, J. B. Hawthorne presided, and in these exercises the following named brethren participated, viz., J. W. M. Williams, Wm. Howard, J. C. Furman and Henry McDonald.

29. The time for the Order of the day arriving, the President resumed the chair and Foreign Missions were considered; when, on motion of T. T. Eaton,

RESOLVED, That the encouraging results of the labors of the Foreign Mission Board, for the past year, should stimulate to renewed efforts and to enlarged operations.

Pending the adoption of this resolution, addresses were made by J. C. Hiden, J. W. M. Williams, J. L. M. Curry and J. L. Burrows.

30. On motion, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$116.91.

31 A resolution to *modify the Constitution of the Convention*, offered by W. A. Montgomery, and discussed by W. A. Montgomery, J. Wm. Jones, T. T. Eaton and W. D. Thomas: pending,

32. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by E. Dodson.

FRIDAY, May 12, P. M.

33. The Convention met at 8:15 o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair. Prayer by H. McDonald.

34. The resolution of W. A. Montgomery, pending at adjournment, was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That a committee of one from each state be appointed to consider what changes, if any, in our constitution or policy are needful to increase the efficiency of the Convention and bring it in closer sympathy with the denomination.

Committee.—W. A. Montgomery, E. T. Winkler, J. H. Tomkies, W. H. Davis, Geo. B. Eager, J. W. M. Williams, W. E. Berry, W. L. Bibb, R. H. Marsh, B. W. Edwards, T. G. Jones, J. W. D. Creath, J. W. Warder.

35. On motion of W. H. McIntosh, the subject of Home Missions was made the Order of the day for Saturday 12 o'clock, M.

36. The *Committee on Bequests* to the Foreign Mission Board reported by the chairman, J. M. Heck, and the report was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Bequests submit the following report, viz. By the last will of Mrs. Kate H. Friend, of Virginia, there was bequeathed to the Convention a property worth about one thousand dollars, which will be realized after the death of two life tenants. We recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED, That with gratitude we accept the bequest of Mrs. Friend, and commend to our brethren and sisters this example.

Your committee recommend that all the matters pertaining to the settlement of the interest of the Southern Baptist Convention in the estate of our deceased brother John Borders be referred to the President and Treasurer of this Convention, with instructions to take such measures as they may deem best, with power to employ counsel if necessary.

In regard to the legacy of our late brother Eugene Levering, your committee are gratified to be able to report that the \$300 deducted from the said legacy, as a United States succession tax, has been returned to the Convention—the law under which it was retained having been repealed prior to the time the will went into effect.

J. M. HECK, *Chairman*.

37. The Report of the *Committee on Foreign Mission Journal* was read by the Secretary and after discussion by A. C. Caperton, J. C. Hiden, H. A. Tupper, E. Dodson, T. G. Keen, J. W. M. Williams, S. L. Helm, J. L. Carroll, J. B. Jeter, B. W. Edwards, M. J. Breaker, E. T. Winkler, O. C. Pope, F. M. Wills, Wm. Thayer, John Pollard, A. Broaddus, Jr., W. A. Montgomery, W. H. McIntosh, W. Howard and T. T. Eaton, and amendment, was adopted as follows, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Foreign Mission Board as refers to the Foreign Mission Journal, beg leave to recommend for adoption by the Convention, the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in order to communicate, more fully and regularly, missionary information to our people, and to meet the wants of the Board in the more careful preservation of its records, the Foreign Mission Board be authorized, as early as practicable, to resume the publication of the Foreign Mission Journal, provided that the Home Mission Board have the privilege of using one-half of its columns on assuming one-half the expense.

38. On motion, the Convention adjourned. Prayer by S. L. Helm.

SATURDAY, May 13, A. M.

39. The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., the President in the chair. The hymn commencing "O for a thousand tongues to sing" was sung. The President read Psalm xvi, and prayer was led by Cornelius Tyree.

40. The minutes of Friday were read, corrected and approved.

41. The Report of the *Committee on Woman's Work* was read by E. T. Winkler, Chairman, and after discussion by Reuben Jones, was adopted, as follows:

The Committee upon Woman's Work in Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The necessity of employing female Bible readers in pagan lands has now come to be universally admitted. They alone can obtain free access to heathen families. And their peculiar gifts of mind and heart enable them to exercise the potent influence arising from personal sympathy, social tact and a gracious instinctive enthusiasm, upon the heathen mother and the heathen child. Pious women are fitted in a peculiar sense to be evangelists and the educators of the household. The policy of the Board will be to multiply this class of laborers at our various missionary stations. The success attending the labors of the few who are now engaged in this department of evangelic work has been most encouraging. Almost all the conversions of Chinese women reported to us during the past year have been traced to the agency of Bible women. In many of our churches female missionary societies have been organized for the support of female missionaries. Perhaps the largest group of these societies is in South Carolina, where they already number as many as sixty-eight, and have greatly increased the missionary contribution from that liberal State. Others of a similar sort exist in Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky, and, no doubt, in some additional States, but we are unable to report their number. It is desirable that they should be established in all. Female societies, co-operating in the general work of the Board, have, from the beginning, largely contributed to its revenues and successes, especially in the older States. But we doubt not that this specific object will awaken an interest in behalf of missions such as they have never cherished heretofore.

We think it would be a good plan to establish a female missionary society in every church, which all the ladies should be invited to join. A monthly meeting, encouraged by the pastor, and an annual meeting, with special services, would nourish its vitality. Contributions might be made either through the mite boxes which the Board furnishes, or by regular amounts or public contributions. The gatherings could be divided among the objects of the Convention. So far, however, as those objects were made specific, they would increase the interest of the society in the work.

Two enterprises have already enlisted the special zeal of our female workers at the South—the mission house at Tungchow and that at Canton. The amount neces-

sary for the construction of the former, known as the Moon House, has already been secured. That necessary for the erection of the mission house at Canton has been contributed with the exception of \$2,000, which it is expected that the ladies of South Carolina and Alabama will raise during the coming Conventional year.

In selecting other objects of Christian benevolence we would recommend to our female societies to correspond with Rev. Dr. Tupper, who will cheerfully assist them by information at his command, and, by his counsels, direct them to judicious and provident expenditures. Not a few of these societies might each be able to support a child in the mission school—the cost in China being not more than \$60. Others, either individually, or else by forming an alliance embracing the societies of a city or a district, might support a female missionary—the cost for a foreign Bible reader being not more than \$500 in China. An annual correspondence with the persons under the patronage of the society or alliance would stimulate benevolence by mutual acquaintance and friendship.

We throw out these practical suggestions, believing that, however fragmentary, they may encourage the formation of female missionary societies in our churches, and serve to give some definite directions to the labors of many which are now rising into existence.

E. T. WINKLER, *Chairman.*

42. On motion of John Stout, the *Committee on Nomination of New Boards* was authorized to consider the question of the locations of the Boards.

43. The Report of the *Committee on Indian Tribes* was read by S. L. Helm, Chairman, and after discussion by S. L. Helm, T. Dawson and H. F. Buckner, was adopted, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred this important work of our Home Mission Board beg leave to submit the following report:

This department of our missionary labors, hitherto so prosperous, has now reached a crisis which must be met, or our work must begin to recede from its present proud position.

Other tribes, among which may be mentioned the Delawares and Shawnees, are loudly calling for the Gospel. Shall we send it to them?

To refuse to enter this open door, and make other conquests for the Cross of Christ, would betray a weakness and lack of faith we could not well explain to the world nor to ourselves. To hesitate in a question of so much importance to the tribes which have already received the Gospel, and who are now glowing with its zeal to preach it in the regions beyond, would be painful and depressing to them. Not to follow up the brilliant victories already gained in this field of conflict for the truth, and push our lines into new and inviting fields, would betray a lack of faith, courage and enterprise discreditable to Southern Baptists.

Progress and success are great incentives to effort in any enterprise; and we should hesitate to lose such elements of power in this part of our field of Christian work.

To retain with firm hold the ground already occupied, and form a strong base of future operation among the Indian tribes, good schools are our imperative necessity. The history of civilization and religion have too plainly demonstrated the fact that without education they are always in danger from the assaults of error and infidelity, to require labored arguments in this report. We all feel the full force of this truth in our own country, as well as in foreign countries, where we have gone with the Gospel.

Our native preachers and converts among the Indians must be educated, if we expect to confer lasting benefits on these injured and wasted tribes of the forests and plains of our fair country. Hitherto nearly all the educational facilities enjoyed by them have been furnished by Pedobaptist denominations, while the Indians are essentially Baptist in sentiment. The great majority of converts among them are Baptists, and the majority of converted pupils in their schools are Baptists. We cannot hope to retain our hold on them much longer, and use the advantages thus gained, unless we enter the field and establish good schools.

The Creek nation has already enacted a law granting to the Baptists as much land as is necessary to conduct a school and farm, and seventy dollars (\$70) per annum for each pupil taught in it; and the Shawnees are arranging to make us similar offers. By actual experiment it has been demonstrated that by prudent and skillful management such schools, after a few years, become not only self-sustaining, but yield a good profit. The great obstacle in the way of beginning the enterprise is the lack of money to erect the buildings, furnish the farm, and sustain the school for a year or two. We deem this claim upon our Christian benevolence and enterprise worthy of serious consideration and active energies, and urge upon this body to inaugurate some special efforts by which this needed work may be done, the Gospel sent to other tribes, and yet not contract our work in the States, nor lessen the means necessary to support the demands nearer home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. HELM, *Chairman.*

44. Pending the motion to adopt this Report, on motion, the devotional exercises of the session were suspended.

45. On motion of T. G. Keen, all speeches hereafter made during the sessions of the Convention, except those at mass meetings, were ordered to be limited to ten minutes of time.

46. Hiram Woods, Vice President, in the chair; on motion of J. W. M. Williams, and after discussion by W. A. Montgomery, Henry McDonald, J. L. M. Curry and J. W. D. Creath,

RESOLVED, That the agency of the Home Mission Board is an imperative necessity to meet the present increasing wants of our people and of the Indian tribes.

Following the discussion of this resolution a collection was taken for Home Missions, amounting to \$102.04.

47. The Report of the *Committee on "Kind Words"* was read by D. W. Gwin, Chairman, and after discussion by S. Boykin, W. H. McIntosh, B. W. Edwards, O. C. Pope, J. B. Jeter, E. T. Winkler, T. T. Eaton, J. B. Boone and S. Landrum, the report pending, and the time for closing having arrived,

The Convention adjourned. Prayer by Geo. F. Adams.

SATURDAY, May 13, P. M.

48. The Convention met at 8:15 o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair. Prayer by A. B. Smith.

49. The pending business being the Report of the *Committee on "Kind Words,"* on motion of J. L. Burrows, the pending business was suspended.

50. On motion of J. L. Burrows, the subject of Education was made the special order for this hour, and the order limiting speeches to ten minutes of time was suspended during this discussion.

51. On motion of T. T. Eaton, this special order was suspended, and the following resolution offered by J. L. M. Curry, was referred to the *Committee to consider changes in the Constitution, viz.:*

RESOLVED, To strike out from ARTICLE XII of the Constitution the words "*a majority of the attending delegates shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.*"

52. The order of the hour recurring, Hiram Woods, Vice President, in the chair, addresses were made by James P. Boyce and E. T. Winkler, when, on motion of J. L. M. Curry,

RESOLVED, That the members of this Convention feel a deep interest in the cause of Theological Education as embodied in the plans and working of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

RESOLVED, That the early completion of the endowment of this Seminary is of great importance to almost every interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

RESOLVED, That we earnestly approve of the steps which its Board of Trustees are taking to secure this end, and warmly recommend to our brethren everywhere to contribute liberally and speedily for the attainment of this important end.

RESOLVED, That before the expiration of the year 1876 the whole amount required for the endowment ought, if possible, to be secured.

53. Resuming suspended business, the Report of the *Committee on "Kind Words"* was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on "Kind Words" report as follows: The paper has a *bona fide* circulation of about 112,000 copies per month. The number of subscribers to the weekly issue is 15,000, to the semi-monthly about 24,000, to the monthly about 4,000. Its combined circulation is, therefore, about 43,000 or 44,000, besides the 10,000 lesson papers issued every week. As an instructor in our Sabbath schools, by its weekly lessons; as a guide for the young in the principles and polity of our denomination, and as an agent in arousing a missionary spirit, and in giving information concerning the missionary operations of the Convention, it is exerting a great and widely extended influence for good.

Your committee heartily approve of the arrangement entered into by the Home Board with the firm of J. W. Burke & Co., of Macon, Ga., whereby that firm agrees to publish the paper in a satisfactory manner for the next five years, bearing all expenses and paying besides a royalty of \$800 per annum, in consideration of receiving the receipts for subscriptions. As this \$800 is a royalty to be applied in extinguishing the debt of the Home Board to the firm, amounting to \$4,774, the paper thus assumes its own indebtedness, gradually reduces it, and relieves the Board of the Convention to that extent. The columns of the paper, however, are to be strictly within the control of the editor lately re-elected by the Board, Rev. S. Boykin, and not at all under the control of the publishers. The excellent spirit and eminent capacity of Bro. Boykin are well known and strongly commend the paper to our patronage.

During the last two years the paper incurred no expense to the Convention on account of the arrangement effected with the publishers; neither did it make any profit. It may not be amiss to say that the paper has been and may still be the means of securing liberal donations to the two Boards of the Convention for missionary purposes, and thus make itself the agent for usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GWIN, *Chairman.*

54. The Report of the *Committee on Credentials* having been read by the Secretary of the Convention, and corrected, was adopted as hereinbefore recorded.

55. The Report of the *Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board* was read by T. P. Smith, Chairman, and adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Treasurer's Report of the Foreign Mission Board submit the following report: We find the report correct and duly audited. We congratulate the Convention on the efficient manner in which the financial affairs of the Board have been conducted. We are called upon to express our gratitude to God, as a Convention, for the large increase of contributions and of interest manifested in foreign missions.

THOS. P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

56. The Report of the *Committee on African Missions* was read by J. L. Burrows, Chairman, and discussed by Charles Manly, John Pollard, A. C. Barron, when, the Report pending,
57. On motion of J. Wm. Jones, adjourned. Prayer by T. G. Keen.

MONDAY, May 15, A. M.

58. The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., the President in the chair. The hymn commencing "Jesus, I love thy charming name," was sung. The President read Psalm cxv. Prayer by H. G. Crews.

59. On motion of J. H. Kilpatrick, the Secretary was instructed to omit the designations of the States after the names of delegates, in the body of the minutes.

60. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

61. On motion of B. G. Manard, and after discussion by C. C. Bitting, J. W. M. Williams, W. H. Davis, S. Landrum, E. T. Winkler, J. L. M. Curry and Richard Fuller,

RESOLVED, That the secretaries be instructed to have printed 2,500 copies of the Proceedings of the Convention, without advertisements, and that the Boards be instructed to pay the requisite expense in proportion to the receipts of each Board; and that, after reserving 300 copies for the next Convention and forwarding a copy to each member of the Convention who furnishes his address to the secretaries, the remainder to be sent to the Secretaries of the Boards, to be by them sent, expenses paid, to the various Conventions and General Associations connected with this body.

62. The pending *Report on African Missions* was adopted, as follows:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board as relates to *African Missions* beg leave to report:

That, in their judgment, the field stretching into the interior of Africa, from Lagos as a base, gives such auspicious promise as warrants the vigorous prosecution and enlargement of evangelizing agencies by the Board.

Especially would the committee recommend that judicious measures be taken by the Board to interest our colored Baptist churches in this mission, to encourage their co-operation in sustaining it, and to correspond with and commission any colored ministers who may give satisfactory evidence that they are called of the Lord and qualified for usefulness in missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BURROWS, *Chairman.*

63. E. W. Warren, in behalf of W. O. Tuggle, presented to the Convention a bound file of the minutes of the Convention for the years 1870-74.

And, on motion of E. T. Winkler, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to W. O. Tuggle for this donation.

64. The Report of the *Committee on Italian Missions* was read by N. K. Davis, Chairman, and, after discussion by Geo. W. Samson, was adopted, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board relating to *Italian Missions* begs leave to submit the following report :

There is cause for devout thankfulness to God that prosperity has attended our mission in Italy during the year; that we are holding seven stations where the pure Gospel is preached by eight earnest and devoted men of God; that in Rome a Baptist church is now planted and ministered to by our Brother G. B. Taylor and Signro Cocorda; that he, by his untiring labor and judicious management of the delicate and exceedingly difficult trust committed to him, has proved himself so eminently worthy of our Christian confidence and affection, and of our continuous and liberal support.

The work which has been done by the Foreign Mission Board during the past Conventional year receives our hearty and grateful approbation. Its immediate results and promising condition encourage us to greater exertions in its support, to larger projects and larger contributions. It is manifest from the facts now before us that the firm and fruitful establishment of Baptist churches in Italy is a work of far greater difficulty and magnitude than had been anticipated by the least hopeful among us. It is further manifest that we are too fully committed to this work to allow for hesitation or for any discouragement in view of these difficulties; and moreover, that our responsibility to God and our consciences is greatly increased by the withdrawal of the Missionary Union from this field, thus leaving the work of American Baptist missions in that great and needy State resting on the hands of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There seem to be two points calling for specific action, and your committee recommend that the Convention instruct its Foreign Mission Board :

1st. That in the Italian Mission there be no reduction of appropriations, but, on the contrary, great effort be made to enlarge evangelistic labor, as in the providence of God opportunities arise, and to increase the contributions for this purpose, and

2nd. That immediate measures be taken to double the present Rome Chapel Fund by specific contributions, within or beyond our bounds, as the Board may deem advisable; and that the Board be authorized to enter into any arrangements which in its judgment the demands of the field and the position of the Board may justify.

Your committee are of opinion that the Board acted wisely in not incurring debt in this matter; that, from a consideration of the facts, there is an urgent and immediate necessity for a permanent and eligible house of worship in Rome, to be the property of the Southern Baptist Convention; and that a sum less than \$40,000-

will not secure one favorably located, sufficiently commodious, and of reputable appearance.

The committee further recommend the passage of the following :

RESOLVED, That the Convention has heard with great satisfaction the statements of the President of the Foreign Mission Board respecting the present state of the mission in Italy as observed by him during his presence there, and respecting the fraternal conference held by him with our evangelists in Rome ; that we hereby most cordially respond to their Christian salutations, that we exhort them to be courageous in God and faithful, and that we pledge to them our heartfelt sympathy in their great difficulties, and our support to the Gospel in their hands.

N. K. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

65. The Report of the *Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention* was read by Wm. Thayer, Chairman, and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Report and Account Current of the Treasurer of the Convention beg leave to report—

The papers referred have had the attention of the committee, and they find the same to have been duly audited and attested by the Auditor of the Convention, Brother N. Long. The receipts by the Treasurer during the Conventional year aggregate \$5,917.50, from the following sources :

Bequests.....	\$4,965 00
Dividends	120 00
Sale of Stock of Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co....	600 00
Donation by Treasurer Norton.....	112 50
With cash balance per last report.....	120 00
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Making total cash amount.....	\$5,917 50

Of which there has been disbursed as follows :

Amounts paid Foreign Mission Board, by order of the Convention... ..	\$2,607 50
Amounts paid Home Mission Board, by order of the Convention	2,477 50
Incidental Expenses.....	2 00
Re-investment in \$1,500 Nashville & Decatur R. R. Stocks.....	712 50
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	5,799 50
Showing cash balance on hand May 4, 1876.....	\$118 00

Your committee find that the investment made some years since in Louisville & Nashville Railroad stock has not proved a paying investment, hence the sale and re-investment in Louisville & Decatur Railroad stock, which there is every reason, in the judgment of the Treasurer and the Auditor, to believe will regularly hereafter pay semi-annual dividends. In connection, your committee feel called upon to make mention of the liberality of Treasurer Norton, in that while the original investment in Louis-

ville & Nashville Railroad stock was not paying dividends, these have regularly been supplied and credited in account by Brother Norton; and also that in the investment as now reported, Brother Norton has further generously furnished the difference, \$112.50, necessary for the change and re-investment of stocks.

Your committee have also investigated the matter of amounts received under the bequest of John Borders, and in their judgment, from the terms of the will, the Treasurer was correct in receiving said amount and appropriating it as he has done: viz., two-thirds to Domestic Mission Board and one third to Foreign Mission Board.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the change of investment as made by Treasurer Norton with the sanction of Auditor Long, is hereby approved by the Convention.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered Treasurer Norton for furnishing the lapsed dividends on the non-paying stock of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., also for his liberality in furnishing the necessary difference requisite in change of investments.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer's action in receipt and disposal of the amount on the account of the bequest of John Borders is sustained by this body.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM THAYER, *Chairman.*

66. On motion of J. L. Carroll, the Report of the *Treasurer of the Convention* was ordered to be printed. [See Appendix C.]

67. The Report of the *Committee on the Policy of the Home Mission Board* was read by T. G. Jones, Chairman, and adopted as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the *Policy of the Home Mission Board* beg leave to submit the following:

They recommend, in view of the indebtedness of the Board, a continuance of its present policy of contraction in its operations, until it is relieved of that indebtedness.

Recognizing the vast importance of the thorough evangelization of our own beloved land, the committee deeply lament this necessity for contraction, and trust that it will not long exist.

The Board at Marion has, in our judgment, acted with wisdom and efficiency during the year just closed; and the committee are happy to say that there is reason to believe that, with the present efficient management of the affairs of the Board, the debt under which it has labored, already greatly reduced, will soon be entirely liquidated. In the meanwhile they bespeak for the Board the fervent sympathy and earnest support of all the churches, with liberal contributions to its funds.

T. G. JONES, *Chairman.*

68. The Report of the *Committee to Nominate New Boards* was read by J. C. Furman, and adopted as hereinbefore printed.

69. The Report of the *Committee on China Missions* was read by Richard Fuller, Chairman, and discussed by J. B. Hartwell,

70. When, the hour for devotional exercises having arrived, J. H. Cuthbert presided, and R. Fuller, D. D. Read and J. B. Jeter participated.

71. The President in the chair; the Report on *China Missions* was resumed, and after discussion by J. B. Jeter, was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the China Mission submit the subjoined report:

While this nation is celebrating the Centennial of her political freedom, and while the flags of every civilized people are floating in harmony over the area chosen for this grand epoch in our history, high upreared above all those banners the cross of Jesus ought to shine, streaming with light and victory; for to that cross we owe every blessing we enjoy, and the triumphs of that cross have been more glorious during the past century than during any four combined centuries since the days of the apostles.

Beloved brethren, the great commission given with the parting breath of our adorable Redeemer has been so often repeated, that it has almost lost its exigent power over our hearts. Had the churches been faithful to the most sacred trust ever confided, we believe, to created beings, how different at this moment would be the condition of this earth. Without unavailing lamentations over the past, let us make reparation by at once taking a new departure in this great enterprise. Let us settle this point, that what Jesus commands can be done, and shall be done, and that the gospel shall be given to all nations.

We all remember by what a peculiar dispensation China was opened to the gospel, and no field is more inviting, whether we consider the vastness of her population, the intelligence of the people, the absence of those deeply seated ecclesiastical prejudices which inflame the worst passions of corrupt superstitions and sanctities in lands called Christian, or the rapidly growing intercourse between our Pacific coast and eastern ports once hermetically sealed against all foreign influences; and nothing is wanted but what the apostle felt he needed; nothing but an increase of faith in our churches to furnish the men and the money for penetrating that country and diffusing the light of the gospel through all her provinces. This seems difficult, but we are girded to energy never by that which is easy, but always by that which is arduous. What limits can be set to the triumphs of a cause for the prosperity of which the succour of the Holy Spirit has been provided—and “all power in heaven and earth are given unto Jesus,” who says, “I am always with you?”

Brethren, let us consecrate ourselves afresh to this great work. Let our motto be, “*The gospel for the whole world, and the whole world for Jesus.*” To-day is well doing. To-morrow it will be well done. Christians, each of us must meet crosses and difficulties here; but yonder stands Jesus, holding in his hand a crown of massy gold, waiting to put it upon your head amidst the acclamations of saints and angels.

RICHARD FULLER, *Chairman.*

72. On motion of John Pollard, and after discussion by J. Wm. Jones, and E. T. Winkler,

RESOLVED, 1. That we recognize in the series of articles lately published in the various papers of our denomination over the signature of "T," on the History of our Foreign Missions and Foreign Missionaries, an efficient means of extending missionary intelligence among our churches, and of arousing a more general and lively interest in the work of evangelization in heathen lands.

RESOLVED, 2. That we hereby express our deep conviction that said articles should be put into a more convenient and durable form, and our earnest wish that an arrangement to this end be at once made.

RESOLVED, 3. That we hereby pledge ourselves to aid, to the full extent of our ability, in the general circulation of these articles, should it be practicable to carry out the idea expressed in the second resolution.

73. On motion of Charles Manly, the Report of the *Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board* was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Convention. [See Appendix A.]

74. On motion of J. L. Burrows, G. W. Norton was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

75. On motion of S. Landrum, N. Long was re-elected Auditor for the Convention.

76. The report of the Committee on the *Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board*, was read by Henry K. Ellyson, Chairman, and after discussion by D. W. Gwin, A. B. Brown, Wm. Howard, J. W. D. Creath, A. C. Caperton, Cad. Lewis, T. G. Keen, H. F. Buckner, E. W. Warren, Charles Manly, C. C. Bitting, H. K. Ellyson, S. L. Helm, T. T. Eaton, and J. C. Furman, when, the Report pending,

77. On motion of J. Wm. Jones, the order to adjourn at 2 o'clock was suspended.

78. The discussion being resumed, the Report was further discussed by W. H. McIntosh, when, the Report pending,

79. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by John C. Long.

MONDAY, May 15, P. M.

80. The Convention met at 8:15 o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair. Prayer by J. B. Hartwell.

81. The Report of the *Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board* pending, after discussion by B. W. Edwards, H. K. Ellyson, W. H. Davis, J. W. M. Williams, J. B. Jeter, Wm. Thayer, J. B. Lovelace, H. F. Buckner, Wm. Howard and S. L. Helm, the Report was adopted, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred *The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board* find that the receipts for the general work of the Board during the past year amounted to \$16,831.74, exclusive of \$2,287.50 from the Levering legacy, which goes to the permanent fund. The expenditures for missionaries' salaries were \$6,459.27, of which \$4,236.08 was on account of the old debt to them, and \$1,923.19 for the current year. Paid for agents, district secretaries, and their traveling expenses, \$3,955.92; for the salaries and traveling expenses of the Corresponding Secretaries, \$3,390.26; for necessary office expenses, \$289.71; on account of the old debt of the Sunday School Board, \$1,339.76; and on account of old debt of the Home Board, \$1,423.96.

There is a marked disproportion between the receipts of the Board and the amount paid for the salaries and traveling expenses of Secretaries and agents, being as \$16,831 to \$7,346, or costing nearly 44 per cent. of the whole collections. And the cost of collections by agents is over 53 per cent. of what is received through them.

We do not call attention to these unpleasant facts for the purpose of censuring the Board, but to impress upon the Convention the importance of adopting measures to reduce the cost of gathering the offerings of God's people to a minimum far below what is now paid to place them in the treasury. An imperative necessity exists for radical changes in our methods of securing contributions for this department of your work; for it is certain that if this excessive discount is not stopped, the benevolence of our churches in this direction, limited though it now is, will be still further checked if not entirely suspended. It ought to be said in this connection that a certain amount of machinery, as it is called, is indispensable in conducting a grand Christian enterprise like that assigned to the Home Board, extending over so vast a territory and relying for the means to support it upon a people not yet trained to systematic giving. Little more machinery would be needed to superintend a work requiring an annual expenditure of \$50,000 than one of \$20,000. If the churches had given the Home Board twice as much last year, the per centage of expense to income would have been materially reduced. So also it must not be forgotten that the district secretaries and agents of the Board are constantly engaged in preaching the Gospel and in doing a large amount of other missionary work, and a considerable part of their salaries might be properly charged to the fund for the support of missionaries. We mention too, with pleasure, that the salaries of the Corresponding Secretary and agents have

been reduced so as to make an annual saving hereafter of \$1,300. Notwithstanding all these palliating circumstances, it is still painfully true that we are paying too much to place the gifts of the churches into the treasury of the Home Board.

But it is much easier to point out the defects of the present plan of operations than to find a remedy for them. Your committee are sorely perplexed to know what action to recommend to the Convention. It is known that dissatisfaction has existed for several years among many of the former most liberal supporters of this Board, growing out of the supposed expensive administration of its affairs, and while your committee do not express any opinion as to the reasonableness of such complaints, they feel that the facts they are constrained to bring to your notice in this report will not lessen them. Can we hope to raise, by our present system, a sum large enough to change the great disproportion between income and expense? We fear not. Confidence has been impaired, and it must be restored before the income can be materially increased. Some changes have already been made by the Board which will tend to this result. If you discharge all agents, and resolve to rely solely on your able and universally beloved Corresponding Secretary, and on the Baptist press and pastors of the South, we shall save at once \$4,000 per annum of apparent expense, and what may prove to be of real expense, too, if as large an amount of net contributions is paid to the treasurer without these agents as is now realized with their aid. Your committee are almost ready to recommend that the experiment be tried the coming year. We would be quite prepared to do so if we were sure that the members of the Convention would pledge themselves to become the active volunteer agents of the Board in their churches, district associations, and State conventions, not by simply passing a formal resolution to that effect, but by personal pledges to the Board in open meeting of the Convention. From these volunteer agents, and from others not present whose services may be secured, the Corresponding Secretary might organize agencies in the State conventions and district associations which would raise a larger income for the Board, without cost, than is now collected by paid agents. Some States, as Virginia and Georgia, and perhaps others, now have organizations which may be made effective co-laborers of the Home Board within their boundaries; and when it becomes known that it is the settled policy of the Board to dispense with all paid agents, and to rely upon the volunteer services of the brethren, similar co-operative organizations will soon be formed in all the States.

With the view of ascertaining whether the members of the Convention are willing to undertake this service for the Board, we offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the members of this Convention be requested to offer their services to the Home Mission Board as volunteer agents in their churches, district associations and State Conventions, to present to them the work and wants of the Board, and to secure contributions for its treasury.

If this resolution be carried into effect, then the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Home Mission Board, as soon as it may be done without violating existing contracts, discharge all paid agents and district secretaries, except in States where they find it impracticable to secure efficient voluntary agents.

Your committee further report that the debt of the Board has been reduced to \$6,483.44.

INDEBTEDNESS TO MISSIONARIES IN VARIOUS STATES.

Georgia.....	\$585 10
Alabama.....	788 12
Louisiana.....	169 48
Mississippi.....	153 80
North Carolina.....	113 50
Arkansas.....	531 87
Florida.....	133 00
Virginia.....	192 49
Tennessee.....	975 30
South Carolina.....	60 00
Indian Territory.....	1722 73
Creek Orphans' School, Indian territory.....	604 80
Texas.....	73 00
	<u>\$6103 19</u>

LIST OF INDIAN MISSIONARIES, AND AMOUNT DUE EACH.

Peter Fulson.....	\$339 25
Simon Hancock.....	25 00
Lewis Cass.....	40 00
W. Kunard.....	75 00
Geo. Cockrum, deceased.....	154 95
Chilly McIntosh.....	63 00
H. F. Buckner.....	591 43
Jos. Heney.....	75 00
A. Porter.....	75 00
Willis Burns.....	284 10
	<u>\$1722 73</u>

Besides this, a balance will be due to J. W. Burke & Co. at the end of the five years for which a contract has been entered into with them, but which it is hoped will be paid without any draft upon the treasury. The debt of \$6,483 must be paid before the Board can be expected to resume in full its missionary work, and we earnestly urge the friends of this cause to make immediate provision for its payment.

We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to charge off his books the four notes mentioned in his report as belonging to the permanent fund amounting to \$2675, and which are believed to be worthless. They were donations made to the Board some years ago, and at the time they were given were considered good. We also recommend that the Board be instructed to invest the small balance of \$38.87 of the Levering legacy in some safe interest bearing security.

H. K. ELLYSON, *Chairman.*

82. On motion of J. L. Carroll, the *Report of the Home Mission Board* was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Convention. [See appendix B.]

83. The Report of the *Committee on the Re-organization of the Convention* was read by W. A. Montgomery, Chairman, and, on motion, the Report was ordered to be printed for the consideration of the next Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the *Re-organization of the Convention*, report that, after mature deliberation, they recommend for the present only the following changes in the Constitution, viz :

In ARTICLE XII strike out the words "*a majority*," and insert the words "*one-third*."

Strike out ARTICLE XIII, and insert

XIII. In voting upon any matter before the Convention, the delegates of each State shall be authorized to cast the entire vote to which their States are respectively entitled, whenever three delegates from different States shall unite in a call for such vote.

XIV. The Constitution may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the attending delegates when such amendment shall have been proposed at a preceding session, and published in the Minutes for the consideration of the constituents of the Convention.

84. The Report of the *Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next Convention* was read by J. H. Kilpatrick, Chairman, and after discussion by Wm. Howard, Cad. Lewis, Geo. B. Eager, T. T. Eaton, W. H. McIntosh, E. T. Winkler, W. H. Davis, S. Landrum, C. E. W. Dobbs, J. B. Jeter and J. L. Burrows, the Report was amended and adopted, as follows:

That the next session of this Convention be held with the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1877; and that H. McDonald preach the Convention sermon, and W. E. Hatcher be the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KILPATRICK, *Chairman.*

85. On motion of H. H. Wyer,

RESOLVED, That the necessary expenses of the Secretaries in the discharge of the duties pertaining to their office shall be paid in equal parts by the two Boards of this Convention.

86. On Motion of J. L. M. Curry,

RESOLVED, That the President appoint eight brethren to attend the anniversaries of the Societies of our Northern brethren, soon to meet at Buffalo, New York, and to bear those Societies our fraternal salutations.

The President appointed E. T. Winkler, J. A. Broadus, W. M. Pratt, H. McDonald, Wm. Howard, A. E. Dickinson, T. C. Stackhouse, and W. H. Williams.

87. On motion of Zimmerman Davis,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Convention are cordially extended to the members and congregations of the First and other Baptist churches and to those citizens of Richmond who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Convention during its session. Also to the various railroad and steamboat companies which have given reduced rates of transportation to persons attending this meeting; and to the churches and press of Richmond for courtesies extended.

88. A motion to adjourn pending, the minutes of this day were read and approved; the hymn commencing "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung; J. B. Jeter led in prayer; the President addressed parting words to the body, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES P. BOYCE, *President*.

C. C. BITTING,
E. CALVIN WILLIAMS, } *Secretaries*.

MEMORANDA.

Post Office Addresses. PRESIDENT, Rev. James P. Boyce, D. D., LL. D., Louisville, Kentucky.

SECRETARIES, Rev. C. C. Bitting, D. D., Richmond, Virginia; E. Calvin Williams, Esq., Baltimore, Maryland.

The next meeting of the Convention is appointed with the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 10th, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. Henry McDonald, of Kentucky, to preach the Annual Sermon, Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., of Virginia, alternate.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath unto the Southern Baptist Convention, formed in Augusta, Georgia, in the month of May, 1845, and chartered by the Legislature of the State of Georgia by an act passed and approved December 27, 1845, [here insert the amount, if in money, or "subject," if other property, either real or personal,] for Foreign Missions, or Domestic Missions, [as the case may be.]

APPENDIX.

A.

*THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.*

Closing a year of almost unprecedented monetary depression in our country, the Board feel that in the good Providence which has enabled them, by dint of severe toil and aid of generous friends, to supply the pressing necessities of our work, there is new occasion to thank God and take courage, and to rely in the future more implicitly on Him who has said to His people engaged in gospeling the nations: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

BEQUESTS.

The late Mrs. Kate H. Friend, of Virginia, has made a bequest worth something over a thousand dollars, to the Southern Baptist Convention, which interest cannot be realized by the Convention until after the death of two life tenants. This fund is under the control of the court in the friendly suit of Murchie against the Southern Baptist Convention, &c., in the Circuit court of Chesterfield county, Va.

The Board have received from the Treasurer of the Convention \$130 from the estate of the late John Borders, of Alabama. James Crook, Esq., attorney at law, of Jacksonville, Ala., writes to the Board:

"I find that there is a considerable amount of stock in the Georgia State Road belonging to this estate. * * * If the stock is sold, as the will directs, * * * it will involve the Southern Baptist Convention in a loss or sacrifice. Could not the Convention reconcile, with its interest, the accepting and receipting for one-tenth of this stock?"

The Treasurer of the Convention has also paid to the Board \$2,287.50, as the net proceeds of the \$2,500 devised by the late Eugene Levering, Esq., of Maryland, to the Convention for Foreign Missions. The amount has been appropriated, as authorized by the Convention, to the Canton residence.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Our Christian women of Georgia and Virginia have contributed \$2,491.60 for the Moon-house in Tung Chow; and the ladies of South Carolina \$1,343.41 for the Missionary House at Canton. Our sisters of other States have aided these objects, and done nobly for the general work. Let the Convention give an emphatic "God speed" to these praise-worthy workers for Jesus, and commend to their consideration

the multiplication of missionary societies, and their more thorough organization, with the view of prosecuting the grand work of woman's salvation among the heathen."

It is stated that "the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies of this country contributed last year \$860,000 to foreign missions."

CANTON RESIDENCE.

The amount raised for this house is \$8,726.47. Great difficulty has been found in securing a suitable location. The question, whether there shall be a double residence or two residences, has been submitted for decision to the missionaries. The expenditure, however, has been limited to ten thousand dollars.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reports the receipt of, say \$45,000.00. This sum is some \$13,000 above the average collections—exclusive of the Rome Chapel fund—of the three past years; and some \$23,000, or nearly one hundred per cent., above the average of the six years previous. Last year the Board reported a debt to the Bank of Commerce of \$2,218.64, and anticipated drafts amounting to some \$8,000 or \$9,000. These obligations have been met, as well as the extraordinary expenditures of some \$4,600 for building purposes in Tung Chow and Canton, and some \$1,500 for the return to this country of brother and sister Hartwell. Thus are explained the heavy disbursements to the Canton and Shantung Missions. As an offset against these large payments to China in the two last years, must be considered of course, the property there, in which, from these disbursements, have been invested some \$8,000 or \$10,000. The Rome Chapel fund, which is held by the Treasurer in United States 5-20 securities, to the value of \$21,794.88, has yielded \$1,245.80 interest, out of which the rent at Rome, not only of the New Locale, but also of the Trastavere station, has been paid, amounting in all to \$1,100.

The five thousand dollars, credited to bills payable, were obtained, according to the direction of the Convention on page 83 of the proceedings of 1875. It is hoped that the amount will be promptly returned by the churches, whose liberality has made the year just closed, upon the whole, the most successful, in a pecuniary point of view, since the close of the war.

MISSIONARY PAPER.

Many active workers for our cause, especially pastors who maintain the monthly concert of prayer for missions, missionary societies, and committees in co-operation with our Board, and other representatives of our work, who are expected to give information to and excite interest among the people, express the need of fuller and more regular intelligence with regard to our missionaries and their missions. The Board also feel the lack of an organ in which the records of their work may be more fully printed and more conveniently preserved. The question therefore recurs for consideration, whether the *Foreign Mission Journal* might not be resumed with advantage?

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Foreign missionaries, 2; native assistants, 3; churches, 3; baptized, 26; total membership, 58.

Movements of our Missionaries. Last year the Board reported the arrival in Africa of our missionaries, Rev. W. J. David and W. W. Colley. Brother David visited the Vey people, living northward from Liberia, and was impressed with the favorable opening for missionary effort. He baptized two persons. Remaining awhile

in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, he, according to the instruction of the Board, sailed June 21st for Lagos, and entered Yoruba, the field from which our missionaries were driven many years ago. Satisfied of the good prospect of renewing our labors in that country, he returned to Monrovia, settled all accounts, and closed the Liberian Mission, and with brother Colley went back to Lagos. They arrived October the 14th, 1875. Brother David wrote:

"Brother Colley and I are pleased that we are to go to Lagos and Yoruba, instead of Liberia, as our *hearts* have been there all the while. Lagos and its environs number some 65,000 inhabitants. It is called the 'Liverpool of Western Africa,' and is becoming one of the most healthful towns on the coast. Yoruba is a vast and promising field. It is believed that more than 3,000,000 of people speak the Yoruban language."

Health of Missionaries. Under date of December 3d, brother Colley wrote from Lagos:

"My first spell of fever was the 15th of May. I have been able to work only at intervals. Since our arrival here I have had four attacks. Brother David does not suffer much from fever."

Recently brother David has been attacked with dysentery, occasioned by the use of improper food.

First Reception at Lagos. From a letter of brother David, of September 8th, we make the following excerpts:

"Soon after I went ashore I was visited by some forty five of our members—some from the interior. I do not think I ever saw people so rejoiced. Immediately they had a meeting in their Bamboo chapel to thank God, who had answered their prayers. It was a mutual thanksgiving. Though we did not understand each others language, except through an interpreter, our Heavenly Father knew our hearts. I baptized three candidates. Others applied, but I advised them to await my return."

Churches of the Interior. "I reached Abbeokuta, a city of about 175,000 souls, July 12th, and was cordially received by the King and elders. I found there sixteen of our members. I heard directly from Ogbomashaw, where there are some eighteen more, who do not neglect 'the assembling of themselves together,' besides several converts. These brethren have often travelled twelve days journey to Lagos to enquire if 'God's men had yet come.'"

Truly, the labors of our former missionaries are not lost.

"I had permission to go to Ogbomashaw, but returned to Lagos after spending nine days in Abbeokuta. The head men were quite anxious that I should make my home there. They would say 'the wicked men who drove away the missionaries are dead. White men can come and live among us in peace.'"

Organization of Lagos Church. From Lagos brother Colley wrote March 7, 1876:

"On January 1 we organized the church here with twenty-four members, and the next day baptized twenty into the church. We have three young men with us—one an interpreter; another training for usefulness; and the third the son of our late missionary, Mr. Harden."

As the chapel was in a dilapidated state, for the repairs of which brother David asks an appropriation, a house was secured at £75 per annum, "which," writes brother David, "has a hall as large as our chapel, where we hold night services, and preach and teach when it rains."

Another Man Needed. Brother David writes; "I hope the Board will send out another man, that Lagos, Abbeokuta and Ogbomashaw may each be occupied."

Brother Colley says :

"I hope the colored brethren will begin their work in Africa this year, either by sending a man or supporting one in the field. This is *their* field of labor. I ask when will they obey their Saviour's commission? Now is the time for the churches to offer their *centennial* sacrifice to God, by sending the 'Bread of Life' to the heathen of Africa."

Brother David's appeal to the "colored churches of the South" is attracting attention. The Colored Baptist Convention will meet soon in a neighboring city. By God's blessing, and our encouragement, may our brethren be aroused to a keener sense of their responsibility, and to a full share of their labor in giving the gospel to the land of their Fathers!

Longing for and Longing in the Interior. In a letter just received by the Board, brother Colley says :

"We have been exceedingly anxious to reach the interior stations before the rains. Now they have commenced. We have the work here as properly arranged as we can get it for the present. We have just this moment talked with members from Abbeokuta, who have information from places beyond. They want to know *when are we coming to their towns to preach Christ?* Such cries come with almost every man and woman who comes from the interior."

CHINA MISSIONS.

Foreign missionaries, 15; ordained native pastors, 2; native assistants, 15; out-stations, 6; churches, 5; baptisms, 37; membership, 350.

CHEFOO.

The station at this city of the Shantung province, where Rev. J. B. Hartwell made his residence, has been closed since brother Hartwell's return to this country. Should our brother be permitted, by the restored health of his wife, to go back to China, he will probably make his home at *Chi-nan-foo*, to which city our reports of several years have stated that his mind and heart were earnestly directed, as one of the most important fields of China for missionary labor.

Brother and Sister Hartwell. Sister Hartwell is under medical treatment in Baltimore. Brother Hartwell is doing good service by visiting the churches, and pleading for the perishing nations. Dark as the Providence seemed, which forced him from his loved work in the East, it may prove to be only a blessing in disguise.

TUNG CHOW.

There are two stations in this city of the Shantung province—the North Street Church and the Monument Street Church. For apparently good reasons, the Board deemed a consolidation advisable. After a conference between the churches, at which Rev. M. T. Yates, of Shanghai, presided, the unification was found to be impracticable, if not, under all the circumstances, undesirable.

The North Street Church is composed of native members, and is attempting to be self-sustaining. Rev. *Woo* is pastor; but brother Hartwell, though living in Chefoo, kept an advisory relation to it, and aided it by his constant counsels and occasional presence. The church has written a strong letter to the Board, on China churches being independent of foreigners, while there should be all sympathy and affection and co-operation between the races. A school is attached to this church, and also an out-station.

Brother Hartwell is expected to be at the Convention. The body will no doubt be pleased to have, from his own lips, some account of mission work in China.

Of the Monument Street Church Rev. T. P. Crawford is pastor. Mrs. Holmes and the Misses Moon are connected with this station. The house-fund, \$2,518.46, raised for the Misses Moon, is to establish a boarding-school. The following is brother Crawford's report for 1875:

General view. The health of all our missionaries, except Miss Eddie Moon, has been more than ordinarily good. Means sufficient for all our wants have been furnished by the Board, and we have every reason for gratitude and praise. Every department of our work has been kept in full vigor throughout the year, and all appointments, both in the city and country, sustained without special interruption. Much seed, on old and new, good and bad ground, has been sown. God's word never returns unto Him void. The results cannot be reduced to figures.

Country Work. The ladies, besides their daily work in their schools, and in the city, have visited about 200 villages, varying from one to twenty-five miles from this place, thus: Mrs. Crawford, 131; Mrs. Holmes, 128; Miss Lottie Moon, 88; Miss Eddie Moon, 30.

Statistics. The statistics of the church are as follows: Died, 1; excluded, 4; baptized 6—two of them pupils of Mrs. Holmes' girl school—total, 58; with a few enquirers.

Mrs. Crawford's boy boarding-school has averaged 18 pupils; Mrs. Holmes' girl boarding-school, 15; Miss Eddie Moon's little boys' day-school, 10; The Sunday-school about 60.

Congregations and Laborers. Congregations in the large chapel are still rather floating and uncertain. The people having no church-going habit or ability to listen to a public discourse, it is exceedingly difficult to build up an orderly congregation. We have no paid native assistants.

Prospects. We enter the new year with the same hardened heathen world before us, and the same work to be done over and over again. With confidence in the protection of God, the power of the gospel, the support of the Board and the churches of Christ, we shall continue to batter these ramparts of sin and Satan. Thanking the Board for their aid and generous sympathies, I pray for the blessing of God on all his faithful people."

SHANGHAI MISSION.

REPORT OF REV. M. T. YATES.

Christ above Cæsar. In December, I resigned my office as Vice Consul General. On the death of Mr. Avery—the Consul General—Mr. George T. Seward was appointed minister to Peking, and the Vice Consul General was instructed by the Secretary of State to take charge of the Consulate General. This I could not do without giving up my missionary work—my life work. I do not think that any office in the gift of the government, or of the people, would induce me to do that, while I am able to preach and to translate. I resigned, therefore, the honor and the emolument.

Restored. I am happy to say that my voice seems quite restored. I have, for several months, been able to preach regularly, and labor hard on a revision of Matthew's gospel, in the spoken language of the people of this plain—a dialect spoken by about forty millions. The apparent injury was no more than fatigue for a day after preaching.

The School and the Church. The year's labor has, on the whole, been very satisfactory. I have been enabled to remain at my post of duty; and consequently have built Mrs. Yates a school house, where, in addition to her day school, in which she is doing good service, she meets the women for Bible lessons, &c.

The Tsing-way Dong (Chapel) was completed and dedicated in February. Since that time there has been more than ordinary interest in our direct missionary work.

The congregations at the new church have been large and quite regular—three times each week.

Rev. Wong-Ping-San has preached well. He is a good teacher, but deficient as a pastor.

Statistics. We have, during the year, added to our number by experience and baptism, 20; dismissed by letter, 2; excommunicated, 1 male; lost by death, 3; present membership, 72—males, 31; females, 41; one candidate for baptism. We have under instruction several cases of interest.

Native Assistants. Brother *Wong-Ping-San* is sorely afflicted by the conduct of his son, who has turned out to be a bad opium smoker. I fear it will have a serious effect upon his work. *See Seen-Sang* has been in charge of the *Kwin-San* station. He has not had much encouragement during the year. He has constructed a tent, which he moves from one village to another, and in which he preaches to or teaches those who call on him in his tabernacle.

The Work Abroad and at Home. The prospect everywhere is good for a steady increase of the work abroad; but the apparent want of foreign missionary spirit at home causes us the deepest solicitude for the future of our life-work. Shall we take no part in giving Japan, and the interior cities of this great empire, the gospel of Christ? The Lord revive his work in the hearts of his people!"

CANTON MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. N. B. WILLIAMS.

Statistics. *Canton church*—Baptized, 5; received by letter, 1; excluded, 3; died, 4.

Shin Hing Church—Baptized, 6.

Total membership of Canton Mission, 150.

Schools. *Canton Boys' School*—N. B. Williams, teacher; highest number in attendance, 45; average attendance, 38.

Canton Girls' School—Miss Lula F. Whilden, teacher; highest attendance, 14; average attendance, 8.

To-Hai Boys' School—R. H. Graves and N. B. Williams, teachers; highest attendance, 40; average attendance, 30.

Miss Whilden's Special School for Girls in Canton—Highest attendance, 22; average attendance, 15.

Highest attendance in all schools: Canton Mission, 121; average attendance in all, 91.

Native Assistants (paid preachers), 4; colporteurs, 2; Bible women, 6.

Class Instruction, by R. H. Graves and N. B. Williams. Class held quarterly, four months during the year. Average attendance, 14.

Out-Station—Shin Hing, Sai-Nain, and To-Hai.

Sai-Nain Dispensary—Patients, 3,346; operations, 89.

REMARKS.

"*The Churches.*—Eleven converts from heathenism seem to be a small yield for the labor spent; but says the Scripture: 'There is joy in heaven over *one* sinner that repenteth;' and who can tell what part these eleven may have in the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in China?"

Schools. The amount of Scripture recited *verbatim* by Chinese pupils in the Christian schools is astonishing. Little boys and girls, seven and eight years old, commit to memory, and recite, without mistake, four, five and six chapters of the Scripture at a time.

In addition to daily devotional exercises and explanations of Scripture truth, and special Sabbath services, the scholars use colloquial versions of the Scriptures, and colloquial Christian books suited to their capacities. The larger boys are exercised in Scripture Exegesis.

Painful Exclusions. Two of the number excluded were assistants: one, the preacher; the other, medical assistant at our out-station, Sai-Nain.

Useful and Liberal Man. Deacon Seen combines in himself the duties of school teacher, preacher and deacon. He is a very useful man. He has offered a spot of ground in his native village, large enough to erect upon it a school house and chapel, if we will undertake the building. Comment upon this liberal offer is unnecessary.

Bible Women. A fair proportion of the converts, during the year past, was of women. With the conversion of almost all of them, our women have had something to do. One of the Bible women, the wife of Deacon Seen, is under the control of Miss Whilden, and is supported by ladies' missionary societies in Mississippi. We have one Bible woman located at Shin Hing, and four at Canton. Mrs. Graves attends the weekly meeting of Bible women for instruction of the heathen. She has a Bible reading for the Bible women, and other Christian women, at our city chapel before service every Sabbath morning.

Miss Whilden has a Bible woman living at her house, from which point she has worked the neighborhood for a considerable distance around.

Class Instruction. At each quarterly session the analysis of one of the books of the Old Testament has been committed to memory, and recited by each member of the class. All who are able to write bring essays or sermons on some subject assigned.

Out Stations. Brother Graves and I have had alternating bi-monthly appointments at Shin Hing during the year.

Sai Nain. Three things have operated against us at this point, viz., 1st. The bad conduct of the assistants employed. 2d. The difficulty of supplying the medical department with a practitioner. 3d. The bad location of the chapel.

To-Hai is the native village of deacon Seen. In addition to training the children in school, the worthy deacon collects them together at night with his neighbors, and has Bible readings and devotional exercises.

Special reasons for gratitude on the part of the Missionaries. 1. That, notwithstanding the health of some of their number has not been good, God has lovingly put back the hand of disease, and kept their little band together.

2. That, during the many anxieties and perplexities of mission work, notwithstanding the honest differences of opinion which have sometime existed as to plans of operation, we have endeavored to obey, and have, we think, obeyed the Divine injunction—'Love one another.'

May God bless the Board and all its missions during the year 1876!"

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

Places and Preachers.

Rome—G. B. Taylor and Signor Cocorda.

La Tour—Signor Ferraris.

Milan—Signor Paschetto.

Modena, Carpi and San Possidonia—Signor Martinelli.

Lodi—Signor Gardiol.

Civita Vecchia—Signor Cossu.

Bari—Signor Basile.

The elaborate communications on the Provincial churches and evangelists, which our missionary at Rome, Rev. G. B. Taylor, is giving to the public, and the account of them, which it is hoped that the President of our Board, Rev. Dr. Curry, who has just visited Italy, will give in person to the Convention, render it less necessary that the Board should present a detailed description of these stations and laborers. Up to the time of this paper going to press the official report of brother Taylor had not been received.

New Locale at Rome. Of this place of worship Dr. Wayland Hoyt, of Boston, wrote last fall from Italy:

"Dr. Taylor's place of preaching is very central. It is in the square where the Italians gather most numerous on the Sabbath. Here most efficiently the doctor preaches Sabbath morning and evening. It is difficult to gather the Italians to a distinctively preaching service. On Sabbath afternoon are held singing-preaching meetings. To these the people come. Often the audience will number 200; and thus the seed is sown and the work goes on. Dr Taylor said to me, that from no place in Rome does there go forth among the Italians such thorough evangelical influence as from these meetings."

Signor Cocorda. Dr. Wm. Hague, of New Jersey, gives the following opinion of the Locale and of our Roman Evangelist:

"Dr. Taylor has been highly favored in securing a pleasant room, centrally situated, for occupation as a chapel; and especially favored in obtaining the services of an excellent coadjutor, a trusty 'fellow helper to the truth,' in Mr. Cocorda, an eloquent Italian preacher, who was in his youth a student of the celebrated Dr. Merle D'Aubigne, at Geneva. He speaks English quite fluently and it is to be hoped that he may have the opportunity in due time to visit America, and by the power of personal presence cheer onward to patient and determined effort the friends of evangelization in Italy."

Interesting Baptisms and Good Baptistery. Dr. Taylor wrote:

"I had the pleasure of baptizing near Pozzuoli (Puteoli) fifteen persons. * * * At Modena I witnessed the baptism of four persons—three of them quite interesting. * * * A promising young brother of eighteen, who spoke well in the meeting, desires to study for the ministry.

"Yesterday, May 23d, Mr. Cocorda baptized in an excellent baptistery, which we have constructed in the basement of our Locale, five persons. * * * I was reminded of the baptisms in the Catacombs, but all was 'done decently and in order.' Two other candidates have been received for baptism. If we find it difficult or inexpedient to buy property, the having this baptistery makes us more contented to remain in rented premises. But I believe all the other denominations are moving forward vigorously as regards chapel edifices."

Our Church at Rome. "'After the baptisms referred to above,' continued brother Taylor, 'a covenant, which we had prepared, was signed by six of the original members, by the five just baptized, and by Mr. Cocorda and his wife, and by myself. There are three or four more to sign. Thus we begin almost anew, and the little church is very feeble; but I am not without hope that God will make it to increase in numbers and in spiritual force. Mr. Cocorda has just concluded a course of three controversial (not denominational) lectures, which were listened to by good audiences.'"

Last summer brother Taylor wrote:

"Mr. Cocorda writes in good spirits. The congregations are good, and three more have been baptized."

Later he wrote:

"I am rather encouraged about our little church in Rome. * * * * * I hope for a good time this winter, but I hope very *soberly*."

The latest:

"Of the twenty-three uniting either at the time, or since the new start in May last, eight were old members, fifteen were new members, and, of these last, ten have been added by baptism. Even this small number has suffered diminution. Of the little handful who now compose our church, the most are regular in attending the meetings, and apparently firm in their convictions. I should add that this church is not only small absolutely, but relatively, being probably the smallest and weakest in the city, the others having maintained an uninterrupted existence since their formation, soon after Rome was opened for evangelical work."

Sunday and Sundry Services. "We have three services on Lord's day, and preaching two evenings in the week. The congregations range from twenty-five to

seventy persons. The Sunday morning meeting partakes of the nature of a Sunday school and of a prayer meeting. We celebrate the supper every Lord's day morning. * * * * My part is limited to brief addresses at the Sunday morning and afternoon services. Our good brother Cocorda preaches, sometimes too profoundly, but always instructively and forcibly; and, since his severe illness last summer, his sermons have been peculiarly evangelical and full of unction. * * * * At night each of us has some fifty young men—he teaching the French and I the English language. The New Testament is the principal text-book. Bible classes of ten or fifteen persons each, in French and English, meet on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. These two classes, with one of children taught by my son, constitute our Sunday school. * * * The young men in the night school generally seem to be of a very good class, some of them being students at the University."

Trastevere Work Closed. The Trastevere is where our church was originally located, and where, until recently, we had an out-station, conducted by a native—Guerrini—who has behaved badly. Brother Taylor informs us:

"The out-station in Trastevere has been abandoned. I was very glad that Mr. Wall was ready promptly to enter that field."

Summer Recreation. From Bagna di Lucca, in July last, brother Taylor wrote:

"I spend my mornings in study, and many of my afternoons in evangelistic labors in the numerous villages among the mountains, distributing tracts and Scriptures, and talking to the simple people, generally not in the controversial style. In this work I have been deeply interested, and have met at the same time much encouragement and much opposition. In some of my encounters with the priests, I found that my recent studies stood me in good stead."

Training Students. "‘Though we are retrenching,’ says brother Taylor, ‘I feel that I must take three young brethren to study for the ministry; and hope, in one way or another, to pay or raise the necessary means myself.’"

Vatican Adult School. "I may appropriately refer to the weekly gospel addresses which Signor Cocorda delivers to seventy-five or one hundred persons in the Vatican adult school of Mr. Van Meter, as an important and interesting feature of our own Mission work in Rome. I have not unfrequently attended that meeting myself, and in my own very imperfect way proclaimed to that congregation the blessed gospel."

Monthly Journal. Says brother Taylor:

"With the new year we commence the issue of a small monthly journal. We have chosen as our modest title ‘*Il Seminatore*’ (*The Sower*), which well describes the work we are trying to do in Italy—a work which makes little show at present, and demands much faith and patience; but which may be fraught with great and blessed results in the future."

Conference and Evangelists by Dr. Curry. "The evangelists of the Southern Baptist Convention have been in Rome for several days in conference on matters pertaining to their respective fields of labor and the work of evangelization in Italy. The brethren as they met, after a year's separation, greeted one another with kisses on the cheeks. The exercises consisted of reports of their work, encouragements and discouragements, familiar talks on passages of Scripture, discussions on methods of reaching the people, essays on assigned topics, and prayers and singing. The spirit of the meeting was unexceptionable. In Italy a few artful appliances can secure a large nominal membership in churches. These evangelists seemed to think that genuine conversion was a prerequisite of membership. I have only time to say that Cossu is a patented teacher in the public schools; Martinelli was once the Superior of a Romish convent; Basile is warm-hearted and enthusiastic; Ferraris is well acquainted with the Bible; Paschetto is a graduate of both literary and theological in-

stitutions in Geneva, and is a young man of much promise; Gardiol is less intelligent, but is zealous. Of Dr. Taylor and Cocorda I have written. The Conference was attended one day by Count Paffingoult, a Russian prince, who, since his baptism in England by Baptist Noel, has consecrated time and talents and treasure to missionary work. He is a very decided Baptist, and is exerting a potential influence for good in Italy and elsewhere. Full of zeal and faith, his address and prayers made a most favorable impression on the Conference."

Brother Taylor and His Work. Rev. Mr. Hoyt says:

"Dr. Taylor, the Superintendent of Missions of the Southern Baptist Board, is doing stalwart work in Rome."

Dr. Hague wrote:

"We are quite sure that under Dr. Taylor's teachings there will be no lowering of the terms of discipleship, no compromise of principles; and if ever a Roman Baptist Church shall become established in connection with his work, it will be of the primitive type, resting, not partially but wholly, squarely, with all the four corners of the structure, upon that original basis set forth in the New Testament, whereof it has been truly said, and said *here* with an emphasis of meaning,

'The 'Christian' builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain.'

Sober Views and Hopeful Spirit. The romance of Italian missions was brushed from brother Taylor's eyes before he entered the field, and since his entrance into it his views are no more rose-colored and none the less sound.

Dr. Hague wrote from Rome:

"It may be safely affirmed, that unless the case be 'studied up' and understood by those who have started hopefully in support of the work, the issue will be discouragement, despondency, and utter abandonment. The American Board, the leading missionary organization of the United States, has already withdrawn from Italy as an unremunerative field of labor; and every intelligent American who comes into communication with the Italian people is shocked by fresh discoveries of that impenetrable ignorance which renders his expressions on religious matters quite meaningless, in the view even of educated persons in the higher classes of society."

Brother Taylor's attention being called to Dr. Hague's letter, he replied:

"Yes, I quite agree with the sober views expressed by Dr. Hague as to the Italian work, * * * Mr. Ashmore, who has been for a quarter of a century missionary of A. B. M. U. in China, and who spent some weeks in Rome, * * * said to me 'that extravagant statements had been the bane of Eastern missions, and added that the field in Italy was harder and less hopeful than that in China.' * * * *But while I thus write, I am far from feeling discouraged. On the contrary, I feel that though all of us are doing little, GOD IS WORKING, AND THAT THERE IS A FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC MIND DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE, BUT REAL.* It would be an error to estimate results by the number of converts and churches."

Rome Chapel. In September last, brother Taylor inquired whether he would be authorized to pay some forty or fifty thousand dollars for a chapel—one-half cash, and the other half in six years, with six per cent. interest. The house offered to him was sold before he received the answer of the Board; but he thinks "it very improbable that we can get what is necessary for less than that" amount.

The Board replied that under no circumstances could they authorize for a chapel an expenditure exceeding the \$21,794.88 which we have in hand for that purpose.

What says the Convention? What say the churches? Can the fund be augmented adequately at the South, and not cripple our resources for general purposes? Will the denomination sanction a debt of \$20,000 to be met, with interest, in six years? If the people will it, the work may be done. In a recent appeal to the Baptists of the South, Dr. Curry says:

"If we are in earnest, it is indispensable that we show by convincing facts that we intend to 'live and to labor' in Italy. There must be permanency, and the overt proof of permanency. So long as we are surpassed by others in the number of missionaries, preaching stations, and houses of worship—so long as we are mere tenants at will of badly located and uncomfortable houses, liable to be dispossessed every year, and unable to make changes adapted to church needs, we must labor at disadvantage, and cannot hope to impress favorably, or to take the position that our principles and profession require. We are under imperative obligation to bear our full testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus; but we may as well 'make up our minds' to do more in Italy or to withdraw."

Shall we go forward? Hear Dr. Curry further:

"I feel constrained to make a direct and earnest appeal to the churches to take immediate and effective steps for strengthening and enlarging our work in Italy. *
* * * * * The hearts of our Italian missionaries and members have been much saddened by learning that the condition of the treasury demands a reduction of appropriations, and that, at this auspicious time for more energetic action, there is to be a contraction instead of an enlargement of evangelistic labor. It seems strange to them that answer to prayer and the smiles of God upon our missions should be followed by diminished faith and gifts.

"The demand and the necessity for enlarged effort are very great. All the considerations that induced the establishment of the Italian mission still exist with reduplicated force. * * * * * Other evangelical denominations are neither idle nor inactive. Those of the same name of different nationalities, are uniting so as to accomplish more by joint wealth, energy and influence. These denominations, at much expense, have purchased eligible sites or houses in Rome and other prominent cities in Italy. We should rejoice at their labors of love, and be provoked to good works, to larger beneficence, by what they are doing beyond us."

ANNUAL

Of Receipts and Disbursements by the Treasurer of the FOREIGN MISSION
2nd of May,

		RECEIPTS:	
1875.			
April 21.—	To balance per last report.....		\$ 550 00
1876.			
May 2.	To cash to date from Virginia.....		9,263 61
"	" Georgia.....		7,174 70
"	" South Carolina.....		6,088 86
"	" Kentucky.....		5,924 87
"	" North Carolina.....		2,681 03
"	" Maryland.....		2,252 95
"	" Mississippi.....		1,628 00
"	" Texas.....		1,689 62
"	" Tennessee.....		1,548 02
"	" Alabama.....		1,371 13
"	" Missouri.....		710 63
"	" Louisiana.....		490 15
"	" West Virginia.....		476 91
"	" District of Columbia.....		272 80
"	" Arkansas.....		192 00
"	" Florida.....		62 78
"	" New York.....		61 00
"	" Illinois.....		18 00
"	" Pennsylvania.....		5 50
"	" California.....		2 00
Southern Baptist Convention:			
	G. W. Norton, Treasurer.....	\$ 60 00	
	G. W. Norton, Treasurer, proceeds of bequest of Eugene Levering, deceased.....	2,287 50	
	G. W. Norton, Treasurer, proceeds of bequest of Jno. Borders, dec'd,	130 00	
			2,477 50
	Bills payable.....		5,000 00
Rome Chapel Fund:			
	Interest on \$18,200 U. S. Bonds, \$1,092 gold, sold for.....	1,245 80	1,245 80
	Appropriated to rent of Chapel.....	1,100 00	
	Balance due Rome Chapel Fund.....	145 80	
	Balance due Treasurer.....		228 43
			\$51,425.29
	Rome Chapel Fund on hand, \$18,200 U. S. Bonds—cost.....	\$21,794 88	
	Balance due fund.....	145 80	
			\$21,940 68

REPORT

BOARD of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, from 21st April, 1875, to 1876, inclusive.

1876.		DISBURSEMENTS.		
May 2.—By cash to date for	Loan from Bank of Commerce, per last report.....			2,218 64
“	“ Virginia agency.....			123 19
“	“ Georgia agency.....			1,393 31
“	“ South Carolina agency.....			293 78
“	“ Kentucky agency.....			1,563 15
“	“ North Carolina agency.....			25 00
“	“ Mississippi agency.....			7 58
“	“ Texas agency			964 37
“	“ Agency Rev. J. B. Hartwell.....			615 19
“	“ African Missions.....	\$	2,685 03	
“	“ European Missions.....		8,033 00	
“	“ Canton Missions.....		14,191 28	
“	“ Shan Tung Missions		14,387 68	
“	“ Shanghai Missions.....		766 20	
				<u>40,063 19</u>
“	“ Interest.....			470 51
“	“ Printing			83 50
“	“ Mission Journal.....			176 30
“	“ Incidentals.....			231 23
“	“ Mite Boxes.....			72 24
“	“ S. B. Convention.....			243 20
“	“ Rent.....			304 00
“	“ Salary Corresponding Secretary and Clerk.....			2,076 66
“	“ Traveling expenses (\$164.25 of this amount was expended in April 1875).....			500 25
				<u>\$51,425 29</u>
May 2.—By balance due Treasurer brought down.....				\$228 43

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. WILLIAMS,

Treasurer Foreign Mission Board S. B. C.

RICHMOND, VA., May 2, 1876.

RICHMOND, May 2, 1876.

I have this day examined the accounts of John C. Williams, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, commencing April 21st, 1875, and ending this day, find them correct and supported by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance of (\$228.43) two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-three cents due him. I have also examined the United States Bonds, and find that he has in his possession (\$18,200) eighteen thousand two hundred dollars in 5-20 1867 bonds, as stated in the Rome Chapel Fund account.

J. F. COTTRELL, Auditor.

B.*THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HOME MISSION BOARD.*

MARION, ALA., May 1st, 1876.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Soon after the adjournment of the Convention last year, the Board received a communication from Dr. Basil Manly, Jr., declining the position of Corresponding Secretary, to which he had been elected by the Convention.

At the solicitation of the Board, Dr. M. T. Sumner, the late Secretary, consented to serve them until a successor could be secured, and on the first of October retired finally from the office, the duties of which he had performed with zeal and ability for more than seventeen years. It is due alike to Dr. Sumner and the Board to recognize the value of his services in the past, and to express the regret with which they part with an associate, faithful to the trust confided to him, and indefatigable in labors to advance the cause of Christ.

Called by the unanimous voice of the Board, we trust under the divine direction, Rev. Wm. H. McIntosh accepted the position, and entered upon his official duties the first of October last.

WORK.

During the year just closed, fewer missionaries have been employed, and less work has been done than for many years preceding. Several causes have conspired to necessitate this result. Heavy liabilities rested upon the Board, to meet which, assets, which it was hoped at your last meeting would prove available for relief to some degree, have not been realized, while an unexampled financial depression, reaching every section of the country, and affecting every department of business, has seriously diminished our receipts. Added to these untoward circumstances, the retirement of the Secretary, at a juncture so critical, gave rise to a feeling of uncertainty, well suited to chill the ardor of friends, and check the streams that hitherto had poured their gifts into the treasury.

Acting upon the plain common sense rules that men pursue in their own business in like circumstances, to contract their operations until existing responsibilities could be met, the Board adopted as a prudential measure the

POLICY

to renew no appointments as the commissions of missionaries expired, except in cases in which they felt assured the salaries could be paid, until the present indebtedness should be liquidated, or reduced to a point so nearly approximating that end, as to justify a renewal of active operations. In the same spirit expenses have been reduced as far as practicable. The salaries of the Secretary and Agents have been put as low

as it was possible without the sacrifice of efficiency in the work required of them. It was felt to be indispensable to future success, that the Board should be relieved of embarrassments, due in part to the unusual financial condition of the country, and largely to the transfer to us of the liabilities of the Sunday School Board, without adequate means to meet them. They deemed it wiser to let the work slacken for a time than to press it at the peril of heavier involvement, to terminate, perhaps, in fatal disaster. The results, so far, we think, vindicate the wisdom of the course.

The present financial condition of the Board will be found in the Report of the Treasurer.

KIND WORDS.*

An arrangement has been effected with Messrs. J. W. Burke & Co., the present publishers, according to which, they assume all pecuniary responsibilities, including the salary of the editor, and allow the Board a royalty of eight hundred dollars per annum, which shall be applied to the liquidation of the debt due them, the consideration being the receipts for the paper during the term of the contract (five years from June 1st, 1876). Thus the Board is relieved of this burden, and the continuance of the paper assured to the denomination. The conditions of the contract give the editor exclusive control of the columns of the paper. He is appointed by the Board, and is responsible to them for its proper management. J. W. Burke & Co. are simply the publishers, and agree that the mechanical execution of the paper shall be satisfactory.

At the expiration of the contract, the Board can pay whatever balance of this indebtedness may remain, or enter into another contract with them, or if in the mean time the Board should have the means, and desire to pay off the entire indebtedness, the publishers will allow the same royalty in cash; so that in either case this liability is provided for. It is hoped that the denomination will give the paper their cordial support and a liberal patronage.

We are gratified to report the

FUTURE HOPEFUL.

The debts of the Sunday School Board have been cancelled, except a small amount advanced by the Treasurer, to settle with the largest creditor, and a claim held by a party from whom we have failed to hear; in all, less than three hundred dollars.

The present liabilities are due to missionaries. Our obligations to them have also been largely reduced. This balance should be paid without delay, and a new departure taken in the important mission to which the Board was called thirty-one years ago.

If it was a necessity then, the demand for its agency is more imperative now. The opportunity is greater—applications for aid are multiplying—they will not be less as the years advance. The genial climate and generous soil of our sunny South invite immigration, and with an increasing population, widening fields will suggest broader views, and demand a more liberal culture.

THE INDIAN TRIBES,

civilized and wild, are asking for schools and for the gospel. We know no more important question to come before this Convention than what answer shall be given to the appeals of the Muskogees or Creeks and the Absentee Shawnees?

The former are our neighbors. We have known them long, and found them true and worthy of our confidence.

The latter have been a roving band, driven before an advancing civilization, of which they have learned little but its power to oppress. They now turn to us with

the plaintive cry of the feeble to the strong, and in the workings of Providence afford us the opportunity to teach them the sweeter lessons of the gospel, and the ways of Him whose name is Love.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

The Board is not indifferent to the claims of these people upon us, to whom we believe they are drawn by "the simplicity that is in Christ." Dr. E. W. Warren proposed, during the past year, to take charge of the work of ministerial instruction among them in Georgia, by holding Ministers' Institutes at convenient seasons and accessible points. We do not know what, if anything, has been accomplished, but we are fully persuaded that in their present condition this is the most effectual mode of reaching a large number, and affording the aid which they so much need. We would respectfully urge upon the ministry of our denomination, throughout the South, the adoption of this, or some like plan, wherever it is practicable. They will hear you when you approach them with the gospel, as is abundantly illustrated in the experience of many of our brethren. They are now open to receive the truth, and they are as open to error. Pastors may do much in the way of instruction to colored ministers in their neighborhoods, as well as by the more extended course of Ministers' Institutes. By every consideration of patriotism and of Christianity we are prompted to give them the "light of life."

OBITUARIES.

Since your last meeting, two of our Indian Missionaries have closed their earthly labors and entered upon their rest. Rev. David McKellop was a useful man, and his death is deeply regretted, especially by his associates in labor. Rev. Chilly McIntosh, distinguished by official position among his people, not less in all things pertaining to their welfare, has realized the divine promise to the righteous, and has "come to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have been under appointment of the Board during the Conventional year, some for only fractional parts of the year:

Rev. Alfred Corn, North Georgia and Western North Carolina.

" D. G. Daniel, Georgia.

" T. A. Higdon, Georgia.

" W. N. Chaudoin, Missionary Agent, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

" W. D. Atkinson, Georgia.

" V. A. Bell, Georgia.

" J. K. Mendenhall, South Carolina Missionary Agent.

" J. O. B. Dargon, South Carolina.

" Elias Dodson, Agent, North Carolina.

" W. E. Tines, Louisiana.

" E. K. Branch, Louisiana.

" B. F. Riley, Alabama.

" Wm. Ashcraft, Alabama.

" J. B. Tharp, Agent, Kentucky.

" Isaac Reed, Missionary Agent, Texas.

" V. E. Kirtley, Missionary Agent, Kentucky.

" J. B. Hardwick, Missionary Agent, Missouri and Arkansas.

" S. J. Norton, Agent, East Tennessee.

These report 313 weeks labor, and 230 baptisms.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT.

Rev. H. F. Buckner, Creek Nation.

“ Levi Mitchell, Creek Nation.

“ James Perryman, Creek Nation.

“ John McIntosh, Creek Nation.

“ R. J. Hogue, Choctaw Nation.

“ Simon Hancock, Choctaw Nation.

“ Willis Burns, Chickasaw Nation.

“ Alfred Corn, Cherokees in North Carolina.

These report 96 weeks labor, and 54 baptisms.

Work done by other bodies, reported to the Home Mission Board.

Flint River Association, Indian Mission. Benjamin Baker, Solomon Baker, and Wilson Nail, missionaries, who report for the year ending March 31st, 1876, an aggregate of 491 days of labor and 28 baptisms. Field of labor, Choctaw Nation.

Rehoboth Baptist Association, Indian Mission. Rev. J. S. Murrow and native co-workers—days of service, 855—baptisms, 68. Field of labor, Indian Tribes in the Indian Territory.

These reports are incomplete and fail to show all that has been accomplished.

DR.

TREASURER'S REPORT *Home Mission Board*

1875.		RECEIPTS.	
April 20.—Balance as per last report.....			\$11 79
From GEORGIA—Home Department.....	\$5,080 47		
“ “ Indians.....	580 05		
“ “ R. J. Hogue.....	105 00		
“ “ Indian Schools.....	24 00		
“ “ J. S. Murrow.....	6 00		
“ “ J. P. Harrison & Co., returned over-payment on Minutes,	25 00	5,820 52	
“ MARYLAND—Home Department.....	631 27		
“ “ Indians.....	383 19		
“ “ Proceeds E. Levering legacy.....	2,287 50	3,301 96	
“ SOUTH CAROLINA—Home Department.....	2,608 14		
“ “ Indians.....	47 85	2,655 99	
“ ALABAMA—Home Department.....	1,661 10		
“ “ Indians.....	135 23		
“ “ Indian Schools.....	22 00	1,818 33	
“ KENTUCKY—Home Department.....	715 46		
“ “ Indians.....	1,031 30	1,746 76	
“ NORTH CAROLINA—Home Department.....	941 44		
“ “ Indians.....	18 60	960 04	
“ VIRGINIA—Home Department.....		822 72	
“ MISSISSIPPI—Home Department.....	702 80		
“ “ Indians.....	86 00	788 80	
“ TEXAS—Home Department.....	277 35		
“ “ Indians.....	32 00		
“ “ Sunday School Department.....	94 48		
“ “ Mexican Missions.....	5 00		
“ “ Indian Schools.....	1 00	410 83	
“ FLORIDA—Home Department.....		198 49	
“ LOUISIANA—Home Department.....		182 65	
“ MISSOURI—Home Department.....	140 00		
“ “ Indians.....	6 00	146 00	
“ INDIAN TERRITORY—Indians.....		125 00	
“ TENNESSEE—Home Department.....	71 05		
“ “ Indians.....	6 00	77 05	
“ Interest collected on E. Levering's legacy.....		62 15	
“ DISTRICT COLUMBIA—Home Department.....		40 00	
“ ARKANSAS—Home Department.....	20 10		
“ “ Indians.....	5 00	25 10	
“ ILLINOIS—Indians.....		24 00	
Amount borrowed by Treasurer in settlement Sunday School Board debts...			141 63
			<u>\$19,359 81</u>
1876.			
• May 2—To Balance.....			\$15 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid	Missionaries on account of Salaries prior to April 20th, 1875...	\$4,536 08	
" "	Missionaries—Salaries for current year.....	1,367 49	
" "	Missionaries—appointments of other bodies and special contributions.....	555 70	\$6,459 27
" "	Salaries of Agents and District Secretaries.....	3,262 01	
" "	Traveling expenses of same.....	693 91	3,955 92
" "	Rev. M. T. Sumner, salary from May 1st, to Oct. 1st, 1875.....	1,250 00	
" "	D. H. Sumner, clerk, two months.....	60 00	
" "	Traveling expenses of Rev. M. T. Sumner, Cor. Secretary.....	366 20	
" "	Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Secretary, from October 1st, 1875, to May 1st, 1876.....	1,458 31	
" "	Traveling expenses Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Secretary.....	215 75	
" "	Printing Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention for 1875.....	161 00	
" "	Transportation of Rev. W. H. McIntosh and family to Marion, For Stationery.....	100 00	
" "	Printing Reports to Convention, 1875.....	64 55	
" "	Printing for Office.....	50 00	
" "	G. R. McCall, Secretary Convention, 1875.....	14 00	
" "	Postage.....	53 20	
" "	Incidentals, including office repairs, servants hire and fuel....	46 94	
" "	Express charges.....	25 52	
" "	Exchange.....	20 15	
" "	Telegrams.....	5 80	
" "	U. S. Bonds transferred to permanent fund account.....	2 75	3,894 17
" "	Premium on investment E. Levering legacy in U. S. bonds....	1,850 00	
" "	Uncurrent money taken from cash account.....	398 63	2,248 63
" "	Goodwyn & Co., balance due on compromise Claim vs. S. S. Board, and interest on balance due August 1st, 1875.....	22 65	
" "	T. H. Rice, cashier, on compromise of claim, Partee & Mathews (S. S. Board) balance remitted.....	356 83	
" "	Bush & Pitts, Attorneys, on compromise of claim, C. Magarge & Co., (S. S. Board) balance remitted.....	604 38	
" "	J. W. Burke & Co., on account of debt due them.....	378 55	1,339 76
" "	Rev. J. B. Link, on account "Kind Words," due prior to April 20, 1875.....	1,053 98	
" "	Agents over remittanees to Board.....	74 48	
" "	For Tracts for Rev. G. S. Norton, Agent.....	240 50	
" "	Rev. G. J. Johnson, balance due on Buckner's house.....	20 00	
" "	Balance.....	35 00	1,423 96
			15 45

\$19,359 81

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE, Treasurer.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That I have examined the foregoing account of J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer, from the 20th April, 1875, to this date, and find the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers.

S. H. FOWLKES, Auditor.

MARION, ALA., May 2d, 1876.

TREASURER'S REPORT—(Continued.)

PERMANENT FUND AND LEGACY

Consist of four notes, heretofore reported unavailable.....		\$2,675 00
United States Bonds, investment of legacy E. Levering, deceased.....	1,850 00	
Legacy of Jno. Borders, balance uncollected.....	1,300 00	
		<u>3,150 00</u>
Real Estate—100 acres land donated by G. R. Freeman, Esq., Texas.....		

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT EUGENE LEVERING'S LEGACY.

Amount received from G. W. Norton, Treasurer Southern Baptist Convention.....		\$2,287 50
Paid premium on \$1,850 United States Bonds, Register 6's, due 1881.....		398 63
		<u>\$1,888 87</u>
Amount of Bonds.....	\$1,850 00	
Balance uninvested.....	38 87	
		<u>1,888 87</u>

AMOUNTS DUE THE BOARD.

From Kansas land.....		-160 00
From United States Government on Indian School appropriation, prior to the war,		2,546 87
		<u>\$2,706 87</u>
Due from Agents.....		18 75
		<u>\$2,725 62</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due Missionaries—Home Department.....	\$3,775 66	
Due Missionaries—Indian Department.....	1,723 45	
Due Creek Orphans' School.....	604 08	
		6,103 19
Due J. W. Burke & Co., interest added to April 1st, 1876.....		4,774 18
Due on Sunday School Board debt (Memphis).....		154 50
Due Agents (over remittances).....		84 12
Due Treasurer, amount borrowed in settlement Sunday School Board debts.....		141 63
		<u>\$11,257 62</u>
Deduct from the above, amount due J. W. Burke & Co., provided for under contract for five years.....		4,774 18
		<u>\$6,483 44</u>

NOTE.—It will be seen by comparing the foregoing Statement of Liabilities with the Report of the Corresponding Secretary last year, that his estimate of the claims upon the Board was less than was actually due. This omission is explained by the following note from Dr. Sumner, who then kept the accounts of Missionaries and others, and made up the Annual Report of Liabilities.

J. B. LOVELACE, *Treasurer.*

In making up the estimates of the Liabilities due by the Board to April 1st, 1875, in the last Annual Report, some amounts were omitted as considered doubtful (liabilities), others were regarded as remitted by the creditors but since claimed. It is possible that some other amounts escaped entrance upon the list from being misplaced by accident, and as the above are included in the present Report, this statement deemed proper as an explanation of the omission alluded to in the above note of the Treasurer.

M. T. SUMNER,

Former Corresponding Secretary.

May 2, 1876.

C. THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	PLACE OF MEETING.	PREACHERS.
1845	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama. James C. Crane, Virginia.	Augusta, Georgia.	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1846	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina.	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama. James C. Crane, Virginia.	Richmond, Virginia.	W. B. Johnson, South Carolina.
1849	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina.	James C. Crane, Virginia. Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama.	Charleston, South Carolina.	J. L. Reynolds, South Carolina.
1851	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	James C. Crane, Virginia. Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi.	Nashville, Tennessee.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.
1853	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	H. K. Elyson, Virginia. Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi.	Baltimore, Maryland.	Samuel Baker.
1855	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi. James M. Watt, Alabama.	Montgomery, Alabama.	A. D. Sears, Kentucky.
1857	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi. George B. Taylor, Maryland.	Louisville, Kentucky.	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi.
1859	Richard Fuller, Maryland.	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi. George B. Taylor, Maryland.	Richmond, Virginia.	D. R. Campbell.
1861	Richard Fuller, Maryland.	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi. George B. Taylor, Virginia.	Savannah, Georgia.	Wm. H. McIntosh, Alabama.
1863	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	George B. Taylor, Virginia. Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia.	Augusta Georgia.	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1866	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	George B. Taylor, Virginia. W. Pope Yeaman, Kentucky.	Russellville, Kentucky.	E. Fuller, Maryland.
1867	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. Fuller Crane, Maryland. A. P. Abell, Virginia.	Memphis, Tennessee.	W. T. Brantley, Georgia.
1868	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. P. Abell, Virginia. A. F. Crane, Maryland.	Baltimore, Maryland.	T. E. Skinner, Kentucky.
1869	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	A. P. Abell, Virginia. A. F. Crane, Maryland.	Macon, Georgia.	E. T. Winkler, South Carolina.
1870	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	J. Russell Hawkins, Kentucky. E. Calvin Williams, Maryland.	Louisville, Kentucky.	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1871	P. H. Mell, Georgia.	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland. Truman S. Sumner, Alabama.	St. Louis, Missouri.	Wm. Williams, South Carolina.
1872	James P. Boyce, South Carolina.	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland. Truman S. Sumner, Alabama.	Raleigh, North Carolina.	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1873	James P. Boyce, South Carolina.	M. B. Wharton, Kentucky. W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	Mobile, Alabama.	T. G. Jones, Tennessee.
1874	James P. Boyce, Kentucky.	G. R. McCall, Georgia. W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.	Jefferson, Texas.	E. G. Taylor, Louisiana.
1875	James P. Boyce, Kentucky.	W. O. Tuggle, Georgia. G. R. McCall, Georgia.	Charleston, South Carolina.	T. H. Pritchard, North Carolina.
1876	James P. Boyce, Kentucky.	G. C. Biting, Virginia. E. Calvin Williams, Maryland.	Richmond, Virginia.	Geo. C. Lorrimer, Massachusetts.

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DR.

G. W. NORTON, *Treasurer of*

1875.	To balance on hand as per report of this date.....	\$ 120 00
May.	To amount received for bequest made by Eugene Levering, late of Baltimore, Md., to Southern Baptist Convention, one-half for Foreign Missions and one-half for Domestic Missions, to be invested by each of said Mission Boards, and the interest arising therefrom to be used by their respective fields of labor. Said bequest amounted to \$5,000, out of which was retained \$300 to pay the United States government succession tax of six per cent., and \$125 to pay the State of Maryland collateral inheritance tax of two and one-half per cent., leaving the amount paid in full of said bequest.....	4,575 00
July.	To July 1875 dividend on 20 shares of Louisville & Nashville Railroad stock, supplied by the Treasurer, as the Company failed to pay.....	60 00
Dec'r.	To cash from the estate of John Borders deceased, on account of bequest made by him, paid by decretal order of the Chancery court of Calhoun county, Ala., as per my receipt filed in said court, through James Cook, Esq., attorney.....	390 00
1876.	To January 1876 dividend on 20 shares of Louisville and Nashville Railroad stock, supplied by the Treasurer.....	60 00
Jan'y.	To proceeds of 20 shares of Louisville and Nashville Railroad stock sold and proceeds invested in Nashville and Decatur Railroad stock.....	600 00
April.	To cash donated by G. W. Norton to pay balance in the purchase of Nashville & Decatur Railroad stock.....	112 50
		<u>\$5,917 50</u>
	To balance on hand this 4th day of May, 1876.....	\$118 00

Audited and approved.

N. LONG, *Auditor.*

May 4, 1876.

Southern Baptist Convention.

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1875.		
May.	By cash paid Foreign Mission Board by order of the Convention.....	\$ 60 00
	By cash paid Domestic Mission Board by order of the Convention.....	60 00
July.	By cash paid for copy of will of Eugene Levering, deceased.....	1 00
	By cash paid commissioner of the State of Maryland for taking acknowledgment on voucher for the executors of Eugene Levering.....	1 00
	By cash paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board in full for the legacy bequeathed to said Board by Eugene Levering, deceased, of the city of Baltimore, Md., by order of the Convention.....	2,287 50
	By cash paid Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board in full of bequest to said Board by Eugene Levering, deceased, late of the city of Baltimore, Md., by order of the Convention.....	2,287 50
Dec'r.	By cash paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board, being two-thirds of amount collected on bequest from the estate of John Borders, deceased, in accordance with the provisions of his will.....	260 00
	By cash paid Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, being one-third of amount col- lected on bequest from the estate of John Borders, deceased, in accordance with the provisions of his will.....	130 00
1876.	By cash paid for \$1,500 of Nashville & Decatur Railroad stock.....	712 50
Ap'l 17.	By balance on hand May 1st, 1876.....	118 00
		\$5,917 50

The above amount received from the estate of John Borders, deceased, was paid to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards in accordance with our understanding of the provisions of the will of the said decedent (a copy of which is herewith submitted), and with the approval of Rev. Dr. Boyce, President of the Convention.

The twenty shares of Louisville and Nashville Railroad stock, being now a non-dividend paying stock, was sold with the approval of Deacon N. Long, Auditor, and the proceeds, as stated, invested in Nashville and Decatur Railroad stock, on which it is believed the semi-annual dividends will be regularly paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. W. NORTON, *Treasurer.*

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