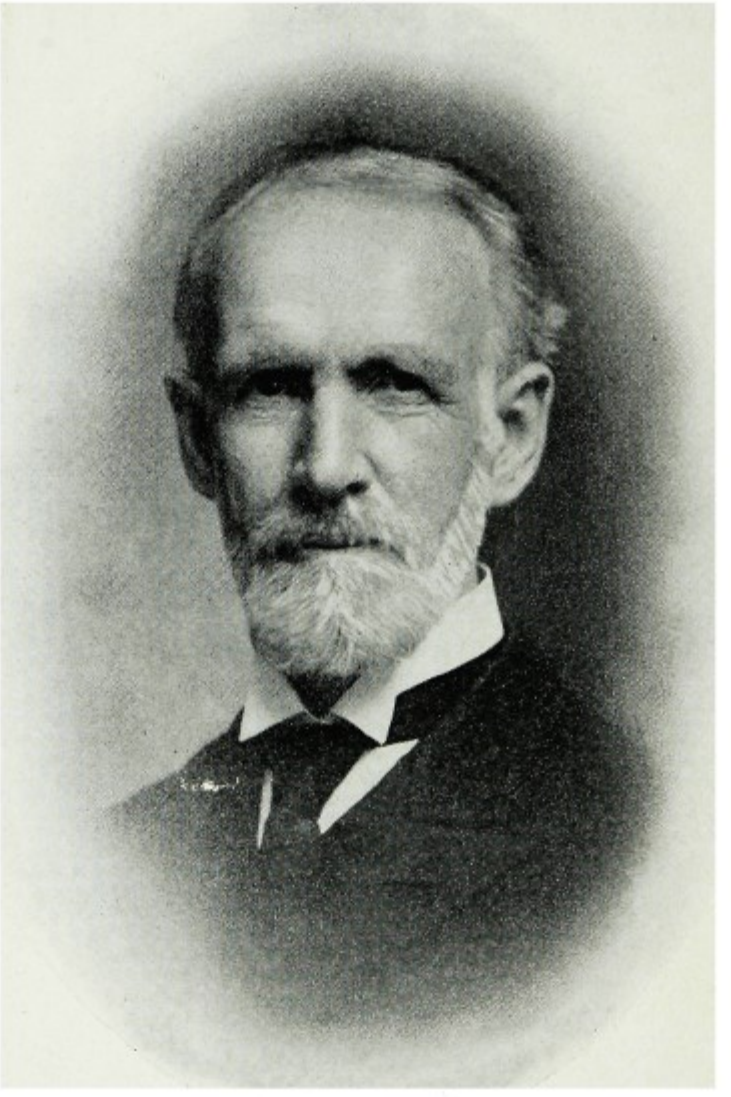

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The messengers from missionary societies, churches, and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States, met in Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel, adopted rules and fundamental principles which, as amended from time to time, are as follows:

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

Art. II. It shall be the design of the 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 (1) of brethren who contribute funds, or are delegated by Baptist bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention, on the basis of one delegate for every $250 actually paid into the treasuries of the Boards during the fiscal year ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meeting of the Convention; (2) of one representative from each of the District Associations which coöperate with this Convention, provided that such representative be formally elected at the annual meeting of his District Association, and his election certified to the Secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by copy of the printed Minutes.

Art. IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, who shall, in event of the death or disability of the Treasurer, act as such officer, and two Secretaries, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and hold their offices 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 of which Boards may continue in office until a new election. Each of these Boards, as elected by the Convention, shall consist of one member from each State coöperating with the Convention, and of a President, Recording Secretary, Auditor, and fifteen other members, residing at or near the locality of the Board; seven of whom shall constitute a quorum. No sal-

aried official or employee of any Board may be a member thereof; but the Convention shall elect for each Board annually a Corresponding Secretary, who may also be named by the Board as its Treasurer if deemed advisable. In case of a vacancy occurring between the meetings of the Convention, the Boards are authorized to fill such vacancy. Each Board may elect other Secretaries, a Treasurer, and such other paid officer and employee as may be necessary for the officient conduct of its business, and may make such compensation to its Secretaries and other paid officials as it may deem right. To each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the objects with whose interests 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 be authorized to fill vacancies occurring in its membership between the meetings of the Convention, and also to 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 stocks 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 its Board. No money 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 of the Boards of Managers. A majority of the attending delegates shall not be necessary to make 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, change the time and the place of meeting of this Convention, when it may be deemed by him inexpedient to convene at the time or place appointed.

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

BY-LAWS.

In order to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, the following By-Laws are adopted for the government of the Convention:

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the Convention to be present at the place of meeting at least one day in advance of the annual sessions for the purpose of enrolling the members of the Convention who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to be enrolled; and this enrollment shall be recognized as constituting the Convention. The Secretaries are authorized to add the names of accredited messengers who arrive later than the opening day. In case of any question arising as to the rights of messengers to seats, a Committee on Credentials shall be raised, to which all pertinent matters shall be referred, and report be made to the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries within thirty days after the annual meeting of the Convention to notify all members of standing committees of their appointment, and to inform chairmen of such committees of their appointment as chairmen.

2. The Rules of Order for the Convention shall be those laid down in Mell's "Manual of Parliamentary Practice," and Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law," but in cases where these authorities differ, or for which they do not provide, the President shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Convention.

3. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of the Convention shall be elected by ballot; provided, however, that when there is only one nomination for the same office, the Sec-

retary or any one designated for the purpose, if there be no objection, may be instructed to cast the ballot for the Convention.

4. Speeches in support of any brother's nomination for an office of the Convention shall be limited to one speech of nomination, and one speech seconding the nomination; also, addresses and responses of welcome shall be limited to one address of not more than fifteen minutes in length, and one response of not more than ten minutes.

5. Unless otherwise ordered by special action and as soon as possible after organization the four Vice-Presidents elected by the Convention and five other brethren shall organize themselves into a committee on committees, whose duty it shall be to appoint the following committees: (1) Order of Business; (2) on Religious Services; (3) on Nominations of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; (4) on Nominations of the Boards and Standing Committees of the Convention; (5) on Reports of State Members of the Boards; (6) on Apportionment; (7) on Arrangements for the Next Meeting; (8) on Woman's Work Auxiliary to the Convention; (9) on Education Commission; and all other committees now in existence or to be created in the future by the Convention and reporting to the body. *Provided*, that no one shall be appointed as a member of more than one committee at any one session of the Convention, except for special reasons, and no one shall be appointed on the same committee for two successive years, except for special reasons.

6. An Executive Committee of seven shall be elected as are the Boards and other standing committees at each annual session of the Convention; no officer or member of any of the Boards shall be eligible for membership on this committee. Its duties and functions shall be as follows: (1) To act for the Convention during the interim of its meetings on matters not otherwise provided for in its plans of work; (2) To have oversight of arrangements for the meeting of the Convention with authority, in cooperation with the President as provided for in the Constitution, to change, if necessary, the time and place of meeting; (3) To act in an advisory way on matters of policy and coöperation arising between the Boards of the Convention, but only on request of one or more of the Boards concerned; (4) To hold meetings at such times and places as it may select, the necessary expenses of such meetings to be a charge equally divided among the Boards of the Convention; (5) To make report of its proceedings and receive instructions at each annual meeting of the Convention. The committee shall have no further duties except as other things may be committed to it by the Convention itself.

7. The Boards of the Convention as created under Article V of the Constitution are as follows: The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va.; The Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga.: the Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn. The following Standing Committees have been established: On the Laymen's Movement; on the Baptist Young People's Union of the South; on Temperance and Social Service and on Education Commission. It is made the duty of the Committee on Nominations at each session to name for election the members of these Boards and Committees.

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

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

10. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate, as State Members of Boards, men who have been previously nominated by their respective State Conventions, and where no nomination has been made by the states, men known to be identified with the interests of the Convention, and of their own State Boards, and unless special reasons exist to the contrary, men who make efforts to attend the sessions of the Convention. These State Members shall be expected to coöperate with the Boards, both giving and receiving suggestions as to work to be done, and they also shall be expected to present at each session of the Convention a brief report in writing of what they had been requested to do, and of the way in which they have complied with these requests, with any suggestions they may have to offer as to the conditions and needs of their respective fields. It shall be the duty of each Secretary in due time to furnish the State Members of his Board with suitable blanks for such reports, and to call their attention to this article, and to make any proper efforts to secure due preparation of these reports.

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

12. Immediately after the reading of the reports of the Boards each year, a committee of five shall be appointed, to whom shall be referred so much of these reports as pertains to the carrying out of the By-Laws, and also the reports of the State Members.

13. Either applause or dissent on the floor of the Convention is out of order, and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer promptly to suppress all such demonstrations.

14. In the presentation and discussion of subjects, one speaker (not necessarily Chairman of a Committee) is to be requested beforehand, by the Secretaries of the Boards, or some one in charge of the subject to be discussed, to make a prepared speech and then that the discussion shall be free for the time remaining for the discussion of that subject.

15. The general reports of the Boards shall be presented on the first day in printed form with such particulars emphasized as the Secretaries may wish; and each report as a whole shall be made the order during a morning session and discussed as suggested in the preceding By-Law; and the Convention may give instructions as may be decided by resolution.

16. The morning session shall be given to the kind of discussion above outlined; the evening sessions shall be devoted

to inspirational meetings with selected speakers; and the afternoons shall be not included in the regular session of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered, but left open for meetings of important committees and for sectional meetings for the consideration of particular subjects in which various groups of brethren may be interested. Out of these special meetings recommendations may be made to the Convention itself at hours designated.

17. The Board and other Special Committees dealing with matters of general importance and interest shall be desired to have in the hands of the Secretaries of the Convention at least one week in advance, copies of their reports to be submitted at the approaching Convention, to be used by them in preparing data for the Associated Press in accordance with their requirements, in order that the work of the Convention may be given due and becoming publicity; and the President shall appoint annually a member of this Convention, whose duty it shall be to coöperate with the representatives of the secular press in furnishing intelligent, accurate and creditable reports at this Convention while it is in session, and that he be allowed $50 annually for such services.

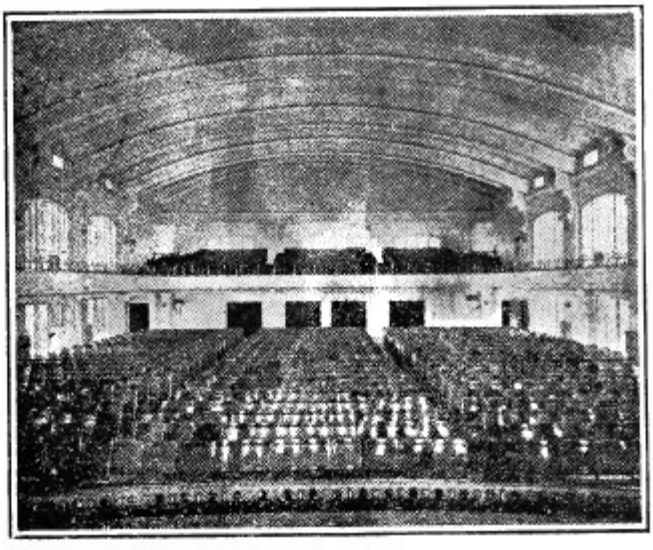
18. The By-Laws may be altered at any time by a majority vote, except on the last day of the Convention.

PROCEEDINGS

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 16, 1917.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION met at 10 A.M., in the Athenæum, and was called to order by Lansing Burrows, Georgia, President of the previous Convention.

2. The Convention joined in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "How Firm a Foundation," and further devotions were conducted by A. U. Boone, Tennessee.



ATHENAEUM.

3. The Order of Business, presented by O. L. Hailey, Texas, chairman of the committee appointed a year ago, was adopted.

4. Secretary Gregory made the following report on enrollment of representatives:

In accordance with Article I of the By-Laws, the Secretaries of the Convention began enrolling the members of the Convention at 9 a.m., May 15. We find that 4,913 on the financial basis, and 570 associational representatives, making a total of 5,543 were entitled to seats in the Convention according to the Constitution; and that a total of 936 names had been enrolled up to the time of the assembling of the Convention. These names as enrolled constitute the Convention, and the Secretaries are authorized to add the names of accredited messengers who may arrive later.

Inasmuch as many of the members of the Convention arrived in this city too late to be enrolled, we recommend that all such brethren be admitted to the floor and recognized as members of the Convention, but that they be requested to enroll as soon as possible at recess in order that our rolls may be accurately compiled.

5. The organization of the body being in order, President Burrows called for nominations for President, asking that, in accordance with his announcement last year, his own name be not considered. L. E. Barton, Arkansas, nominated J. T. Henderson, Tennessee; Alex. W. Bealer, Georgia, nominated W. W. Landrum, Kentucky; J. W. Porter, Kentucky, nominated J. B. Gambrell, Texas; Austin Crouch, Tennessee, nominated S. P. Brooks, Texas; A. U. Boone, Tennessee, seconded the nomination of J. B. Gambrell; Graham Forester, Georgia, nominated John E. White, South Carolina; John E. White, South Carolina, seconded the nomination of W. W. Landrum; Mr. Ashby Jones, Georgia, nominated John D. Mell, Georgia; after which, on motion, nominations were closed. To ascertain the choice of the Convention, the President appointed the following tellers: Spurgeon Wingo, Louisiana; C. I. Hudson, Alabama; C. F. Clark, Tennessee; E. L. Harling, Georgia; B. V. Ferguson, Arkansas; M. D. Austin, Kentucky; J. A. Ousley, Mississippi; A. D. Foreman, Texas; J. J. Hurt, North Carolina.

6. While the vote for President was being taken, the body, on motion of E. J. A. McKinney, Arkansas, pro-

ceeded to the formalities of welcome and response. W. W. Heard, ex-Governor of Louisiana, welcomed the Convention to the city of New Orleans. Response on the part of the Convention was made by Preston Blake, Alabama.

7. For the tellers on vote for President, Spurgeon Wingo, Louisiana, reported that 553 votes had been cast for J. B. Gambrell: 276 for John D. Mell; 195 for S. P. Brooks; 76 for W. W. Landrum; 40 for J. T. Henderson; and 9 for John E. White; total, 1,149; necessary to election, 575.

8. On motion of John D. Mell, Georgia, J. B. Gambrell was elected unanimously as President of the Convention, who was then escorted to the chair by former Presidents E. W. Stephens, Missouri; E. C. Dargan, Georgia, and Joshua Levering, Maryland.

9. On motion of John Jeter Hurt, North Carolina, Secretary Gregory cast the ballot of the body for the following brethren as Vice-Presidents of the Convention: John D. Mell, Georgia; S. P. Brooks, Texas; W. W. Landrum, Kentucky; J. T. Henderson, Tennessee.

10. On motion of W. J. Langston, South Carolina, the ballot of the Convention was cast by Alex. W. Bealer, Georgia, for O. F. Gregory, Maryland, and Hight C. Moore, North Carolina, for Secretaries of the Convention

11. On motion of J. J. Taylor, Georgia, G. W. Norton and W. P. Harvey, Kentucky, were elected respectively Treasurer and Auditor of the Convention, the ballot of the body being cast by President Gambrell.

12. On motion of O. L. Hailey, Texas, the remainder of the morning program was set forward to the afternoon, and various announcements were made.

13. Secretary Gregory read telegrams from Hot Springs, Arkansas, inviting the Convention to hold its 1918 session in that city, and the same were referred to the Committee on Arrangements for Next Session.

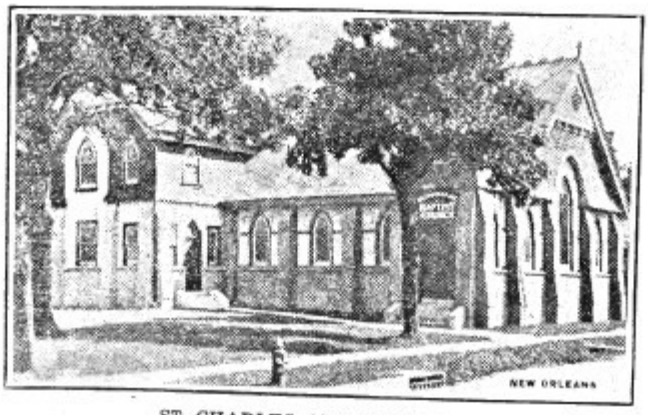
14. The Committee on Order of Business was, on motion, instructed to provide a place for the discussion of the denominational press.

15. On motion of S. E. Ewing, Missouri, the President and Secretaries of the Convention were authorized and instructed to send a message of fraternal greeting to the Northern Baptist Convention which convened this morning in Cleveland, Ohio.

16. The Convention then adjourned with prayer by Lansing Burrows, Georgia.

First Day, Afternoon Session.

17. The Convention reassembled at 2:30 P.M., President Gambrell in the chair. J. B. Tidwell, Texas, read and commented on a portion of our Lord's intercessory prayer. H. W. Virgin, Virginia, led in prayer. The devotional exercises closed with a song by a Home Board quartette: I. E. Reynolds, Texas; W. P. Martin, Virginia; J. P. Scholfield, Kansas; E. L. Wolslagel, North Carolina.



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18. Corresponding Secretary J. F. Love, Virginia, presented the seventy-second annual report of the Foreign Mission Board. (Appendix A.)

19. Corresponding Secretary B. D. Gray, Georgia, presented the seventy-second annual report of the Home Mission Board. (Appendix B.)

20. Acting Corresponding Secretary I. J. Van Ness, Tennessee, presented the twenty-sixth annual report of the Sunday School Board. (Appendix C.)

It was ordered that a special committee be appointed to consider that item in the Board's report regarding the proposed Ministers' Relief Fund.

21. General Secretary J. T. Henderson, Tennessee, presented the tenth annual report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, as follows:

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Your committee would report that the past year has been one of zealous activity on the part of the General Secretary, of most hearty coöperation by the committee, and of unusual evidence of the divine favor. The monthly meetings have been well attended and the reports of the Secretary have been heard and discussed with absorbing interest. While the men composing the committee have pressing demands on their time in a business and professional way, they have taken the time necessary for thorough consideration of the measures that were presented.

The counsel of the advisory committee of pastors, composed of Drs. L. G. Broughton, W. D. Nowlin, J. L. Dance, L. T. Wilson and Rev. U. S. Thomas, has been of distinct value to the Executive Committee.

Brief Summary.

The records show that the General Secretary has traveled during the year 37,379 miles at a net expense to the committee of $326.90; this was due in part to the courtesy of the railroads and in part to the voluntary gifts of churches that were served.

Your committee records with much satisfaction the growing demand for the class of service it undertakes to render; the committee is not able to respond to all the urgent calls that come for the services of the Secretary in promoting the every-member canvass and for addresses on Stewardship and kindred topics.

A summary of his monthly reports indicate that the Secretary conducted 188 conferences during the year, made 15 addresses, and personally assisted in promoting 18 every-member canvasses; in six of these he went out as a member of one of the canvassing teams, that he might secure a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of the details of this important work.

He attended the state conventions of Maryland, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas and South Carolina and delivered addresses at six district associations. One of the rare privileges of the year was the opportunity of rendering service in two conventions of negro men held in Birmingham and Atlanta; to be sure the enthusiasm ran high and the demonstrations of interest were quite pronounced. It was painful to be under the necessity of declining other invitations of a similar nature. The Secretary had also the honor of an invitation to make addresses in a series of Women's Missionary meetings in three district associations of South Carolina; he spoke in eight schools for preachers and church workers in Georgia; assisted in two associational campaigns for enlistment, and made addresses at eight banquets of men, preparatory to the every-member canvass and the organization of Men's Unions.

Conventions.

Your committee projected and helped to promote two general conventions of Baptist men during the year; one of these was held at Shreveport, La., and was attended by six hundred or more representative men.

The second was conducted in Atlanta, Ga., and had an attendance of about one thousand. These meetings involved no expense to the Boards, were self-supporting, and quickened interest among the men present in all of our denominational enterprises. The delegates went away pledged to more zealous effort and more generous giving in behalf of missions; the echoes from these meetings have been most favorable. As a direct result the salaries of sixteen foreign missionaries were assumed by laymen and extra gifts to home missions have also been reported. The leaders are impressed with the value of such gatherings, and believe that all agencies should unite in a strenuous effort to secure a large attendance.

An enthusiastic convention of Baptist men was held for New Mexico at Clovis the first of March; it was continued through three full days, and some practical work was outlined for the men of New Mexico the coming year.

In April a very successful convention of Baptist men was conducted at Pinckneyville, Ill. Every speaker on this program except one was a layman; this was the third such meeting for Southern Illinois and the leaders are so well pleased with such a convention that they have decided to make it an annual event. It was a pleasure to have a share in this meeting.

Emergency Men.

This company of elect men has been considerably increased during the year and the committee is planning to press this effort in a more systematic and vigorous way the coming year. The scheme was strongly endorsed by the Shreveport and Atlanta conventions, and is highly commended by our leading business men. A tract outlining the purpose and plan of this effort has been issued and leaders are urged to apply for the pledge cards and this tract. It is hoped that pastors will encourage and support their laymen in this movement.

Apportionment will be made to the states according to their relative strength and churches will be requested by the leaders of the state to furnish a definite number of these emergency men.

Appeals by Letter.

The committee sent out a letter to about 2,500 representative laymen in the several states expressing their purpose to make extra offerings and effort on behalf of our two general boards, and inviting these laymen to join them in this worthy enterprise.

Only two unfavorable replies were received, while about two hundred men expressed in a most fraternal way their purpose to make special personal gifts and to use their influence to enlist others. A considerable number mentioned definite sums, and the committee is assured that this effort brought several thousand dollars of extra funds into the treasuries of the boards.

By request of the Secretaries of Arkansas, this committee sent an appeal by mail to six hundred and fifty leading laymen of that state, and is in receipt of a letter stating that this service was a valuable factor in securing the gratifying receipts for home and foreign missions which Arkansas is able to report.

Literature.

Perhaps one of the most valuable features of our work has been the publication and distribution of tracts. The committee would gratefully acknowledge an appropriation by the Sunday School Board to this department. In addition to literature on various phases of stewardship, the committee has had a large demand for tracts on financing the kingdom and the every-member canvass. The office now has a folder containing a Constitution and By-Laws for the organization of Men's Unions, tracts on sample programs for men's monthly meetings, suggestions to canvassers, and suggestions for the organization and work of Baptist laymen. These will be furnished on application.

Men's Unions.

While this feature has not been stressed, the office has had notice of the organization of a considerable number of unions and the first edition of the folder containing Constitution and By-Laws has been exhausted. Among those that have recently organized unions, mention may be made of First Baptist church, Hopkinsville, Ky.: First Baptist church, Albuquerque, N. M.: and First Baptist church, Macon, Ga.

The laymen of the various churches of Knoxville, Tenn., have organized themselves into the Men's Baptist Union of Knoxville, which meets quarterly on Sunday afternoon. They hear brief reports, discuss practical topics and cultivate a closer fellowship. This organization is commended to the laymen of other cities.

Home and Foreign Fields.

Your committee recognizes that the most imperative need of laymen is information and therefore stresses the more general reading of the state denominational paper and Home and Foreign

Fields. We fully appreciate the space allotted to us in this journal and have noted with much satisfaction a growing interest in the past year in our denominational literature. Here is the place for our chief emphasis.

Executive Committee.

The Secretary feels constrained to express his thorough appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Executive Committee—always loyal and thoroughly coöperative. Some of them have gone out and made addresses at their own charges; they have given from one to two hours of their valuable time each month to a careful consideration of the policies of this movement. They provided a special train and carried about one hundred men to the Atlanta convention. The chairman unsolicited assumed the salaries of six foreign missionaries in addition to his regular offerings to foreign missions; he also made a generous extra offering to home missions. Another member voluntarily paid the salary of a foreign missionary extra, visited and spoke at a prominent church and was the main factor in securing the support of three other foreign missionaries, and also made a liberal special gift to home missions. The other members have been most generous in their support of the boards.

The churches of Knoxville, Tenn., which are largely represented on this committee, increased their offerings to home and foreign missions the past year more than enough to cover the entire expenses of conducting this movement during the year.

Recommendations.

(1) **Conventions.**—In addition to prosecuting with increased vigor the different classes of work already referred to in this report, your committee would strongly recommend the holding of men's conventions in the different states; in some of the larger states it may appear wise to have more than one, that all sections of the state may be touched. Florida is already arranging for three conventions. The problem of attendance is the vital issue; the records all show that the men who attend such meetings go away with quickened interest in the Lord's work. Pastors could hardly do a larger service for their laymen and for the kingdom than to induce them to attend such conventions.

(2) **State Chairmen.**—Your committee would recommend that the chairmen of the state executive committees be considered ex-officio members of this committee.

(3) **Daily Prayer.**—We would recommend that laymen be encouraged to cultivate the habit of daily prayer; this is needed that we may stem the tide of commercialism and deepen our own spiritual life, that we may have enlarged vision of Christian obligation, that we may be able to prove ourselves faithful stewards not only of our substance, but "of the manifold grace of God." It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ANDERSON, Chairman;

J. T. HENDERSON, General Secretary.

Report of Treasurer for Year Ending April 30, 1917.

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report	$ 294.34
From Home Mission Board	1,420.00
From Foreign Mission Board	2,630.00
From Sunday School Board	75.00
From Voluntary Gifts	213.70
Total Receipts	$4,633.04

Disbursements.

Traveling Expenses of General Secretary	$ 540.60
Expenses of Moving Office Equipment to Knoxville	16.74
Stationery	50.00
Stenographer	250.90
Office Supplies	9.00
Post Office Box Rent	4.00
Postage	96.32
Telephone	13.25
Typewriter for the Office	81.00
Office Rent	190.00
Publishing Tracts	162.75
Salary of General Secretary	3,200.00
Total Disbursements	$4,614.56
Balance on hand	18.48
	$4,633.04

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SMITH, Treasurer.

22. Lansing Burrows, Georgia, presented with comment his report as Statistical Secretary of the Convention. (Appendix D.)

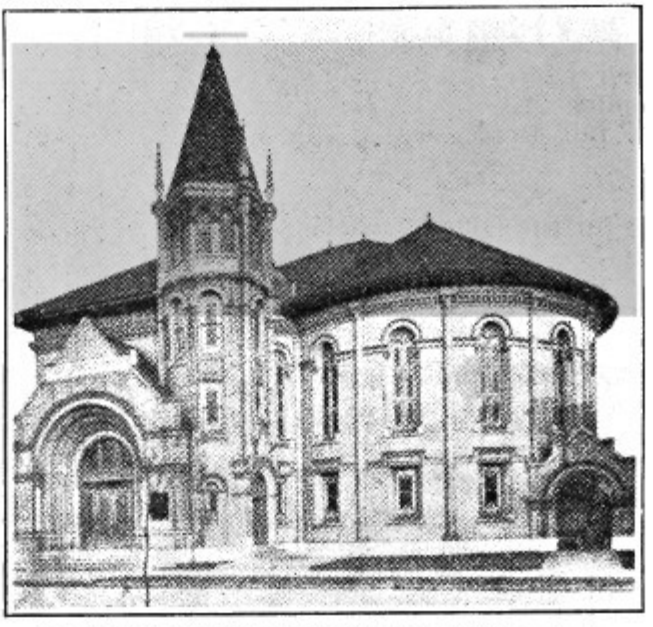
23. J. L. Gross, Texas, presented the report on Woman's Work, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, MAY 1, 1916, MAY 1, 1917.

At the April cornerstone laying of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky., Dr. E. Y. Mullins said that the growth of the school reminded him of a cherry tree in full blossom. "The blossoms come," he said, "because of pressure within and sunshine without." This principle lies back of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union for the year just closing—pressure of the Holy Spirit within calling to remembrance the missionary

message of Christ's life and the missionary opportunities of to-day; sunshine without through the favor of God upon the work done and the confidence of friends on all sides.

The first work of the year was to assist in the cancelling of the large foreign mission debt, though during the past seven years the Union had failed to reach its total foreign mission apportionment by only $8,171. Four Union representatives met with the Foreign Mission Board shortly after the Asheville meeting and promised to try to raise at least one-third of the $180,000, one-third being about the ratio sustained by the Union to such financial undertakings. Immediately programs and leaflets were prepared and sent to the thousands of societies, and beautiful indeed was the spirit with which they were carried out, a spirit



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which matched that of the sacrificial giving at the Asheville Convention. Dr. J. F. Love says that he feels sure that the Union did raise $60,000, and he has also publicly announced that the literature prepared by the Union was invaluable to the success of the campaign as a whole. In most of the states the W. M. U. organizations no doubt kept a very careful record of all that their members contributed to this fund. However, in at least two of the states this careful record was not kept, which may account for the fact that we know of only about $45,000 which Union members gave. We wish it had been fully "$60,000. but instead of being discouraged by it we consider it as brightest sunshine without," for this was quite over and above the regular gifts.

Another great over and above effort has been the work for the enlargement fund of the W. M. U. Training School. At Asheville it was decided to build at once, although only $52,000 of the desired $150,000 was in hand. From the encouragement received

from the Convention itself at Asheville, we went forth to find 98,000 people to give the remaining $98,000. To this end Dollar Clubs were organized in many churches and it is safe to say that thousands of people have heard of the school and shown their interest in it. One of the great outstanding examples is found in the January campaign in Louisville when within one week 1,800 people pledged $30,500 to the school. The other large gift is the splendid $10,000 one from the Sunday School Board. Especial thanks for this are extended to Dr. I. J. Van Ness and Mr. A. B. Hill of the local committee, who did all within their power to see that this gift was made. The $10,000 check was presented by Dr. Van Ness when the cornerstone of the school was laid on April 5. The cash and pledges so far amount to over $106,000, and there is reason to believe that during the summer the remainder will be secured in cash or good pledges, so that the new building may in a very real sense be dedicated when the school opens in October. It is truly remarkable the way in which the spirit and efficiency of the school have been maintained during this year in crowded, rented quarters.

The personal service work done by the students through the churches and other charitable organizations of Louisville and particularly through the school's Good Will Center, has been gratefully received. It is also good to know that personal service is becoming a more vital part of W. M. U. work in all of the states. Advance is said to be due to the fact that the societies are using more system in the doing and reporting of this work, that they are interesting their new members in it, that it is being recognized as a great enlistment and soul-winning agency, that larger contributions are being made to it of time and money and food and clothing, and that it is being used to develop the home department of the Sunday school.

Great encouragement is also found in the number of mission study classes which have been held. From fifteen states word comes that over 2,900 such classes have been held, 854 of them being among the young people. Some of these classes studied home mission books while doubtless just as many used those on foreign missions. In a number of states the societies have also met regularly for systematic Bible study.

Closely allied with this is the regular monthly missionary program which is developed for the graded system of societies in the Union's monthly, Royal Service, the issue of which now exceeds 30,000. After conference with a representative of the consolidated magazine it was very clearly seen that the new magazine would not attempt to cover the program work done by Royal Service so, largely in view of this fact, the committee decided to continue the publication of Royal Service. In addition, the Union promised to do all it could to promote the circulation of the new magazine and to furnish a W. M. U. department for it. The department has been furnished each month, and the magazine's editor has publicly announced that over 90 per cent of its subscribers are women.

"Pressure within and sunshine without" are also revealed by the number of new organizations formed during the year. In sixteen states alone over 2,400 such societies have resulted, the

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net gain for the year being over 1,000. Of this net gain, over 600 are among the young people, which is particularly gratifying, since during the past year the Union has had a special secretary for the young people's work.

It is generally known that the Baltimore office is the headquarters for the W. M. U. Literature Department, which is entrusted with the editing of Royal Service, the preparation of the Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists and with the publishing and sale of many leaflets and booklets. The department has had its trials during this year of high priced paper, but it has carefully guarded its expenses and will be able to declare a healthy balance.

The expenses of this department are kept separate from those of the Union's free literature, for the publishing and distribution of which and for the salaries and other office expenses the Union annually receives from the three Boards of the Convention the necessary amount from contributions made to these Boards by the Union. During the past year the budget of such expenses has made possible the ordinary work of the office, the distribution of over 359,000 leaflets and pamphlets and the visiting by a Union representative of all of the eighteen states except two, the miles traveled exceeding 22,000.

It cost about 13,000 to carry on this work, which is slightly less than 3½ per cent of the Union's contributions during 1915-16 to the Home and Foreign Mission and Sunday School Boards. During the year the W. M. U. treasurer made an exhaustive study of the expense of conducting W. M. U. work in the states. It was found that for these 18 organizations to raise their contributions for home and foreign missions, Bible Fund of Sunday School Board, Margaret Fund and W. M. U. Training School, it requires 6 1/9 of the total raised. If the 3½ per cent of the Baltimore office is added to this it means 9 11/18 per cent. It was found, however, that owing to local conditions the expenses in four of the states were disproportionately high. Not counting these, the rate for the remaining fourteen and the Baltimore office is 8 3/14 per cent. Of this ratio it required 5/9 to raise the foreign mission contributions, 3/9 for those for home missions and 1/9 for the Sunday School Board, Margaret Fund and W. M. U. Training School.

Among the leaflets and pamphlets mentioned above, over 265,000 were sent to the state W. M. U. headquarters for use during the January Week of Prayer for World-wide Missions, and the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. On the whole, the states report that these weeks were generally observed. In the state denominational papers many societies have borne testimony to the fact that the observance of the entire weeks deepened their prayer life and made their hearts more generous in giving. It is with gratitude that the fact is recorded that most of these leaflets and programs were prepared by women home and foreign missionaries who know so well the power of prayer and the need of gifts adequate to the ever enlarging opportunities on the various fields.

In a very appealing way the need of many of the frontier workers has come in the appeal for 70 boxes of clothing. W. M. U.

societies throughout the South supplied 64 such boxes, valued at over $4,500, and the severity of the winter made it all the more distressing that the remaining six could not be furnished.

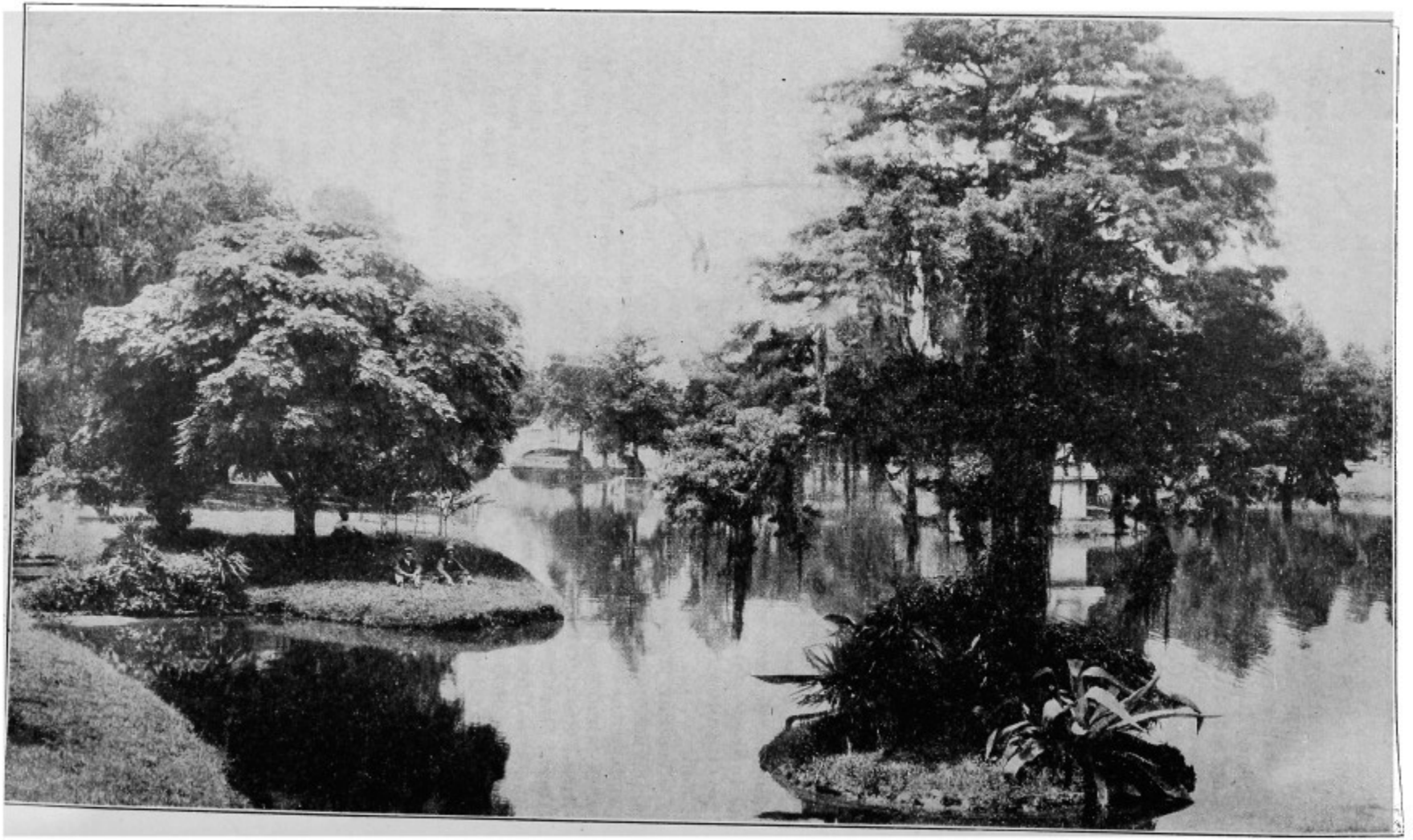
Since its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1913, the Union has had as an aim for one of its anniversary gifts the raising of $325,000 for the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. The Judson Centennial, the foreign mission debt and the building fund of the W. M. U. Training School have been three very imperative reasons why the Union has not concentrated its full strength toward the raising of this altogether essential fund. It is encouraging when a leading state like North Carolina agrees to raise $11,000 for this fund during each of the next three years. It is believed that the majority of the states will adopt some similar and equally effective plan, so that by next May the Union may report that its full $325,000 has been secured, either in cash or certified pledges.

Another work which the Union will no doubt continue to foster with enthusiasm is the Margaret Fund, through which several boarding scholarships in academies and colleges are granted annually to the children of our foreign missionaries and of home missionaries living outside the United States. Nine such scholarships have been held this year, a significant fact being that at least seven of these were in leading Baptist colleges of the South. Sincere gratitude is felt toward these and all the institutions which have granted or expressed the willingness to grant tuition scholarships to the beneficiaries of the Margaret Fund.

Regular correspondence has been sustained between the women home and foreign missionaries. In replying to the letters written them by members of the Baltimore committee, they have, with almost one accord, sent articles which could be used in Royal Service or in Home and Foreign Fields. To each of them Royal Service is sent each month and the Calendar of Prayer and the Union Year Book are also sent complimentary to them.

Five of their number have during the year joined the host of encompassing witnesses: Misses Price, Whilden and Mackenzie and Mesdames Rawlinson and Shepherd. It is significant that all were missionaries in China, a field where our important work can ill-afford to lose a single trained helper.

Words fail us also to express our sorrow over the loss of Dr. J. M. Frost. His remarkable career as corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board is known not only to Southern Baptists, but also to the general public, one of the leading publishers of the world having declared that the success of the Board under Dr. Frost's administration was considered a miracle of the printing business. However, in the midst of his large duties, he never failed to give the closest attention to any Union matter concerning which his counsel was sought. People in general, and certainly his close friends, can appreciate how careful he was in the details of such advice and how firmly he held to his decisions, thus strengthening the Union to undertake without fear many large tasks. Notable among these was the work for the W. M. U. Training School. It is with grateful hearts that we say that but for his unwavering faith in the school the task



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would have been almost insurmountable. Right royally did he encourage large gifts to the amount of $30,587 from his Board to the school, and in loving gratitude and sincere appreciation will his memory be cherished by the school and the entire Union.

In considering the year's work of the Union as a whole, it is interesting to note some of the evidences of progress which have been observed in the various states: a study of methods; a desire for better methods, for enlisting other women and for the graded system of W. M. U. organizations; the maintenance of the full graded system in 216 churches in 13 states; more Bible and mission study classes; a deeper spirituality; larger prayer life; larger society contributions through increasing membership; more organizations; better programs; more leaders in societies and associations; women learning to do through study and efficiency; increased interest in young people and unenlisted women; more subscriptions to missionary magazines; new organizations in uncultivated fields; and a deeper conception of Christian stewardship. Surely with the "pressure within and the sunshine without" of these progressive forces the new year may be confidently welcomed.

MRS. W. C. JAMES, President.
KATHLEEN MALLORY, Corresponding Secretary.

Totals of W. M. U. Treasurer's and Corresponding Secretary's Annual Statistical Reports.

Foreign Missions	$211,325.08
Home Missions	120,831.68
Bible Fund of Sunday School Board	1,500.00
Margaret Fund	1,473.96
W. M. U. Training School	47,803.18
Scholarship Fund of Training School	6,051.49
Jubilate Offering to Foreign Missions	36,294.34
Jubilate Offering to Home Missions	8,508.07
Foreign Mission Debt	56,811.11
Home Mission Debt	512.20
Total Cash Contributions	$491,111.11
Boxes to Frontier and Mountain Schools	10,701.59
Total Cash and Box Contributions	$501,812.70
Standard of Excellence Societies	4,879
Total Number of Missionary Societies	15,840
Number of New Missionary Societies	2,878
Leaflets and Pamphlets Distributed	362,633

24. A memorial from the Maryland Union Baptist Association, presented by J. F. Love, Virginia, was referred to a committee of nine to be appointed by the President.

25. A memorial from the Louisiana and Mississippi Conventions and the Home Mission Board relative to a missionary training school in New Orleans, was presented by M. E. Dodd, Louisiana, and ordered referred to a special committee.

26. M. D. Jeffries, South Carolina, Secretary of the Board, reported vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as follows: Maryland and District of Columbia, one; Virginia, two; Georgia, one; Kentucky, four; Missouri, three; and Tennessee, two; whereupon it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate to this Convention three brethren residing in the said states for each of the existing vacancies, from which the Board of Trustees of the Seminary will fill the vacancies, in accordance with the fundamental laws of the institution.

27. The report of the Committee on Consolidation of the Boards was represented by M. H. Wolfe, Texas. A substitute was offered and discussed by J. F. Brownlow, Tennessee.

J. M. Robertson, Texas, was recognized for further discussion, when, owing to the lateness of the hour, adjournment was taken till 7:30 P.M.

28. The President announced the following committees:

On Ministers' Relief.—E. W. Stephens, Missouri; A. Y. Ford, Kentucky; W. H. Sledge, Maryland; W. H. Managan, Louisiana; W. N. Jones, North Carolina; M. D. Jeffries, South Carolina; H. F. Vermillion, Arkansas; D. Y. Bagby, Texas; Herbert F. Cox, Virginia; William Lunsford, Tennessee.

On Religious Services.—R. L. Baker, L. A. Moore, B. P. Robertson, W. A. Jordan, J. W. Boggs, L. O. F. Cotey.

On Nomination of Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.—C. H. Pinchbeck, Maryland and District of Columbia; E. M. Harris, Virginia; W. A. Taliaferro, Georgia; S. M. Brown, Missouri; J. W. O'Hara, Tennessee; Ira Knight, Kentucky.

On Memorial Service.—Joshua Levering, Maryland; E. C. Dargan, Georgia; Allen Fort, Tennessee; P. T. Hale, Kentucky; J. F. Purser, Georgia; Z. T. Cody, South Carolina.

29. After announcements the Convention adjourned with prayer by L. E. Barton, Arkansas.

First Day, Evening Session.

30. President Gambrell called the Convention to order at 7:30 P.M. Allen Fort, Tennessee, conducted devotional exercises.

31. On motion of A. J. Barton, Texas, the report of the Committee on Consolidation of the Boards and the substitute offered by J. F. Brownlow, Tennessee, were referred to a committee consisting of the Committee on Consolida-

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tion appointed last year, together with J. F. Brownlow and five other members to be appointed by the chair, this committee to report tomorrow or as early as possible during this session. The President named the following committee: William Ellyson, Virginia; A. J. Barton, Texas; E. P. Aldredge, Arkansas; Frank Willis Barnett, Alabama; Z. T. Cody, South Carolina.

32. The hour for the special order having arrived, E. E. Dudley, Mississippi, read John 21. S. B. Rogers, Florida,

led in prayer, and the Convention Sermon was preached by C. W. Duke, Florida. Text, John 20: 4.

33. J. W. Porter, Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted after remarks by J. J. Taylor, Georgia, and J. W. Porter, Kentucky:

Resolved, That we, the representatives of 2,744,000 Southern Baptists in Convention assembled, pledge to our President and government, our prayers, our loyal and sacrificial support in the war in which we are engaged. To this end, we pledge our property, our lives and our sacred honor.

34. The President appointed the following committee:

On Foreign Board Report.—T. W. O'Kelley, North Carolina; J. S. Rogers, Arkansas; J. M. Dawson, Texas; Allen Fort, Tennessee; S. M. Brown, Missouri; Geo. W. Quick, South Carolina; John F. Purser, Georgia; A. J. Holt, Florida; A. J. Dickinson, Alabama; Martin Ball, Mississippi; W. E. Dodd, Louisiana; M. D. Early, Kentucky; W. P. Throgmorton, Illinois.

35. The following message was sent to the Northern Baptist Convention:

New Orleans, La., May 16, 1917.

PRESIDENT NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in New Orleans, sends fraternal greetings to her sister Convention of like faith meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, with the most fervent wish that together we may strive for the faith of the gospel. 1 Corinthians 15: 58.

J. B. GAMBRELL, President.

O. F. GREGORY, HIGHT C. MOORE, Secretaries.

36. The Convention adjourned with benediction by L. R. Burress, Arkansas.

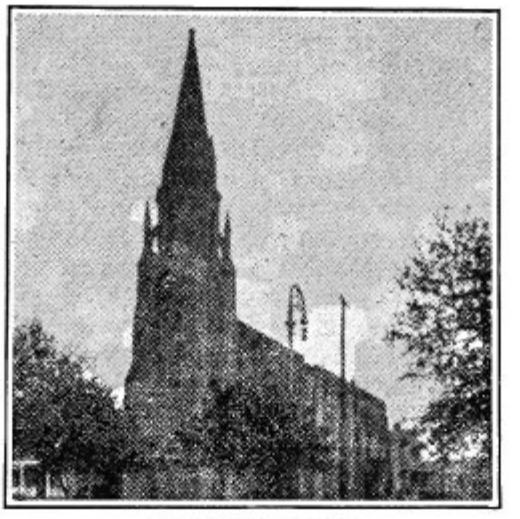
Second Day, Morning Session.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 17, 1917.

37. The Convention was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Gambrell, and devotional services were conducted by C. M. Thompson, Kentucky.

38. The following committee was appointed:

On Proposed Training School at New Orleans.—C. W. Duke, C. T. Alexander, L. L. Bebout, H. F. Vermillion, W. A. Jordan, L. W. Sloan, W. M. Wood, J. F. Williams, R. E. Burt, B. F. Gehring, C. C. Coleman.



COLISEUM CHURCH.

39. The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and confirmed.

40. For the Committee on Consolidation, M. H. Wolfe, Texas, reported the following, which was adopted without discussion:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF THE BOARDS.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to consider and report on a resolution to revise Articles 5 to 10 of the Constitution so as to create one strong executive board which should

direct all the work and enterprises fostered and promoted by this Convention, beg leave to report that, obeying the instructions of the Convention, a majority and minority of the committee put forth, through the denominational press, last January tentative statements making certain suggestions covering the matter submitted to the committee. Having further considered the whole question, the committee respectfully submits as their completed report the following recommendations:

First: In view of the diversity of opinions concerning the best method of conducting our work, and the distressing conditions in our country, resulting from the world-war, we recommend that the Boards of the Convention remain separate as at present.

Second: Recognizing, however, that there is a strong sentiment in favor of greater unity in the general direction of the Convention's affairs, and believing that some improvement in the methods of conducting the work would be attained by the creation of a standing committee of the Convention to act for the body between its sessions in ways hereinafter set forth, we recommend that an executive committee of seven, representing the different parts of the territory of the Convention, be elected annually by the Convention as are its standing committees. No officer or member of any of the Boards of the Convention shall be eligible to membership on the executive committee. The duties of the committee shall be to have oversight of the arrangements for the meetings of the Convention with power to change both the time and place of meeting in case an emergency arises making such change necessary; that this committee shall act for the Convention ad interim on such matters as may arise pertaining to the general business of the Convention and not otherwise provided for in its plans of work; that this committee shall also be empowered to act in an advisory way on all questions submitted to it on matters arising between the Boards of this Convention, but only on request of one or more of the Boards concerned; that this committee shall have no further duties except as other things may be specifically committed to it by the Convention itself at its annual meeting; that the committee shall hold meetings at such time and places as it may select and its necessary expenses shall be a charge equally divided among the three Boards of this Convention.

M. H. WOLFE,
E. Y. MULLINS,
JOHN E. WHITE,
JOSHUA LEVERING,
WILLIAM D. NOWLIN,
W. A. McCOMB,
E. C. DARGAN,
E. J. A. McKINNEY,
POWHATAN W. JAMES,
W. M. VINES,
F. C. McCONNELL,
J. F. BROWNLOW,
A. J. BARTON,
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Z. T. CODY,
WILLIAM ELLYSON.

41. J. F. Brownlow, Tennessee, presented the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Frank Willis Barnett, Alabama, and W. M. Whittington, Mississippi:

WHEREAS, The question of the legality of the incorporated units of this Convention and the proper organization alignment of the Southern Baptist Convention as an incorporated body has been raised before this Convention in a substitute motion made by J. F. Brownlow and referred to this committee for consideration, we beg to recommend, after considering the matter, the appointment of a Special Committee of seven, to be appointed by the President, and composed as nearly as possible of equal representation of lawyers, ministers and business men.

Said committee to be empowered to employ, if necessary, counsel, and the fee for such counsel not to exceed the sum of $500, and together with the expenses of said committee paid by the three Boards of this Convention equally.

Said committee is empowered to give the fullest consideration to all questions concerning the relation legally of the Southern Baptist Convention, Incorporated, to its several Boards, incorporated, and the corporate organization of the Convention and its units or Boards and make report to the next session of the Convention with full recommendations as to any needed action.

Signed by all of the committee,

M. H. WOLFE,
E. Y. MULLINS,
JOHN E. WHITE,
JOSHUA LEVERING,
WILLIAM D. NOWLIN,
W. H. McCOMB,
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WILLIAM ELLYSON,
F. C. McCONNELL.

42. Upon suggestion of Livingston Johnson, North Carolina, the Convention was led in prayer by G. W. Truett, Texas.

43. J. M. Dawson, Texas, read the report of the Committee on the Report of Foreign Mission Board.

Secretary T. B. Ray, Virginia, called to the platform and introduced to the Convention the missionaries of the

Board now at home on furlough and in attendance upon this session.

Representing Mexico, brief addresses were made by J. E. Davis, of Leon; J. G. Chastain, of Durango; and C. L. Neal, Toluca. Dr. H. Allen Tupper also spoke of conditions in Mexico.

Representing Japan, brief addresses were made by J. F. Ray, Shimonoseki, and E. O. Mills, of Fukuoka. At this point the Convention was called to prayer, led by F. C. McConnell, Georgia.

The situation in Japan was discussed by T. B. Ray, Virginia; F. C. McConnell, Georgia; J. F. Love, Virginia; G. W. Truett, Texas; W. D. Powell, Kentucky; Preston Blake, Alabama; C. E. Maddry, Texas; and, on motion of John Jeter Hurt, North Carolina, was referred to the committee on Report of the Foreign Board and J. T. Henderson and George W. Truett.

44. C. H. Pinchbeck, Maryland, for the committee to Nominate Trustees of the Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Maryland and District of Columbia.—W. W. McMaster, H. I. Stewart, G. G. Johnson.

Virginia.—C. B. Arendall, J. L. Camp, B. F. Moorman, J. L. Rosser, M. L. Harrison, M. W. Turner.

Georgia.—John D. Mell, S. Y. Jameson, A. C. Cree.

Kentucky.—Julius Caldwell, W. M. Wood, B. H. Lovelace, C. W. Gheens, A. Paul Bagby, M. P. Hunt, C. W. Norton, F. F. Gibson, J. A. Booth, M. B. Adams, Geo. Hays, O. R. Mangum.

Missouri.—W. H. Geistweit, L. M. Hale, J. E. Hampton, Com. P. Storts, J. E. Dillard, W. A. Simmons, H. E. Truex, T. L. West, Minetry Jones.

Tennessee.—Geo. Green, A. B. Hill, I. N. Penick, Allen Fort, C. A. Owen, W. R. Ivey, Charles H. Pinchbeck, J. W. O'Hara, W. A. Taliaferro, E. M. Harris, Ira Knight, S. M. Brown.

45. The President appointed the following committee:

On Maryland Memorial.—J. J. Hurt, North Carolina; Geo. W. McDaniel, Virginia; G. H. Crutcher, Louisiana; L. R. Burress, Arkansas; W. B. Crumpton, Alabama; A. E. Booth, Illinois; J. J. Taylor, Georgia; A. U. Boone, Tennessee; J. B. Leavell, Mississippi.

46. The Convention adjourned with prayer by the President.

Second Day, Afternoon Session.

47. The Convention reassembled at 2:30 P.M. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Wiley, Oklahoma.

48. On motion of Alex. W. Bealer, Georgia, Lansing Burrows, Georgia, was re-elected Statistician of the Convention under the same arrangement approved a year ago.

49. Robert H. Coleman, Texas, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In so pure a democracy as a Baptist church, all members have equal privileges; and,

WHEREAS, Women constitute so vital a part of the membership of our churches, both in numbers and in workers; and,

WHEREAS, The present wording of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention is such as to prohibit the recognition of women as messengers. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution be so altered as to read as follows:

Article III. The Convention shall consist (1) of messengers who contributed funds, or are elected as messengers by Baptist bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention, on the basis of one messenger for every $250 actually paid into the treasuries of the Board during the fiscal year ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meetng of the Convention; (2) of one representative from each of the District Associations which coöperate with this Convention, provided that such representative be formally elected at the annual meeting of the District Association, and the election certified to the Secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by copy of the printed Minutes.

The house divided on the motion to table, which was lost, the vote being 248 ayes and 328 noes.

The President ruled that a change in the Constitution could be made only by a vote of two-thirds of the total enrolled delegation present at any annual meeting of the Convention. On appeal from the decision, the house divided, and the chair was sustained, the ayes numbering 473 and the noes numbering 386.

On motion, the resolution was ordered referred to a committee of five for consideration and report next year.

50. S. A. Smith, Louisiana, presented a resolution regarding chaplaincies in the army and navy which was referred to a committee of five on the present crisis in world conditions. To the same committee was referred a communication from Richard H. Edmonds, Maryland.

51. The report of the Committee on World Conference on Faith and Order was presented and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on World Conference, Faith and Order would report that the continuance of the distressing conditions upon the European continent operate to the suspension of necessary preliminary movements for the consummation of the objects desired. We recommend that the committee be continued with the substitution of the present President of the Convention in lieu of the retiring President.

LANSING BURROWS,
O. F. GREGORY,
HIGHT C. MOORE.

52. H. F. Vermillion, Arkansas, presented the report of the Committee on Southwest Sanitarium, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM.

Your Committee has ascertained the following to be true:

1. The climate of the Southwest is the best in America for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis.
2. On account of the climate, thousands of people afflicted with tuberculosis flock to the Southwest annually.
3. The number of these people who are indigent is so great that the people of the Southwest are unable financially or physically to care for them. A large number of these helpless, sick people are Baptists from Southern States and are proper objects of the pitying care of the Baptist people of the South.
4. A large number who go out there for the cure of tuberculosis, and who with a little proper care might recover, die in

lonely places because nobody seems to care for them and no one supplies their needs.

5. Many Baptists, and others, who are able to pay for accommodations and service are forced into insanitary, improvised quarters in lonely wayside places, where they die because we have failed to provide hospital facilities for them. The chairman of your committee has personal knowledge of a number of members of widely known Southern Baptist families, including preachers and relatives of preachers, whose lives could have been saved through proper care in a sanitarium, but who died for want of such care.

6. Members of this Convention who live in the Southwest are constantly besieged with correspondence from preachers and others who desire work in that country so that they can support themselves in that climate in the hope of recovering from tuberculosis. Wherever one goes who lives in the Southwest, one is continually receiving inquiries from people who ask concerning relatives gone to that section for the cure of this dread malady.

7. Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics and others have already erected hospitals for their people in Silver City and Albuquerque, and are doing a great work. The United States government has, at Fort Stanton and Fort Bayard, sanitaria for soldiers and marines afflicted with tuberculosis, and they are admirably conducted. There are also religious and private sanitaria at El Paso, San Antonio and other places. But these institutions can do only a small portion of the work needed in that section.

8. The chairman of your committee has corresponded with many pastors and laymen and chambers of commerce in the Southwest and they are unanimous in the opinion that our great Baptist people could not render a nobler or more Christlike service to humanity than to establish a good tuberculosis sanitarium in that section. Following are a few extracts from letters received:

Dr. S. J. Porter, pastor First Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas, says: "In my judgment there is a great need for a tuberculosis sanitarium in the Southwest. Large numbers of patients come to this section who are unable to find the acommodations which they need. I hope that the committee will be able to report favorably at the approaching session of the Southern Baptist Convention."

John B. Carrington, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas, says: "Both privately and through municipalities, the people of the Southwest have done a great deal toward alleviating the conditions of the tubercular sick, but what has been done is only a tithe of what is necessary to be done. This makes a burden too heavy for the people of the Southwest to bear alone. If space permitted, I could tell you heartbreaking stories of suffering, and of men and women who died for lack of proper attention and proper food. Therefore, let me repeat, and repeat it strongly, that in my humble opinion the Southern Baptist Convention can do no better act to carry out the precepts of the great Master than to establish a home in this Southwest section for the tubercular sick."

TYPICAL FRENCH COURTYARD, NEW ORLEANS.

San Antonio is not a candidate for the location of the sanitarium.

Pastor R. F. Jenkins, of Roswell, New Mexico, says: "I am heartily in favor of such a move. The isolation and loneliness of tubercular patients in this section is heart-rending. I look out of my window on the little park, 100 by 200 feet, and count fifteen men who are not wanted in hotels or rooming houses, and it is difficult to get even the necessary places for them."

The above statements could be repeated in substance by quotations from every letter received from men in the Southwest. One layman who is now well and engaged in business and who went there thirty years ago quite sick is very enthusiastic in his recommendation that we undertake this work.

Your committee recommends:

1. That a committee of not more than five be appointed and instructed to visit the Southwest and to take such other steps as may be necessary to secure full information concerning the advisability of undertaking this work, the best location for such an institution and the best method of securing means for doing the work, if undertaken.

2. That the committee be instructed not to incur any debt except such as may be authorized by this Convention.

3. That the committee report their findings and recommendations to the Convention at its next session.

H. F. VERMILLION, *Chairman;*
E. C. ROUTH,
R. P. MAHON,
JOE P. JACOBS,
S. H. CAMPBELL.

F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma, moved that the matter of a Tuberculosis Sanitarium be committed to the Home Mission Board with full power and authority to act in such way as may be deemed best to accomplish this gracious work; and the motion was adopted after remarks by F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma; L. G. Hardman, Georgia, and F. M. B. Hill, Texas.

53. On motion of John Jeter Hurt, North Carolina, President Gambrell was made chairman of the Committee on World Crisis. The committee was thus announced: J. B. Gambrell, Texas; R. H. Pitt, Virginia; E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky; L. G. Hardman, Georgia; C. A. Stakely, Alabama.

54. S. E. Tull presented the report of the Committee on Manual on Organization and Methods. The report was ordered printed in the Annual and the committee was thanked and discharged.

COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF "A MANUAL OF BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND METHODS."

Having been appointed by the last Southern Baptist Convenat Asheville, N. C., to prepare "A Manual of Baptist Church Organization and Methods," your Commission reports that, to the best of our ability we have performed the arduous task that was assigned to us. The proposed Manual has been prepared by us, and, after approval by the Sunday School Board, has been published by that Board. The book is now on sale and may be purchased from the Sunday School Board or any sales agency handling the Board's publications.

In undertaking the preparation of this book, your Commission found itself in a brand new field of Baptist literature. There were no reference books or other resources of standard material to which we might resort for help and information, and by which to pattern our labors. As for the manner of the construction of our Manual, we, at least, feel entirely safe from the possibility of comparative criticism.

The need and the propriety of such a book as we have written, we trust, shall appear equally as clearly to all of our brethren in their study of the Manual as they have been impressed upon us in its preparation. We are profoundly convinced that our Baptist churches greatly need a standardized Manual of uniform church organization and methods. We are firm in our belief that such a Manual has most insistent and far-reaching possibilities for usefulness and advancement to our churches and, thereby, to our denomination. For these reasons, and not for any claim of especial excellence for our labors, we trust that this book, gotten up under the auspices of this Convention, shall have an immediate and unanimous hearing on its merits as a pattern of organization and methods for the churches which has in it the possibility of greater efficiency and of happiness in all their labors, enterprises and fellowships.

We shall not attempt in this report a review of the contents of the Manual because it may now be obtained and studied by all the members of this Convention. We do, however, assume this privilege and claim the simple justice due us for the labors enjoined upon us in the responsible task of writing this book, to request that this Manual shall be judged, in estimating its practical worth to the churches, upon the following considerations:

(1) That the Manual, in dealing with present organizations and methods which obtain in the churches, wherein we have set forth the inadequacy and the lack of uniformity and efficiency

in the work of our churches generally, does so with no spirit of blame or of censorious criticism, but only with the hope of helping the churches to understand their own needs and to lead them to see the necessity of better and more serviceable methods by which to conduct their work both for themselves and for the denomination.

(2) That the plans of organization and methods of work set out in the Manual should be carefully studied on their merits, and should not be prejudged or set aside because their acceptance and adoption might entail even a complete reconstruction of methods now employed by many churches. We have nowhere sought to destroy, but rather to conserve, any of of the good in any current methods now in use in the churches. Yet, we have regarded our obligation and opportunity too seriously to recommend the continuation of any current plans of church work simply because they are current and of comparative wide acceptation, when, in, our judgment, the suggestions we have had to propose give promise of better results and greater attainments. We have regarded it to be our sacred duty to offer a book of concrete and practical suggestions which alone might give promise of substantial progress in the attempt by this Convention to better conditions in the churches. We have deliberately chosen this course rather than to defer to the complexity of opinions existing among our people as to church methods by only offering a compendium of current ideas out of which nothing definite and uniform might be accomplished, and, thereby, to lose the most valuable opportunity of making our Manual a real means of bringing all our churches to a uniformity of organization and methods.

(3) That the ideal of ultimately bringing all our Baptist churches to a state of practical uniformity in organization and methods is the central aim of the Manual. The multiplied possible benefits to come from the ultimate accomplishment of this ideal, both to the churches themselves and to the denominational enterprises supported by the churches, are worthy and engaging enough to justify all the study, labor and persistence necessary to their attainment.

We believe that if our Manual should do no more good than to start a tendency in our Baptist churches toward so great an ideal of uniformity of organization and concert of action in the prompt and unfailing support of all our denominational work, the wisdom of its preparation and publication by this Convention would be justified in countless ways in solving our local church problems and in building up business-like and dependable resources upon which to safely project a great Baptist denominational program.

With these general comments upon our work, we take great pleasure in announcing that the task to which you commissioned us has been accomplished in full accordance with your instructions. The Manual, as now published, has been approved by the whole Commission and the Sunday School Board, is now on sale, and ready for use by the churches.

We are glad to say that we have been able to perform our labors without incurring any financial cost to this Convention.

By virtue of the manner of your action which created our Commission, and by which our task was laid out, this body is not called upon either to approve or to disapprove what we have done. The possible good which our labors may accomplish will depend upon the approval of the churches and the extent to which our suggestions may be adopted and carried into effect in the practices of the churches.

If our churches are made happier in their work, and if our great denominational enterprises are advanced through the suggestions which we have made in this Manual, then we shall have the only reward which we crave for the painstaking labor which has been necessary in order for us to creditably discharge a duty which we have realized to be very critical in its significance. We dare to hope that the publication of this Manual may mark the dawn of a new day in Baptist thinking upon the necessity of right methods as being the only means to real efficiency in the work of our churches and our denomination. We hope, with equal enthusiasm, that this Manual may bring to our denominational management the full force of the fact that our denominational work cannot be projected further or faster than the state of development in the churches will sustain, and, therefore, that the secret of Baptist success and prosperity denominationally depends fundamentally upon the kind of Baptist churches we have.

We do not claim perfection for the suggestion we have made in this Manual, but we do claim that these suggestions hold out the possibility of reshaping to real standards of uniformity the disconcerted policies and the unsystematic methods which now obtain in our churches, and may, when adopted by the churches, place the Boards and enterprises of this Convention upon a systematic, uniform and dependable basis of support which alone may assure the business facility and solidarity to our denominational plans which the immediate future demands that the Baptists shall work out for themselves.

SELSUS E. TULL, Chairman;
LANSING BURROWS,
M. H. WOLFE,
J. T. HENDERSON,
J. B. LAWRENCE,
I. J. VAN NESS, for the Sunday School Board.

55. On motion, the hour of meeting tomorrow was fixed at 9 A.M.

56. The President announced the following committees:

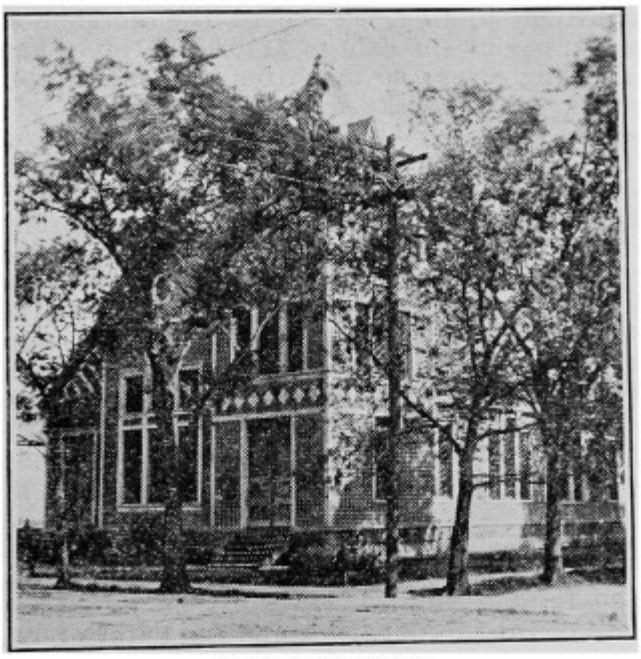
On Nominations.—R. T. Vann, North Carolina; W. Hutcheson, Virginia; John E. White, South Carolina; B. B. Bailey, Arkansas; F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma; Forrest Smith, Texas; R. G. Powers, Kentucky; F. C. McConnell, Georgia; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; A. F. Mahan, Tennessee; H. H. Hibbs, Alabama;

W. C. Golden, Florida; H. B. Cox, Illinois; O. L. Powers, Louisiana; E. W. Chewing, Missouri; W. A. Borum, Mississippi.

On Apportionment.—The State Secretaries, and the following: W. H. Major, Georgia; J. E. Skinner, Tennessee; B. A. Bowers, Missouri; B. H. DeMent, South Carolina; E. E. Bomar, Kentucky; J. H. Pace, Texas; C. M. Thompson, Kentucky; S. H. Campbell, Arkansas; E. D. Hamilton, Oklahoma; J .S. Farmer, North Carolina; J. S. McLemore, Florida; J. H. Chapman, Alabama; Loran Fetz, Illinois.

On Report of Home Board.—J. R. Hobbs, Arkansas; J. H. Anderson, Tennessee; H. L. Winburn, Kentucky; L. G. Hardman, Georgia; W. A. Jordan, Louisiana; I. N. Ellis, Mississippi; J. E. Hicks, Virginia; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; W. S. Wiley, Oklahoma; B. C. Hening, North Carolina; R. C. Burt, Texas; J. A. Taylor, Missouri.

57. The Convention then adjourned.



VALENCE CHURCH.

Second Day, Evening Session.

58. The Convention reassembled at 7:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by B. H. DeMent, South Carolina.

59. President Gambrell introduced Mayor Behrman of New Orleans, who briefly addressed the body.

60. Addresses were delivered by the following missionaries under the Foreign Board: George Sadler, Africa; E. A. Jackson, Brazil; R. E. Chambers, China.

61. The report of the Committee was presented by Geo. W. Truett, Texas, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT.

With gratitude to God we record the notable achievement of the Board in paying the debt of $180,000. Never has the Board received in a single year so much for its general work. Including the amount paid on the debt, the total sum of $749,140.52 was reached. When the amount paid on the Judson Centenial is added, the grand total is $961,970.48. We have in these figures the revelation of the fact that Southern Baptists can, and soon will be, giving one million dollars a year to foreign missions. to the current fund. In view of the large sum given, the debt of $40,000 is not at all discouraging. We note with pleasure that there was a saving in expenses this year over last year of $9,939.94, but we frankly state that reduction of expenses may be attained at the expense of efficiency, which, in the Lord's work, should never be done. The blessing of the Lord has been upon the labors of the missionaries, as is evidenced by the fact that there were 6,347 baptisms during the year.

The need of increased resources is imperative, if the Board is to cope with the situation already on its hands, to say nothing of enlargement, which certainly ought to be made, namely, a minimum of thirty-five new missionaries, increased cost of living on the foreign field, which must be met by an increase in the salaries of the missionaries, and the entering of new fields, which are calling loudly for help, namely, Russia, and the work which has already been undertaken by Illinois Baptists and some others who aid them, in Syria, Persia and Galilee. Provision has already been made for entering Chile, by the gifts of certain churches, whenever the Board can see its way clear to undertake the work. To meet these urgent needs, an amount equal

to the sum given last year for current support and the debt, approximately $750,000, will be required. We most earnestly hope that the Convention, through its Apportionment Committee, may see its way clear to undertake the raising of this amount.

We believe it would be right for each state to become responsible for the actual payment of the apportionment, which it accepts, and we would urge the enlarging of the apportionments of the states sufficiently to meet the constantly growing needs of the work.

We approve the suggestion of Secretary Henderson, that the emergency in Japan for the Fukuoka school be taken care of by the Laymen's card system, at once.

We have information that the Board has carefully gone into the problem of increased salaries for the missionaries, and has been deterred from making such increase only by the insufficiency of receipts, and we want the Board to know that the Convention is standing squarely behind it in meeting the absolute necessities of its servants on the far-flung battle line, as rapidly as its resources will allow.

This is no time for retrenchment. The sacrifices which men are making for their countries ought to put us to shame, when we remember how little we are really doing for our King. The spirit of democracy, which is abroad in all the earth today, gives us the greatest opportunity we have ever had to preach the democratic gospel of Jesus Christ. The present necessities of the work already begun, the incomparable magnitude of the foreign mission task, the unexampled challenge of the present world situation lay upon us solemn and inescapable responsibilities to address ourselves to this task as we have never done before.

T. W. O'KELLEY,
M. E. DODD,
ALLEN FORT,
W. P. THROGMORTON.
GEO. W. QUICK,
J. M. DAWSON,
GEO. W. TRUETT,
J. T. HENDERSON,
J. S. ROGERS,
S. M. BROWN,
MARTIN BALL,
M. D. EARLY.

After discussion by William Ellyson, Virginia, and J. F. Love, Virginia, the report was adopted.

62. The Convention then adjourned with prayer by M. E. Dodd, Louisiana.

Third Day, Morning Session.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 18, 1917.

63. Vice-President S. P. Brooks called the Convention to order at 9 A.M., and devotional exercises were conducted by E. M. Poteat, South Carolina.

64. The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

65. O. L. Hailey, Texas, for Committee on Order of Business, submitted an amended report for the business of the day, which was adopted.

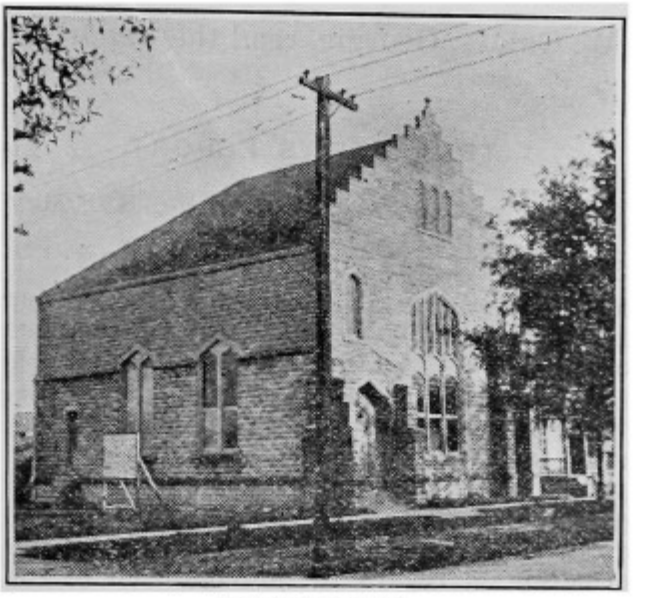
66. E. C. Dargan, Georgia, offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a By-Law defining the duties of the Executive Committee be adopted as follows:

6. An Executive Committee of seven shall be elected, as are the Boards and other committees, at each annual session of the Convention; no officer or member of any of the Boards shall be eligible for membership on this committee. Its duties and functions shall be as follows: (1) To act for the Convention during the interim of its meetings on matters not otherwise provided for in its plans of work; (2) to have oversight of arrangements for the meetings of the Convention, with authority in cooperation with the President, as provided for in the Constitution, to change if necessary the time and place of meeting; (3) to act in an advisory way on matters of policy and coöperation arising between the Boards of the Convention, but only on request of one or more of the Boards concerned; (4) to hold meetings at such times and places as it may select, the necessary expenses of such meetings to be a charge equally divided among the Boards of the Convention; (5) to make report of its proceedings and receive instructions at each annual meeting of the Convention. The committee shall have no further duties except as other things may be committed to it by the Convention itself.

67. E. C. Dargan, Georgia, moved that the numbers from 6 on of the By-Laws be changed to correspond with the adoption of By-Law 6, and the motion was carried.

68. A. B. Rudd, Virginia, introduced A. W. Jordan, Mexico, who spoke on the distribution of Bibles in Papal countries.



GRACE CHURCH.

69. W. J. McGlothlin, Kentucky, moved to strike out Article 5 of the By-Laws, and substitute therefor the following article:

5. Unless otherwise ordered by special action, and as soon as practicable after organization, the four vice-presidents elected by the Convention, and five other brethren, shall organize themselves into a Committee on Committees, whose duty it shall be to appoint the following committees: (1) On Order of Business; (2) on Religious Services; (3) on Nomination of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; (4) on Nomination of the Boards and Standing Committees of the Convention; (5) on the Reports of State Members of the Board; (6) on Apportionment; (7) on Arrangements for the Next Meeting; (8) on Woman's Work Auxiliary to the Convention; and (9) all other committees now in existence or to be created in the future by the Convention and reporting to the body.

Provided, That no one shall be appointed as a member of more than one committee at any one session of the Convention, except for special reasons; and that no one shall be appointed to serve on the same committee for two successive years, except for special reasons.

And the same was unanimously adopted.

70. Russell A. Harty, Texas, by consent of the Convention, spoke for a few moments on the Armenian sufferers, asking that community meetings be held all over the land, and collections made for this purpose.

72. W. W. Gaines, Georgia, read the Report of Treasurer Norton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Louisville, Ky., May 8, 1917.

TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

I beg to submit the attached statement of receipts and disbursements for the past year, approved by the Auditor of the Convention.

The Minutes of the 1916 annual Convention (page 68, Item 98) contain the instructions to the Treasurer with regard to the bequest in the will of Jefferson Herrick, late of Atlanta, Georgia. A copy of the will is attached to this report.

The Treasurer has been in correspondence during the year with Mr. C. D. Gibbs, the administrator of the estate, by whom ample information in regard to the condition of the estate has been furnished. The subject of this bequest is some twelve acres, more or less, of vacant property in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, (near the city limits), appraised at $18,000.00, but subject to annuities aggregating $100.00 per month, and certain debts and other claims.

Owing to the circumstances, more fully explained in letter from the administrator, dated June 27, 1916, of which copy is hereto attached, it has not been possible to make much progress in the direction of the settlement of the estate; nor is it probable that an advantageous settlement can be accomplished without the further action of the Convention. To obtain possession of the bequest, certain cash advances will be required to meet claims and expenses of administration, in addition to provision for the above annuities.

The object of the bequest, using the language of the will, is to "promote the winning or bringing of souls to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

In view of the facts now reported, the Treasurer is of the opinion that the wishes of the testator can best be carried out through the Home Mission Board or the Foreign Mission Board or both, and therefore recommends that all the interest of the Convention be transferred to either or both of the above Mission Boards, as the Convention may decide, and that authority be given to the proper officers of the Convention to execute the necessary documents to make such transfer effective.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NORTON, Treasurer.

Southern Baptist Convention, in Account with G. W. Norton, Treasurer.

1916	Receipts.		
July 1—By cash, for rent dividend No. 32, due July 1, 1916, on $1,500 (60 shares), Nashville & Decatur R. R. Co. stock..			$ 56 25
1917			
Jan. 2—By cash, for rent dividend No. 33, due Jan. 1, 1916, same as above			56 25
1916	Disbursements.		
Sept. 29—Paid bill of Ellis Investment & Insurance Co., Selma, Ala., for premium on policy for $1,000—covering remainder interest of Southern Baptist Convention in dwelling No. 4, E. S. Union St., Selma, Ala., for one year, to August 18, 1917	$ 12 00		
1917			
April 4—Remitted R. R. Gwathmey, Treasurer, Foreign Mission Board	50 25		
April 4—Remitted P. H. Mell, Treasurer, Home Mission Board	50 25		
	$112 50		$112 50

Audited and found correct:
W. T. HARVEY, Auditor.

(Letter from Administrator of Jefferson Herrick, Deceased.)

(Copy) No. 418 Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia,
June 27, 1916.

MR. GEORGE W. NORTON, Treasurer,
No. 1410 Inter-Southern Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Gaines has handed to me for reply, your favor of June 14th, relative to estate of the late Jefferson Herrick, and in reply I beg to advise, my connection with the estate will cease after all claims against the estate have been duly settled and the property turned over to the Southern Baptist Convention.

With reference to the property, I kindly beg to advise you that the Court appointed an appraiser, who after carefully inspecting the property, returned to the Court a valuation of $18,000. In addition to this, there is a life insurance policy of $1,000, making a total of $19,000.

I have collected the insurance policy, out of which I have paid doctors' and hospital bills amounting to about $85; undertakers' bill amounting to $375, and other claims against the estate, all of which total about $525.

There is a mortgage on the property of $500, interest on which has been paid up to May 27th. There are also outstanding claims against the estate, which will amount approximately to about

$150. This does not include attorneys' or administrator's fee. In an estate of this size, I am advised the fees will amount to approximately $1,250, and, no doubt, there will be other expenses incidental to the final settlement of the estate. As the matter now stands, it looks as if it will require from $1,250 to $1,400 to wind up the estate, assuming the Court will allow the usual fees.

With reference to the property, I will be perfectly willing to transfer same to the Convention any time they may desire, provided the Convention will advance a sufficient sum to cover all outstanding claims against the estate and execute an indemnity bond to me as administrator to cover all possible claims which may come up against the estate in future. I do not feel, however, there will be any further claims, as the matter has been handled most carefully and I am inclined to believe all claims have been rendered with the exception of the Court costs.

I am led to believe it was the testator's will and desire that the property be turned over to the Convention just as it stands, but, of course, unless the Convention is willing to advance a sufficient amount to take care of all outstanding claims, a part of the property will have to be sold to pay such claims.

I have inspected the property on several different occasions, and feel it will be greatly to the interest of the Convention to advance a sufficient amount to meet all outstanding claims and have the property turned over to them just as it stands, as I doubt very seriously if we could get a satisfactory price for part of the property if we are forced to sell same.

Again, if it should be necessary to sell a part of the property, it will, of course, entail considerable expense, as same would have to be surveyed and platted, all of which would entail additional expense on the estate.

I have conferred with Mr. Gaines with reference to this matter and would advise, if it is the desire of the Convention to advance a sufficient amount to meet outstanding claims and take possession of the property at an early date, we would be willing to discount any amount which might be allowed by the Court in the way of fees.

I am not advised as regards to the age of Mr. Herrick's two sisters, but in talking with the sister-in-law of Mr. Herrick, I am inclined to feel that Miss Emma L. Herrick is possibly 55 to 60 years of age and I would understand her sister to be about the same age, although I have no definite information regarding same.

I will be very glad to hear from you with reference to the matter.

Yours very truly,

C. D. GIBBS, Administrator.

(Copy of Will of Jefferson Herrick, Deceased.)

Atlanta, Ga., July 1, 1912.

In the event of my death, I desire that all my property, consisting of twelve acres, more or less, as described in the original deed, on deposit in the vault or safe of John J. Woodside, shall go to the Southern Baptist Convention, to sell at not less than

twenty-five thousand dollars, and reinvest in real estate that will bring in the best possible income, and at the same time be likely to increase in value. From such income, I desire that my sister Mrs. Edward A. Bassett, of Toledo, Ohio, be paid fifty dollars per month during her life, also that my sister, Emma L. Herrick, of Chicago, Illinois, be paid fifty dollars per month during her life. If any income above these amounts, it is to be used in such way as will best promote the winning or bringing of souls to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And after the death of my sisters the total income to be used for the same purposes.

On the property above named there is on record a mortgage for twenty-five hundred dollars, two thousand dollars of which has been paid, leaving a balance of five hundred dollars to be paid. I hold certificate of membership No. 378, in the Telegraphers' Mutual Benefit Association for $1,000. Five hundred of which I wish used to cancel that mortgage, the remaining $500 to be used in paying for a very simple, inexpensive burial of my remains and a nice marble or granite marker at the head of my wife's grave, the remainder to be divided equally between my two sisters. Also own 400 shares in the New York & Alabama Oil Company, of Huntsville, Ala., par value 25 cents per share, purchased at 15 cents per share. This may be of no value whatever, or at some time in the future it may be worth a great deal. Sell or hold as it may seem best, and use for the same purpose, I wish all I have to be used for, viz.: the winning or bringing of souls to Christ for their eternal salvation.

JEFFERSON HERRICK.

73. W. W. Gaines, Georgia, moved that the sections of the Treasurer's report referring to the estate of Jefferson Herrick be referred to a committee of three to be named by the chair, which committee shall be instructed to report later on in this session.

The chair appointed as this committee: J. D. Mell, Georgia; Frank Willis Barnett, Alabama; E. E. Bomar, Kentucky.

74. Under the head of Reception of Fraternal Messengers, the following telegram was read by the chair:

Cleveland, Ohio, May 17, 1917.

PRESIDENT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
New Orleans, La.

Northern Baptist Convention in annual meeting at Cleveland sends heartfelt fraternal greetings to the Southern Baptist Convention. We heartily appreciate your salutation. Matters vitally

affecting denominational, national and world welfare come before us both. May we alike be guided by superhuman wisdom. Read 1 Kings 3: 7–9.

CLARENCE A. BARBOUR, President.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

St. Louis, Mo., May 9, 1917.

TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
Meeting in New Orleans, La., May 16-23, 1917.

Dear Brethren:

We greet you in the spirit of loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ. The whole world is moving toward democracy, which, being interpreted in terms of our Christian ideals, means Brotherhood. One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren. If for centuries to come fraternity shall displace privilege, and divine right shall come to belong to Jesus Christ alone, the bitter struggles through which the world is passing will not have been in vain. For this sublime conception in religion Baptists have always stood. We have no father but God, no authoritative teacher but Jesus Christ, and no ruler but our divine Lord. Unitedly we stand for the reality that the relation between the heavenly Father and every earthly child of his is so close that nothing whatever is to be thrust between them. We rejoice with you that humanity is feeling as never before the emancipation, the responsibility, and the need for education which this august truth brings to the human heart. Surely the world spirit is offering today an unparalleled opportunity for the religious message of our beloved brotherhood.

We also join with you in the devotion to our dear country, in hearty support of its unselfish consecration to the welfare of mankind. Our homes, our churches, and our purses will make their due contribution to the victory that we pray may secure the triumph of humaneness over war, reason over brute force, righteousness over injustice, love over hatred and cruelty.

May God speed the day of peace built upon foundations of Christian ethics, and may he use our Baptist brotherhood to promote this happy era.

Yours in the bonds of loyalty to our Saviour,

CLARENCE A. BARBOUR, President.
W. C. BITTING, Corresponding Secretary.

W. H. Geistweit, Missouri, was introduced to the Convention as the representative of the Northern Baptist Convention, and addressed the Convention, and was enthusiastically received. On motion of A. J. Barton, Texas, the Secretaries were instructed to reply to the telegram; and also send a telegram of greeting to the Presbyterian

Assemblies now in session in Dallas, Texas, and Birmingham, Alabama.

75. The chair announced the following committee:

On Arrangements for Next Session.—J. A. Taylor, Missouri; W. W. Chancellor, Oklahoma; F. F. Gibson, Kentucky; H. L. Grice, Georgia; W. J. Stewart, Tennessee; A. J. Hall, Florida; A. A. Butler, North Carolina; E. W. Pickering, Maryland; H. E. White, Texas; W. E. Pettus, Alabama; E. M. Poteat, South Carolina; T. J. Shipman, Mississippi; T. C. Skinner, Virginia; T. D. Brown, Arkansas; E. B. Atwood, New Mexico.

76. The report of the committee on the Report of the Home Mission Board was read by J. R. Hobbs, Arkansas. After discussion by J. R. Hobbs, Arkansas; J. L. Wise, of the Canal Zone, and J. D. Crain, South Carolina, the latter speaking on Country Church Problems; W. J. McGlothlin, Kentucky, on Denominational Opportunities and Obligations, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Having encountered during the year difficulties with few parallels in all its experience, the Home Mission Board comes to this Convention with the best report of all its notable history.

Floods and storms, crop failures and world crisis, fear of war and war itself, and by no means least of all, the serious illness of its great Secretary himself have militated against the successful issue of this great work for the year.

If we may permit ourselves to regard the achievements of the Home Board for the past year in the light of comparison with the difficulties with which it has met, we may rightfully judge that it has done that which belongs in the realm of the remarkable.

The Board has reduced its operating expenses to the very minimum, so that its record in this respect sets a mark for the best of our great commercial corporations; it has cared for current expenses and reduced the debt of last year almost one-half; its department of church extension, under its most capable management, reports peculiarly gratifying progress toward the completion of its million-dollar fund; its departments of evangelism and publicity have lived up to the high standards set for themselves in former years, and our beloved Secretary has emerged from a serious illness and from under the surgeon's knife, possessing all the splendid vigor which characterizes T. O. Veith.

All in all, it seems that we have abundant reason for congratulations among ourselves and profound gratitude to our God who stands just within the shadow, "keeping watch above his own."

But if there have been great achievements in the past, there were never greater tasks before our Home Mission Board. Every department of its work, almost without exception, is being faced everywhere with new and greater demands. Our remarkable growth is in part responsible for this and the march of world events is in part responsible. Without pausing to enumerate some or all of these tasks, we deem it sufficient to urge our churches, pastors and other agencies throughout our Southland to place renewed and increasing emphasis on the enlargement of our home mission offerings, so that they may be in the aggregate sufficient to warrant the Board in undertaking every new task and supporting every old one in a way that is entirely adequate to their needs.

In order that such an end may be achieved, permit us to make the following recommendations:

First, that regular, systematic, monthly contributions to missions be encouraged in all the churches by every available and proper means, and that churches be urged to forward such contributions on hand the first day of each month.

Second, that the State Boards of Missions, where they have charge of the home and foreign mission collections, be urged to adopt the Kentucky plan of guaranteeing these apportionments and forward monthly one-twelfth of the amounts.

Third, that the campaign season for home and foreign missions, consisting of the months of February, March and April, be left free and open to these objects, without interference by campaigns for other objects.

Fourth, that the question of state expenses for collecting the contributions for home and foreign missions be made a matter of mutual agreement between these various agencies, and the Boards of this Convention looking to the ultimate elimination of all such expense.

Fifth, we rejoice in the fact that while the campaign for the million-dollar building and loan fund has been kept much in the background by the great Judson Centennial fund campaign, nevertheless it has progressed so successfully as to indicate the widespread interest of Southern Baptists in it. We recommend therefore that this cause have, as far as practicable, the right of way, and the Board be instructed to prosecute it vigorously to completion.

Sixth, we note with favor the action of the Board in placing the work of Enlistment under the supervision of the Corresponding Secretary, rather than under a separate head, for this department, this not only eliminating expense but coöperating in an effective way with such work prosecuted through the various State Boards.

Seventh, the eminent favor of the Lord upon the evangelistic department, both in the multitude saved and the many enlisted in the Lord's service is a cause for great thanksgiving. We therefore commend this department and unite in earnest prayer for God's continuous favor upon it. Respectfully,

J. R. HOBBS, J. H. ANDERSON,
B. C. HENING, J. A. TAYLOR.
W. S. WILEY,

77. A. J. Barton, Texas, moved that Brother McGlothlin be requested to prepare his address for publication, and that the Home Mission Board be requested to publish the same as a campaign document.

78. A. J. Barton, Texas, moved to create a committee of five who shall report at the next session of the Convention on all sites in any state that may be considered available for use in a tuberculosis sanitarium.

79. A. J. Barton, Texas, presented the Report on Temperance and Social Service.

After remarks by Ben Cox, Tennessee, the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

First of all, your committee on Temperance and Social Service would record its deep sense of loss and sorrow in the death, during the year, of one of its most faithful and efficient members, the beloved Dr. E. E. Folk, of Nashville, Tennessee. For many years Dr. Folk has been a member of the committee. He has rendered most faithful service, not only as a member of the committee, but as the wise, tactful, stalwart leader in the prohibition cause and in every other cause of moral reform and social uplift in Tennessee and throughout the South. In his death every good cause suffers loss and every heart which cherishes the good is deeply grieved.

During the year the great drive against the strongholds of the liquor evil has continued. For many years, now, as we have brought to you our annual report, we have been able to say, not as a mere figure of speech, but in sober statement of fact, that the year has marked greater achievements than ever before. This year this is true in a larger degree than ever. Our triumphs have been increasing in geometric ratio. In our last report we recited the fact that we then had nineteen dry states and that several other states would vote on the license question in the November elections, and uttered the prophecy that a number of them would banish the saloon. A larger number voted than we then knew, and a larger number banished the saloon than we prophesied. At the general election last November, six wet states voted. They were Michigan, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, California and Missouri. Of the six the first four voted dry. Since that time Indiana, Utah and New Hampshire have come into the dry column by legislative enactment. This now gives us twenty-six states out of the forty-eight in the Union which have banished the saloon either by popular vote or legislative enactment.

It is a matter of profound rejoicing to your committee that the states included in the bounds of our Convention have led in this great reform. So deep are the convictions of the ministers and members, not only of our own denomination, but also of sister denominations, and so forcefully has the gospel of temperance and prohibition been proclaimed throughout the South, that now there are only seven states wholly within the bounds of this Convention that are willing longer to barter the public peace, the public health and the public morals by licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor. These states are Maryland, Missouri, Kentucky, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. We would not urge a less sense of responsibility for the larger aspects of this good cause, but we would urge a larger sense of responsibility for the speedy and right settlement of this question in the states where we live, serve and exercise influence, and whose action it lies with us so largely to determine.

A number of other states are to vote in the near future, and we doubt not that many of them, if not all, will banish the saloon. Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Wyoming, Ohio and Florida, now wet, will vote either this year or next. It is highly probable, almost certain, that nearly or quite all of them will swing into the dry column.

While our victories in the states have been great, our victories in the Congress of the United States have been greater. The Sixty-fourth Congress, which closed its session March 4th, enacted many important and far-reaching prohibition measures. Briefly stated, they are as follows: A prohibition law for Alaska, which had already voted for prohibition at a popular referendum; a prohibition law for Porto Rico, which, according to the terms of the bill, will have a popular referendum on the question; a prohibition law for the District of Columbia, in which there is no citizenship, and in which a referendum would not have been feasible; a law to exclude all liquor advertising from the United States mails in all states which prohibit such advertising, and a law to exclude outright from the channels of interstate commerce all liquor intended for delivery in prohibition states. We stress the enactment of prohibition for the national capital and the District of Columbia. In the opinion of your committee this is a monumental achievement; the direct exercise of congressional authority for the destruction of the liquor traffic in a district for whose government Congress alone is responsible cannot fail to have tremendous and far-reaching influence.

In these marvelous achievements we do rejoice and will rejoice. The strength of the liquor traffic for the past fifty years has been its partnership with the United States government. Prior to the war between the North and the South, a great prohibition wave was sweeping over the country. Many states had banished the saloon. The war cloud gathered and carnage swept the land. Revenue was needed; the shrewd and conscienceless liquor traffic offered itself as the lamb to be offered on the altar of patriotism; the revenue bill was passed; President Lincoln protested, but finally yielded to pressure, and approved it upon the promise of members of Congress that it would be repealed as soon as the war was over. Following Appomattox, the great

American was assassinated. His wise, strong, patriotic leadership lost, the unholy partnership was perpetuated and for these fifty years liquor has carried on a traffic in human bodies and souls far out-stripping the devastation of the war, and created a slavery worse than that abolished by the war. It is as great a sin for the Federal government to be in partnership with the evil as for the state government. As indicated by the enactments just recited, the United States government is beginning to get right. Any one of the foregoing enactments means more for prohibition than any possible enactment by any state. The day of doom for the liquor traffic is at hand.

The same condition which obtained before the civil war has again arisen. The prohibition wave is sweeping the land. More than half the states in the Union have banished the licensed sale of strong drink, and now in the course of seemingly inevitable and irresistible events we have been drawn into the maelstrom of the great world war. What the outcome is to be none of us can tell; but the government needs revenue; the liquor traffic again comes forward, poses as a patriot and offers to furnish additional revenue by an increased tax on the manufacture and sale of its products. It claims that it could supply $200,000,000 of the additional revenue needed. Even if this claim were true, every dollar would come from the purses of its victims and at a frightful cost of human life and treasure. Europe starves and America faces the greatest food famine in its history, but the liquor traffic wishes to continue the consumption of more than six billion pounds of foodstuffs in the manufacture of a powerful and deadly poison. The figures as to the amount of foodstuffs consumed are those compiled recently by a group of Harvard professors after careful research. The people cry for bread; the liquor traffic would give them worse than a stone.

Your committee recommends that a telegram, setting forth the numerical strength of this Convention and its constituency, to be signed by the officers of the Convention, be sent to President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark, earnestly protecting against any increase in the tax on intoxicating liquors and fervently petitioning the absolute prohibition of the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors during the continuation of the war with Germany; that a brief, earnest memorial of the same nature and import, be addressed to President Wilson and to the Congress; and that a suitable commission of five, representing this Convention, be appointed to visit Washington and lay this memorial before the President and the Congress.

In this recommendation we do not abate one whit our zeal and effort for the complete and permanent destruction of the liquor traffic. In our last report we expressed hope for the passage of the Sheppard-Gallanger-Webb-Smith resolution, providing for a prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Undoubtedly this resolution would have been passed by the Sixty-fourth Congress had not international questions and conditions become so complicated near the end of the session. The resolution has been re-introduced in the Sixty-fifth Congress, and we doubt not will be passed, if not by the present extraordi-

nary session, then by the regular session which meets in December. Never before in the history of the United States have there been such public sentiment, so many petitions sent in and such pressure brought to bear for any amendment to the Constitution of the United States. We do not believe that the representatives of the people at Washington will continue to deny the express will of the people. When once submitted by Congress the resolution will undoubtedly be ratified speedily by the necessary three-fourths of the states, and we shall have a saloonless nation and a stainless flag. We recommend that our people everywhere continue the pressure, both through the mails and over the wires; no Congressman ought to be allowed to have any peace of mind or conscience while he stands in league with the great destroyer or refuses the rights of the people to amend their Constitution.

Your committee has recently received communications inviting it to be represented at the formation of what is to be known as the National Legislative Conference. This is to be a conference consisting of representatives from the allied temperance and prohibition forces of the country. The purposes of the conference are undoubtedly wise. It is highly important that the friends of prohibition, good government and moral reform shall meet and confer so as to be able to unite in petitioning such legislation as may seem best. Your committee has voted to accept the invitation, and to instruct its chairman to represent it in this Conference.

We recommend that we give continued and hearty support to the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; they are the two great nation-wide moral religious non-partisan organizations which stand for prohibition, and we regard them as the best means for the coöperation of the moral forces and the most efficient agencies for the overthrow of the saloon.

In devoting the most of this report to the liquor evil and its suppression we have not been unmindful of the many other things that demand our earnest attention in the broad field of social service. At present this is the most acute phase of social service and the solution of this problem will solve many others. The gospel is intended for the righting of every wrong human condition and the solution of every human problem, whether it be personal, domestic, social, civic or political. We urge that we be diligent and faithful, both as Christians and as citizens, striking evil wherever it lifts its head, whether it be licensed or unlicensed by the state.

We would especially urge a militant and truceless war upon the social evil which nests in the so-called segregated districts of many of our cities, and from these brooding centers sends out its poison and death both to the bodies and souls of multiplied thousands. Segregation does not segregate. Medicine and morals alike in imperative terms demand the immediate suppression of every such district where it is now tolerated. Most of our states have laws that would accomplish this if they were righteously and fearlessly enforced; let us demand their enforcement. If there be any state that does not have adequate laws let us demand that they be enacted and then enforced. The segregated

district is both the cause and the effect of the false and pernicious doctrine of a double standard of morals which we urge our pastors and teachers and members ceaselessly to combat.

The great world war into which we have now entered imposes upon our ministers and churches unusual obligations, and offers the Christian spirit unusual opportunities to express itself in terms of social service. We recommend:

1. That we extend our utmost help to the Red Cross in its effort to enroll two and one-half million members.

2. That the women of our churches unite in the preparation of hospital supplies, sending them to the Red Cross for immediate shipment to our allies and for meeting the needs in our own land as they arise.

3. That the churches at once get into touch with the families of the enlisted men, so that now they may offer comfort and encouragement to these families and later may extend needed help to the disabled soldiers.

4. That your committee be authorized from time to time to make publication about these matters in the denominational press and to distribute such literature and give such encouragement as it may be able to do.

A. J. BARTON, A. D. FREEMAN,
S. P. BROOKS, M. E. DODD,
W. H. PATTON, G. H. CRUTCHER,
J. M. DAWSON, JOSHUA LEVERING,
F. S. GRONER, W. D. UPSHAW,
Committee.

80. J. T. Henderson, Tennessee, and E. M. Poteat, South Carolina, addressed the Convention upon the importance of the work of the Laymen's Union.

81. The following telegram was sent by the officers of the Convention to President Woodrow Wilson, Vice-President T. M. Marshall, and Speaker Champ Clark of United States Congress:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Southern Baptist Convention, with more than 1,800 members present, representing a constituency of nearly three millions, earnestly protest against any increase in the tax on intoxicating liquors for revenue, and fervently petition the immediate enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transportation and exportation of intoxicating liquors at least during the duration of the war with Germany.

J. B. GAMBRELL, President.

O. F. GREGORY, HIGHT C. MOORE, Secretaries.

82. After announcements and prayer by W. J. McGlothlin, Kentucky, the Convention adjourned.

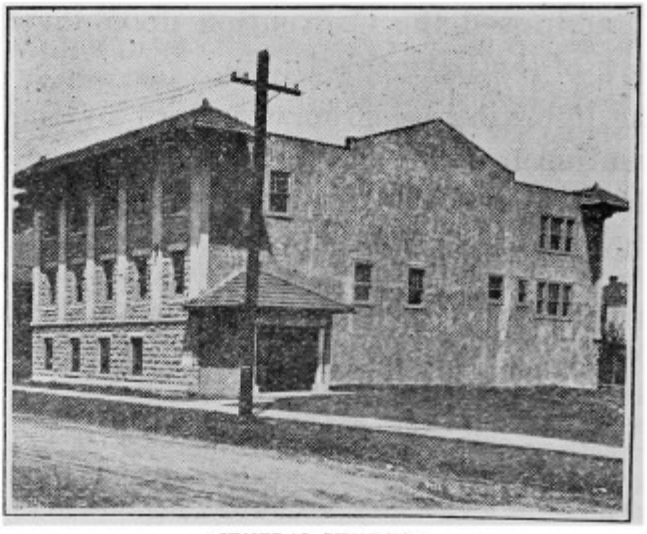
Third Day, Afternoon Session.

83. Vice-President J. D. Mell, Georgia, called the Convention to order at 2:30 o'clock, and devotional services were conducted by L. M. Proctor, Missouri.

84. Joshua Levering, Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was adopted without debate:

Resolved, That the four vice-presidents of this Convention be appointed to take into consideration Article 13 of the Constitution of the body, to report at the next session their conclusions as to its exact meaning, and to recommend such changes in its wording as will avoid all ambiguity, if same be found necessary.

(2) That the Committee on Order of Business for next year be instructed to arrange the time for the submission of this report on the first day of the session.



CENTRAL CHURCH.

85. The report of the Committee on Denominational Press was read by E. C. Routh, Texas, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL PRESS.

The greatest single human agency in the exploitation of all denominational interests is the denominational paper. Upon it we depend largely for information, indoctrination, inspiration, and enlistment. In our campaigns for missions, education and benevolence, these publications render a service the value of which is incalculable. Their pages have evermore been open to every worthy denominational appeal. Whether owned and controlled by conventions, individuals or groups of individuals, the denominational papers throughout the South, in sympathy with the ideals and work of the Southern Baptist Convention, have given themselves unselfishly and unreservedly to the tasks undertaken by Southern Baptists.

The support accorded the denominational paper by the denomination has not been at all proportionate to the contribution made by the denominational papers to the marvelous development of Southern Baptists. This apparent neglect of our publications may not be attributed to indifference or lack of appreciation, but rather to the fact that we have failed to remind the denomination, already busy with its many activities, of its obligation to the denominational papers.

We believe that the time has come when the denominational paper should have a place on the denominational program, and that the same provision should be made for it in the schedules of churches, associations and conventions as for missions, or education, or benevolence. Already a number of churches in various states are including the denominational paper in their regular annual budgets. Because of the stressful period through which the papers are passing, on account of the greatly increased cost of paper, and limited advertising, there is greater need than ever of the hearty coöperation of all denominational interests with the denominational press.

We solicit the support of pastors in this vitally important matter and indulge the earnest hope that an increasing number of them will give to the enlarged circulation of denominational papers the same careful attention that they do to other worthy kingdom interests.

We call attention to another way in which denominational institutions and boards may greatly strengthen the denominational papers, namely, by coöperating more closely with them in the matter of advertising, both because of good business principles and because of denominational reciprocity—primarily the former. The effectiveness of the value of well-written advertising in the denominational paper has been fully demonstrated by denominational boards in other sections of our country. The returns in dollars and cents justify the conviction that one of the most fruitful investments that can be made is money spent in judicious advertising. We recommend, therefore, that our boards and denominational institutions generally give careful consideration to the value of such advertising and the necessity of closer cooperation with our denominational papers if they are to continue to serve us without being seriously crippled. We recom-

mend, furthermore, that pastors and churches throughout the territory of this Convention be urged to give the denominational paper a place on their program, according it that recognition and support which it not only deserves, but must have if it is to continue to exist.

We suggest, furthermore, that men and women whom God has blessed with material wealth consider the tremendous possibilities for service in the increased circulation of the denominational paper. It is our deepest conviction that money invested in these publications will yield larger returns than the same amount invested in any other kingdom interest. On every hand we hear of men who have been led to make large contributions to Christ's cause because of the direct appeal of the denominational paper. It is our earnest hope that through the coming year an increasing number of men and women may be led by the divine Spirit to come to the help of these struggling institutions, not only relieving them of pressing burdens, but enabling them to scatter everywhere the messages of light and life.

We recommend also that the Convention arrange to give from year to year a place in its regular order of business for the consideration of the interests of the denominational press.

J. W. PORTER, of Kentucky,
E. B. ATWOOD, of New Mexico,
E. C. ROUTH, of Texas,
Committee.

86. J. W. Cammack, Virginia, read the report of the Education Commission.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

In presenting its first report to this Convention, the Education Commission desires to express its unbounded appreciation to the representatives of the Southern Baptists for their sympathetic recognition of the need of united effort on the part of Southern Baptists in the field of denominational schools, and for the prompt and hearty endorsement of the plans and purposes presented at Asheville one year ago. We wish, moreover, to thank God for the reports from all the states in the Convention giving clear evidence of a growing interest in our schools, and also that the present year, both in attendance and gifts of money, has been the best in all our history.

In this tragic hour, when the nations of the world who boast of their civilization and their loyalty to the Christian religion, are at war; when we have been drawn into the conflict which has become a world war to make democracy forever safe upon this planet; it is proper for the people of God who bear the name of Baptists to consider very seriously their mission to humanity. Our fathers never faced the issues which lie before us; we have no precedents to guide us now; but we have the

eternal, immutable principles which they espoused and applied to the problems of their day.

Southern Baptists face three great and urgent problems: (1) The maintenance of our spiritual democracy in an age which is running mad with a desire for visible, commercial success. (2) The awakening of our people to the imperative necessity of furnishing to the next generation the sort of education which will fit all the children of Baptist homes not only for life, but for leadership, for the spheres of mightiest influence. (3) The charging anew of our existing institutions with the high and important task of kindling in the hearts of the youth an evangelistic passion, so that those who graduate will pass from these halls of learning with a sense of power and a spirit of conquest like that which possessed the apostles when they went down from the upper room to the temple courts that pentecostal day.

Christian education and this alone can solve our urgent problems. The preservation of our spiritual democracy depends upon the spread of intelligence among our people, the cultivation of free discussion upon all questions which involve the action of the denomination, the acceptance of the responsibilities by our people, and their faithful fulfillment. For the realization of these things we must have a thoroughly educated constituency. We have the truths and the principles upon which the progress of the modern world depends. Shall we furnish the leaders?

The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention maintains that there is a fundamental difference between the denominational school and all other schools—state, endowed and privately owned. The Christian school is the only educational institution which can say to a Christian parent: "We are able to give to your child the education which he needs to fit him for the fullest and richest usefulness, to fit him for the type of leadership which is measured in terms of service, doing all that human guidance and direction can do for the perfecting of his relations to God, to man, and to the task which God shall give him." And since the only means we have of guaranteeing the permanence of any educational institution as a Christian institution is through organized control, and since the only form of organized Christianity which exists is that of the denominational type, it follows that the only school that has any claim upon us for its support is the denominational school.

Pioneer Educators.

In the mind of informed people, the pioneer work of Baptists in the field of religious education is coming more and more to its rightful place alongside of the pioneer work of Baptists in the field of religious freedom.

In the very earliest educational movements in the South, the names of Furman, Rice, Meredith, and other Baptists were conspicuous. From the earliest days, north and south, our fathers have spoken with strong and clear voices for education. Have we used our opportunities as well as they used theirs?

In our report of one year ago, it was stated that the members of the Commission felt that our activity should be directed along at least four lines.

In the first of these, namely, to arouse our people to the necessity for more interest in education in general and Baptist schools in particular, we find a problem which tries the faith of the stoutest, but one at which every lover of truth and righteousness must work unceasingly.

The second problem, that of creating and disseminating a literature suitable for use by the various State Education Boards, we have tried to study the needs and will soon have ready for distribution to the State Education Boards a series of ten tracts covering the various problems of denominational education. A larger publication on "Our Baptist Schools" is now on the press.

The third object of our endeavor, that of coöperating with the Sunday School Board in the establishment of "Education Day" in the Sunday schools on the fourth Sunday of June, 1917, has met with encouraging progress. A lesson on "Christian Education" has gone into the literature for the Sunday schools throughout the South on that day, and many of the State Boards of Education will prepare additional literature on their state Baptist schools. It is desired that all pastors coöperate in this day by preaching on the subject of our Baptist schools and thus turn the faces of thousands of our youth toward the halls of learning where Christ and the New Testament are the supreme rule and guide in every department, and at the same time laying upon the hearts of our people the task of maintaining the schools.

Our fourth task, that of gathering statistics, has been carried on as rapidly as responses could be obtained. For several states the figures are complete and accurate. A table giving important statistics concerning all our Baptist schools in the South and in the North appears at the end of this report. We have in the South 114 white Baptist schools of all grades. In these are 1,461 teachers and 24,788 pupils. The land and buildings are valued at $13,625,380.76, and the endowment amounts to $6,354,382.22. In gathering all available statistics from colored Baptist schools in the South we discovered that in their schools they have about one-third as many students as are in white Baptist schools and their school property is valued at about one-third of the value of our school property. The figures for colored Baptist schools are: Students, 7,607; property, $3,375,126. Some eight or ten of their schools are attempting theological instruction. There is a strong conviction among many white and colored leaders in their schools that they need to reduce the number with branches in theology and strengthen those that remain. Not until our schools are remembered in the prayers of our Baptist fathers as the household gathers around the family altar; not until the children joyfully plan to enter these halls of learning, saving the earnings of their childish toil and sharing the sacrifices of father and mother that they may have a Christian education; not until in our services of worship our institutions are borne before the throne of grace as objects of divine blessing for which our ministry cherishes a holy solicitude; not until every Baptist church in the state is strengthened in its leadership by the presence of the trained, equipped and thoroughly consecrated graduates who, in the service of God, are endeavoring to pay the debt they owe to their alma mater; not until the

positions of honor in our civic life, of scholarship in our educational ministries, of leadership in the professional, the commercial and political activities of our day, of eminence and moral power in every community of the state are filled with men and women who have learned the true values of life in these our schools, will the work of this Commission be crowned with complete success.

Interested in All Education.

Since under present conditions, the majority of our children will be educated in tax-supported institutions, it is our duty to show a vital interest in the material equipment and the moral atmosphere of these institutions.

Southern Baptists believe thoroughly in our public school system. It is a part of our theory of government, and these schools are the outgrowth of Christianity. Breal says of the Reformation: "It contracted the obligation of placing everyone in a condition to save himself by reading and studying the Bible." It is desirable that we should state very clearly our relation to public education. So long as the child is permitted to stay in a Christian home and is constantly under the influence of a Christian father and mother, and attends with them the Sunday school and the services of the church, there are many advantages in his attending the public school; but when he is compelled to leave home, then in the interest of the spiritual and moral development of the growing youth there should be provided an institution whose primary object shall be the promotion of education for better Christian service, so that under Christian influences his life's ideals and purposes will be formed. It is wrong for the parent, and imposes a wrong upon the child, to place him, especially during the formative years, in an institution where he will be deprived of his religious rights to Christian instruction in the class-room as he faces the problems created incident to the course of study which he is compelled to take. Baptists, therefore, who desire to preserve and develop the Christian faith in their children, do not promote this by sending their children to institutions which by their very organization cannot teach the truths of the Christian religion.

The most important field of state education is the elementary and secondary schools. The right of every child to an elementary education takes precedence over the right of the educated young man and woman to receive aid from the state in securing a college education.

The average length of the elementary schools of the South, including city schools which have an average of about 180 days, is 131 days. The rural school term is perhaps less than 110 days. The average term of the elementary school outside of the South is 171 days.

Baptists are a rural people. We are dependent upon the rural school for the education of our children. The state is supplanting other elementary schools, both private and denominational. The length of the term in the country in some places in the South is as low as thirty-eight days. There are vast areas of population where the child by attending the public school for the whole

period of his scholastic life, from 6 to 21, spending in study every day that the public school is open, will not be able to get within that period sufficient education to enter a high school.

Southern states appropriate millions of dollars for universities and other institutions for higher education, to the neglect of the lower schools. Present legislation is fastening the chains of ignorance upon our country boys and girls, for this legislation is the basis of the state's failure to provide sufficient funds to give an elementary education to the country child. We, as a people, are profoundly concerned. The vast majority of the children in these neglected and backward sections live in Baptist and Methodist homes. These are the two evangelical bodies which have carried the gospel into those areas of population where poverty is found, where land is poor, and where the means of communication are sadly inadequate.

The time has come for the state to accept the responsibility for the elementary education of all the children of all the state. The educational politicians form a powerful lobby in nearly every Southern legislature, working for institutions and higher education and getting appropriations that ought to go to aid the country boy and girl to get an education. The present system of local option in education must give place to state-wide education. The state and not the county should be the final unit. This does not mean that the counties shall do less, but that the state out of its revenues shall make appropriations to the backward counties so that they shall be able to provide for the children opportunities equal to those enjoyed by other and more favored counties. This policy will receive the support of all faithful public school teachers and leaders. The Christian principle, the strong must help the weak, must be applied to our present educational situation.

All pastors, all Baptist leaders, all Christian men in public life, should carefully study the educational conditions in their state, organize a campaign for state-wide education with equal opportunities for all and special privileges for none, so that the most valuable assets which any state ever has, its boys and girls, may be developed into intelligent citizens and capable leaders in promoting civic righteousness. When this is done the Baptist churches of these sections who represent our greater problem as we seek their enlistment, will become our warmest supporters and when adequate opportunities are offered the Baptist children of the South for securing an elementary education our Baptist institutions of higher learning will overflow with students. Brethren, let us see to it that our country boys and girls have their chances.

We hope the day may come when only God-fearing men and women may teach in our state schools, from the common school to the university, and we shall strive to that end. In comparatively few of the state school centers is the Baptist cause satisfactorily represented. Suitable church buildings and strong men who in the pulpit and in public life can effectively and impressively represent the Baptist denomination in state school centers where thousands of future leaders are having their conception of the relative worth of the various denominations and

their own denominational alignments fixed for all time, are matters of surpassing importance.

Our Main Task.

We rejoice in educational movements of whatever name, if they are rendering unselfish service and are affording an opportunity to the youth of our land to know the truth and thus become free. Our own educational advancement is effected by the educational situation throughout the land.

Our main task, however, is with our own people and with our Baptist schools. This is no small task. Our people live in governors' mansions, and on the boulevards as well as in the back streets and the mountain hollows; some are millionaires, and some are paupers; some worship in gilded temples, while others worship in log meeting houses. All are influenced by their surroundings and circumstances. There are millions of them and they need consecration, godly leadership by men prepared to feed them on the bread of life and to interpret to all the true meaning and the end and aim of life.

"What Do Ye More Than These."

Baptist schools are either a necessity or a luxury. It is the conviction of your Commission that a so-called Baptist College which, in its purposes and ideals, in its atmosphere, in its curriculum offered; in the standards governing the selection of its faculty, in its attitude toward pronounced worldliness, in its positive interest in the souls of its students, is not materially different from the usual tax-supported college, is an expensive luxury with which the denomination should not be cumbered. We have declared our faith in the necessity of the tax-supported school, and we also declare it to be our belief that it would be a waste of our means and an injustice to our people to call on them to support a denominational school which is not, first of all, doing the grade of work represented, and, second, which does not purposely strive to return to the denomination a product which may not be reasonably expected from the state school. "What do ye more than these?" may properly be asked by the man who is paying state school taxes, when he is approached by the representative of the Baptist college. It is our conviction that a knowledge of the contribution now being made by our schools to our denomination and the world would greatly increase our gifts.

A Glance Backward.

Our Baptist fathers who founded our older institutions of higher learning had in view an educated ministry. They believed that those called of God to preach the gospel should be afforded every opportunity of intellectual culture in order to secure respect and efficiency in their responsible work. This ideal must forever be kept in mind. Even up to this time it is far from being realized. We need a revival of interest in ministerial education. Baptists must be on a par with the foremost in the mental equipment of their religious leaders, or lose their hold on the educated classes of our country.

Our fundamental interest is still the securing of an educated ministry, but the demand for laymen who shall possess the finest culture consecrated to the work of the kingdom is so urgent that your Commission is firmly convinced that Christian education should be given the foremost place on this as well as on the ground which led our fathers to found Christian colleges. We believe that for the years that lie immediately before us these schools should have a preëminent place in our giving so that our educational institutions shall be placed upon sure foundations. Therefore, we present, as the scope of our work, the following objects of endeavor:

To awaken the entire public to the conviction that religion is essential to a complete education, and that education is necessary to the achievement of the Christian program.

To give unqualified support to the state in furthering the cause of public school instruction until the child is ready to enter an institution which compels his leaving home, but from that period we recommend our own colleges wherever our schools are prepared to give the courses of instruction which our youth desire.

To awaken in the thinking of the Baptist fathers and mothers an appreciation of higher education which will lead them to make great personal sacrifices to send their children to high school and to college.

To demand in the interest of the spiritual and moral development of the growing youth that when compelled to leave his Christian home, there shall be provided an institution whose primary interest shall be the promotion of education for Christ's sake, so that amid a Christian environment and under Christian uplifting influences, his life ideals and purposes shall be formed.

To further in every possible way the highest interests of these institutions, aiding them especially in the effort to embody the finest culture and the truest evangelical passion.

To aid the various state agencies interested in the promotion of our denominational schools in the correlation and proper standardizing of these institutions by advice and technical information.

To become the channel by which shall be distributed literature giving an appreciative setting forth of Christian education.

To become the agency through which large gifts shall be distributed for the cause of Christ in education throughout the South.

To advise with existing denominational agencies regarding the establishing of needed schools and the discontinuance of schools which have finished their service to the denomination.

To press a South-wide campaign which shall include those already launched by the various states, for the sum of $10,000,000, the amount to be raised by each separate state to be determined by the educational agency in that state.

In order to properly carry out these plans, we offer as part of our report the following resolutions:

1. That we recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention that the Convention make the Education Commission permanent and that the by-laws of the Convention shall be changed so as to make this request effective.

2. That the Education Commission shall be kept separate from any other Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and that its expense shall be provided as it is at the present time; that said expense for the year of 1917-1918 is not to exceed the sum of $3,000.00.

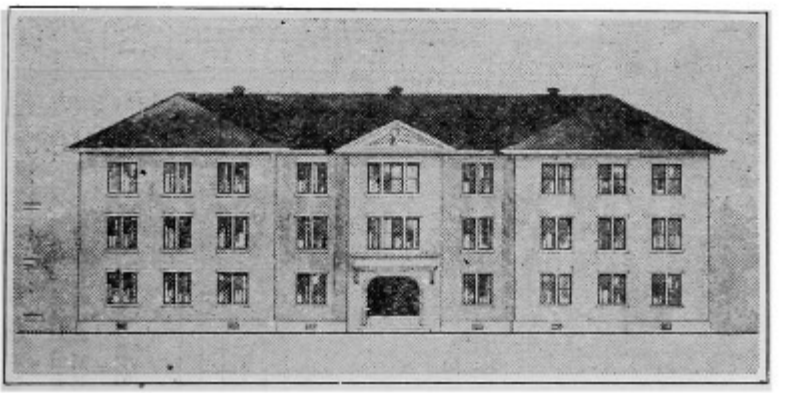
3. That it is the profound conviction of this Commission that, save only under the most exceptional circumstances, in no state should there be more than two standard Baptist colleges, one for young men and the other for young women; and in those states where the leading Baptist college is now coëducational there is need for only one; other colleges being classified as Junior colleges.

4. That the standardizing agency for our Baptist schools for the state shall be the recognized standardizing agency in that state, provided said agency gives proper credit for subjects that belong to a distinctly Christian education.

5. That the state denominational agency for furthering denominational education shall have the privilege of nominating to the Southern Baptist Convention the state member of this Commission.

6. That the Education Commission accepts the responsible task which is contained in the request from various bodies in this Convention asking that the Education Commission take the initiatve concerning the placing of voluntary courses of religious education in the curricula of our schools.

J. W. CAMMACK, Secretary.



BOYS' DORMITORY OF LOUISIANA COLLEGE, PINEVILLE, LA.

Baptist School Statistics.

	Faculty			Students.										
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Students in College Grades.	Students in Preparatory Grades.	Students for Ministry.	Student Volunteers, Male.	Student Volunteers, Female.	Number of Buildings.	Amount of Indebtedness.	Amount of Endowment.
Alabama	27	37	64	333	387	1,134	380	525	73	4	2	31	$ 47,491 40	$ 31,228 21
Arkansas	20	28	48	160	379	557	347	210	33	7	----	9	38,000 00	----------
Florida	11	8	19	181	117	198	78	111	10	----	3	20	25,000 00	10,000 00
Georgia	77	107	184	1,343	1,791	3,126	1,258	1,786	91	1	1	38	437,013 54	500,891 18
Kentucky	57	42	99	880	1,037	3,078	1,817	205	354	----	----	50	----------	1,450,000 00
Louisiana	14	10	24	160	102	262	51	211	26	----	9	8	30,613 92	----------
Mississippi	31	9	40	393	292	685	519	166	74	1	9	16	75,000 00	140,000 00
North Carolina	88	109	197	2,073	1,842	3,947	1,028	2,236	146	2	8	84	145,867 00	958,214 52
Missouri	49	73	120	579	724	1,303	237	28	204	2	3	----	67,000 00	756,000 00
Oklahoma	19	9	28	228	166	394	18	376	50	----	8	9	----------	----------
South Carolina	46	----	137	857	1,038	1,895	922	907	60	----	6	47	205,559 00	430,023 44
Tennessee	47	62	109	338	553	2,133	373	495	139	3	1	25	----------	276,972 52
Texas	173	90	263	1,886	2,296	4,282	1,918	1,724	578	6	3	58	501,636 20	903,391 17
Virginia	71	58	129	893	801	1,694	516	1,040	96	1	----	52	80,000 00	1,010,000 00
Total	738	642	1,461	10,485	10,725	24,788	9,462	11,210	1,934	27	53	445	$ 1,633,181 06	$ 6,466,721 04
Colored Baptist Schools in the South	177	992	476	3,423	4,117	7,607	480	------	------	----	----	----	----------	24,253 00
Grand total for South	915	1,634	1,937	13,908	14,842	32,395	9,942	10,020	1,934	27	53	445	$1,817,920 58	$4,958,535 00
Northern Baptist Schools	----	------	1,503	------	------	------	6,851	14,386	------	----	----	360	----------	37,828,525 00
Grand total for the United States	----	------	3,440	------	------	------	16,793	24,406	------	----	----	805	----------	$44,204,260 22

Baptist School Statistics.

	Value of Land and Buildings.	In Campaign for		Total Income Last Year.	Total Expenditures.	Number Volumes in Library.	Class.		
		Endowment	Building.				Standard.	Junior.	High School.
Alabama	$ 348,250 00	$ 750,000 00	$ 83,000 00	$ 119,886 69	$ 119,886 69	32,575	2	----	1
Arkansas	310,000 00	----------	----------	68,809 00	78,500 00	14,500	2	----	1
Florida	175 000 00	----------	----------	22,700 00	25,000 00	1,500	1	----	1
Georgia	2,190,000 00	430,646 54	6,350 00	362,879 90	419,848 47	42,100	4	2	13
Kentucky	1,520,500 00	250,000 00	250,000 00	170,436 57	182,502 57	44,275	5	2	3
Louisiana	113,736 03	----------	49,051 61	44,907 63	47,361 57	1,926	1	----	1
Mississippi	515,000 00	300,000 00	75,000 00	53,566 46	51,409 99	7,250	2	----	1
North Carolina	1,226,710 35	69,000 00	27,700 00	261,589 00	259,910 07	19,960	3	----	13
Missouri	1,067,000 00	1,175,000 00	135,000 00	155,400 00	176,000 00	40,815	4	2	1
Oklahoma	325,000 00	----------	20,000 00	17,582 00	28,000 00	2,500	1	----	1
South Carolina	1,404,362 00	35,000 00	10,000 00	182,010 34	173,197 38	22,318	4	----	7
Tennessee	575,781 21	100,000 00	18,000 00	105,234 05	113,289 01	17,000	6	----	6
Texas	2,729,391 17	569,000 00	375,000 00	615,834 35	614,584 30	69,425	4	4	6
Virginia	1,114,750 00	710,000 00	432,000 00	242,343 35	245,876 93	55,350	2	2	8
Total	$ 13,625,380 76	$ 4,386,612 34	$1,573,101 61	$ 2,424,169 34	$2,535,566 98	375,294	39	12	63
Colored Baptist Schools in the South	3,375,126 00	----------	----------	434,541 00	431,324 00	62,239	----	----	----
Grand total for South	$17,000,506 76	$4,386,612 34	$1,573,101 61	$2,858,710 34	$2,966,890 98	437,533	----	----	----
Northern Baptist Schools	28,190,814 00	----------	----------	4,495,637 00	----------	-------	----	----	----
Grand total for United States	$45,191,320 76	----------	----------	$7,354,347 34	----------	-------	----	----	----

87. The report was discussed by J. L. Kesler, and G. W. McDaniel, Virginia, moved that Professor Kesler be requested to publish his address in the denominational papers. Further discussion was participated in by D. M. Ramsay, South Carolina; J. V. Dickinson, Alabama; E. M. Poteat, South Carolina; J. B. Gambrell, Texas; W. L. Pickard, Georgia; R. W. Weaver, Tennessee, and B. C. Henning, North Carolina. The time for consideration of this topic having expired, it was moved that the time be extended for ten minutes. The ayes and noes not being sufficient to decide, a division was called for, showing 112 votes in favor of the motion, noes not counted, and the motion was lost.

88. W. D. Powell, Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Executive Committee:

In order to conserve our mission work in other lands in any emergencies or conditions that grow out of the world war, be it

Resolved, That the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board, in any such emergency that may arise, are hereby authorized to effect a temporary interchange of responsibilities with the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of the Northern Baptist Convention;

Provided, That such arrangements shall not be made permanent until they have been confirmed by this Convention.

89. J. J. Taylor, Georgia, offered the following preamble and resolutions. On motion to adopt, a division being called for, 112 votes were cast in the affirmative; negative votes not counted, and the motion to adopt was lost. On motion, the paper was referred to the committee on World Crisis:

WHEREAS, There has come upon earth a spirit which has plunged the nations that have been considered foremost in the lines of advancing civilization into a war more ruthless and more destructive of human life and human happiness than the world has ever before known; therefore, be it

Resolved, (1) That we deeply deplore this awful and sorrowful calamity which has caused these leading nations to drench the earth in the precious blood of their own loyal citizens.

(2) That we reaffirm our faith in the righteousness of the Sermon on the Mount, and our confidence and infallible wisdom

of him who has taught us to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and to do good to them that despitefully use and persecute us.

(3) That we desire a stronger faith in the God who maketh wars to cease even unto the ends of the earth, and we shall rejoice if our own people, and all of every name who love the Lord Jesus Christ, in sincerity, shall find it in their hearts to pray for kings and for all that are in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

90. A. J. Barton, Texas, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

In view of the need for more workers in the kingdom, and in view of the great need of many of our young ministers for financial assistance in obtaining an education; be it

Resolved, That this Convention commend to our colleges and seminaries the importance and value of a loan fund for students for the ministry, to be used in the form of loans in proportion to the needs of the student and made only to worthy men who are properly commended for the purpose, and that the loans be made on the following conditions:

1. That the student render a specified amount of work each week in connection with the churches, Sunday schools, and mission stations of the community, or any other such forms as may be suggested. From three to five hours per week would, perhaps, be the proper amount of time to be given to this work by the individual student.

2. That the student return the loan, without interest, after he has finished his college and seminary work. This may be done either as a personal gift or in the form of money raised from others for the purpose.

Resolved, Second, that this recommendation is in no way to be understood as setting aside other gift funds or loan funds now being administered by our colleges and seminaries. These have been useful in the past and will no doubt continue to be useful in the future. The present recommendation seeks to add to them a method of aid which will promote the spread of the kingdom in the communities where our schools are located, in the form suggested in this resolution.

91. J. W. Cammack, Virginia, moved to amend Article 6 of the By-Laws, by adding to the list of committees named therein, a committee to be known as the Educational Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted.

92. Adjourned after prayer by S. M. Provence, Texas.

Third Day, Evening Session.

93. President J. B. Gambrell called the Convention to order after a song service led by R. H. Coleman, Texas, and devotional exercises led by J. J. Taylor, Georgia.

94. The President of the New Orleans Association of Commerce spoke a few words of welcome.

95. The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read by J. W. Gillon, Tennessee, and after a few remarks by him was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Apportionment submits the following report.

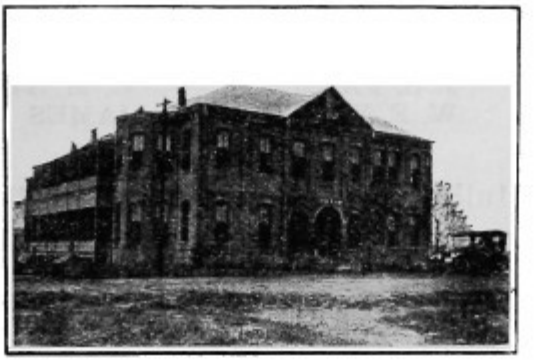
Your committee faced the most embarrassing conditions it has faced in years. The statement from our two general Boards of the actual needs in order to take care of the work now being done and to prevent its suffering calls for an outlay of money far beyond anything we have been able in the past to secure from the churches.

To meet the needs of the Boards as outlined by them in the apportionment which we submit to you for the states, would require a percent of advance for each of the states far in excess of any past advance made. The apportionment submitted is as follows:

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Alabama	$ 25,000.00	$ 33,000.00
Arkansas	13,000.00	15,000.00
District of Columbia	3,000.00	4,000.00
Florida	8,500.00	8,500.00
Georgia	40,000.00	60,000.00
Illinois	4,000.00	2,000.00
Kentucky	37,500.00	55,000.00
Louisiana	10,000.00	12,000.00
Maryland	10,000.00	15,000.00
Mississippi	26,000.00	36,000.00
Missouri	15,000.00	25,000.00
North Carolina	37,500.00	55,000.00
New Mexico	2,500.00	2,500.00
Oklahoma	11,000.00	11,000.00
South Carolina	35,000.00	55,000.00
Tennessee	25,600.00	35,000.00
Texas	60,000.00	85,000.00
Virginia	45,000.00	85,000.00
Total	$408,600.00	$594,000.00

The actual need of the Foreign Mission Board to maintain the present work is $645,000.00. This sum does not include the debt of $40,000.00 reported to this Convention, nor does it include the $30,700.00 necessary to increase the salaries of missionaries now on the fields, nor does it provide for any new work of any kind. The actual needs to maintain present work are, therefore, in excess of our apportionment by $51,000.00.

The report of the Home Board indicates that it will take $412,011.00 to maintain its work on the present basis. This amount, however, does not include the Home Board's debt of $36,000.00. Nor does it provide for any of the much-needed work that the Home Board has been asked to undertake. The amount needed to maintain the present work is $3,411.00 greater than the apportionment we report to you for this year. This suggested apportionment for the states is all that we can reasonably expect to secure. To make the apportionment larger would



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create a fictitious basis on which our Boards would be expected to operate. We do not, therefore, think it wise to suggest more than we have reasonable expectation of securing. Feeling, however, that something ought to be done to arouse the conscience of the churches with reference to their duty to these two great causes, we submit with our report the following recommendations:

First: That the two general Mission Boards ask for space in the papers of the denomination to set before our people these facts, and that the editors be asked personally to keep these facts prominently before their constituency throughout the whole year.

Second: That the state conventions and general associations of the different states be requested to guarantee to our General Board the full amount of the apportionment for the respective states, and, if possible, that one-twelfth of the total amount for each state for each of the causes be sent forward to the general Boards each month.

Third: That we urge upon the churches that adopt the budget plan of finances that they shall also provide for special offerings at least once each year for each of these causes, for the following reasons:

(1) Because some people do not coöperate with the churches in their effort to put on the budget plan, and these ought to be given a chance to give apart from the budget plan.

(2) That the regular givers may be given a chance to make free will and thank offerings, as many of them will want to do.

Respectfully submitted, and signed by each member of the Committee.

W. H. MAJOR, Chairman;
J. W. GILLON, Rec. Secy.;
W. T. DERIEUX,
H. E. TRUEX,
W. H. BAYLOR,
W. ELLYSON,
WALT N. JOHNSON,
E. E. BOMAR,
W. D. POWELL,
J. S. McLEMORE,
B. F. RODMAN,
B. A. BOWERS,
J. S. FARMER,
W. F. YARBROUGH,
J. B. LAWRENCE,
G. H. CRUTCHER,
ARCH C. CREE,
J. L. GROSS,
S. B. ROGERS,
J. S. ROGERS,
SAM H. CAMPBELL,
J. E. SKINNER,
LOREN FELTS,
C. M. THOMPSON,
JAMES H. CHAPMAN.

96. E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky, read the following letter, and it was referred to the Executive Committee:

TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, May, 1917.

Beloved Brethren: The great hour for Russia has come. Chains of ten centuries have been broken. Within the coming three years we might accomplish more than if we procrastinate. While the President of the United States sends special commissioners to help new Russia politically, I urge you to send a religious committee without delay to examine the situation, to give an aiding hand to the Baptist preachers in Russia, and to report what is to be done to the Baptist hosts in the United States. Procrastination will mean losing a golden opportunity. Millions of Russians are getting away from the old moorings of the established eastern Catholic church; their boat at present is in the midst of a stormy sea; it depends, after God, perhaps more on the American Baptists to what shore the great Slavic people will land in the immediate future. Up, then, and be doing!

Yours for an evangelized Russia.

WILLIAM FETLER.

97. The special order being the consideration of the interests of home missions, Secretary Gray introduced the following missionaries of the Home Board: Miss Marie Buhlmaier, Baltimore; Miss Anna Merryman, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Dalney, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Zarilla and Lois

Zarilla, C. D. Daniel, Mexico; Robert Hamilton, Indians; Felix Buldain, an ex-priest of Mexico; J. L. Wise, Canal Zone.

Addresses were delivered by M. N. McCall, Cuba; C. D. Daniel, work among Mexicans in Texas; Felix Buldain, missionary to Mexicans in Texas, whose speech was in Spanish, translated by C. D. Daniel; S. J. Porter, San Antonio, Texas.

Geo. H. Crutcher, Secretary State Missions in Louisiana, introduced a large group of ministers and church workers, among the French-speaking population of Louisiana, viz.: J. W. Taylor, J. A. Smith, wife and three daughters; C. Drevier, M. W. Salasso, M. Thibodeaux, A. Soileau, Miss Emily Gulling, J. F. Arcroneau, Mrs. E. Vidrina, Oliver Herbert, W. J. Westberry, Albert Vincent, A. H. Fusileer, S. O. Oliver. L. P. Smith also made an address.

Len G. Broughton, Tennessee, made the closing address, urging the imperative necessity of constant prayer for the boys who have volunteered in the army and navy. The Convention rose to their feet as one man, pledging themselves so to do, and Len G. Broughton, Tennessee, led in special prayer.

98. The chair announced the following committees:

On Woman's Work.—C. E. Burts, South Carolina; C. W. Culp, Illinois; S. P. White, Tennessee; R. H. Herring, North Carolina; J. L. Gross, Texas; W. D. Alferd, Louisiana; C. H. Pinchbeck, Maryland; Webb Brame, Mississippi; W. L. Pickard, Georgia; A. J. Mosely, Alabama; A. L. Aulick, Arkansas; A. M. Bennett, Florida; W. J. McGlothlin, Kentucky; G. C. Anderson, Missouri; D. N. Crane, Oklahoma.

On Memorial to President Wilson and Congress Concerning Prohibition.—A. J. Barton, Texas; Joshua Levering, Maryland; E. M. Poteat, South Carolina; R. H. Pitt, Virginia; Chas. H. Brough, Arkansas.

On Legal Status of the Boards.—Cliff Walker, Georgia; J. F. Brownlow, Tennessee; Frank Willis Barnett, Alabama; Ernest M. Long, Virginia; W. E. Atkinson, Arkansas; M. H. Wolfe, Texas; J. W. Porter, Kentucky.

99. After announcements and the benediction, the Convention adjourned.

Fourth Day, Morning Session.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 19, 1917.

100. The Convention met at 9 A.M., President Gambrell in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Robert H. Coleman, Texas.

101. The reading of yesterday's Journal was dispensed with.

102. Chairman Hailey presented the order of business for the day and it was approved.

103. The report of the committee on request of the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, was presented by H. F. Vermillion, Arkansas, and adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the request of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church recommend the adoption of the following:

Be it Resolved, That this Convention hereby heartily approves the effort of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist church of New Orleans to erect a house of worship suitable to its needs and commensurate with its opportunity in this great city and its proximity to the thousands of students attending the schools in its immediate vicinity and commends to the consideration of the Home Mission Board and the brethren at large the appeal of this church for this purpose.

C. W. DUKE,
H. F. VERMILLION,
LEON W. SLOAN,
L. L. BEBOUT,
R. E. BURT,
B. F. GEHRING,
W. A. JORDAN,
W. M. WOOD,
CHAS. T. ALEXANDER.

104. The report of the committee on proposed Missionary Training School in New Orleans was presented by H. F. Vermillion, Arkansas, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Committees on Missionary Training School for New Orleans recommend that the Convention heartily endorse this movement and request the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board to join with the other interested bodies in founding the institution proposed, in safeguarding the denomination's interests in the same and in making it effective in the work for which it is created.

CLAUDE W. DUKE,
B. F. GEHRING,
LEON W. SLOAN,
R. E. BURT,
L. L. BEBOUT,
H. F. VERMILLION,
W. A. JORDAN,
W. M. WOOD,
CHAS. T. ALEXANDER.

MEMORIAL OF COMMITTEES ON MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Historical.

Following some public and private discussions relative to the needs and possibilities of a Baptist Missionary Training School for the city of New Orleans, a number of interested brethren came together for a conference during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, 1915.

This conference of brethren passed a resolution asking the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and the Baptist State Convention of Louisiana to appoint each a committee of three to confer further upon this proposal and to take such steps as they deemed justifiable according to the needs and possibilities of such an institution.

Brethren J. T. Christian, G. H. Crutcher and M. E. Dodd were named by this Houston conference as a committee to present this request to the three organizations named.

In response to this request, the Home Board at its annual meeting in July, 1915, appointed Brethren B. D. Gray, C. C. Pugh and M. E. Dodd as its committeemen; the Mississippi Convention appointed Brethren J. T. Christian, P. I. Lipsey and J. B. Lawrence; the Louisiana Convention appointed Brethren G. H. Crutcher, R. P. Mahon and F. C. Flowers.

The Louisiana Baptist Convention of 1916 took further cognizance of the movement by the appointment of Trustees as provided for in the resolutions herewith submitted. The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention has appropriated the $1,000.00 asked of them. The Mississippi Convention has also taken further notice of the movement.

The need of such an institution has been in the minds and hearts of many brethren at various times. As far back as 1849 Dr. Basil Manly, Sr., wrote to his son, Basil, as follows:

"What do you think of a great Baptist College for the Southwest to be located in New Orleans? The idea seems to me very rational, feasible, eligible. That is, and is to be, the place of chief commercial importance through the whole region drained by the Mississipi—extending from the Chattahoochee to the Rio Grande, and from Missouri to the Gulf. You know my views about dispensing with the dormitory system. New Orleans favors that, and would give immediate patronage by its great population and wealth to an institution begun under favorable auspices; thus setting the thing on its legs at once. The tendency to centralization is uncontrollable; we may not resist it; let us rather avail ourselves of it. A college vacation may well cover the whole period in which it might be desirable for students to be absent from New Orleans, thus removing the objection any might feel on the score of health. As to vice or extravagance or necessary expensiveness, it is manifest that difficulties on these points are to be met and obviated in some other way than by mere location. The man who thinks to remedy the evil of a college, in either of these respects, by seclusion and remoteness merely, miscalculates egregiously.

"When we have once gotten our great college established there, endowed, officered, and in full motion, we will then place by its side a first-rate theological institution—for profound acquirements in that line. This must be on its own separate basis and governed by a different set of trustees. If a theological chair or department be engrafted on a literary institution, it will be held and treated as incidental and secondary; will gradually decline in its power to awaken interest and attention, and presently be lost sight of. If the officers intended for such theological department, for want of employment on their own side of the house, are made to fill up their time in the other, the effect is inevitable; the tendency is as constant and certain that way as the law of gravitation. Look at those institutions that have attempted this amalgamation under the same set of trustees. Is there any exception to my remarks?"

On May 2d the New Orleans Baptist Mission Council adopted the following:

"There are in the city of New Orleans at the present time 387,000 people who hail from all the nations of the earth. And it will require a large force of workers to man all the Sunday schools necessary. Of these people, 130,000 are native whites; 37,000 are real foreigners; 60,000 are French-speaking; 25,000 are Italian-speaking; 30,000 are Spanish-speaking, and 15,000 speak other tongues. And there are 90,000 negroes.

"There is a white population of 307,000 in the city, and there are only 29,750 Baptists and Protestants among these. The number of people here who need the knowledge of the Bible plan of salvation is 277,250. But the only way we will ever be able to reach the masses is through the children, and the only way we can reach the children is through the Sunday schools. The first thing needed to be able to place and run Sunday schools in reach of all the children is a missionary training school."

Resolutions Adopted by the Joint Committees from Home Board, Mississippi Convention and Louisiana Council, Held in New Orleans, February, 1916.

1. That a Baptist Missionary Training School should be established in the city of New Orleans, which should have for its primary purpose the object of Missionary propaganda.

2. That such institution should have the English Bible as the heart of its curriculum, with missionary training courses, personal workers' courses, pastoral training courses, Sunday school training and gospel music courses, grouped around that center, for pastors, missionaries, Christian laymen and women who desire to better fit themselves for service.

3. That there should be courses of study in French, Italian, Spanish and such other languages in which it is found necessary to do mission work in all the coast country of the South.

4. That this institution should be correlated in some satisfactory way with all our existing theological seminaries:

(1) So students who desire to pursue advanced theological studies in the seminaries may receive credit for work done here.

(2) And so seminary students planning to go as foreign missionaries may find in this school a spiritual clinic which will further fit for work abroad.

(3) And so as to secure the most fraternal relationships between the management and faculties.

5. That this school should in the strictest possible manner require a certain amount of active Christian service of each student each day, and credit be given for the same toward the completion of the school's courses of study.

6. That for the beginning, the session of the school should be held in the Coliseum Place Baptist church house, which has been tendered by the congregation, the school only paying the necessary fuel expenses, janitor hire, etc.

7. That in order to start this work at the earliest possible date, we request the Home Mission Board, the State Mission Boards of Louisiana and Mississippi to appropriate each $1,000 for the employment of a man to head the projection of this enterprise as president.

8. That the New Orleans pastors be requested to render such services as teachers under the direction of the president as would be needful and possible and without charges to the school.

9. That we request the services of such French, Spanish and Italian missionaries, who are located in New Orleans, as would be necessary as teachers in their respective languages.

10. That we request the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to provide a teacher to cover the whole teacher-training course of the Sunday School Board.

11. That a committee be appointed to present a memorial to the Southern Baptist Convention, asking that body to look favorably and sympathetically upon this enterprise, which we believe is fraught with such tremendous missionary possibilities.

12. That New Orleans Baptists be requested to raise during five years not less than $20,000 toward providing and equipping a building or buildings for this school.

13. That Brethren Dodd, Christian and Crutcher be authorized to present the matter to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Board, Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board and the various State Boards represented, and further carry out the provisions of this report.

That the Louisiana Baptist State Convention be requested to appoint six trustees, three of whom shall reside in New Orleans, and the Mississipi State Baptist Convention be requested to appoint three trustees, and such other state bodies as elect to coöperate in this movement be requested to appoint three trustees each, who will constitute a Board of Trustees for this institution.

Resolutions Adopted by a Mass Meeting of New Orleans Baptists in the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, February 23, 1916.

"We desire also to assure the members of these committees that we fully endorse the report which they have prepared to present to the bodies respectively which they represent, and we here and now pledge ourselves to the committees that we will do our best, the Lord giving us grace, to raise the $20,000 which they request for the establishment of the school. And to cooperate in any other way we can to the glory of our blessed Lord."

There are 300,000 Mexicans in Texas; 350,000 French in Louisiana; 150,000 Italians in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida, and at least 100,000 other foreigners in this coast country. Among them the Lord is beginning to call out preachers, who have a burning passion to preach the gospel to their own people. They must be trained for such service and they should be trained from their people.

The Foreign Mission Board's policy in providing theological education and missionary training for the native preachers in our various foreign mission fields and the policy of our Home Mission Board in educational work in the mountains, and the basis of which appeal has been preëminently the education of noble mountaineers for the ministry has been eminently justified in their success and in the large results brought to the denomination. This committee would make an appeal to the Convention for an extension of the same policy in behalf of the 1,000,000 foreigners of the South.

There are also hundreds of untrained preachers contiguous to New Orleans, who would rejoice in the privilege of such an institution. There has been everywhere manifested among our brotherhood that the time has come when such an institution is an absolute necessity to 1,500 miles of Baptist gulf coast country. Dr. Jeff D. Ray of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, said publicly in a State Baptist Convention that this matter was undoubtedly of God and that it would have the sympathy and hearty support of the institution which he represented. Dr. George B. Eager of the Southern Baptist Theo-

logical Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in the same convention said that any man would be a fool to oppose this movement.

In view of all these matters, we would respectfully memorialize the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a committee of nine brethren to consider all that is herein presented and to consider the advisability of asking the Home Mission Board to join with Louisiana and Mississippi in financing this training school to the amount of anywhere from $15,000 to $20,000 annually, and that ths committee be asked to report at this session of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GRAY,
C. C. PUGH,
M. E. DODD,
For Home Mission Board.

G. H. CRUTCHER,
F. C. FLOWERS,
R. P. MAHON,
For Louisiana Baptist Convention.

J. B. LAWRENCE,
P. I. LIPSEY,
J. T. CHRISTIAN,
For Mississippi Baptist Convention.

(Signatures authorized by private correspondence.)

After remarks by B. P. Robertson, Louisiana, M. E. Dodd, Louisiana, and J. B. Gambrell, Texas, the report was adopted.

105. S. J. Porter, Texas, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

In view of the critical need for immediately providing $6,000 to meet an emergency now confronting our boys' school in Fukuoka, Japan, which need has been brought to the earnest attention of this Convention, and in view of the fact that a call will be at once sent out to the "Emergency List" of Laymen, appealing for the money for this object.

Resolved, That our Foreign Mission Board be authorized to borrow, if necessary, $6,000 and forward the same at once to Japan. Be it further

Resolved, That if the plan adopted by the laymen should not yield the amount necessary, the Board is hereby authorized to adopt whatever method it may deem practicable for the raising of this money for this urgent need. And be it further

Resolved, That in order to enhearten our missionaries in Japan, a cable be sent informing them of this action.

106. The report of the committee on Negro Theological Seminary was presented by O. L. Hailey, Texas, as follows:

"NEGRO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY."

Your committee has had no meeting during the year, except one held here in New Orleans during the meeting of this Convention.

Our negro brethren have had some division among themselves that caused your committee to feel that it would be wiser for us not to do anything until we had referred the matter to this Convention. The causes of divisions among our negro brethren appear to be of such a nature as to prevent, for the time, any harmonious coöperation on their part.

Meanwhile, the need of the Seminary to train their preachers and other religious workers among them is daily increasing, and becomes even more vital to their progress and well being, this would seem to throw the heavier responsibility upon us as the stronger "big brother."

We have fostered the idea of the establishment of the seminary among them, and encouraged them to believe that we would bring it to a successful achievement as soon as we can. And for the undertaking to fail now would be little short of a calamity for these people, and would be a serious reflection upon us as a denomination.

But your committee has reached the conclusion that it is not practicable for us as a committee to place a man in the field to raise the $50,000 for the establishment of the seminary, although empowered by this Convention to do so. But we are of the unanimous opinion we should see that it is done as promptly as may be. We, therefore, bring to you the following suggestions and recommendations:

(1) That you continue this committee or not as you may deem wise.

(2) But that some committee of our Convention shall be appointed who shall be authorized by this Convention to tender their good offices to both parties to the division among our negro brethren, as a mediating committee, seeking to help them to come to some basis of harmony satisfactory to all of them.

And that Dr. J. B. Gambrell, as President of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be added to that committee because of his official position among us.

(3) That we instruct our Home Mission Board to take up the question of ways and means, and that if it shall be found practicable, to enter into coöperative relations with our negro Baptist brethren with a view to the establishment and maintenance of a Negro Theological Seminary.

(4) That the Convention discharge in its usual way any expenses that may be incurred by any committee or committees you may appoint under these recommendations.

E. Y. MULLINS, Chairman;
O. L. HAILEY, Secretary;
B. F. RILEY,
A. J. BARTON,
BEN COX.

After discussion by O. L. Hailey, Texas; J. T. Searcy, Tennessee; A. R. Griggs, Arkansas, and E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky, the report was adopted.

107. The committee on Negro Theological Seminary was continued with the addition of J. B. Gambrell, and the substitution of A. U. Boone for J. J. Bennett and of R. W. Weaver for J. M. Frost.

108. The report of the committee on Nominations was made the special order at the opening of the afternoon session.

109. With Vice-President Henderson in the chair, the following communication from the Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented by the Recording Secretary of the Board, M. D. Jeffries, South Carolina, was ordered printed in the Journal:

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary wish to bring to the attention of the Convention the following facts and ask that they be inserted in the Minutes of this body as information:

1. New Trustees were elected as follows: Rev. G. G. Johnson for Maryland and District of Columbia; Rev. C. B. Arendall and Mr. M. L. Harrison, for Virginia; Rev. John D. Mell, for Georgia; Rev. W. H. Geistweit, Mr. Com. P. Storts and Rev. H. E. Truex, for Missouri; Revs. I. N. Penick and Allen Fort, for Tennessee.

2. The Students' Fund, for aiding in the support of men in the Seminary, is just now the gravest problem before the Seminary and the Board of Trustees. The Trustees in the several states were asked, by vote of the Board, to confer with brethren in their home states and devise the best method for securing this much needed fund, in their respective states. So great is the need for relief in this particular that by vote of the Board, Rev. P. T. Hale, the field secretary, was charged with the special duty of raising sufficient funds this next conventional year to liquidate the indebtedness and increase the endowment of the Students' Fund.

3. The apportionment for the Students' Fund to be asked of the several states was continued, and is as follows: Virginia, $2,000; South Carolina, $1,500; Oklahoma, $500; Louisiana, $500; Georgia, $2,000; Alabama, $1,500; Mississippi, $1,200; Maryland, $800; District of Columbia, $300; Tennessee, $1,200; Texas, $1,000; Florida, $600; North Carolina, $1,500; Kentucky, $2,000; Arkansas, $800; Missouri, $1,000.

The Convention was addressed by Joshua Levering, Maryland; E. E. Dudley, Mississippi; J. B. Gambrell,

Texas, and E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky; and the Convention was led in prayer by G. B. Taylor, Virginia.

110. B. H. DeMent, South Carolina, presented the report of the committee on the Report of the Sunday School Board, as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We note with profound regret the harvest of death reaped from our Sunday School Board during the past year. Especially do we sorrow over the departure of Dr. J. M. Frost, our beloved and efficient Corresponding Secretary. Verily, God was good to lend us such a man of vision, devotion and achievement. It is a source of gratitude to observe the fine ability of Dr. I. J. Van Ness, who has been the acting secretary since the death of Dr. Frost, and we wish to express our appreciation of his faithful services. We are glad to report the best year in the phenomenal history of the Board, the receipts going beyond the half million dollar mark. The receipts for the twenty-six years of the Board's career amount to $4,586,051.14, and gifts to the amount of $869,039.87.

The business has been wisely and economically conducted and its present resources, aggregating $678,667.09, are a guarantee against financial fluctuation and depression.

The numerous gifts of the Board are generous and discriminating in their bestowal. Tract distribution and the dissemination of the Word of God through the coöperation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards will greatly enlarge the extent of the field of usefulness of the Sunday School Board.

The addition of Mr. H. C. McGill to the business department; Mr. H. L. Strickland to the field force, and Dr. G. S. Dobbins to the editorship of the "Home and Foreign Fields" is a consummation worthy of our grateful recognition.

We rejoice in the prospects of having a history of Southern Baptists from the able pen of Dr. B. F. Riley, who is being assisted by a group of scholarly brethren.

The progress of teacher training, led by Dr. P. E. Burroughs, and the increasing number of Sunday schools incorporating the departmental idea in Sunday school instruction and architecture should elicit our gratitude and stimulate our zeal.

We quote with pleasure the commendable policy adopted by the Sunday School Board:

"That hereafter it shall be the policy of the Sunday School Board, save in very exceptional cases, to dispose of its surplus funds systematically according to the following plan:

"1. To maintain and develop its own field work for both the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.

"2. To coöperate with the State Boards in their Sunday school work in an increasing degree, and especially to encourage on the part of these State Boards adequate plans for reaching the town and country districts, the Sunday School Board coöperating in these plans to the fullest extent of its ability.

"3. To extend its system of free tract distribution.

"4. To extend the Bible and colportage work of the Board as far as may be wise and prudent, coöperating to the fullest extent with all State Boards and other institutions.

"5. To make such contributions to the work of the Foreign and Home Boards as will secure on their fields the development of Sunday school, publication, church building and tract work, such appropriations hereafter to be based upon definite programs on the part of these Boards for this character of work.

"6. To assist the educational institutions in so far as they may become definite helpers in the work of Sunday school extension."

In carrying out such a desirable program and in harmony with the conservatively, progressive spirit so characteristic of the Board, we venture to make the following

Suggestions.

1. That the permanent editorial staff be increased in order that the expository and literary excellence of our periodicals may, in the midst of our expansion, be maintained and enhanced through the labors of our ablest scholars.

2. That the greatest possible encouragement be given to our Southern authors by the enlargement of our book department, which is growing with encouraging rapidity.

3. That the needs and prospects of the work in the different states be the determining factors in the amount appropriated to the State Boards, rather than a fixed amount to each state.

4. That the Board secure at as early a date as they deem best a suitable man for secretary of Adult Sunday school work throughout our territory.

5. That if necessary the Board make an increase in the price of such periodicals as the absolute requirements of these strenuous days may demand.

B. H. DeMENT,
Chairman.

111. The report of the Lesson Committee of the Convention was presented by E. C. Dargan, Georgia, as follows:

REPORT OF THE LESSON COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

This Committee met at Jacksonville, Fla., February 23, 1917, and spent the day in careful work on all the matters of importance with which it is concerned.

The main work of the Committee was to give careful consideration to the proposed Improved Uniform Lessons for 1918 and 1919. The present cycle closes with this year, and the Improved Lessons will be presented to the Sunday schools throughout the country for use in 1918. We call attention to the general principle of the improvement proposed for the new cycle of lessons. It is that while uniformity will still be observed in the general topic and Scripture assigned, there will be in the use of sub-topics and additional Scriptures a better adaptation to the ages and needs of the various departments of the schools. This is not to supersede the Graded Lessons, which will remain substantially as they are for some years to come, but only recognize the need of making the Uniform Lessons more available for the different departments. In other words, the idea is, in the Committee's own language, "To provide for teachers in each department a thoroughly teachable lesson."

The Committee carefully examined the lessons for 1918 and 1919 in detail, and have made such changes as in our judgment are needed by our people, or are in better accord with our denominational point of view. We call special attention to the admirable series of doctrinal lessons in the course for the second and third quarters of 1919. The Committee has given very careful attention to this series of lessons, and believes that our people will be greatly pleased and profited in this presentation of the great doctrine of the Bible.

In regard to the Graded Lessons, we report that the series as published by our Sunday School Board lacks as yet the fourth year Senior of being complete. The International Committee has put forth a scheme for the fourth year on Social Service. Our Committee suggests that instead of this our Board be requested to publish a course of Bible study covering for the four quarters of the year: (a) A general view of the Bible as a whole, (b) a study of the Prophecy of Ezekiel, (c) a study of the Gospel of John, (d) a study of the Epistle to the Romans. The Committee has charged the sub-committee with the preparation of an outline of the lessons as suggested.

The Committee keeps in mind the conditions which gave rise to its appointment, and is impressed that the policy of raising and maintaining such a committee has been amply justified. The present constitution of the International Committee, which was explained in our report last year, presupposes that its work will be passed upon by denominational committees such as ours. This being well understood, your Committee is free to make such amendments or adaptations as in their judgment will better meet the needs and views of our Southern Baptist people. We take pleasure in expressing our cordial approval of the work and faithful labors of the International Committee as it is now

constituted. With the safeguards already mentioned, we feel sure that our denominational viewpoint can never be compromised, while the advantages of our continuing to work with others in the preparation and publication of both the Uniform and Graded Lessons are too great and obvious to need more than this simple statement.

In closing the Committee congratulates the Convention upon the general note of improvement in the character and usefulness of both the Uniform and Graded series of lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. DARGAN,
B. H. DeMENT,
J. B. GAMBRELL,
J. P. GREENE,
J. R. SAMPEY,
B. W. SPILMAN,
I. J. VAN NESS.

Remarks were made by B. H. DeMent, South Carolina; H. C. McGill, sales manager of the Sunday School Board; G. S. Dobbins, editor *Home and Foreign Fields,* and H. W. Virgin, Virginia.

112. On motion of Austin Crouch, Tennessee, the report on the Sunday School Board Report was so amended as to refer to the Board for consideration and report next year the advisability of preparing and publishing a Bible Dictionary.

113. A. U. Boone, Tennessee, offered the following resolution, which was adopted as a further amendment to the report.

Resolved, That this Convention instruct our Sunday School Board, through "Home and Foreign Fields," to take such note of all the work of our Convention as will be necessary to make our magazine the official organ of the Convention.

114. E. M. Poteat, South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was adopted after discussion by A. J. Barton, Texas; W. W. Chancellor, Oklahoma; M. Ashby Jones, Georgia, and J. M. Pilcher, Virginia.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Board be requested to consider the points 5 and 6 in outline of policies with the view of disclaiming any intention on the part of the Board of initiating and directing the method of work in fields and educational institutions referred to in said items 5 and 6.

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And, further, that the Board be asked to consider and bring recommendations to the next session of the Convention on the whole question of undertaking the payment from its surplus funds the administrative expenses of the Convention in its home and foreign as well as its Sunday School departments.

115. The members of the Lesson Committee were re-elected for another year.

116. The President announced the following committee:

On Hospitals.—F. S. Grover, Texas; S. J. Porter, Texas; W. J. Bolin, Louisiana; W. A. McComb, Tennessee; F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma; O. M. Huey, Kentucky; W. A. Hamlett, Texas; J. M. Dawson, Texas; G. W. Truett, Texas; D. R. Pevoto, Texas.

117. The Convention adjourned with benediction by F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma.

Fourth Day, Afternoon Session.

118. The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by President Gambrell. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Pilcher, Virginia.

119. The report of the committee on Nominations was presented by John E. White, South Carolina, and adopted seriatim.

On motion of E. P. Aldredge, Arkansas, that the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board be elected by ballot in open Convention, the house divided, with 215 ayes and 268 noes.

The report as a whole was adopted. (See Boards and Standing Committees of the Convention, pages 4-8.)

120. J. A. Taylor, Missouri, presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements for Next Session, which, after amendment as to hour of meeting, was adopted as follows:

Time.—Wednesday after the second Lord's Day in May, 1918, at 10 a.m.

Place.—Hot Springs, Arkansas; provided satisfactory arrangements be made with the Executive Committee of this Convention.

Preacher.—W. H. Geistweit, Missouri; alternate, C. H. Pinchbeck, Maryland.

J. A. TAYLOR, Missouri,
F. F. GIBSON, Kentucky,
W. W. CHANCELLOR, Oklahoma,
H. L. GRICE, Georgia,
E. W. PICKERING, Maryland,
W. E. PETTUS, Alabama,
W. J. STEWART, Tennessee,
A. A. BUTLER, North Carolina,
H. E. WHITE, Texas,
E. M. POTEAT, South Carolina,
T. J. SHIPMAN, Mississippi,
T. D. BROWN, New Mexico,
E. B. ATWOOD, New Mexico.

121. E. C. Dargan, Georgia, presented the following report of the Committee on Memorial Services:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Convention, in appointing this committee to provide for a special memorial service to be held as one of its regular sessions, expresses and records its appreciation of the beloved and useful brethren named in this report who passed to their heavenly reward during the last year.

It would not be possible in a brief report like this to pay anything like an adequate tribute to the greatly honored and beloved men whose memories are herein affectionately and respectfully revered, but chosen speakers will dwell more at length upon the characters and services of these who, in their lives among us, were useful servants of this Convention and its divine Lord.

James Marion Frost, for years the peerless Secretary of the Sunday School Board, was well brought up by noble Christian parents, gave his heart in youth to God, was trained for the ministry, had highly valued and fruitful experience as pastor of important churches, and gave the strength of his manhood and the ripened wisdom of his age to that great work with which his name will be forever associated in the history of Southern Baptists. In the fine combination and admirable poise of qualities which made up his character, Dr. Frost was specially distinguished by the union in him of deep personal piety, rare business sagacity and pulpit and platform power. Other graces and virtues were his—for he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost—but in the qualities mentioned he was greatly gifted for

that noble leadership which it was his privilege to exercise among us and our joy to recognize and follow.

Theodore Percy Bell came of gentle blood and was throughout a beautiful life the example of courteous Christian gentleman. He, too, was trained and finely qualified for pastoral service, but in the providence of God and by the choice of his brethren gave the maturity of his noble powers of mind and heart to other positions of influence and trust. Faithfully he filled terms of service with both the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board, and during the latter years of his life did a great and influential work as editor of one of our best known and useful journals.

C. E. W. Dobbs, pastor, editor, writer, faithfully and efficiently served this Convention as one of its secretaries for four terms. A thoughtful and judicious writer, a genial and lovable brother and friend, Dr. Dobbs has left an honored memory among his brethren.

W. E. Powers, for one term a vice-president of the Convention and for many years a thoughtful and devout attendant upon its meetings, was a remarkable man to those who knew him. Long life was his, loyalty to the Baptist faith was as bedrock in his sturdy character, modesty combined with wit and wisdom endeared him to his brethren. He was a type of that strong, sensible, faithful, rural minister whom Baptists have ever delighted to have and to honor.

Edgar Estes Folk, amiable, courteous, attractive in manner, sunny and sweet of soul, ably and faithfully served the Sunday School Board as a working member for many years; and as president for a number of terms. A regular attendant upon the Convention he was long a familiar figure among his brethren, as editor of one of our leading papers he exerted wholesome influence, and was a conspicuous and unfaltering advocate of every forward movement in the great temperance cause.

For the Christian character, eminent fidelity and useful work of these our now departed but ever honored and cherished brethren, we render praise to the God and Saviour whose saints and servants they were and are. Respectfully submitted,

E. C. DARGAN,
JOSHUA LEVERING,
ALLEN FORT,
P. T. HALE,
J. F. PURSER,
Z. T. CODY, Committee.

Memorial addresses were made by W. W. Landrum, Kentucky, on C. E. W. Dobbs; by W. L. Poteat, North Carolina, on E. E. Folk; by O. L. Hailey, Texas, on W. E. Powers; by I. J. Van Ness, Tennessee, on T. P. Bell; by J. F. Love, Virginia, on J. M. Frost. The Convention arose and sang "There's a Land That is Fairer Than

Day," and President Gambrell led in prayer. The report was then adopted.

122. On motion of M. P. Hunt, Kentucky, the address of I. J. Van Ness was requested published in the *Home and Foreign Fields.*

123. The report of the committee on the Report of the Sunday School Board was adopted.

124. William Lunsford, Tennessee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider the offer of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) by the Sunday School Board to begin the creation of a large endowment fund to pension aged ministers, make the following report:

That the Convention approve the action of its Sunday School Board in setting apart this amount of money for this worthy cause, and begs the attention of the Convention to the following considerations:

Years ago the larger industrial and commercial enterprises of the country began to lay plans for taking care of their disabled and broken down old men, so that they might not longer be harrowed by feelings of uneasiness as to what would become of themselves and their families when they had grown old and disabled. These corporations were not moved to do this through consideration of sympathy, but justice. Simple social justice began to move these men. A vital element in social justice is the recognition of this fact, that when a man has spent his best years in the service of any business concern, he has a right to receive adequate and honorable support from that organization when his fruitful years are over. His labor has helped to build up the property of the organization, and for that reason has a moral claim upon that property for a decent livelihood in old age. This moral claim is now being recognized by railroads, factories, banks, colleges, governments and public school systems, and is being enforced by creating and maintaining pension systems. Who inspired this new social conscience? The churches did it. But how do the churches practice what they preach? The churches preach righteousness to all men, but throw aside their aged ministers when they are no longer useful. A great change has come, a new day has dawned. This conscience which the religious world inspired in the business world, has begun to lay hold on the religious world as well. It is a mighty force gathering power as it moves, and must so continue to do until the religious world sets itself right before the secular world.

Of course everyone sympathizes with the minister of Jesus who has given strong and faithful service to his church and who finds himself without support in old age, but sympathy is not the instigating factor in this undertaking. The supreme motive is that the churches shall do righteousness as well as preach right-

eousness. Men will not continue to listen to the churches if they themselves fail to practice morality.

There are now on the different State Boards in our Southern Baptist Convention four hundred and ninety-three (493) beneficiaries who draw as an average stipend the munificent sum of $9.00 per month. Some of the states make no report whatever of beneficiaries, while others report the number on the relief Board and others who ought to be, but cannot be, for lack of funds. If the percentage of those reporting be the same as those not reporting there are now 750 beneficiaries who are on, or ought to be on the Board and drawing help. Seven hundred and fifty beneficiaries at the rate of only $300 per year would require an annual income of $225,000. To produce a fund of $225,000 would require an endowment of nearly $4,000,000 with interest computed at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, or if lent at 5 per cent would require a fund of some $4,500,000.

It would not be out of place in this connection to state that at the present time the Presbyterians are raising an endowment of $10,000,000; the Methodists of $12,000,000; the Episcopalians of $600,500; the Congregationalists of $3,000,000, while the Northern Baptists are raising a sum of $2,000,000 for present needs along the line of the old methods of relief, before beginning a larger amount for laying the foundation of a great pension system.

We most respectfully ask the Convention to hear our plea for the aged minister.

1. The condition upon which ministers must live their lives are defined with something like finality. He must fit into the social stage reached by his people. The truth about it is, his place is not set by striking an average. He must in a day adopt the customs and meet the social and educational standard of the better class of his people. This is true, even though his salary is no higher than that of the skilled mechanic. He and his family must dress the best his moderate income will possibly allow. He can never afford to look shabby, and in addition thereto, must make contribution to all local calls on the scale of those whose income far exceeds his own. This is true of no other man in the community. Books are the tools of his trade and they are never cheap and can never be bought cheaply in the custom made stores. He strains his credit or does without, keeps his place, tries to smile and preach optimism, all the time practicing secret economies of which the world knows nothing. It is not the present that worries him, but the future; how dark and bleak it looms before him with those haunting visions of penury and want and possible charity.

2. The standard of character required of the minister is higher than that in other occupations, to say nothing of the degree of mental efficiency demanded, which is as exacting as in the great professions. The only qualities that easily pass muster with a minister are those which equip him for spiritual guidance and for ethical leadership. These are the very rarest endowments of humanity, and society depends more upon these qualities demanded of the minister than upon any other factor.

Now, we all know that to cultivate these qualities intensely is to preclude the development of those qualities that fit a man for the conflicts of the business world, and yet some will sneer at the minister for being a poor business man. It would be just as proper to sneer at a banker for not being an artist, or at the president of a modern industrial enterprise for not writing good poetry. It isn't best for a minister to be a money-maker. We all know that for a preacher of the gospel to launch out into the business world and begin to succeed as such, from that moment he becomes a marked man, and is regarded as gradually unfitting himself for the highest and noblest tasks of his calling.

So the matter resolves itself into this, the average minister must reach old age a poor man and must enter the future without means of support for himself and dependents unless the churches of the land come to his rescue. A pension should be regarded as a compensation and is so regarded in the business world. Pensions are deferred wages, it is nothing more nor less than an old man collecting in his old age what he earned when he was young. It is a universally adopted system and is in no sense regarded as a charity. For the reasons hereinbefore set forth, your committee feels that Southern Baptists have come at last to the time when they must begin to do justice to their old and worn-out ministers. Your committee recommends that a commission of nine members or more shall be appointed by the President of this Convention to work out a just and suitable pension plan during the ensuing year whereby the funds shall be protected from diminution or loss and so safeguarded that only the meritorious can secure the benefits of them; that the members of this Commission shall reside in easy access to Nashville, Tennessee, so as to be in close touch with the Sunday School Board; that the Sunday School Board shall be the custodian of this fund until otherwise directed by the Southern Baptist Convention, holding said money subject to such conditions and restrictions as the commission of nine or more shall direct.

The commission of nine or more is also empowered to call to its aid help and assistance and draw upon and expend during the current year such part or all of the interest upon said fund as it may deem necessary in order to defray any expenses in the working out of a definite plan for putting this movement into permanent effect. This commission is also authorized to receive any other contributions that may be made to this fund and to provide for its custody as it may see fit.

WM. LUNSFORD,
M. D. JEFFRIES,
E. W. STEPHENS,
W. H. MORGAN,
H. F. VERMILLION,
W. N. JONES,
D. Y. BAGBY.

125. M. P. Hunt, Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Convention be instructed to receive proposals from cities desiring the 1919 meeting of this Convention with their guarantees as to hotel rates and accommodations, and as to suitable meeting places for the meetings of this Convention and the W. M. U.; and that said committee be instructed to make report of its findings with recommendations as to place of said meeting to the next meeting of this Convention.

126. The President appointed the following committee:

On Woman's Relation to the Convention (to report in 1918). —R. H. Coleman, Texas; C. M. Thompson, Kentucky; Geo. W. McDaniel, Virginia; M. E. Dodd, Louisiana; A. U. Boone, Tennessee.

127. The Convention then adjourned, with benediction by B. P. Robertson, Louisiana.

Fourth Day, Evening Session.

128. The Convention was called to order at 7:30 P.M., and devotional exercises were conducted by John H. Eager, Maryland.

129. C. E. Burt, South Carolina, presented the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee requested to report on Woman's Work at this hour, beg leave to submit the following:

We note with pleasure the marvelous growth of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to our Convention, in numbers enlisted, in the aggregate of its contribution and the comprehensive phase of its activity. This growth we believe to be due in large measure to the emphasis placed upon prayer, and its systematic propaganda of education. The W. M. U. we believe to be fulfilling its function in a conspicuous way as an auxiliary body to our Convention. This is evidenced by its loyal support of our general work and its readiness to come to our help in every emergency. It came nobly to the help of the Foreign Mission Board in raising the debt last year, raising certainly forty-five thousand dollars of the amount, and in all probability sixty thousand dollars.

We commend most heartily their initiative in launching the training school building enterprise and congratulate them upon the splendid progress made and the prospect of carrying it to a successful completion in the very near future. This building, to cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, will not only be a monument to the consecrated enterprise and generosity of our women, but will be the pride of our denomination and a great contribution to the work of the kingdom.

This great organization so well articulated and embracing, as it does, not only the women of city churches but village and country as well, and coming in close touch with the social and civic life of our communities, is a mighty agency under God in the field of social service. It is pleasing that during its meeting here in this world crisis special emphasis has been placed upon this phase of its work. By resolution it consecrates itself afresh with its resources to the cause of humanity. This pledge is strikingly stated in the following language:

"We pledge our loyalty to our country in her hour of peril and that we will strive to meet the needs of our soldiers in camp, to pray for them and assist and sympathize with their families at home; that we coöperate as far as possible with the Red Cross and other organizations for war relief in our various localities."

We would suggest that for the encouragement and inspiration of our women in their work that our pastors and church treasurers continue to see to it that due credit is given for all of their contributions to missions and benevolences.

Your committee feels that inasmuch as the Convention has appointed a committee to report upon the matter of admitting women as delegates to this Convention and that some connection of the W. M. U. with the Boards of the Convention would add to the efficiency of our work, we recommend therefore that this part of the report be referred to the committee on Woman's Relation for their serious consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BURTS,
C. W. CULP,
B. C. HENING,
J. L. GROSS,
W. C. BENNETT.

After discussion by E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky; J. L. Gross, Texas, and Alex. W. Bealer, Georgia, the report was adopted.

130. R. H. Pitt, Virginia, presented the report of the Committee on World Crisis, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENT CRISIS.

Your committee, to whom the letter of Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, the resolutions offered by Mr. Smith and the resolutions offered by Mr. Taylor were referred, offer the following for adoption:

A Message from the Southern Baptist Convention.

The entrance of our own country into the great world war brings us face to face with new conditions which must profoundly affect the life of our people and the organized religious activities of this Convention. Already the country is on a military basis and the consequent reorganization of our economic and industrial life is immediately impending, indeed, is actually proceeding.

Our missionary, benevolent and educational enterprises, thrust suddenly into these new and trying conditions are likely to suffer in many ways if we do not make special and sustained effort for their protection and support.

In these testing times the Southern Baptist Convention, the body through which Southern Baptists express their common hopes, aspirations, purposes and through which they coöperate for common ends, would send a message to their brethren and to the world. We cannot afford to be dumb or to seem to be indifferent.

The seriousness of our situation must not be ignored. No one can forecast the duration of the struggle or estimate the sacrifices which the country will be called upon to make. Brave souls will not blink the facts, but will face them unashamed and unafraid.

At the same time, let all panic and hysteria be put aside. As far as in us lies let the reasonable and normal life of the country be maintained, but let it be borne in mind continually that failure to increase the food supply, in every way open to us, is sinful and the waste of food is iniquitous.

The disorganization and reorganization which belong to the new situation will call for new devotion to our religious interests and enterprises. The departure, now of tens of thousands, presently, it may be, of millions, of our young men from their homes and churches, the special drafts upon the students of our colleges and seminaries, the possible disposition of many of our people, answering the call for economy, to reduce their gifts to religious causes and the many other ways in which confusion and interruption will probably come to our ordered religious life, call for a new and deeper spirit of devotion and faithfulness.

Nor must we forget the new opportunities for service to God and men which the new conditions furnish. Facing the stern and terrible realities of war, men will turn their thoughts instinctively and inevitably to God. There will be in the training camps and in the trenches and in our communities, opportunities for bringing men to Jesus such as we have never known.

In the training camps our Home Board, our State Boards and our Sunday School Board will find it possible to coöperate in planned and intelligent fashion in evangelistic labor and in the

distribution of the Word of God and other religious literature. We must also take new interest in the business of providing chaplains, not only seeing to it that our own Christian body does its full part in this respect, but also doing what we can to put strong, devout and consecrated men in these important places. To all these needs and opportunities we must be alert and responsive. This surely is the will of God.

We cannot close this message without reminding our people that it is their Christian duty in a time like this to support heartily in every way possible the men whom we have called to the leadership of the country. Many of us cannot bear arms, but every one of us can do his part, as, in the providence of God, it is disclosed to him.

Let us keep in mind whatever disappointments, griefs, disasters may lie ahead of us, that far above the tumult God reigns. The things that cannot be shaken remain. He fulfills himself in many ways. He makes even the wrath of men to praise him; the remainder of wrath he will restrain.

It is of special significance to Baptists that the issues involved in the great war concern fundamental human rights and liberities. The cause of democracy is at stake. While we would not voluntarily claim for ourselves any superior devotion to this great cause, yet we cannot forget that democracy is peculiarly a part of our religion, that it is interwoven with all our common and cherished beliefs.

Deeply as all of us deplore war, ardently as we longed and labored to avert or avoid it, we may be cheered and heartened in remembering that we are moved in entering it, neither by lust nor hate, but by the love of humanity.

Let earnest and continuous prayer be made to God that a brighter, happier, safer and better world may at length emerge from the welter of strife and carnage.

J. B. GAMBRELL,
R. H. PITT,
E. T. MULLINS,
C. A. STAKELY,
E. W. STEVENS,
L. G. HARDMAN.

131. The following statements were presented as information in connection with the report on World Crisis:

By R. H. Pitt, Virginia:

As the country is now greatly increasing its military, naval and aviation forces and will probably continue to increase them for some time, it is plain that the services of many ministers will be needed in the chaplaincy. The Home Mission Board is instructed to use its best endeavors to stimulate and cultivate the interest of our people in this matter and to care for the interests of the denomination as may be necessary. The co-operation of the State Boards is also earnestly requested in the task of finding and recommending men suited to this responsible work.

By J. B. Gambrell, Texas:

The Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in the city of New Orleans, May 19, 1917, representing the views commonly held by the Baptists everywhere, contemplating with mingled feelings of sorrow and hope the conflict of the great nations, which we recognize as a struggle of militarism, autocracy and special privilege against the simple fundamental, indefeasible and inalienable human rights, goes to record before the world as follows:

Reaffirming the immemorial position of Baptists, we insist that the preaching of the gospel or any other form of religious belief should, of right, be free around the whole world, and the right to profess and to practice any or no religion is not to be brought into question by Tsar, Kaiser, Potentate, Ecclesiastical Council or any other human authority, whatever; therefore,

We hold unwaveringly to the belief that in the army camps preaching should be free to all alike—Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Baptists—subject only to such limitations as the exigencies of military order may require.

Contemplating the titanic struggle of humanity for individualism in state and in religion, we are moved by conflicting emtions of profound sorrow, and high hope; sorrow for the manifold griefs of the warring people, Teutonic, Saxon, Latin, our brothers all, and over against this, high hope for the emancipation, for which creation has groaned through weary centuries. We insist that in the reconstruction of modern civilization now going on that the President of the United States and his counsellors, whom Providence has thrust into the leadership of advancing civilization shall, in the final adjustment of the issues involved, see to it that everywhere religious persecutions shall cease, that preaching and the exercise of religion shall be free to every responsible human soul.

132. After discussion by J. B. Gambrell, Texas; J. J. Taylor, Georgia, and George W. Truett, Texas, the report of the Committee on World Crisis was adopted.

133. On motion of J. J. Hurt, North Carolina, the Committee on World Crisis was continued for another year, with authority to represent the Convention in making the paper effective, in so far as it may be able.

134. George W. Truett, Texas, presented the following resolution, which, after discussion by George W. Truett, Texas; J. W. Gillon, Tennessee; E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky; E. J. A. McKinney, Arkansas; J. L. Ray, Japan; R. E. Chambers, China, and B. D. Gray, Georgia, was adopted, together with an amendment offered by B. C. Henning,

North Carolina, that the same ratio of increase be added to the Home Board apportionments:

WHEREAS, The maintenance of our foreign mission work for another year on the basis of last year will require $645,000; and,

WHEREAS, There is now a debt of $40,000 on the Board; and,

WHEREAS, The Board is under the inexorable necessity of increasing the salaries of its missionaries immediately; and,

WHEREAS, It is imperative that some new missionaries be sent out this year.

Resolved, That the churches throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, should be faithfully advised of the above named needs, both by our Foreign and State Mission Boards, through the denominational press, and in every other practicable way, and be earnestly urged to raise their gifts to this object to the sum of $734,400, with which to meet these absolute necessities and get ready to enter new and greatly inviting fields.

Resolved, further, That immediately after the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, the state secretaries be informed concerning the amount scheduled by the Foreign Board to care for its work for the current year.

135. The President announced the following commission:

On Ministerial Pensions.—Allen Fort, Nashville, Tennessee; J. F. Brownlow, Columbia, Tennessee; O. C. Barton, Paris, Tennessee; Howard Frost, Nashville, Tennessee; W. W. Landrum, Louisville, Kentucky; William Lunsford, Nashville, Tennessee; I. J. Van Ness, Nashville, Tennessee; Austin Crouch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; A. C. Cree, Atlanta, Georgia; T. B. Ray, Richmond, Virginia; A. B. Hill, Nashville, Tennessee; E. W. Stephens, Columbia, Missouri.

136. Secretary Gregory reported that the enrollment to this hour showed 1,509 messengers present on the financial basis and 174 present on the associational basis, making a total of 1,683.

137. With benediction by R. E. Chambers, China, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Fifth Day, the Sabbath.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 20, 1917.

138. The many pulpits in New Orleans and vicinity were supplied morning, afternoon, and evening by members of the Convention, appointments having been made under direction of the Committee on Religious Services.

Sixth Day, Morning Session.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, May 21, 1917.

139. The Convention assembled in the Athenæum at 9 A.M., President Gambrell in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by S. S. Bussell, Texas.

140. The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and approved.

141. B. D. Gray, Georgia, presented the following resolution, which was adopted and the President asked to appoint a committee to confer with like committees from Washington City and the Northern Baptist Convention:

WHEREAS, It is proposed to erect in Washington City, the national capital, a great Baptist house of worship, to be known as the Roger Williams Memorial Baptist church, in honor of our great apostle of religious liberty; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to the brethren who have this matter in hand our heartiest approval and sympathy in this noble undertaking.

142. The following telegram was read by Secretary Gregory, and the chair authorized to appoint five messengers to the World's Purity Congress:

La Crosse, Wis., May 19, 1917.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
New Orleans, La.

Greetings hearty to your great body to appoint five delegates to the tenth International Purity Congress, Louisville, November 8th. This cause made so necessary by war needs your best cooperation. Urge President Wilson and army and navy authorities by wire and resolution to suppress all vice near army camps.

WORLD'S PURITY FEDERATION.

143. W. D. Nowlin, Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the Convention be, and are hereby, instructed to print and distribute eleven thousand copies of the Convention Annual and that they receive the usual remuneration for their services, and that the sum of $5.00 expenses incurred by the program committee be included in this item.

144. On motion of A. J. Barton, Texas, the present committee on Order of Business was continued for another year.

145. Remarks on the publicity work of the Convention were made by Alex. W. Bealer, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland; M. P. Hunt, Kentucky, and F. W. Barnett, Alabama.

146. W. S. Wiley, Oklahoma, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Convention extends its most hearty thanks:

First: To the Baptist churches of the city, the Association of Commerce, the hotel association, the Mayor of the city, and the welcome message sent by the Governor for their cordial hospitality extended in making this one of the greatest and best sessions in our history.

Second: We most sincerely thank the denominational press for their fruitful and effective work. The local press of this city for their very able, correct and full reports of the proceedings of this Convention. The reports have never been surpassed, if equaled, in any other city.

Third: The courtesies and coöperation of the railroads and passenger association is very greatly appreciated, and we thank

them for the satisfactory manner in which they have handled the transportation of our people.

Fourth: We desire also to express our appreciation of the faithful services of the boys and girls who have served as pages, clerks and helpers in many ways.

Fifth: That we thank Dr. A. W. Bealer, Chairman of our Press Committee, and the Associated Press for their splendid work in reporting the Convention.

147. Frank Willis Barnett, Alabama, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to which was referred those sections of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention referring to the estate of the late Jefferson Herrick, beg leave to recommend that, in view of the annuities and other charges against the estate and other limitations set forth by the terms of the will, and of the likelihood of the necessity of the construction of the will by the courts, the Convention appoint three attorneys in fact with large and divers specific and general powers to handle and dispose of the estate in the name and place of the Convention.

Your committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Convention hereby names, constitutes, and appoints George M. Brown, E. C. Callaway and J. F. Cooledge, Sr., all of Fulton County, Georgia, its true and lawful attorneys in fact with full power in behalf of the Convention and in its name, place and stead:

(1) To pay to the administrator of the estate of the late Jefferson Herrick the claims and charges against the estate of said deceased and to take over the property, said Jefferson Herrick having recently died testate in Fulton County, Georgia, his will being of record in the office of the Ordinary of said county, and in which will certain property is left to this Convention, as shown by said will, to which reference is made.

(2) To take up with the two sisters of the deceased the matter of the settlement of their annuity charges against said estate in a lump sum, either in cash or on terms, or by the taking in fee of a portion of said real estate, or other adjustment of their claims in any manner that said attorneys in fact may deem advisable.

(3) To sell said property or any portion thereof, for cash or on terms, at such price as they may determine upon.

(4) To bring suit in the proper court for construction of the will and for direction and to employ counsel as may be necessary.

(5) To give and convey said property to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, or either of them, with their consent.

(6) And generally to handle, deal with, or dispose of said property in any way as in their judgment may seem wise and in keeping with the intent of the testator.

And said attorneys in fact are hereby given power in the name of this Convention to execute such deeds, transfers, releases, receipts and other instruments as may be necessary or convenient, the Southern Baptist Convention hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys in fact may lawfully do in the premises.

And said attorneys in fact are given full power in their discretion in the name of the Convention to decline altogether to receive the property as bequeathed and devised under the will.

The said attorneys in fact being given full power to act in the premises; and they are hereby directed to make report of their acts and doings in the premises for information to the next session of this Convention.

JOHN D. MELL,
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
E. E. BOMAR.

148. F. S. Grover, Texas, presented the following report, which was adopted:

HOSPITALS IN THE BOUNDS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Complying with your instruction to give you a report on the work being done by the institutions of healing in the bounds of this Convention under Baptist control, we, your committee, have been able to gather the following facts:

1. We have been vitally interested in the care of the sick and actively engaged in ministering to their needs since the opening of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium in St. Louis, in 1890.

Since that time interest in this work has spread throughout the South and is greatly gripping our Baptist people. We now have nine institutions operating in eight of the Southern states, namely, St. Louis, Missouri; Columbia, South Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; Alexandria, Louisiana; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Dallas and Houston, Texas; the Mayfield Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; the Kansas City Baptist Hospital; Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis.

These institutions have a bed capacity of 1,000, which is one-twenty-fifth as many as are necessary to supply the needs of Baptists alone according to hospital statistics. There were 20,000 patients treated in Baptist hospitals and under Baptist influence during the year 1916.

It is estimated that the patients represent one-tenth the people brought in close touch with our institutions by virtue of this treatment. If this is a fair estimate, then 200,000 people have been influenced by these Christly institutions in one year.

2. Southern Baptists now have more than $2,000,000 invested in hospital property, with considerable improvements under way, notably a new sanitarium building in San Antonio and one in Waco.

3. More than $600,000 worth of service was rendered last year, practically one-sixth of which was rendered free to the patients.

This does not include the free service rendered by the physicians connected with these institutions which was made possible by them. This service is estimated to be three times as much as the hospital service, or $300,000, which makes a grand total of $400,000 in service rendered free to the unfortunate poor.

4. It is of no mean importance that we have approximately 325 choice young women in the schools for nurses of these nine institutions, graduating more than 100 annually. The course of instruction in these schools is practically equivalent to a four years' college course.

5. At the meeting of this Convention in Houston in 1915 there was formed an organization of representatives from the various Baptist hospitals in the South. This organization took the name "Southern Baptist Hospital Conference," and elected as its officers: D. R. Pevoto, Houston, Texas, president, and J. M. Long, Atlanta, Georgia, secretary. These were reëlected at the meeting in Asheville last year.

6. The American Hospital Association meeting in Philadelphia last September amended its constitution so as to provide for sectional meetings and plans are now under way for two sections to be established in the south—one west of the Mississippi and one east. Your committee recommends:

1. That our hospital workers encourage and participate in these meetings to the end that our Baptist institutions be kept abreast with the latest hospital methods and management.

2. That the consideration of our hospital work become a part of the regular program of this Convention and the committee on Order of Business be instructed to provide a place for this subject.

F. S. GRONER, Texas;
S. J. PORTER, Texas;
W. J. BOLIN, Louisiana;
W. A. McCOMB, Tennessee;
F. M. McCONNELL, Oklahoma;
O. M. HUEY, Kentucky;
W. A. HAMLETT, Texas;
J. M. DAWSON, Texas;
G. W. TRUETT, Texas;
D. P. PEVOTO, Texas.

149. J. J. Hurt, North Carolina, presented the report of the Committee on Memorial from the Maryland Union Baptist Association, and it was adopted after remarks by E. C. Dargan, Georgia; F. M. McConnell, Oklahoma; S. E. Tull, Texas, and J. J. Hurt, North Carolina:

The Maryland Memorial calls this Convention to face again a most serious and, as yet, unsolved problem, namely: How shall a steadier and more dependable stream of contributions be made to flow into the treasuries of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards?

This problem has been presented to the Convention year after year by the Boards themselves. We have been made to see it. We ought to solve it. We must solve it. The Boards have been hampered because we have not solved it. Not only so, but year after year by the diversion of large sums of missionary money to the banks for interest charges, the gospel has been denied to thousands who otherwise would have had it from our missionaries. What shall we do?

Your committee does not see the opportunity at this Convention for further extended consideration of the issues involved.

Seeing that one of the functions of the newly-created Executive Committee is to represent this Convention in its business with the State Mission Boards on proper occasion, we, therefore,

Recommend, that the Executive Committee be requested to give its most serious consideration to the exigencies of the situation and provide any relief which its judgment and efforts may be able to devise; and that the Committee on Program be requested to set aside adequate time for discussion one year hence.

JNO. JETER HURT, Chairman;
GEORGE H. CRUTCHER,
L. R. BURRELL,
J. J. TAYLOR,
A. E. BOOTH.

150. O. L. Hailey, Texas, read the report of the Committee on State Members of the Boards, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE MEMBERS OF OUR MISSION BOARDS.

The Committee on State Members of our Mission Boards respectfully reports that we have received reports from eleven state members of the Foreign Board and eleven state members of the Home Board. It is evident from these reports that the relationship bewteen the State Boards and the general Boards is in almost every instance close and cordial, indicating an entire absence of friction and a gratifying spirit of coöperation. The state papers are doing all in their power to give publicity to the work. The state members are loyally and enthusiastically presenting the cause through individual efforts and through associational coöperation.

J. L. JOHNSON,
C. V. EDWARDS,
J. H. EAGER.

151. The Executive Committee was, on motion, requested to consider what changes in the Constitution and By-Laws are necessary to bring them more into harmony with the sentiment of the Convention, and report on it next year.

152. The President appointed the following:

Messengers to Purity Congress.—W. W. Landrum, A. Y. Ford and E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky; W. A. Jarrell, Texas; J. T. Henderson, Tennessee.

Commission to Visit Washington.—R. H. Pitt, J. F. Love, Virginia; W. L. Poteat, North Carolina; W. D. Upshaw, Georgia; W. J. McGlothlin, Kentucky.

153. The report of the B. Y. P. U. was considered.

154. A vote of thanks was tendered the Committee on Order of Business, after remarks by A. J. Barton, Texas, O. L. Hailey, Texas, and J. F. Love, Virginia.

155. On motion of A. J. Barton, Texas, the Committee on Order of Business for Next Session is authorized and instructed to take into consideration the advisability of continuing next session into Tuesday.

156. The names of O. L. Hailey and George W. Truett were, on motion, added to the standing committee on Temperance and Social Service.

157. The President appointed the following committee:

On Roger Williams Memorial.—B. D. Gray, Georgia; B. C. Hening, North Carolina; Eugene Levering, Maryland; W. L. Ball, Virginia; E. B. Jackson.

158. The reading of the Journal for this morning was dispensed with.

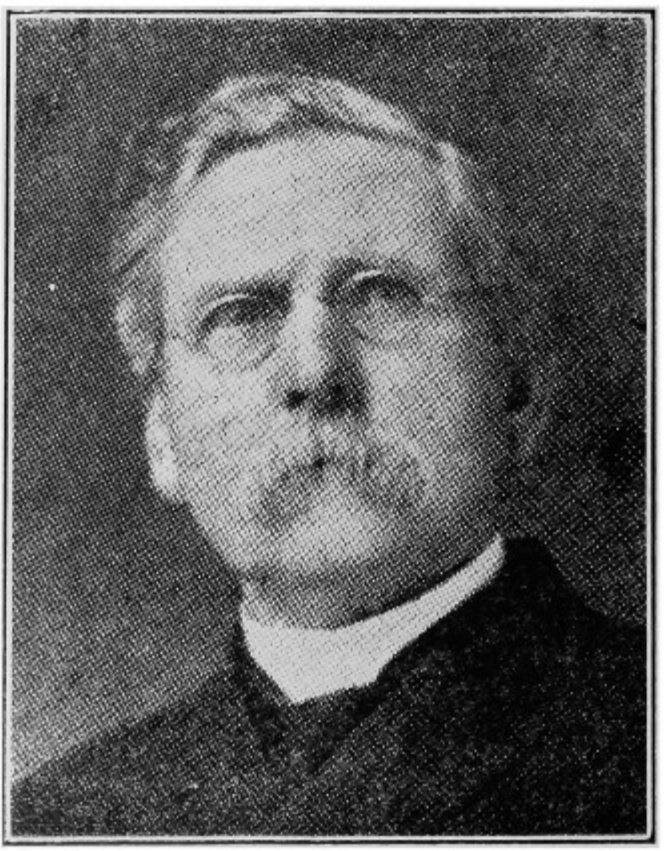
159. The pastors of the Baptist churches of New Orleans were called to the platform and introduced to the Convention.

160. After closing remarks by President Gambrell and a vote of thanks to the President for his services, the Convention joined in prayer with George W. Truett, Texas, and then adjourned finally until the time of its next annual session in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on May 15, 1918, the same being Wednesday after the second Sunday.

J. B. GAMBRELL, *President.*

OLIVER F. GREGORY,
HIGHT C. MOORE,
Secretaries.

GRUNEWALD HOTEL—CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS.



CHARLES EDWIN WILLOUGHBY DOBBS, D.D.

BORN PORTSMOUTH, VA., AUGUST 12, 1840
DIED LOUISVILLE, KY., SEPTEMBER 28, 1916

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION, 1878-1881

ROLL OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ALABAMA.

Class I: Entitled to 263; Present, 123.

Anderson, J. D.....Mobile.
Anderson, W. M.Birmingham.
Baker, C. Ross..Birmingham.
Barnes, J. E.....Mobile.
Barnes, F. M....Guntersville.
Barnett, B. M.....Atmore.
Barnett, F. W...Birmingham.
Barnett, J. W.....Mobile.
Bennett, S. H...Jacksonville.
Beverett, A. J..Midland City.
Bentley, C. J.....Furman.
Black, W. H.....Louisville.
Blake, Preston..Birmingham.
Bledsoe, J. O.....Pine Hill.
Brown, D. H....Birmingham.
Britton, G. G.....Anniston.
Bush, J. Henry..Childersburg.
Callaway, P. M..Castleberry.
Chapman, James H.Florence.
Christian, T. S.....
.....Alexander City.
Colley, J. O.....Lineville.
Creighton, J. H.....Whatley.
Crumpton, W. B.Montgomery.
Culpepper, C. T....Headland.
Davidson, A. C...Livingston.
Davidson, J. A.....Selma.
Dawson, L. O....Tuscaloosa.
Dickinson, A. J.Montgomery.
Dickinson, A. J. Jr..Eufaula.
Dickinson, J. G....Evergreen.
Dorris, W. F.....Monticello.
Elledge, W. I.....Springdale.
Elliott, W. J....Montgomery.
Fendley, W. E.....Mobile.
Fields, W L.....Grand Bay.
Garrett, D. J....Montgomery.
Gibson, J. W.....
.....Lower Peach Tree.
Goss, William A...Avondale.
Gwaltney, L. L....Greenville.
Hagood, H. H.....Selma.
Hawood, E. W...Greensboro.
Hall, J. M.....Prichard.
Hall, Richard .....Marion.
Harbison, J. H.....Ardell.
Harris, Ira D...Birmingham.
Henson, W. C....Ft. Deposit.
Hibbs, H. H....Birmingham.
Huckabee, W. N..Pine Apple.
Hudson, Clay I.....Athens.
Hunter, R. M.....Flomaton.
Hutto, A. A.....Ashland.
Inzer, John W..Birmingham.
James, W. K. E.....Holt.
Jenkins, J. A.Bladon Springs.
Johnson, C. G.....Linden.
Johnson, H. G.....Reform.
Johnson, J. S.....Notasulga.
Jordan, Ira L.....Camp Hill.
Kerridge, Wm...Thomasville.
Kincaid, V. C...Birmingham.
Lamar, Ernest .....Selma.
Lanier, M. W....Birmingham.
Latimer, L. M.....Anniston.
Lee, S. L.....Mt. Willing.
Lockler, W. E.....Mobile.
Longcrier, J. H.....Sulligent.
Love, Edgar L....Huntsville.
Mahaffey, A. H.....Newton.
Mallory, H. S. D.....Selma.
Manasco, O. .....Townly.
Mays, L. T.....New Decatur.
McClendon, F. K..Scottsboro.
McMullen, John H.Greenville.
Milford, J. J.....Fayette.
Monroe, S. D.....Mobile.
Moseley, A. G....Wetumpka.
Mundine, J. M.....Jasper.
Nichols, M. N...Nicholsville.
Ogletree, W. D...Montevallo.
Pack, B. M.....Montgomery.
Page, Alvin E...Nicholsville.
Parish, Elam .....Marion.
Parker, D. R.....Mobile.
Patterson, L. F.....Winfield.

ALABAMA—*Continued.*

Patterson, N. O.....Atmore.
Patterson, W. G.....Atmore.
Pettus, W. E.....Huntsville.
Phillips, J. W.....Mobile.
Potts, M. P. H.Bayou LaBatre.
Preston, A. J.....Andalusia.
Purser, D. I.....Gadsden.
Ray, J. F.....Birmingham.
Reese, T. O.....Birmingham.
Reeves, L. T.....Tuscaloosa.
Richards, Wm. L.....
.....Union Springs.
Riddle, J. Ingle...Huntsville.
Riley, B. F.....Birmingham.
Riley, F. A.....Mobile.
Rucker, J. W.....Roanoke.
Sellers, B. A.....Geneva.
Seymore, W. R..Montgomery.
Shelburne, James M.....
.....Birmingham.
Sims, A. T.....Samson.
Smith, A. S..Alexander City.
Spanable, W.....Albany.
Stakely, C. A...Montgomery.
Stanfield, A. N.....McGehee.
Stough, J. L.....Notasulga.
Strickland, Harry L.....
.....Birmingham.
Tharp, W. A.....Repton.
Thompson, J. L...Brundidge.
Thornton, M. K....Bessemer.
Vaughan, B. S....Grove Hill.
Vaughan, H. T..St. Stephens.
Wages, L. B.....Oakman.
Waite, Geo. T.....Marion.
Watson, H. M...Birmingham.
Weaver, J. E.....Albany.
Wilkes, W. P.....Cullman.
Wright, A. K.....Ensley.
Wyatt, R. L.....Gadsden.
Yarborough, W. F.....
.....Montgomery.
York, J. F.....Midland City.
York, T. J.....Jasper.

Class II: Entitled to 57; Present, 21.

Antioch—
H. M. Mason.....
.....Healing Springs.
Baldwin County—
J. S. Lambert.Bay Minette.
Bethlehem—
S. P. Lindsey....Belleville.
Bibb County—
C. J. White....Centerville.
Blount County—
J. L. Jones..Altoona, No. 2.
Butler County—
J. L. P. Cook...Greenville.
Cahaba—
P. V. Bomar.....Marion.
Carey—
A. G. Cusick.....Ashland.
Coosa Valley—
W. P. Lovell.....Pell City.
Cullman—
S. J. Calvert...Crane Hill.
Dale County—
M. L. Harris.....Ozark.
Macedonia—
W. H. Garland.....
.....State Line, No. 1.
Madison-Liberty—
W. H. Gregory..Huntsville.
Mobile—
E. M. Daffin.....
.....Green Bay, R. D.
Montgomery—
J. A. Beal.....Montgomery.
Muscle Shoals—
J. W. Jones.....Moulton.
North River—
A. E. Emfinger...Townley.
Randolph County—
T. H. Landers.....Stroud.
Salem-Troy—
R. J. Bateman.....Troy.
Tuscaloosa—
H. D. Wilson...North Port.
Union—
J. N. Vandiver..Carrollton.

ARKANSAS.

Class I: Entitled to 144; Present, 81.

Aldredge, E. P..Little Rock.
Aulick, A. L....Little Rock.
Ayers, John.....Fort Smith.
Bailey, B. B.....Arkadelphia.
Barnett, S. B.....Waldron.
Barton, L. E....Fayetteville.
Bishop, W. A.....Winfield.
Boles, G. L.....Lonoke.
Boone, Jos. P.....Texarkana.
Boone, W. C.....Marianna.
Boyett, T. J.....Hope.
Brewer, J. F.....Lavaca.
Bridges, B. L.....Crossett.
Brown, T. D.....Little Rock.
Burriss, L. R.....Jonesboro.
Bush, Gus.....Little Rock.
Campbell, S H...Little Rock.
Carlton, Z. T...Lake Village.
Carter, E. J. G.....Ouachita.
Cole, E. F.....Huttig.
Conger, J. W.....Conway.
Cooksey, Wm.....Searcy.
Covington, L. J.....Rector.
Crittendon, F.....Rector.
Crutchfield, R. L....Winfield.
Culp, M.....Bigelow.
Curle, E. F.....Osceola.
Dorris, W. F.....Monticello
Dunham, D. R.....Warren.
Earley, J. T.....Little Rock.
Elledge, W. I.....Springdale.
Faulkner, G. D...Dardanelle.
Ferguson, B. V...Fort Smith.
Finch, O. T.....Little Rock.
Ford, G. M.....Fordyce.
Fox, Arthur .....Hope.
Freeman, John D...Ashdown.
Harris, J. E.....Wynn.
Harris, J. G.....Jonesboro.
Hill, C. L.....Booneville.
Hobbs, J. R.....Jonesboro.
Holt, F. A.....Prescott.
Horne, H. J. P..Arkadelphia.
Howell, J. T.....Malvern.
Johnson, A. J....Blytheville.
Keeling, L. M.....Nashville.
Kelley, W. M.....Benton.
Loewer, H.....Wheatley.
Luck, J. B.....Warren.
Matthews, Gordon.Jonesboro.
McCool, H. J.....Wynne.
McGee, T. M.....Montrose.
McKinney, E. J. A.....
.....Little Rock.
Meers, W. H.....
.....Mountain Home.
Miller, W. S.....Mulberry.
Moffitt, W. A....Fayetteville.
Moore, D. B.....Russellville.
Moore, E. P.....Helena.
Morgan, J. Lee.....Hope.
Morgan, S. P.....Judsonia.
Neal, V. C.....Morrillton.
Owens, J. I.....Plainview.
Plemmons, T. H.....Helena.
Porter, J. W....West Helena.
Pugh, H. G.....Little Rock.
Reed, S. L.....Hope.
Robertson, L. A....Harrison.
Roberts, W. N.....Ingalls.
Rogers, J. S.....Little Rock.
Runyan, J. P....Little Rock.
Sims, F. C.....Wynne.
Sipes, S. M.....Conway.
Summers, L. D...Blytheville.
Taylor, G. C.....Bearden.
Thompson, T. T.West Helena.
Tull, J. F.....Monticello.
Turner, F. P.....Lake City.
Vermillion, H. F.....
.....Mountain Home.
Whittington, Otto.:.....
.....Little Rock.
Winham, Milton..Texarkana.
Woods, C. D., Jr..Monticello.

Class II: Entitled to 12; Present, 1.

Hope—
J. S. Compere..Little Rock.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Class I: Entitled to 23; Present, 0.

FLORIDA.

Class I: Entitled to 87; Present, 34.

Avant, D. A.....Quincey.
Adcock, J. Dean.Tallahassee.
Alexander, C. F.....Arcadia.
Ansley, J. A.....Pensacola.
Boone, M. F.....Pensacola.
Camp, A. T.....Chipley.
Cannady, A. B..Jacksonville.
Davis, B. A.....Pensacola.
Duke, C. W.....Tampa.
Farmer, Carson ...Kissimee.
Fillingim, J. T.Bluff Springs.
Gable, John D.....Bonifay.
Golden, W. C.....Tampa.
Hendon, F. T...Jacksonville.
Holt, A. J.....Arcadia.
Hyman, George ....Sanford.
Judah, John S..Blountstown.
Kesterson, J. W.....Malone.
Leonard, S. A..Blountstown.
Moore, W. F.....Bonifay.
Nelson, J. J.....Century.
O'Bryant, R. J....Pensacola.
Overstreet, J. D..Greensboro.
Palmer, J. H....Lemon City.
Rice, E. E.....Pensacola.
Roberts, I. I.....Pensacola.
Rogers, S. B....Jacksonville.
Rorex, J. F.....Inverness.
Senterfitt, J. W....Marianna.
Skinner, S. R.....Alachua.
Stanley, A. A.....Umatilla.
Trice, J. E.....Arcadia.
Willian, W. W..Jacksonville.
Woodward, H. B.....
.....DeFuniak Springs.

Class II: Entitled to 23; Present, 8.

Alachua—
A. L. Blizard....Leesburg.
Beulah—
J. R. Eubanks...Lake City.
Caloosa—
A. M. Bennett...Lake City.
Florida—
W. A. Burns.....Quincy.
Jacksonville—
J. S. Rodgers.Jacksonville.
St. Johns River—
R. L. Bonsteel....Palatka.
Tampa Bay—
J. S. McLemore.....
.....Bradentown.
Wekiva—
O. B. Falls.....Kissimee.

GEORGIA.

Class I: Entitled to 444; Present, 111.

Ammons, J. C....Davisboro.
Andrews, Geo W....Atlanta.
Ballew, W. J.....Baxley.
Barnett, T. J.....Dublin.
Barron, Z. E...Marshallville.
Bealer, A. W.....Valdosta.
Belcher, Ralph R.Bainbridge.
Black, J. G.....Shellman.
Bolton, R. L.....Millen.
Bridges, W. Z. T....Blakely.
Byne, J. M.....Waynesboro.
Callaway, T. W.....Dublin.
Carter, J.....Gainesville.
Chapman, John T..Savannah.
Chappell, L. N.....Guyton.
Christopher, N. G..Whigham.

GEORGIA—*Continued.*

Claxton, J. L.....Edison.
Coin, J. H.....Cordele.
Cooper, L. A.....Fitzgerald.
Cree, Arch C.....Atlanta.
Crudup, Josiah .....Dalton.
Cumbie, J. L.....Cuthbert.
Curry, W. R.....Shellman.
Dargan, E. C.....Macon.
Davis, G. J.....Tennille.
Davis, T. T.....Atlanta.
Davison, C. C.....Cuthbert.
Dawson, E. T.....Jakin.
Deal, W. R.....Lumpkin.
Dorset, W. S....Fort Valley.
Dumas, J. A. J.....Blakely.
Durden, C. S.....Plains.
Erlich, L. J.....Atlanta.
Evans, A. W....Sandersville.
Forrester, Graham.Savannah.
Fowler, H. O....Manchester.
Fugate, H. M...Waynesboro.
Fuller, W. E.....Newnan.
Gaines, W. W.....Atlanta.
Gordon, A. H.....Atlanta.
Graham, B. J. W....Atlanta.
Gray, B. D.....Atlanta.
Grice, Homer L.Washington.
Hammack, W. D...Cuthbert.
Hardaway, H. B....Royston.
Hardaway, J. S.....Newnan.
Hardman, L. G...Commerce.
Harling, E. L.....Atlanta.
Harris, W. M...Thomasville.
Harrison, J. G.....Macon.
Haymore, J. M.....Moultrie.
Holley, J. B.....Meigs.
Hood, C. J.....Commerce.
Howard, D. A.....Harlem.
Hunt, Jesse G.....Decatur.
Jameson, S. Y.....Atlanta.
Jennings, E. H.....Athens.
Johnston, A. L.....Valdosta.
Jones, M. Ashby....Augusta.
Jones, James M.....Boston.
Kelley, J. R.....Scott.
Kinney, J. R....Fort Valley.
Larkins, J. D.....Cedartown.
Leavell, F. H.....Atlanta.
Lee, Walter M.....Rochelle.
Leonard, I. S.....LaFayette.
Lummus, A. A.....Quitman.
Mack, J. H.....Atlanta.
Major, Harold .....Atlanta.
Major, W. H.....Atlanta.
Masters, V. I.....Atlanta.
Martin, W. B.....Dublin.
Mathis, S. S.....Nashville.
McConnell, F. C.....Atlanta.
McGinty, C. L...Cartersville.
Melton, H. M.....Arlington.
Murray, S. F.....Arlington.
Pickard, W. L.....Macon.
Porter, H. A.....Atlanta.
Railey, B. S.....Atlanta.
Reiser, J. A.....Lithonia.
Rich, W. H.....Elberton.
Roberts, L. E..College Park.
Rowland, P. S....Carrollton.
Sauls, J. P.....Morgan.
Shattuck, Jas. P..LaFayette.
Shattuck, N.....LaFayette.
Shattuck, W. J...LaFayette.
Shaw, Thomas ...LaFayette.
Smith, E. C.....Newnan.
Stanford, J. W.....Cuthbert.
Taliaferro, W. A...Savannah.
Taylor, J. J.....Savannah.
Thigpen, C. D...Sandersville.
Tippett, T. W.....Vienna.
Upshaw, W. D.....Atlanta.
Wagnon, D. S.....Macon.
Walker, W. L.....Rome.
Welsh, M. M.....Atlanta.
West, C. W.....Savannah.
West, W. F.....Thomson.
Wilder, J. H.....Savannah.
Wilder, J. S.....Savannah.
Wilkes, N. C.....Milltown.
Witcher, C. A.....Newnan.
Wood, Martin A.....Macon.
Wood, Waldo E....Harrison.
Woodward, L. W....Augusta.
Wray, W. A....Sandersville.
Yancey, J. R.....Grayson.

Class II: Entitled to 68; Present, 12.

Bethel—
H. N. Massey..Fort Gaines.

Bowen—
H. H. Shell....Bainbridge.

GEORGIA—*Continued.*

Colquitt County—
W. L. Culbertson.....
.....Norman Park.
Daniel—
S. D. Walker...Mt. Vernon.
Emanuel—
J. F. Craft.....Swainsboro.
Fairburn—
Chas. E. Hitt..Forest Park.
Friendship—
Lansing Burrows.Americus.
Lawrenceville—
H. F. Wood..Lawrenceville.
Piedmont—
W. B. Feagan.....Jesup.
Sarepta—
John D. Mell.....Athens.
Washington—
M. F. Roberts...Devereux.
Western—
E. W. Stone.....Newnan.

ILLINOIS.

Class I: Entitled to 25; Present, 24.

Benson, J. L.....Cairo.
Biggs, I. M.....Dupo.
Booth, A. E.....Harrisburg.
Carney, Chas.....Eldorado.
Cox, H. B.....Eldorado.
Culp, C. W.....Duquoin.
Danbury, G. W.....Duquoin.
Drake, Marion .....Oblong.
Gore, James .....Herrin.
Hill, J. L.....Christopher.
Kerley, Dallas .....Herrin.
Lee, I. E.....Pinckneyville.
Miller, J. B.....Marion.
Musgrave, J. A.....
.....West Frankford.
Ozment, T. L.....Harrisburg.
Raines, J. O.....White Hall.
Rodman, B. F.....Duquoin.
Spencer, S. J.....Marion.
Wasson, C. W....Harrisburg.
Williams, W. E....Eldorado.
Wilson, W. S..Pinckneyville.
Taddock, M. E.Shawneetown.
Throgmorton, W. P..Marion.
Turner, M. S.....Jonesboro.

Class II: Entitled to 16; Present, 4.

Fairfield—
Ralph C. Dailey.....
.....Burnt Prairie.
Palestine—
A. J. Keller.....Oblong.
Mount Erie—
J. S. Bright.....Grayville.
Saline County—
Loren Felts....Harrisburg.

KENTUCKY.

Class I: Entitled to 455; Present, 138

Abney, A. C.....Paducah.
Addington, R.....Somerset.
Adkins, J. L.....Perryville.
Anderson, S. W..Owensboro.
Allnut, R. W...New Liberty.
Andrews, E. L....Covington.
Andrews, Ira E. D.....
.....Elizabethtown.
Argabrite, G. W.....
.....Smith's Grove.
Atherton, Walter.Owensboro.
Athey, T. H....Harrodsburg.

KENTUCKY—*Continued.*

Austin, M. D.....Versailles.
Baird, J. E.....Monticello.
Barnes, C. R.....Bardstown.
Barnes, N. T.....Louisville.
Barnett, E. W.....Fredonia.
Bass, C. P.....Munfordville.
Boles, C. W.....Upton.
Bomar, E. E.....Owensboro.
Bowers, R. G.....Paducah.
Brandenburg, R. L.....
.....Hustonville.
Bruner, Ben. L....Louisville.
Bryan, O. E.....Louisville.
Burnett, J. H.....Allensville.
Byrd, L. A.....Georgetown.
Cannon, W. D.....Marion.
Clarke, Geo. W...Henderson.
Coakley, E. W..Waynesburg.
Coakley, W. S.....Wheatley.
Converse, E. A....Louisville.
Crawley, A. L..Fort Thomas.
Croxton, Thos. W.Carrollton.
Crain, H. M.....Hickman.
Cress, H. G.....Monticello.
Crume, T. C.....Latonia.
Davis, Robert....Vine Grove.
Dennington, W. T....Wingo.
Dourand, J. A.....Covington.
Drake, F. E.....Owensboro.
Earley, M. D.....Stanford.
Ecton, T. C.....Lexington.
Edens, E. L.....Pembroke.
Elsey, C. W.....Cynthiana.
Ellis, C. S.....Paint Lick.
Farmer, Frank....Owensboro.
Field, J. S.....Owensboro.
Ford, A. Y.....Louisville.
Frost, W. A.....Wingo.
Fulton, Jos. E.....Corbin.
Gabby, H. E....Hopkinsville.
Gardner, A. B.....
.....Dawson Springs.
Gatlin, E. B.....Leitchfield.
Gatlin, P. E.....Fulton.
Gibson, F. F..Bowling Green.
Gilbert, Harry.....Pineville.
Givens, J. W. T...Princeton.
Greenoe, J. C.....Louisville.
Gregston, C. S.....Paducah.
Hagan, B. F.....Buffalo.
Hagan, E. L..Elizabethtown.
Hale, P. T.....Louisville.
Halliwell, Albert..Henderson.
Hays, Geo. E.....Louisville.
Howard, J. R.....Lexington.
Howerton, E. L.Central City.
Hubbard, J. B.....Marion.
Huey, O. M.....Louisville.
Huffhines, C. L.Nicholasville.
Hughes, J. G.....Eddyville.
Hunt, M. P.....Louisville.
Hunter, W. E.....Somerset.
Kirkland, J. P.....Louisville.
Knight, I. D. S.....Glasgow.
Landrum, W. W...Louisville.
Lane, Rodolph.....Princeton.
Larimore, H. T....Louisville.
Lee, J. A.....Glencoe.
Lee, Wellington T.Frankfort.
Lowe, S. F.....Louisville.
Lyne, G. W....Nicholasville.
Mangum, O. R.....Paris.
Marriner, E. H.....Dayton.
Martin, J. E....Jellico, Tenn.
Martin, S. P.....Owensboro.
Massie, G. C.....Owensboro.
McDaniel, R. B....Covington.
McFarland, M. M....Howell.
McGlothlin, W. J..Louisville.
Miller, J. A.....Oldham.
Mitchell, W. H.....
.....Bowling Green.
Motley, R. L.....Winchester.
Mullins, E. Y.....Louisville.
Neal, Jesse.....Uniontown.
Nowlin, Wm. D....Louisville.
Paris, Hosea C.....Marion.
Parrish, J. D.....Clay.
Pettus, E. M.....Somerset.
Phillips, Jason.....Sonora.
Pierce, W. C.....Ashland.
Porter, J. W.....Lexington.
Powell, Paul .....Louisville.
Powell, W. D.....Louisville.
Ray, James S....Vine Grove.
Riley, J. P.....Calvert City.
Roberts, Bourbon.Bethlehem.
Roberts, Sanford..Bethlehem.
Robertson, L. N..Owensboro.
Rouse, T. B.....Arlington.
Sampson, F. A....Louisville.
Satterwhite, F. L...Owenton.
Shearer, M. L...Winchester.
Shearer, R. F.....Monticello.
Shearer, W. L.....
.....Stamping Ground.

KENTUCKY—*Continued.*

Shultz, O. M..Bowling Green.
Siler, B. F.....Owensboro.
Simpson, C. O.....Clay.
Smith, B. P.....Louisville.
Smithson, Ely T..Henderson.
Steger, O. J.....Georgetown.
Stevens, E. C.....Louisville.
Stephens, W. E.....Fredonia.
Stowe, G. H....Hopkinsville.
Tandy, Robt. H..Russellville.
Tanner, W. C.....Deanefield.
Taylor, Geo. D....Lexington.
Thomas, Malcolm....Buffalo.
Thompson, C. M.Hopkinsville.
Thompson, P. A.....Paris.
Trotter, J. B.....Marion.
Walker, Clarence..Lexington.
White, A. N....Pewee Valley.
Williams, W. W..Owensboro.
Wilson, C. H.....Kevil.
Wilson, J. S.....Mt. Sterling
Winburn, H. L....Louisville.
Wood, J. E.....Hickory.
Wood, W. M.....Mayfield.
Wright, E. F...Williamsburg.
Wright, J. H.....Adairville.

Class II: Entitled to 50; Present, 18.

Blackford—
Robt. Chambers..Hickman.
Blood River—
W. H. Jones.....Murray.
Campbell County—
G. C. Mullens.....
Central—
T. J. Porter.....Lebanon.
Concord—
D. H. Howerton.....
.....New Liberty.
Goshen—
L. M. Bratcher..Louisville.
Henry County—
E. J. Weller....Bethlehem.
Little Bethel—
L. M. Winstead.....Dixon.
Liberty—
W. J. Puckett...Cave City.
Little River—
Guy P. Hall.....Lamasco.
Muhlenberg—
H. D. Divine.....Bremen.
North Bend—
W. R. Elliston.....Latonia.
Ohio County—
Birch Shields...Beaverdam
Ohio River—
U. G. Hughes.....Marion.
Pulaski—
C. P. Hargis.....Somerset.
Russell's Creek—
W. J. Levi.....Exie.
Severns Valley—
J. B. Hutcherson.....
.....Rineyville.
West Kentucky—
C. A. Massagee....Moscow.

LOUISIANA.

Class I: Entitled to 111; Present, 112.

Addison, C. C.....Florien.
Almand, C. F.....Bunkie.
Arceneaux, J. F....Brittany.
Bailey, B. L.....Chase.
Baker, R. L....New Orleans.
Bishop, I. M.....DeRidder.
Benway, O. L...New Orleans.
Blackmon, S. C.....Monroe.
Boggs, J. W....New Orleans.
Brooks, I. J.....Sulphur.
Brooks, L. H.....Aimwell.
Brown, D. T.....Mansfield.
Brown, Lake .....Slaughter.
Brumfield, M. T.Bogue Chitto.
Burnside, L. B..Pleasant Hill.
Cargill, M. C.....Dubach.
Carpenter, R. F. D.....
.....Baton Rouge.

LOUISIANA—*Continued.*

Chapman, W. E.....Grayson.
Cole, M. E.....Marion.
Colvin, Lee .....Dubach.
Cook, R. L.....Hope Villa.
Corkern, C. T...Franklinton.
Cottingham, C.....Pineville.
Crutcher, G. H...Shreveport.
Culpepper, W. W...Crowley.
Daniels, J. S.....De Ridder.
Davis, M. A.....Dubberly.
Dickens, J. W.....LaFayette.
Dodd, M. E.....Shreveport.
Duncan, V. E...Bossier City.
Durham, J. P.....Bastrop.
Edwards, C. C...Grand Cane.
Edwards, J. R.....Ruston.
Farrington, F. H....Monroe.
Fortenberry, J. N...Varnado.
Fusilier, A. H.....Mamou.
Gandy, E. R.....Alexandria.
Gehring, B. F..Baton Rouge.
Godbold, E.....Pineville.
Guice, W. M.....Winnsboro.
Hauser, F. E.....Crowley.
Herndon, E. B...Shreveport.
Herndon, J. B.....Oakdale.
Holmes, L. N.....Hico.
Hinkie, J. E.....Pineville.
Johnson, C. W.....Clinton.
Kendrick, J. I....Shreveport.
King, J. T.....Arcadia.
Knighten, J. E...Shreveport.
Lawhon, Z. R....Shreveport.
Leach, J. L.....Florien.
Magehee, W. M.Durham Spgs.
Mahon, R. P...Lake Charles.
Managan, W. H....Westlake.
Marks, L. N.....Eunice.
McCain, W. A.....Norwood.
McGehee, W. F.....Bogalusa.
McKeller, E. D..New Orleans.
Mercer, H. B.....Pineville.
Middleton, G. F....Robeline.
Miers, R. L.....DeRidder.
Miles, H. K.....Evergreen.
Mitchell, H.....Rio.
Mitchell, R. G.....Dubach.
Moore, J. T.....Gibsland.
Moore, L. A...New Orleans.
Moseley, J. B....Shreveport.
Neil, W. E.....Jennings.
Neuhauser, U. G.....Slidell.
Nunemacher, J. A.....
.....New Orleans.
Odom, G. C.....Crowville.
Ogilvie, C. H..New Orleans.
Oliver, S. O.....Abbeville.
Parsons, J. W.....Mansfield.
Perryman, C. E...Hammond.
Pierce, A. N...Lake Charles.
Posey, L. D.....Winnfield.
Powers, O. L.....Mansfield.
Powell, R. L.....Shreveport.
Price, M. A.....Ruston.
Railey, J. L.....Tioga.
Ricks, J. H.....Florien.
Robertson, B. P.New Orleans.
Salassi, M. W.....Pineville.
Schilling, C. A..Lake Charles.
Sellers, T. B...New Orleans.
Shuttlesworth, L. H.....
.....Glenmora.
Sloan, L. W.....Kentwood.
Smith, L. C.....Pineville.
Smith, S. A.....Vidalia.
Stagg, W. L.....Garland.
Stills, N. A.....Robeline.
Strother, J. H....Shreveport.
Strother, J. O...Pine Prairie.
Talkington, T. W.....Homer.
Taylor, G. W....Chataignier.
Terry, A. T....New Orleans.
Terry, Dana....Natchitoches.
Tyler, L. M.....Neame.
Walker, J. J.....Franklinton.
Wallace, B. F.....Pineville.
Watkins, A. C.....Ruston
Weatherley, W. J.....
.....Winnsboro.
Westberry, W. J.....
.....Church Point.
White, J. A.....Alexandria.
Williams, H. B...Plaquemine.
Wingart, J. N.....Lecompte.
Wingo, Spurgeon.....Slidell.
Winberry, J. H.....DeRidder.
Wright, P. B.....Evergreen
Youngblood, D. A.Winnsboro.
Zarilli, L.....Amite.

LOUISIANA—*Continued.*

Class II: Entitled to 27; Present, 18.

Bethlehem—
W. T. Strain.....Simsboro.
Caddo—
J. E. Wakefield...Pineville.
Calcasieu—
R. E. Hall.....DeRidder.
Central—
C. B. Gates.....Winnfield.
Concord—
R. J. Tabor.....Barnes.
Deer Creek—
E. A. Cordill...Winnsboro.
Eastern—
G. C. Williams....Brignac.
Grand Cane—
T. Buckley .....Pelican.
Liberty—
G. B. Smalley.....Minden.
Louisiana—
E. O. Ware....Alexandria.
Mount Olive—
Henry Winn .....Bond.
Natchitoches—
J. B. Wood.....Robeline.
North Louisiana—
James Evans .....Benton.
North Sabine—
L. W. Martin.....Athens.
Red River—
R. W. Singleton.Coushatta.
Sabine—
J. B. Law.....Corleyville.
Tangipahoa—
J. V. Vining.....Amite.
Washington—
J. E. Brakefield..Bogalusa.

MARYLAND.

Class I: Entitled to 150; Present, 9.

Baylor, W. H.....Baltimore.
Bowers, B. A.....Baltimore.
Chambers, R. E.....
.....Canton, China.
Eager, J. H.....Baltimore.
Gregory, O. F.....Govans.
Levering, Joshua..Baltimore.
Pickering, E. W...Baltimore.
Pinchbeck, C. H...Baltimore.
Sledge, W. H.....Baltimore.

MISSISSIPPI.

Class I: Entitled to 245; Present, 237.

Allen, W. I.....Columbus.
Allen, W. S.....Lyon.
Allmond, W. R.....Mize.
Anderson, Geo.....Vicksburg
Anding, I. H.....Summit.
Backley, P. C.....Macon.
Bacon, N. W. P.....Marks.
Ball, Martin .....Clarksdale.
Barnett, J. E.....Prentiss.
Barnhill, J. A.....Clinton.
Barton, Geo. F.....Winona.
Bass, R. F.....Edna.
Bassett, L. D., Jr.....Louin.
Bennett, Henry .....Canton.
Berry, A. C.....New Hebron.
Berry, J. S.....Tupelo.
Berry, W. E..Blue Mountain.
Boggan, R. W....Enterprise.
Bonner, T. B....Sandersville.
Boone, D. W.....McLain.
Boone, R. M.....Cleveland.
Borum, Wm. A.....Jackson.
Bozeman, A. S.....Meridian.
Bozeman, A. S., Jr..Meridian.
Bosdell, D. W....Pascagoula.
Bostick, W. M.....Columbia.
Boyd, J. L.....Gloster.
Branton, R. L.....Columbia.

MISSISSIPPI—*Continued.*

Breland, R. L...Philadelphia.
Brooks, Geo. W.....Carriere.
Brown, A. J.....Aberdeen.
Brunson, W. L...Enterprise.
Bryant, R. W....Hattiesburg.
Buchanan, J. E.Calhoun City.
Buckley, E. C.....Pinola.
Burrow, J. W.....Prentiss.
Byrd, J. E.....Mt. Olive.
Byrne, Chester...Brookhaven.
Calmes, J. M.....Brooksville.
Campbell, L. B.....Clinton.
Cangoneri, J.....Clinton.
Carpenter, R. L....Crawford.
Carter, J. M.....Quitman.
Carter, J. R.....Jackson.
Caswell, Edw. J..West Point.
Cates, Jeff. J.....Woodville.
Chisholm, W. A.....Jackson.
Christian, J. T...Hattiesburg.
Cinnamond, A. T..Senatobia.
Cloar, J. J.....Tupelo.
Cole, L. B.....Aberdeen.
Collins, H. M.....Houlka.
Courtney, S. T.....Florence.
Covington, R. L..Hazlehurst.
Cranford, J. E...Newhebron.
Dale, A. H.....Newhebron.
Dale, S. S.....Prentiss.
Darling, G. E....Brookhaven.
Davis, A. F.....Tylertown.
Deaton, J. S.....Clinton.
Dickerson, Ellis..Hattiesburg.
Dorroh, I. L.....Macon.
Drummond, N. R..Columbia.
Dudley, E. E....Hattiesburg.
Eddleman, G. A.....Weir.
Eddleman, R. A.....Shelby.
Edmonds, N. A.....Utica.
Ellis, I. N.....Hazlehurst.
Emerson, C. E....Hernando.
Estes, O. P.....Shubuta.
Evans, W. H.....Wesson.
Fan, W. E....Blue Mountain.
Ferguson, L. F.....Lena.
Flake, Arthur .....Baldwyn.
Flowers, F. C.....Baldwyn.
Fuller, J. H. .....Flora.
Furr, A. C.....Mashulaville.
Furr, J. H.....Picayune.
Futrell, E. P.....Brookhaven.
Gambrell, L. B.....Drew.
Gardner, R. E.....Louin.
Garrett, E. H.....Itta Bena.
Gates, L. G.....Laurel.
Gavin, R. S.....Corinth.
Gibson, W. R.....Sontag.
Gillam, R. L.....Houston.
Gilmore, J. G.....Hazlehurst.
Granberry, W. E..Baxterville.
Green, T. W.....Hattiesburg.
Gregory, L. F.....Shelby.
Gunn, F. W.....Hickory.
Halbert, E. C....Brooksville.
Hart, J. L.....Meridian.
Henderson, John F..Phoenix.
Hewlett, J. R. G..Charleston.
Hickson, J. W.Blue Mountain.
Hicks, J. W....Bellefontaine.
Hightower, E. G.Hattiesburg.
Hill, E. J.....Stonewall.
Holcomb, G. W.....Carriere.
Holcomb, Rowe ....Quitman.
Holcomb, T. L.....Pontotoc.
Holcomb, W. E.....Quitman.
Hooks, J. H.....Meridian.
Howell, T. D.....Shelby.
Hutson, W. F.....Barto.
Johnston, A. S.....Gallman.
Johnston, J. R.....Dlo.
Johnson, J. L....Hattiesburg.
Jones, R. R.....Summit.
Joyner, H. C.....Enterprise.
Joyner, W. H.....Enterprise.
Kent, Jeff .....Forest.
Kimbrough, R. A..Vicksburg.
King, H. M.....Jackson.
Kinsey, J. E.....Clinton.
Kiser, C. C.....Aberdeen.
Longino, A. T..Silver Creek.
Lawrence, J. B.....Jackson.
Leavell, Jas. B.....Oxford.
Leavell, L. P.....Oxford.
Lee, J. A.....Lumberton.
Lightsey, L. E.....Montrose.
Lipsey, P. I.....Clinton.
Lott, J. Gordon.....Clinton.
Low, J. L.....Tylertown.
Lowe, M. P.....Hattiesburg.
Magee, Geo.....Columbia.
Magee, J. T.....Prentiss.
Martin, H. L.....Indianola.
Martin, T. T..Blue Mountain.
Martin, T. T., Jr.....
.....Blue Mountain.
McComb, W. A.....Clinton.

MISSISSIPPI—*Continued.*

McCullough, B. A.....Osyka.
McElroy, R. H.....Oxford.
McGehee, W. C.....Bride.
McKee, B. L.....Liberty.
McLemore, Wm. N....Union.
McLeod, D. W..Port Gibson.
McMillan, Jas. N.Hattiesburg.
Meadow, W. L.....Mize.
Mellichamp, A. S....Agricola.
Metts, J. M.....Vicksburg.
Miley, T. J.....Bay Springs.
Mobberly, E. T....Lexington.
Montague, A. S..Hattiesburg.
Moody, M. M....Long Beach.
Moody, W. B.....Laurel.
Moore, T. J.....Hattiesburg.
Morgan, W. H...Brookhaven.
Morris, C. M.....Sumrall.
Morris, S. P.....Poplarville.
Moulder, C. S.....Lorena.
Murray, W. A.....Tylertown.
O'Briant, A. L.....Okolona.
Olander, C. J.....Clinton.
Ott, W. J.....McComb.
Ousley, J. A.....Tutwiler.
Palmer, J. N.....Clinton.
Parker, G. O.....Newton.
Parker, J. C.....Laurel.
Parker, W. J.....Laurel.
Patterson, M. O.....Clinton.
Patton, W. H.....Shubuta.
Pennebaker, J. H.Charleston.
Phillips, B. E.....Clinton.
Poag, S. P.....Durant.
Polk, J. B.....Richton.
Poll, A.....Hattiesburg.
Pope, Samuel .....Columbia.
Pope, S. G.....Belzoni.
Price, H. B.....Hernando.
Price, J. H.....Magnolia.
Pugh, C. C.....Hazlehurst.
Purser, R. H.....Magnolia.
Quin, J. B.....Grenada.
Quisenberry, W. Y...Clinton.
Ratliff, W. T.....Raymond.
Ray, J. D.....Starkville.
Read, I. W.....Leland.
Rester, John S.....Caesar.
Rimes, J. C.....Tylertown.
Roberts, H. C..Bay St. Louis.
Robinson, J. C.....Canton.
Robinson, J. L.....Newton.
Robinson, S. B.....Liberty.
Rogers, P. S.....Ackerman.
Rushing, A. E.....Itta Bena.
Rushing, J. S.....Louin.
Russell, J. R.....Saltillo.
Scuheany, J. E.....Durant.
Shipman, T. J.....Meridian.
Simmons, J. R.....Newton.
Smallwood, H. T.....Laurel.
Solomon, E. D.....Meridian.
Sproles, S. W.....Magee.
Stevens, A. L.....Durant.
Stockstill, W. W.....
.....Bay St. Louis.
Strong, L. Q.....Cleveland.
Sullivan, W. A.....Clinton.
Sutton, C. V.....Prentiss.
Tate, W. S.....Osyka.
Tew, C. T.....Greenville.
Thames, W. J...Hattiesburg.
Thorn, E. T.....Hooker.
Thompson, L. I...Vancleave.
Thompson, W. H.....Forest.
Tinnin, F. W.....Natchez.
Treadwell, M. A.....Clinton.
Trotter, I. P.....Shaw.
Trusty, J. L...Water Valley.
Tull, N. T.....Jackson.
Tyree, W. C.....Greenwood.
Tyrone, Leon .....Prentiss.
Varnado, G. H.....Magnolia.
Walker, A. A..Water Valley.
Wall, Zeno .....Clinton.
Wallace, R. L.....Inverness.
Waters, D. H.....Bethany.
Watkins, J. M...Hattiesburg.
Webb, H. H.....Moss Point.
White, G. P.....Beach.
White, J. B.....Beach.
White, John M....Starkville.
White, T. F.....Beach.
Whitfield, Theo.....McComb.
Whitten, H. M.....McCool.
Whittington, W. M.....
.....Greenwood.
Whittle, W. A.Blue Mountain.
Williams, J. E.....Tillatoba.
Williams, Owens.Brooksville.
Wills, J. E.....Raleigh.
Wright, T. B....Hattiesburg.
Wroten, C. S.....Newton.
Young, L. D...New Augusta.
Zachert, R. E..Holly Springs.

MISSISSIPPI—*Continued.*

Class II: Entitled to 42; Present, 23.

Chester—
N. B. Wallace.....Sturgis.
Chickasahay—
W. H. Foster.....Quitman.
Columbus—
J. H. Newton..Shuqualaka.
Copiah—
W. L. Howse.Crystal Spgs.
Gulf Coast—
A. Hughes.....Hundsboro.
Harmony—
T. G. Ward.....Lena.
Jefferson Davis—
J. O. Buckley.....Prentiss.
Kosciusko—
C. A. Fletcher...Kosciusko.
Laurens County—
Chas. E. Gibson.Monticello.
Leaf River—
E. M. Ball.....Leaksville.
Lincoln County—
S. A. Williams.....Ruth.
Mississippi—
G. M. Gates.....Summit.
Mt. Pisgah—
F. M. Breland.Philadelphia.
New Liberty—
D. W. Moulder.....Lorena.
Pearl Leaf—
W. H. Barrett...Mt. Olive.
Strong River—
J. C. Buckley.....Pinola.
Sunflower—
J. M. Causey.....Marks.
Tippah—
J. A. Autry.....Hickoryflat.
Union—
J. N. Miller.....Allen.
Walthall—
G. E. Fortenberry.....
.....Tylertown.
West Judson—
W. T. Darling.Blue Springs.
Yalobusha—
J. P. Neal.....Oakland.
Zion—
B. C. Land.....Lodi.

MISSOURI.

Class I: Entitled to 226; Present, 61.

Acree, C. F.....Kirksville.
Armstrong, J. C.Kansas City.
Augood, N. E.....Overland.
Benson, T. W.....Campbell.
Boody, Fred.....Kansas City.
Brammer, T. C.....Belton.
Brown, J. J.....Fulton.
Brown, S. M....Kansas City.
Brite, S. P.....Sikeston.
Bryson, J. A.....Kingsville.
Campbell, F. Y.....Carthage.
Carmichael, J..R..Flat River.
Cash, J. B.....Senath.
Chewing, E. W.....Odessa.
Douglass, A. T.....Senath.
Dieterle, F. J.....Corder.
Dillard, J. E.....St. Joseph.
Geistweit, W. H....St. Louis.
Godsey, E. S.....Clarkton.
Gott, Sam. P...Monroe City.
Hale, Geo. L.....St. Louis.
Hale, Lewis.....St. Louis.
Hampton, J. E..Warrensburg.
Harris, G. E.....Kennett.
Heaton, B. F.....Centralia.
Hendricks, A. F. H.....
.....Marble Hill.
Jesse, J. S.....Waynesville.
Jones, C. P.....Kansas City.
Kelly, R. K.....St. Louis.
Lamb, E. V....Warrensburg.
Lands, E. M.....Liberty.
Lemons, Robt. L..Charleston.
Liddell, R. F.....Clarkton.
McAtee, J. W.....Anderson.
Mothershead, S. P.Bloomfield.
Munro, D. D.....Kansas City.
Norvell, J. E.....Gilliam.
Patterson, H....Portageville.
Peterson, C. H.....St. Louis.

MISSOURI—*Continued.*

Phillips, T. J.....Elsberry.
Prather, G. L...Kansas City.
Proctor, L. M..Jefferson City.
Riggs, Milford.....Ironton.
Schooling, G. P.Warrensburg.
Senter, Chas. P....St. Louis.
Setzer, Wm. H.Caruthersville.
Smith, A. J.....Higginsville.
Smith, Jas. C.....St. Joseph.
Smoot, H. A....Frederickton.
Speight, Jesse.....St. Louis.
Taylor, J. A.....Fulton.
Truex, H. E.....St. Louis.
Webb, M. T.....Bismark.
Weber, Paul....Poplar Bluff.
Whitlock, C. F.....Neosho.
Wiles, T. H.....Maryville.
Willett, J. O.....Joplin.
Williams, W. H....Marshall.
Wood, O. L.....Springfield.
Young, E. M.....Billings.
Young, Harry...Kansas City.

Class II: Entitled to 36; Present, 6.

Cape Girardeau—
J. P. Scruggs.....
.....Cape Girardeau.
Little Bonne Femme—
E. W. Stephens..Columbia.
New Madrid—
G. R. Tyler....Portageville.
St. Francois—
Geo. W. Graham.....
.....Marble Hill.
St. Louis—
S. E. Ewing.....St. Louis.
Spring River—
Arnold G. Cofer.....Joplin.

NEW MEXICO.

Class I: Entitled to 21; Present, 2.

Atwood, E. B...Albuquerque.
Payne, C. Ross..Albuquerque.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Class I: Entitled to 473; Present, 60.

Abernethy, G. P....Gastonia.
Anderson, J. W..Williamston.
Anderson, L. R..Williamston.
Beach, W. R..Kings Mountain.
Benton, Bruce...Rockingham.
Berryman, W. J.....Edenton.
Bridger, H. C....Bladenboro.
Bridges, D. P.....Ellerbe.
Brinson, H. F.....Smithfield.
Brooks, C. V.....Wallace.
Brown, A. E.....Asheville.
Bruner, Weston.....Raleigh.
Burrell, W. R...Williamston.
Butler, A. A.....Tyner.
Campbell, R. C.....Shelby.
Clarke, Jas. A....High Point.
Cowan, G. N.....Apex.
Craig, W. M.....Kinston.
Creech, Oscar.....Nashville.
Dowell, C. L.....Ahoskie.
Dowell, Geo. J.....Ayden.
Downey, J. W.....Woodland.
Early, A. W.....Aulander.
Farmer, J. S.....Raleigh.
Fleetwood, P. M.....Jackson.
Fleetwood, R. W....Jackson.
Gaw, B. D.....Durham.
Haight, W. R.....Windsor.
Hedgpeth, I. P...Lumberton.
Hening, B. C..Elizabeth City.
Hurt, J. J.....Wilmington.
Johnson, E. N.....Reidsville.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Continued.*

Johnson, Livingston.....
.....Rocky Mount.
Johnson, W. N.....Raleigh.
Jones, W. N.....Raleigh.
May, G. W....Rocky Mount.
Moore, Hight C.....Raleigh.
Moore, J. D.....Raleigh.
Morton, S. F..Winston-Salem.
O'Kelley, T. W.....Raleigh.
Owen, J. R.....Mars Hill.
Padgett, Rush.....Hickory.
Poteat, W. L...Wake Forest.
Powell, R. E.....Rowland.
Reese, A. V..Hendersonville.
Rich, D.....Winston-Salem.
Rosser, W. O.....Whitakers.
Smith, W. A.....Charlotte.
Spilman, B. W.....Kinston.
Stephenson, W. M..Pendleton.
Taylor, A. J.....Ramseur.
Tilley, Geo. V.....Concord.
Upchurch, C. A.....Oxford.
Vann, R. T.....Raleigh.
Vines, W. M.....Charlotte.
Wells, E. L.....Edenton.
White, L. McB.....Shelby.
Willis, J. B.....Sanford.
Wolslagel, E. L....Asheville.

Class II: Entitled to 44; Present, 6.

Central—
E. L. Middleton...Raleigh.
Eastern—
R. H. Herring...Mt. Olive.
French Broad—
R. L. Moore.....Mars Hill.
Robeson—
C. L. Greaves...Lumberton.
Sandy Run—
J. G. Graham.....Caroleen.
Yancey—
D. W. White....Burnsville.

OKLAHOMA.

Class I: Entitled to 92; Present, 52.

Albright, A. S.....Chickasha.
Bell, C. H.....Holdenville.
Bowles, Cornelius..Tonkawa.
Brewer, C. M.....Cushing.
Burton, H. H.....Altus.
Butler, E. G.....Durant.
Carpenter, Frank..Bridgeport.
Carter, T. E.....Grandfield.
Compere, E. L.....Shawnee.
Cossey, J. I.....Boswell.
Crane, D. Noble...Pawhuska.
Drumwright, L. A....Walter.
Eldridge, J. R.....Dewey.
Floyd, L. E.....Tulsa.
Frazier, Lee.....Frederick.
Griffin, J. J.....Blackwell.
Haley, H. P.....Chickasha.
Hamilton, E. D.....Poteau.
Hamilton, Robt.....Shawnee.
Haskins, Thos. P.Hennessey.
Huff, J. A.....Oklahoma.
Hunter, T. M.....Oklahoma.
Jennings, C. C.....Muskogee.
Kenworthy, Orlando.....
.....Pawhuska.
Leach, W. O.....Vinita.
Masters, F. M.....Shawnee.
McConnell, F. M..Oklahoma.
McMenis, John W....Salisaw.
McNeilley, G. M....Coalgate.
Montgomery, D. M...Marlow.
Moore, W. E.....Hinton.
Moorer, W. D.....Shawnee.
Naylor, G. R.....Heavener.
Pendergraft, W. C....Hollis.
Peterson, R. E....Kingfisher.
Redcorn, Raymond.Pawhuska.
Reeves, L. L.....Lexington.
Renney, Robt.....Howe.
Ridgeway, Elmer.....Duncan.
Simpson, John A.....
.....Weatherford.
Smith, E. T.....Davis.
Smith, Thos. M...Muskogee.

OKLAHOMA—*Continued.*

Shannon, W. I.....Tulsa.
Siler, C. F.....Tulsa.
Stealy, C. P.....Oklahoma.
Stigler, G. H.....Rocky.
Thompson, V. E.....Antlers.
Turlington, J. J..Haileyville.
Weaver, J. S.....Henryetta.
Wiley, J. M.....Muskogee.
Wiley, W. S.....Muskogee.
Wright, I. S.....Ada.

Class II: Entitled to 30; Present, 12.

Banner—
W. H. Haste.....Sulphur.
Cherokee—
A. G. Washburn.McAlester.
Chickasha—
A. S. Robinson.Wapanucka.
Enon—
G. W. Whitfield...Marsden.
Frisco—
C. C. Morris.....Idabel.
Greer County—
J. W. Solomon....Mangum.
Hermon County—
H. C. Lamb.....Vinson.
Jackson County—
C. T. Stealy.....Martha.
Little River—
T. W. Gayer.....Norman.
Pittsburg—
W. W. Chancellor.....
.....McAlester.
Pottawottomie—
Robt. Hamilton...Shawnee.
Salt Fork Valley—
C. W. Haskins....Carmen.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Class I: Entitled to 425; Present, 69.

Alderman, A. G.....Belton.
Alderman, E. S.Spartanburg.
Alexander, R. W.Williamston.
Alford, H. J.....Greenville.
Babb, E. V.....Newberry.
Baldy, E. V.....Hartsville.
Boyd, C. D.....Westminster.
Bradshaw, S. E...Greenville.
Brock, J. A.....Laurens.
Burris, C. G.....Piedmont.
Burts, C. E.....Columbia.
Carson, B. F.....Lancaster.
Cody, Z. T.....Greenville.
Cogburn, S. P.....Hampton.
Coleman, C. C....Charleston.
Corpening, J. S....Ridgeway.
Crain, J. D.....Greer.
Crowther, J. P.....Anderson.
Cullom, J. R.....Allendale.
DeMent, B. H....Greenwood.
Derieux, W. T.....Columbia.
Eaton, C. T.....Charleston.
Foreman, B. M.....Jackson.
Free, W. E.....Bamberg.
Haight, E. F.....Charleston.
Hahn, B. D.....Greenville.
Halford, B. F.....Norway.
Hammett, W. D...Rock Hill.
Haynsworth, Wm....Sumter.
Hickson, F. C.....Gaffney.
Hodges, J. L....Spartanburg.
Jeffries, M. D...Spartanburg.
Jones, C. A.....Columbia.
Kitchings, J. E.....
.....Kitching's Mill.
Kizer, M. J.....Cordova.
Lee, Robt. G.....Cross Hill.
Lide, Robt. W.....Alcolu.
Lightfoot, E. M.....Manning.
Long, H. C.....Piedmont.
Mathews, S. T....Greenville.
Mathews, W. A....Batesburg.
Maret, A. P.....Newry
Martin, J. A....Westminster.
McCaul, T. V.....
.....Clemson College.
Montgomery, D. P.Greenville.
Picklesimer, H. G..Piedmont.

SOUTH CAROLINA—*Continued.*

Poteat, E. M.....Greenville.
Quick, Geo. W....Greenville.
Ramsay, D. M.....Greenville.
Sikes, E. W.....Hartsville.
Smith, C. Ray..Timmonsville.
Smith, E. J.....Greenwood.
Smoak, J. M.....Cordova.
Sproles, J. W....Greenwood.
Stoudemire, A. T....Buffalo.
Templeman, S. H...Laurens.
Thayer, W. E.....Sumter.
Truluck, B. K.....Cowards.
Walker, G. L.....Greenville.
Washington, J. H.....Pelzer.
Watts, Thos. J.....Columbia.
White, H. B.....Saluda.
White, John E.....Anderson.
Willard, F. M.....Buffalo.
Williams, D. C.....Piedmont.
Williams, H. K.....Easley.
Williams, Jas. R....Laurens.
Willis, J. L.....Cateechee
Woodward, B. J..St. Mathews

Class II: Entitled to 27; Present, 6.

Broad River—
R. A. Dobson.....Gaffney.
Edgefield—
E. P. Jones.....Edgefield.
Edisto—
J. F. Moore.....Wagner.
Orangeburg—
Paul E. Bolen..Orangeburg.
Santee—
P. R. Alderman.....Alcolu.
Welsh Neck—
J. J. Lawton....Hartsville.

TENNESSEE.

Class I: Entitled to 303; Present, 109.

Adams, E. F.....Gibson.
Anderson, J. H....Knoxville.
Atwood, E. L.....Dyersburg.
Barton, O. C.....Paris.
Barber, J. H.....Columbia.
Bass, E. L.....Memphis.
Bell, J. E.....Dyer.
Bishop, T. C.....Knoxville.
Bond, A. R.....Nashville.
Boone, A. U.....Memphis.
Brown, B. W.....Millington.
Brownlow, J. F....Columbia.
Broughton, L. G...Knoxville.
Bryan, Jas.....Auburn
Burroughs, P. E...Nashville.
Carmack, J. A.....Cleveland.
Carmack, J. W....Middleton.
Cecil, R. D.....Cleveland.
Clark, C. F.....Nashville.
Cole, H. B.....Jonesboro.
Cox, Benj.....Memphis.
Cox, E. A.....Watertown.
Cox, W. J.....Memphis.
Creasman, C. D....Nashville.
Crouch, Austin.Murfreesboro.
Dance, J. L.....Knoxville.
Dobbins, G. S.....Nashville.
Downing, R. E.....Halls.
Dunnaway, M. E...Nashville.
Elledge, R. L.....Memphis.
Ellis, D. A.....Memphis.
Eoff, J. E.....Memphis.
Evans, John .....Liberty.
Ewton, L. S.....Springfield.
Farrow, W. R.....Memphis.
Fort, Allen .....Nashville.
Frost, H. E.....Nashville.
Gilless, M. E.....Memphis.
Gillon, J. W.....Nashville.
Given, Robt. N...Watertown.
Grant, G. H.....Chattanooga.
Green, Geo.....Johnson City.
Griffitt, W. M.....Knoxville.
Griggsby, S. C.....Knoxville.
Groom, B.....Liberty.
Hale, T. M.....Memphis.
Hammons, T. R.....Bemis.
Henderson, J. T...Knoxville.

TENNESSEE—*Continued.*

Hill, A. B.....Nashville.
Hill. W. R.....Nashville.
Huckaba. O. F.....Jackson.
Hunt, R. H.....Chattanooga.
Hunter, R. C...Johnson City.
Hutton, W. D.....Knoxville.
Inlow. R. M.....Memphis.
Ivey, W. R.....Orlinda.
Jennings. Joe .....Parsons.
Keese, W. S....Chattanooga.
Kirkland. J. V....Henderson.
Knight. C. W.....Nashville.
Ladd, C. A.....Lewisburg.
Little. Luther .....Jackson.
Lunsford, Wm.....Nashville.
Mahaffey, G. W...Cedar Hill.
Mahan, A. F.....Knoxville.
Malone, Sam.....Alexandria.
Mayo, G. F.....Dresden.
McAliley, J. L.....Jackson.
McCarter, S. M...Sevierville.
McCoy, J. C.....Memphis.
McFadden, W. V....Memphis.
McGill, H. C.....Nashville.
McNeeley, W. C...Knoxville.
Miller, M. E.....Knoxville.
Norris, W. L.....Memphis.
Oakley, J. H.....Whiteville.
Oakley, John T....Hartsville.
O'Hara, J. W.....Newport.
Owens, C. A.....Humboldt.
Poindexter, W. R.....
.....Lawrenceburg.
Ripley, W. A.....Memphis.
Rose, T. H.....Knoxville.
Sanders, H. C.....Selmer.
Savell, J. T.....Nashville.
Sharp, J. H.....Sweetwater.
Short, L.....Brownsville.
Skinner, J. E.....Jackson.
Smith, M. B.....Bellbuckle.
Stewart, W. J.....Nashville.
Stigler, H. W.....Ridgely.
Stone, J. R.....Knoxville.
Storer, J. W.....Ripley.
Templeton, H. F..Jonesboro.
Thomas, C. S.....Parsons.
Thomas, S. J.....Hickman.
Thomas, U. S.....Knoxville.
Truex, Spencer .....Jackson.
Van Ness, I. J.....Nashville.
Vick, M. C.....Brownsville.
Wauford, C. E.....Covington.
Ward, M. E.....Nashville.
Warren, C. H.....Jackson.
Weaver, R. W.....Nashville.
White, S. P.....Shelbyville.
Wilkinson, S. A....Memphis.
Williams, Eustace.....
.....Shelbyville.
Wilson, Lloyd T...Knoxville.
Wilson, W. M.....Memphis.
Woodruff, W. W...Knoxville.

Class II: Entitled to 35; Present, 12.

Beech River—
Fleetwood Ball..Lexington.
Beulah—
I. N. Penick.....Martin.
Central—
G. M. Savage.....Jackson.
Concord—
R. E. Jarman....Lascassas.
Nashville—
J. H. DeLaney...Nashville.
New Salem—
H. F. Burns..Brush Creek.
Robertson—
J. A. Crocker.....Orlinda.
Salem—
James Davenport..Liberty.
Tennessee—
J. Pike Powers..Knoxville.
Unity—
J. T. Upton .....Bolivar.
Watauga—
D. B. Bowers.....Butler.
Weakley County—
A. R. McGehee..McKenzie.

TEXAS.

Class I: Entitled to 721; Present, 230.

Adams, T. Y.....Sweetwater.
Alfred, T. G.....Hubbard.
Ammons, Evander...Houston.
Bagby, D. Y.....Lone Oak.
Balch, J. R.....Matador.
Baldwin, Ernest .....Terrell.
Ball, C. T.....Ft. Worth.
Barnes, G. T.....Pittsburg.
Barton, A. J.....Dallas.
Bass, H. C.....Lancaster.
Baucom, S. F.....Waco.
Beauchamp, Harvey...Dallas.
Beddoe, A. F.....Stockdale.
Behrman, R. G....Richmond.
Billington, J. E.....Waco.
Bishop, M. C.....Lampasas.
Blair, H. D.....Iredell.
Blaylock, B. B.....Cameron.
Boone, G. H.....Fort Worth.
Boyd, J. C.....Gatesville.
Brooks, S. P.....Waco.
Brooks, W. H.....Beaumont.
Broome, B.....Franklin.
Brown, F. F.....Sherman.
Brown, W. R.....Brenham.
Buldain, Felix..San Antonio.
Bullock, C. R.....Waco.
Burt, R. E.....Houston.
Burton, G. E.....Houston
Byrd, L. R.....San Antonio
Carroll, G. W.....Beaumont
Carroll, P. W.....Temple.
Cimbie, C. P.....Dallas.
Clapp, D. B.....Palestine.
Clark, Fred .....Beaumont.
Cobb, Geo. T.....McKinney.
Coleman, R. H.....Dallas.
Copass, B. A.....Dallas.
Covington, W. R.....Dallas.
Cowan, S. A.....Bonham.
Crain, S. S.....Blossom.
Crimm, B. B.....Marshall.
Culpepper, J. W....Houston.
Cummings, J. W....Cleburne.
Daniel, Chas. D.....El Paso
Dickinson, J. V..San Antonio.
Dillard, W. F.....Sylvester.
Dollahite, S. D.....Kaufman.
Drake, H. H.....Pittsburg.
Duke, H. Z.....Dallas.
Dunson, J. M.....Dallas.
Echols, H. A.....Palacios.
Edmonds, J. H.....Lamesa.
Edwards, C. V...Fort Worth.
Ellis, G. E.....Overton.
Ellis, W. L.....Brownwood.
Entzminger, Louis.Ft. Worth.
Epting, W. J...Whitewright.
Everitt, W. B..Sterling City.
Flint, A. L.....Temple.
Foreman, A. D.....Houston.
Fuller, J. D.....Clarksville.
Gambrell, J. B.....Dallas.
Gardner, T. C.....Dallas.
Gary, M. A.....Liberty Hall.
Gary, S. V.....Dallas.
Gettys, A. C.....Palacios.
Gilliam, J. P.....Bay City.
Goodwin, B. F.....Mt. Calm.
Grammar, W. L...Henderson.
Grimes, Bonnie.Honey Grove.
Gross, J. L.....Dallas.
Grover, F. S.....Waco.
Gustavus, A. C....Arlington.
Hailey, O. L.....Dallas.
Hallaway, B. G...Huntsville.
Hamlett, W. A.....Austin.
Hanks, R. T.....Abilene.
Hardy, J. C.....Belton.
Hardy, J. H.....Waelder.
Harding, J. D.....Sherman.
Harrell, W. M.....Annona.
Harrington, J. P.....Waco.
Harrison, E. W.....Hereford.
Harty, R. A.....Houston.
Henderson, J. B.....Hamlin.
Henderson, J. S....Lockhart.
Heisig, Theo.....Cuero.
Hewitt, W. A.....Dallas.
High, J. F.....Willis.
Hill, A. E.....Sour Lake.
Hill, F. M. D.....Manor.
Hixon, J. E.....Uvalde.
Holland, W. B.....Waco.
Hollis, F.....DeBerry.
Hollums, J. W.....Denison.
Howard, C. G.....Marlin.
Hudson, M. E.....Marshall.
Hunt, J. M.....Rockwall.
Ingram, E. A.....Calvert.

TEXAS—*Continued.*

James, P. W.....Dallas.
Jarrell, J. S.....Houston.
Jarrell, W. A.....Dallas.
Jenkens, M. A.....Abilene.
Jenkins, A. B.....Pittsburg.
Jenkins, J. C....Dangerfield.
Jeter, E. D.....Wills Point.
Jones, Chas. C....Somerville.
Kesler, J. L.....Waco.
King, E. E.....McKinney.
Kuykendall, T. C.....
.....Weatherford.
Lambert, W. R....Ft. Worth.
Langham, R. W...Groesbeck.
Lawrence, D. T...Ft. Worth.
Lee, E. E.....Dallas.
Looper, J. G.....Livingston.
Loveless, Chas. A....Temple.
Lyon, E. T.....San Angelo.
Maddry, Chas. E.....Austin.
Mahan, T. C.....Huntsville.
Marshall, J. N.....Austin.
Marshall, J. B.....Columbus.
Matthews, D. W.....Sabinal.
Maxey, R.....Sherman.
Mayfield, J. W.....Mart.
McCall, G. W.....Texarkana.
McClerken, J. E....Hereford.
McKenzie, T. E.....Goliad.
McMurry, G. M.....Mission.
Millard, J. W.....Sealy.
Miller, A. C.....Richland.
Milton, John W....Ballinger.
Mims, L. J.....Brownwood.
Mitchell, D. B.....Bells.
Moffett, W. C...Karnes City.
Money, H. T.....Denison.
Moore, B. F.....Canton.
Moore, T. A.....Houston.
Morgan, A. J.....Ft. Worth.
Morris, W. W.....Leonard.
Morrow, J. M. P..Port Arthur.
Mount, J. W.....Rosenberg.
Nanney, R. F....New Boston.
Nash, W. A.....Kaufman.
Neal, T. V.....San Marcos.
Nelson, C. M.....Hico.
Nelson, Oby.....Tom Bean.
Nobles, Z. Z.....Groesbeck.
Norris, J. F.....Ft. Worth.
Nutt, J. R.....Belton.
Owens, G. W.....Vernon.
Pace, J. H.....Dublin.
Parker, G. M..Mt. Enterprise.
Payne, T. A.....Wharton.
Peaden, J. C.....Avery.
Penrod, W. K.....Gonzales.
Peteet, E. D.....Harleton.
Petty, W. H.....Flatonia.
Pevoto, D. R.....Houston.
Phillips, M. A.....Cooledge.
Phillips, Wm. P.....Dallas.
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Spencer, R. B.....Waco.
Stagg, H. H.....Palacios.
Stephens, H. H.....Gorman.
Steward, C. R.....Kosse.
Strickland, D. M.....
.....Cross Plains.
Strickland, L. E...Crawford.
Stubblefield, Edw..Galveston.
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Thornton, B.....Mexia.
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Truett, Geo. W.....Dallas.
Truett, L. J.....McKinney.

TEXAS—*Continued.*

Tull, S. E.....Temple.
Turner, W. T.....Waco.
Tynes, W. E.....Houston.
Vining, B. W.....Corsicana.
Ward, J. L.....Decatur.
Ward, W. J.....Austin.
Ward, W. T.....Dallas.
Warren, C. P.....Abilene.
Watkins, F. H.....Denton.
Weaver, M. E.....Bryan.
Welsh, C. E.....Yoakum.
West, E. P.....Houston.
Westbrook, C. A.Nacodoches.
White, H. E.....Lancaster.
White, L. D.....Humble.
Whitesides, R. B.....
.....Sulphur Springs.
Whitley, W. L.....Ft. Worth.
Williams, C. B....Ft. Worth.
Williams, J. F.....El Paso.
Williams, Sid.....Hindes.
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Wilson, C. L.....Mt. Vernon.
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Alvarado—
J. W. Loving.....Cleburne.
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.....Huntington.
Big Springs—
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Cameron Hidalgo—
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Corsicana—
H. M. Bennett.....Frost.
Dallas County—
S. A. Hayden.....Dallas.
Dallas Missionary—
W. R. Covington....Dallas.
Del Rio Uvalde—
J. H. Coleman.....Uvalde.
Falls County—
J. J. Wester.....:.Reagan.
Freestone-Leon—
E. H. Tirey.....Teague.
Grayson Missionary—
G. W. Sherman....Denison.
Hill County—
M. T. Andrews...Hillsboro.
Limestone County—
R. E. Cornelius..Groesbeck.
Medina River—
J. N. Campbell.....Laredo.
New Bethel—
T. A. Binford.....Silsbee.
Palo Pinto—
C. L. Sansing...Ft. Worth.
Panhandle—
J. F. Forkner.....Memphis.
Runnels—
A. L. Johnson.....Miles.
San Antonio—
W. W. Lee...San Antonio.
San Marcos—
Geo. E. Stewart..Lockhart.
San Saba—
G. W. Like.....San Saba.
Van Zandt Missionary—
K. W. Furrh.....Canton.

VIRGINIA.

Class I: Entitled to 765; Present, 58.

Arendall, C. B.....Richmond.
Ball, Wm. L.....Richmond.
Berkley, E. J.....Danville.
Brenner, W. D..Taylorsville.
Cammack, J. W...Richmond.
Carneal, Jas. D....Richmond.
Conrad, A. B.....Lynchburg.
Cook, Cecil V..Charlottesville.
Couch, J. H.....Bassett.
Cox, H. F.....Richmond.
Davis, Chas. C.....Louisa.
Dearing, W. G.....Huntley.

VIRGINIA—*Continued.*

Ellyson, Wm.....Richmond.
Fenwick, E. T....East Falls.
Good, D. S.....Starkey.
Good, Wm. F.....Starkey.
Hall, C. A.....Rio Vista.
Hamilton, H. V.....Roanoke.
Harrison, M. L..East Radford.
Hartley, E. A.....Petersburg.
Hicks, J. E.....Danville.
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James, Marinus .....Crewe.
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Martin, W. D.....Roanoke.
Martin, W. P.....Lynchburg.
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McDaniel, Geo. W.Richmond.
Moore, F. W.....Petersburg.
Parker, C. J. D.....Danville.
Parker, J. F.....Danville.
Parsons, J. J.....
.....Princeton, W. Va.
Pilcher, J. M.....Petersburg.
Pitt, R. H.....Richmond.
Purser, F. M.....Richmond.
Quarles, L. C.....Hanover.
Ray, T. B.....Richmond.
Rosser, J. L....Bristol, Tenn.
Rowe, W. R.....Irvington.
Royall, M. W.....Danville.
Rudd, A. B.....Richmond.
Sadler, G. W.....Lane View.
Sams, Oscar E...Lynchburg.
Skinner, J. C.....Richmond.
Smith, H. C.....Bedford.
Stevens, H. T.....Roanoke.
Stuart, W. P.....Hampton.
Taylor, Geo. B.....Hollins.
Thomas, J. B.....Bristol.
Vines, John F.....Roanoke.
Virgin, H. W.....Roanoke.
Watts, Jos. T.....Richmond.
Winfrey, J. H....Glen Allen.

Class II: Entitled to 16; Present, 5.

Accomac—
W. W. Reynolds.....
.....Marionville.
Concord—
H. T. Williams..Chase City.
Lebanon—
E. M. Harris.....Marion.
Petersburg—
W. M. Rucker..Petersburg.
Piedmont—
E. E. Lamb....Lovingston.

SUMMARY.

Entitled to:
Class I.....4,973
Class II..... 574
Total.....5,547

Present:
Class I.....1,509
Class II..... 174
Total.....1,683

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APPENDIX A.

Seventy-Second Annual Report

OF THE

Foreign Mission Board

Southern Baptist Convention

1917

In humble and grateful acknowledgment of the goodness of God which has crowned the year, and in thankfulness for the loyalty of a noble constituency, the Foreign Mission Board offers to the Convention and to Southern Baptists at large its annual report.

At Asheville last May the Board received from the Convention its commission in which was defined the task which was to engage it for twelve months. In addition to administrative duties and the collection of Judson Centennial notes, this task included a determined effort to pay off the accumulated indebtedness of the Board within sixty days from the close of that session of the Convention and an appeal to the churches for $616,750 with which to meet current needs of the work for the year.

PAYING THE DEBT.

The Board took its instructions seriously, and in prayer for divine guidance and help, entered at once upon the execution of the Convention's orders. Accordingly the machinery of the Board was immediately put in operation and the campaign to raise $180,000 within sixty days was begun. So instant was the response and so hearty the coöperation of Southern Baptist churches and denominational agencies, that the campaign was carried to a swift, complete and glorious issue. The missionary annals of the denomination do not show another instance of such spontaneous, beautiful and heroic missionary giving and consequent achievement. We are happy in reporting the sum of $190,589.05 gathered in cash. This was sufficient to discharge the debt, to meet the expenses of the special campaign, and to

care for the interest which accumulated upon the loan from May 1 to the time it was liquidated.

The campaign tested Southern Baptist loyalty to the Convention and to Foreign Missions. State programs were everywhere crowded and the rightful and urgent claims of other objects were the natural order; and yet the brotherhood and sisterhood, with unusual unanimity and heartiness, turned to this task, and by much prayer and joyful giving succeeded triumphantly with it. The spirit which was manifested by men and women of every section, class and condition inspires new confidence in Southern Baptists to do great things and meet emergencies when they arise. The campaign gave convincing evidence that a great task has power to draw our people into close bonds of union, and that they are ready to forego many things in the interest of the transcendent enterprise of putting the gospel of Christ afield.

If the limits of this report and the proprieties fixed for it did not forbid, the Board would find keen satisfaction in reciting names of men and women whose gifts, both great and small, were shining examples of Christian benevolence which lightened the burden of the campaign and made success possible. Files of letters which came to the mission rooms during the campaign from men and women all over the South, will forever sanctify and sweeten the atmosphere in which the Board must often perform hard and disagreeable tasks. Some of these letters came from counting-houses and bore the evidence of the subduing power of the Lord's work upon strong business men whose pre-engagements often disguise for their friends and associates the holy passions which burn in their souls; some of them came from cottages of widowhood and orphanhood where women in their sorrow grapple daily with the strong realities of poverty. These letters, alike from the busy and successful and from the obscure and hard-pressed, distill a fragrant love for Foreign Missions and bear tender testimony to that adorning grace of giving which shows likeness to our Lord. In the presence of these letters the mission rooms will be a holier place henceforth.

The work of the year, and especially the debt-raising campaign, justify all that has ever been said in recommendation and praise of the denominational weekly as an indispensable and powerful agency for the care of Southern Baptist enterprises. So convincingly was this shown during those memorable sixty days when our Baptist papers captured and held the attention of Southern Baptists for this undertaking, that the Board does not feel that it could overstate the value of this agency. We hereby acknowledge denominational indebtedness to the editors of these papers and commend their work to the Baptist public. No enterprise that is fostered by Southern Baptist coöperative organization can succeed without the aid of these papers, and no home which is without at least one of them has availed itself of the benedictions and benefits of the larger life and fellowship of the denomination.

The state secretaries, the W. M. U., the secretary of the Laymen's Movement, all placed the friends of Foreign Missions under lasting obligations and commended themselves to the whole de-

nomination as fellow-helpers indeed. The Board records its thanks to one and all for the coöperation which they gave and which insured the success of the special effort.

The secretarial force of the Board has been greatly reduced during the year. On June 4, 1916, Dr. William H. Smith, who had served the Board for a period of ten years, offered his resignation which went into effect October 1, 1916. Field Secretaries C. D. Graves and C. J. Thompson retired to enter upon other work on August 15 and October 1, 1916, respectively, after a period of service in each case covering more than five years. Each of these three brethren is held in affectionate regard by the Foreign Mission Board, and it hereby records and publishes to the denomination its recognition of their faithful and fruitful service and unqualified commendation of them as trusted and beloved Christian brethren.

The Foreign Mission Journal was, on the order of the Convention, discontinued following the issue of October, 1916, and the mailing list was transferred to the Sunday School Board at Nashville. The successor to the Journal, the Home and Foreign Fields, made its apearance with the November number, 1916. The Board bespeaks for the new journal the support of Southern Baptists. It has no superior among the missionary magazines of America.

The Board's connection with the Missionary News Bureau terminated with the resignation of Brother Graves.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Including amount paid on the debt, the Board has received during the year for its general work $749,140.52, and including the work of the Judson Centennial, a total of $961,970.48. The money for current support and debt comes from the following sources: $728,265.52 in contributions by churches and allied organizations and individuals; $6,083.52 from legacies; $6,700.00 from annuities maturing; $6,000 from "a Northern Friend"; $5,000 from the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention; $3,175 from the China Medical Board. The Board bespeaks a becoming appreciation by the denomination of the generosity of these who have thus, by special gifts, helped to supply the necessities of the work.

Mention should be made of the gratifying fact that to the general work, as well as to the debt, some unusually large gifts have been made during the year, and that these gifts furnish hopeful indication that a new standard has been raised among Southern Baptists for giving to this greatest Christian enterprise. These large gifts, and some smaller ones which exhibited the same love and spirit of sacrifice, have impressed many profoundly and inspired the whole denomination. Thus the Board has been able to pay a debt which, accumulating through many years, was the heaviest that ever hung over it, and to care for the current work, although another debt of $40,000 was created. Surely such examples and their power for good will not fail permanently to affect the standards by which all shall gauge their missionary offerings. Those especially who are enjoying

an increasing wealth should see what these examples signify for them. Why should not one's gifts to Foreign Missions be enlarged at least in proportion to his growing prosperity and to the advanced standards which he has fixed for his personal comfort and style of living? Southern Baptists must learn this lesson or their work will suffer and the prosperity for which they have prayed will defile their souls. Certainly, we must give as God has prospered us and according to the comforts which we allow ourselves, or we shall be guilty of sinful indulgence.

It is evident to anyone who has made a general survey of denominational conditions this spring, that, notwithstanding the splendid record which Southern Baptists have made in contributions to Foreign Missions, they have not done the best of which they are capable, nor all they are willing to do. The spring campaign was seriously complicated and handicapped by a startling array of other campaigns which covered almost the entire South. For instance, a campaign was on in Virginia to raise a million dollar educational fund; in Georgia to raise a half million dollars to cover debts on Baptist enterprises in that state; a million dollar campaign for education in Tennessee; one-fourth of a million which Texas is raising for education was raised just prior to, and much of it during the Foreign Mission campaign; in Missouri a half million is sought for William Jewell College; in Alabama, Dr. Smith, formerly of this Board, leads a vigorous campaign for Christian education; Arkansas leaders have been compelled to tie up as many of their contributors as possible for a period of years in order to save educational institutions; Mississippi has been under the necessity of seeking relief for several of her educational institutions. So runs the story, with slight variation, throughout the states of the Convention. That our people have, under the stress of need and appeal for a department of the home work done so splendidly by Foreign Missions is the most gratifying evidence of love and loyalty for this work. The fact is equally plain that with an open field for the two months of March and April, under present financial conditions Southern Baptists could and would have gone far beyond what they have done for this object. Should we not pray and plan that these months may, in the near future, and forever hereafter be set apart wholly and uninfringed for the work of the kingdom which lies outside of the respective states?

WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE MONEY?

That all who have invested their money in the work of Foreign Missions may know where it has gone and the uses which have been made of it, we give the following table of contributions by states, the state expenses deducted, the remittances made to the Board by states, and then the objects to which the money received was appropriated.

State.	Collected.	Per Cent Deducted.	Sent Board.
Alabama	$26,160 81	.042	$25,060 81
Arkansas	13,144 90	.081	12,069 90
District of Columbia	2,890 32		2,890 32
Florida	8,315 87	.058	7,815 95
Georgia	51,417 23	.057	48,439 48
*Illinois	1,363 99	.041	1,306 74
Kentucky	53,442 82	.042	51,047 82
Louisiana	10,327 33		10,327 33
Maryland	14,043 41		14,043 41
Mississipi	28,507 41	.042	27,307 41
†Missouri	23,079 93	.167	19,210 15
New Mexico	2,252 50		2,252 50
North Carolina	55,772 87	.049	53,021 36
Oklahoma	10,368 75		10,368 75
South Carolina	52,297 81	.029	50,756 81
Tennessee	32,057 83		32,057 83
Texas	65,882 21		65,882 21
Virginia	77,795 37	.046	74,063 43

*Gives also $5,372.31 to work in Syria, Persia and Galilee.
†Gives also to American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

It will be seen that the Board handled $560,767.52 not including the amount raised for the debt, or the amount collected on Judson Centennial notes. Of this amount $54,775.61 were used to meet home expenditures of every character, including items authorized by the Convention, interest, etc., and $529,405.03 actually reached the foreign field.

Last year a substantial saving in expenses over the previous year was reported. We are glad to report a saving in expenses this year over last year of $9,939.94. Upon the basis of this year's distribution of money, 90 7/10 cents of every dollar given to Foreign Missions actually reached the foreign field, and 9 3/10 cents were required to meet all home expenditures.

Thus the Board renders account of its stewardship in the financial matters with which it was charged by the Convention. It should be expected also to give account of the missionary results obtained in the use of this money. This the Board is glad to give and careful reading of the entire report is recommended. Workers on all the fields are allowed to tell their own stories of struggles and triumphs, of needs and opportunities. These narratives are thrillingly interesting to those who pray, "Thy Kingdom Come." We summarize here some figures taken from the misionaries' reports for the respective fields, which declare the favor of God upon what Southern Baptists are attempting to do in other and needier lands than their own.

The number of our churches now total 458, with a membership of 47,161. The native contributions during 1916 were $132,371. There were 6,347 baptisms. We have 307 foreign missionaries and 809 native workers, who conducted 474 schools of all grades, which had an enrollment of 12,930 students. Our 15 medical missionaries treated 67,556 patients.

NEEDS OF THE WORK.

This would not be a faithful report to the Convention and to Southern Baptists if it told only how much money has been handled, the use which has been made of it, and the results which have been obtained. The work has absolute needs, and it is the duty of the Board to recite this fact plainly and frankly in order that the denomination may lay plans to supply these needs and prevent the harmful consequences which are certain to follow a failure to recognize them. In thus stating the case, the Board will not be suspected of partisan pleading for a denominational enterprise. It is the Board's duty, as a faithful steward, to keep the Convention informed concerning one of its enterprises for the welfare of which the Board is in a special way responsible. The facts bear no relation to personal interests, preferences and ambitions. To withhold them until the foreign mission work of the Convention suffers impariment, or results already achieved are lost and opportunities for larger victories have passed, or until another debt is made in seeking to avoid these consequences, would be a censurable course for this Board to pursue.

We submit, therefore, for consideration the fact that the Foreign Mission Board cannot successfully cope with the situation which is now on its hands and meet the exigencies of the work on the mission fields already entered if larger resources cannot be secured with which to operate. We would entreat the Convention and the denomination to give this statement the most serious consideration. To fail to do so invites inevitable loss to the work or another debt on the Board.

The statement does not take into consideration the sublime and challenging opportunities now and soon to be presented in fields not yet entered, but which Southern Baptists ought to get ready to enter as God opens the doors. We are forbidden to do this by the relentless force of circumstances if we do not provide more adequate resources to relieve the Board of embarrassments already on its hands.

Familiarity with all the particular needs on the several fields though helpful, is not necessary to a realization of the large demands of this work. The incomparable magnitude of the task is conclusive evidence that it has larger necessities than any other enterprise of the denomination can possibly have. We have a truly great task in supplying Christian ministries to the thirty-six million souls within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. There is need here at home. This need requires that our Christian agencies shall be at their best. The twelve thousand Baptist preachers of the South and twenty-four thousand churches, the innumerable schools, religious papers, the many hospitals, the Home Mission Board, the seventeen state mission boards, the eight hundred and fifty associational mission boards, are all needed, and the task is big enough and important enough to keep them busy. But, if this is true of the home field supplied with all these forces, what shall we say of the need abroad? The foreign field has not thirty-six millions but a thousand million souls, who are blinded, dwarfed and maimed by millenniums of heathenism and aggravated depravity.

If all the workers, agencies and resources which we are utilizing in the care of the home situation are needed, is it not plain that we have far less adequately met the needs of our foreign work? Can we hope to meet these with three hundred missionaries who in this case include evangelists, teachers, physicians, editors, etc? We have more teachers in our denominational schools at home than we have men and women on the foreign field to do all classes of Christian work. Against all the odds these few scattered workers are accomplishing wonders, and God is bestowing His favor richly, but reenforcements and larger resources to support them are made necessary by the very blessings which attend the work and its rapid expansion. Not to speak of homes for the missionaries and buildings for churches and other matters of equipment, nor to attempt to tell the need for workers to enter into new and inviting territory, the following list of workers, which are imperatively needed at once to reenforce and follow up the work already on our hands, will give an idea of how far beyond its resources are the needs of this great work. There is immediate need of 29 evangelistic families, 7 women evangelists, 6 doctors, 7 trained nurses, 20 school men, 15 school women, 3 kindergartners, 1 Sunday school training work, 1 building supervisor, 1 business manager. Counting two to a family where missionaries would probably be married, these make a total need of 147 men and women.

HOW CAN WE PROVIDE THE RESOURCES?

This, too, is a question which the denomination must face. And it is the duty of this Board to help find an answer to a question which cannot be evaded and which so concerns the work for which it is made responsible. The question is paramount and insistent. An answer is needed at once. What answer have we?

1. We answer, first of all, that we are quite fully aware that all the needs of so great an enterprise cannot be met at once. Many hopes must be deferred, many sacrifices must be made, and alas, many opportunities must be allowed to pass. The Board must continue to apply economy in administration. It has already learned how to do this. Rigidly close and faithful attention has been given to expenditures during the past year. This will still claim the attention of the board. But candor compels us to say that while extreme economy has been necessary to prevent overwhelming debt, it has in many instances, been practiced to the hurt of the work, and further, that we think that economy has been reduced to the minimum. Some objects which have been affected by retrenchment will have to be reviewed immediately.

However, a provision which is somewhat adequate can be made for the work if we are faithful and act reasonably. Southern Baptists can do their duty by Foreign Missions and succeed in this work by applying certain general principles which condition success at home.

2. The friends of the Convention's work must exert themselves to secure the confidence and the steady loyalty of our Baptist people. If these waver, or are hesitating or half-hearted, we

shall fail. To gain these, attention must be given to the organization through which the work is to be conducted and the policies which are to control it. We cannot secure for this or any other work the unhesitating support and confidence of our great brotherhood on either tentative plans of organization or on indefinite missionary policies. In 1916, the Convention gave definition to its missionary policies on the foreign field; if it now settles with the same explicitness and finality the question of missionary organization, it will have removed uncertainty concerning both these important aspects of the work at home and abroad, and coöperative and concentrated effort on behalf of this great enterprise will be facilitated. We do not anticipate the action by which the Convention will settle the question of organization, and this report is not intended to influence that action. It must, however, be obvious to all thoughtful men that the Convention cannot win a united and full-hearted coöperation, nor prosecute its mission work with hope of maximum success with vague and doubtful missionary policies or unsettled missionary organization. Men will always prefer to make their investments in an enterprise whose policies are definite and well understood and whose organization gives promise of permanence.

3. The denomination can greatly strengthen its foreign mission work by frankly recognizing that the appeal for Foreign Mission is unique. No little spirit of rivalry or self-interest should cause Southern Baptists to overlook or fail to face candidly the fact that this work has claims which no single Christian enterprise can have. Its magnitude requires that it shall be set in a large place. The foreign mission task is gigantic and its needs are not those of a single enterprise, but of all the Christian enterprises presented in one appeal. It should be remembered that in the case of Foreign Missions unification and consolidation were put into effect long ago. This great enterprise represents the vast and varied religious needs of a thousand million souls, and yet all departments of the work on the field are combined under the one name of Foreign Missions. This means that all that is represented at home by state missions, home missions, associational missions, city missions, church building, pastor's salary, Christian and ministerial education, secondary-schools. Sunday schools, religious literature, hospitals, etc., are included in this single appeal. If Southern Baptists fail to recognize the exceptional claims of this all-comprehending appeal and attempt to force a parity between it and any one of the departments into which we have divided the home work, they will court inevitable defeat at certain strategic points in our foreign mission work. We have not had the last great debt if this course should be pursued. Any coördination of the objects of Christian benevolence which places Foreign Missions on par with education, for instance, or other of the home appeals, is making a part equal to the whole. All departments of this great work on the vast field of foreign mission endeavor cannot be provided for on the basis of the needs of one of a dozen departments of the home work. If we lead our people to see this, and do it without delay, we shall have taken a great step toward a more adequate support for Foreign Missions.

Somebody says "Missions is one" and "we must not be lopsided in our giving." Grant it and what have we? Why, this: At present we are spending $25 for Christian work among thirty-six million people where Christianity is strongest, to $1 that we are putting into the work among a thousand million people on the foreign field who represent inexpressible and incomparable need. The home enterprises have many friends who are close to them and to the Baptist people to advocate their claims; consequently, nearly all the really great gifts of American Christians have hitherto been made to home enterprises. One man, a Baptist, is putting several times as much money into Christian enterprises in this country as all American Baptists together are putting into Christian enterprises of every character in all the nations of the earth outside of America. Truly, Foreign Missions need friends to plead for it where a thousand plead for a thousand things at home. One Baptist school received last year, as a supplement to tuition fees and receipts from its enormous endowment, more money than all American Baptists, North and South, white and black, gave to Foreign Missions. If missions is one and there should be no lopsidedness, then certainly the time has fully come when Foreign Missions should receive an increasing proportion of the great gifts of American Christians, and no single department of the home work should be compared with the whole of the foreign mission task. Many large givers have small ideas of this tremendous and manifold enterprise, the foreign mission gifts, in many instances, have been disproportionately small because we have minified this larger task by misleading comparisons.

4. Foreign Missions should be allowed to stand on its own merit and receive the full benefit of all gifts which are designated for it. The denomination ought to sow broadcast the fullest information concerning all departments of the work, and as far as possible, give our people full and exact knowledge of relative needs, and then trust the people under the Spirit of God to respond on their own consciences to these needs. It is a corollary of our democracy that we recognize the rights of every man and every church to designate gifts to any object. We shall dwarf many givers, cheat some of the enterprises, and perhaps do despite to the Spirit's prompting, if we in any way violate or modify this principle in the matter of designated gifts. The application of our principles ought to be thoroughgoing in mission work as well as in everything else.

Moreover, if those who are charged with the conduct of the different denominational enterprises cannot by activity and industry, secure a more adequate provision for their work, we may naturally expect a slowing down of their enthusiasm for hard work. Faithful labor ought here as elsewhere to bring its results and advantages. The denomination ought to beware of a policy which will either infringe its doctrine of democracy or put a premium upon ease and self-indulgence by any class of workers. Men will get lazy when hard work fails to bring corresponding returns. Let it be observed that we are not pleading for any peculiar privileges for anybody. This principle holds in every case. Every board ought to be given the benefit of its own ini-

tiative and enterprise, and the denomination must, in the interest of hearty and faithful service, recognize this. Accountability and opportunity go together.

5. The Convention itself and the leaders of our people can help meet the great needs of Foreign Missions by commending the Board's special plans for increasing receipts through Wills and Annuities. The peculiar needs and the unequal financial provision made for this greatest of our enterprises should give this Board peculiar claims in this field of resources. The denomination could easily secure by these means a large supplement to the annual contributions of the churches without interference with any other enterprise. Serious attention should be given to this matter and persistent effort be made to get Southern Baptist men and women of means to see that Foreign Missions have peculiar claims upon them and imperative needs which they can thus help to meet.

By their wills Christians express their interest in the welfare of the world after they have left it and exercise their last privilege to glorify God with their earthly possessions. Few of the prosperous during their lifetime give to Christian causes anything beyond a portion of their income. In the law which provides for the making of wills, they have the opportunity of a last decision as to whether God shall have any part of the principal which they have hitherto held as their own. It is the solemn duty of religious teachers to instruct men in Christian disposition of their property and to admonish them to make wills which will hold in the courts and insure their bequests to this great and worthy object. In this connection the Board is glad to report a growing sense of this order of stewardship among Southern Baptists. There is yet, however, great room for improvement and great need of instruction. A beautiful and tender example was this year furnished by a negro, John Ballard, of Sweetwater, Tennessee. The Board has, as the Treasurer's books show, realized from his will which conveyed all his earthly possession to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the sum of $3,255.58. The incident should both constrain the white men of the South to put God and this great work in their wills and create a closer bond of religious sympathy between the two races.

The Annuity Bonds of the Board afford an exceptional opportunity for a certain class of people to help Foreign Missions. By investments in these Bonds one can provide an income for life and enrich the Board for its work when he is dead. Pastors have a great opportunity for Christian service in bringing these matters to the attention of the men and women to whom they minister.

The Board has free literature on both Wills and Annuities, which it will be glad to send to anybody upon application.

6. We stress again the importance of regular, Sabbath-by-Sabbath giving to this enterprise in order that the Board may know better how to keep the work within the limit of receipts and avoid the heavy interest which has been incurred annually for an indefinite period. The Every-Member Canvass has accomplished remarkable results in many churches. The benefits have

been uniformly good, except in a few cases where the churches have ruled out all special collections in the interest of the budget even where this has failed to reach the entire membership and secure from many who do observe it the largest gifts of which they are capable. Special appeals to meet exceptional needs give the pastor opportunity to reach those who do not give regularly, secure larger gifts from some who do not subscribe to the budget the full measure of their ability, from others a share of any unexpected prosperity, and to give all an opportunity to make thank offerings.

Feeling a deep sense of responsibility for the work which has been committed to our care, seeing plainly that this work cannot longer be conducted on present resources without growing embarrassment to the denomination and certain defeat at important points on the field, the Board has felt that it should bring to the Convention and give to the denomination a frank statement of conditions as they exist, and how in its opinion these conditions can be met. We believe that observance of the above simple and safe suggestions will help the denomination discharge its duty to this great work and meet the emergency which has arisen by reason of the very successes which Southern Baptists have achieved in their foreign mission work.

Looking to a steadier, more reliable and more adequate provision for the growing demands of the work, and acting upon the request of a brother who gave liberally toward the payment of the debt, and in harmony with the action of the Maryland Union Association, the Board presents the following special action:

WHEREAS, The success and growth of our foreign mission work has created an imperative necessity for a more adequate and dependable financial support than is provided by our present methods; and,

WHEREAS, It is highly important that the Foreign Mission Board be enabled to observe the instructions of the Convention in the matter of caring for the expanding work and in that of its expenditures; therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention is hereby requested to instruct the Committee on Program to set aside a special time for full and frank discussion of this subject with the view to the adoption by the Convention of such financial methods as will help to secure these ends."

THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR.

The Convention to which this report is submitted convenes at a momentous hour in human history. There is not a continent or an island of the seas which is not expectant of imminent changes and of a new world-order. Amidst the shadows and sorrows of the great war the heart of humanity beats fast with high and exultant hopes. The world's most appalling carnage is contemplated with marvelous optimism. Men confidently expect good to come of the awful castastrophe. All realize that we are in the presence of a world-crisis which will not leave society as it found it. Things venerable and mighty are crumb-

ling and men are gathering purpose to build upon the ruins a universal altruism. Democracy is having a new birth. This above everything else is the significance of present events.

What does the hour signify for Baptists? Manifestly it is no ordinary hour for a people of their faith. Men of the faith which holds this Convention together have been uniformly and universally the friends and champions of equality and common rights. Can we follow and nurture democracy in the Republic of China and secure to that nation its highest benefits? Shall we embrace the sublime opportunity to which doors are thrown wide open in Russia? Aye, shall we now reënforce our heroic brothers there who have lifted the doors off their rusty hinges? Shall we, when the cruel war is over and the iron yoke of Prussianism shall have been torn from the neck of the Teuton, and the spirit of Hus is revived in the Austrian States, seek to enchant the weary heart of Europe with the sweet melody of a pure-toned evangelicalism and set up an international brotherhood in the bonds of Christ?

Southern Baptists, your day is at hand. The historic principles of no other people will find so commanding a place in the new world-order as will our own. Can we prove to the world that in deeds of human service and the daring of faith we are consistent with principle and profession? The hour has come for our testing before the eyes of all nations now expectant and soon ready to give a just appraisement of Christian performances. Such an urgency as has never before obtained is now given to the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists. To the importunity of need is added the allurement and responsibility of opportunity.

American Baptists bought up the new opportunity which the American Revolution offered them, and by diligence and decisive action made a place for themselves in the South which no one can ever take away from them. Every new disturbance but fixes their principles faster in the social order and national conscience. Each passing decade finds them more numerous and commanding in their influence. Shall we be as wise in seizing an opportunity for world service and power as we were for national advantage? Are we the people and have we the courage and venture of faith to claim an international recognition? Do Southern Baptists hesitate to accept the challenge of a great opportunity and test their principles in the competition of religious opinion and missionary service?

This report is submitted in the prayer to God and in importunate plea to the Convention, whose instructions the Board awaits, that great plans shall be laid at once by which the mighty hosts of Southern Baptists can, with pride and well-pleasing to God, be gathered for a worthy task in giving their missionary message to the nations in their need and of establishing our principles in the life of every republic as soon as it is born and while its life is plastic. Surely it is for such an hour and such a service that God has made us a great denomination, entrusted us with a missionary message vital with the principles which should control the hour, and blessed us with our present marvelous prosperity!

THE JUDSON CENTENNIAL.

The task of collecting the tens of thousands of pledges has been a colossal one. The handling of so many notes in a businesslike way has had its difficulties and disappointments, as well as its gratifying success. But, viewing the matter as a whole, we consider the work has been done well. We have collected during the year $212,829.96. This, added to the sums already collected, make a total of $831,856.45, about two-thirds of the amount we set out to raise in this Fund.

We have two more years during which payments on pledges will fall due. These will be difficult years. Indeed, we feel that next year will be a most critical one in the history of this movement. In it we shall need the help of pastors and all friends of the movement in the effort to keep alive the enthusiasm that led the givers to make their pledges. As the givers get farther away from the time when their pledges were made and as other enterprises come in for consideration, the original impulse to give to the Judson Centennial Fund is likely to grow less distinct and the inclination to meet the pledges when due may become less determined. A great amount of shrinkage can be prevented if pastors would occasionally refer to the importance of meeting promptly these pledges and occasional announcements could be made about this important matter in society meetings and other places where contributors may be assembled. By maintaining a cordial atmosphere to the Judson Centennial, the future payments will be greatly increased. We are not only anxious to collect the pledges, but we are even more anxious to have them paid with joy. The spirit in which these Judson Centennial pledges are redeemed is very important to our work in the future. By keeping alive the Judson Centennial spirit, we can render the movement the greatest service.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Educational Department spent much time in the organization of Mission Study Classes. Much has been done among the colleges, many of the colleges being visited by the Assistant in the Educational Department, and by returned missionaries. We have sent out a vast amount of free literature and the sales of our Mission Study books have been very large. A number of Normal Mission Study classes were conducted at the Baptist Encampments. We have also advanced in our work amongst the Baptist Young People's Unions. The continued and widespread interest in Mission Study class work shows how this form of study has taken hold upon our people.

Our main text-book for the year, "Southern Baptists in Regions Beyond", was received with great enthusiasm. Southern Baptists have apparently reveled in this study of their own work. More than seven thousand copies of this text-book have been sold.

It will be the policy of the Educational Department to bring out an increasing number of text-books upon our own work. We are very happy to announce that we have in hand now the manu-

script for a splendid book upon our work in Nigeria, Africa. This book is entitled, "Romance of Missions in Nigeria," and will be ready for Mission Study classes in the fall. The author of the book is Rev. S. G. Pinnock, who has been a missionary in Africa for twenty-nine years. He has told the story of our mission to the Yoruba people in a picturesque and an absorbingly interesting fashion. There will not be a dull page in the book.

The increasing use which our friends are making of the Educational Department makes it clear that the Department is rendering a great service. It is in position to furnish any book, tract, pamphlet, map, chart prepared upon the subject of missions.

SUMMARY OF WORK IN THE FIELDS.

Africa.—In many sections of our African field the chiefs and elders, aroused by the fact that so many young people are deserting old religious customs for the service of Christ, persecuted relentlessly these young converts. These persecutions, however, have not retarded the work, but have rather fallen out for the furtherance of the gospel. The congregations all over the field increased greatly during the year.

The most encouraging progress was made in the development of self-support. Two of the Ogbomoso churches assumed entire self-suport and a number of the churches, in the Ogbomoso and Oyo fields especially, made a decided advance in their contributions to the work. One of the churches in the Ogbomoso field erected, without any outside aid, the largest church building in the entire mission and also built a pastorium. Other church buildings are in progress. The First Baptist church in Lagos, an entirely self-supporting organization, although greatly embarrassed by war conditions, has a credit balance in the bank for the first time in its history.

The new class which entered the Theological Training School last fall practically doubled the number of students in that institution.

Argentina.—1916 was a banner year in many ways for the work in the Argentine field. More were baptized and the churches contributed more money than in any previous year. The local Argentine Mission Board devised a plan for raising a church building fund and during the year helped the church at Santa Fe to erect a two thousand dollar meeting house. The North Rosario church completed its new building. A most encouraging feature of the work was the progress made towards putting into operation the Baptist Publication Board of Argentina. When we take into consideration the distressing economic conditions in Argentina, on account of the European conflict, our Argentine work showed a most encouraging advance.

Brazil.—Two property achievements in Brazil will signalize 1916 in Brazilian Baptist history. They were the purchase of the splendid seven and one-half-acre campus for the college and seminary at Pernambuco, at a cost of $18,000, and the erection of the magnificent main building for the Rio College and Seminary, Rio de Janeiro, at a cost of about $45,000. These two great achievements were made possible by the Judson Centennial Fund.

That the building movement is receiving a most encouraging impetus in Brazil is demonstrated by the following facts: Rev. Orestes Andrade, pastor of the Invernades church in Rio Grande do Sul State, has given ten thousand milreis to build a house of worship in his town; the First church and the Liberdade church in Sao Paulo are now erecting buildings, and plans are being developed by both the North Brazil and the South Brazil Missions for a building and loan fund, which will greatly expedite building operations.

Self-support made notable progress. There was a gain of 50 per cent in native contributions in the North Brazil Mission and the number of churches owning their houses of worship increased from twenty-eight to forty-one in this same mission. In the Campos field, in the South Brazil Mission, thirty-one out of the thirty-three churches are self-supporting. Twenty-five of these own their houses of worship. Seven new churches were organized in this field during the year, four of which had their houses of worship at the time of organization, and all of which are self-supporting.

The Male Colleges and Training Schools at Pernambuco and Rio, the Female School at Sao Paulo, and the Academies at Bahia, Victoria and Campos, all enjoyed a very prosperous year of work.

China.—Political events of the utmost significance took place in China during 1916. The death of President Yuan Shi Kai, the menace of the reëstablishment of the empire passed away. The elevation of Vice-President Li Yuan-Hung, a man of genuine democratic mold, to the presidency, restored confidence and brought to an end the revolutionary movements that threatened the Chinese republic. This stablizing of the government settled the unrest and removed many hindrances that retarded our work at the beginning of the year. The fields are now open.

China was less affected, perhaps, by the European war than was any other one of our Mission fields. A year of good, solid mission work was done.

Notwithstanding the fact that several of the medical missionaries were absent from the fields, a medical work was accomplished which was above the average.

The schools had a fine year. We had forty-four more schools than last year and in the total number of schools of all grades there were 9,242 students. Many of these schools are rapidly approaching self-support.

The evangelistic results were very gratifying; 2,618 were baptized and fourteen new churches were organized. Particularly gratifying is the work being done by the Native Home Mission Boards in three of our missions. The evangelists in one of these, viz.: the one in North China, baptized 351. Rev. Wm. H. Sears contrasts the work in North China now with what it was twenty-five years ago. He says he was present at the first session of the Shantung Baptist Association twenty-five years ago, which had at that time only four churches and there were present about a dozen messengers. The same association in 1916 met at Ping-tu and had present thirty foreign missionaries, six Chinese home missionaries, seven Chinese pastors, 134 messengers and from four to five hundred visitors, representing a total membership

of 10,733. The membership of our churches in China now reaches the gratifying total of 19,636.

Italy.—The European war has, of course, affected our work in Italy in many serious ways. Perhaps the most serious blow was the call to military service of a large percentage of our pastors. This took them away from their work and, of course, their fields have suffered. Another serious matter has been the fact that it was not possible to open the Theological Training School in Rome, and as a consequence, the work of preparing other ministers has been deferred.

In spite of the war conditions, many encouraging things were done. Something like 100,000 copies of the New Testament and Scripture portions were distributed to the soldiers and our Baptist magazine entitled "Bilychnis" has had a most favorable year. A further impressive fact is that the membership of the churches, as a whole, has considerably increased and some of them increased their contributions over what they gave last year. Out of their poverty and sacrifice they have abounded unto liberality.

Japan.—Very decided efforts were put forth during the year to rejuvenate Shintoism and Buddhism, the effort apparently being made to elevate Shintoism into a religion without calling it such. The Buddhists inaugurated a campaign in imitation of the very successful Christian evangelistic campaigns which have been conducted during the last three years. They have also organized Sunday schools and are using other methods of propaganda they have learned from the Christian forces.

The outstanding event in our Baptist work was the closing of Duncan Academy, owned by the Northern Baptist Convention, with a view to its being reopened in Yokahama, and the removal of the Baptist Theological Seminary to the Duncan Academy site. This will provide immediately a good building for the Theologcal Seminary. The success of the Boys' School, established last April in Fukuoka, has been very gratifying. The plans for the publication of a weekly Baptist paper, under the auspices of the Japan Association and the two Baptist Missions, were consummated and the popularity of the enterprise is evidenced by the fact that subscriptions to the new periodical have increased more than 30 per cent.

Mexico.—Two things have had serious effect upon our work in Mexico. The one is the continued unrest which has existed in that distressed republic for several years, which, of course, had the effect of curtailing the movements of the missionaries. The other has been the adoption of a new Constitution containing many restrictions which, if enforced, will greatly hamper our work. It may not be possible for us to conduct schools of the primary grades; our property may be confiscated, and our missionaries prevented from carrying forward their work. It is believed, however, that ways will be found which will enable us to go forward in spreading the kingdom in Mexico.

In spite of these embarrassing conditions, a remarkable amount of work was accomplished. The Neals were able to remain in Toluca during the year and enrolled in their school the largest number they have ever had. From the border a number of the missionaries were able to superintend the work far

down into the interior, and the reports show that successful evangelistic operations were put in force. The schools at Guaymas and Juarez were able to carry on their work during the most of the year.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Brazil.

Name and State.	Appointed.	Location.	Sailed.
Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Downing (Mo.)	June 14, 1916	Para	Aug. 3, 1916

China.

Name and State.	Appointed.	Location.	Sailed.
Dr. Jno. T. Anderson (S. C.)	Sept. 14, 1915	Chengchow	Aug. 24, 1916
Mrs. Minnie Middleton Anderson (N. C.)	June 14, 1916	Chengchow	Aug. 24, 1916
Miss Jo Carr (Ala.)	Nov. 4, 1915	Yangchow	Aug. 24, 1916
Rev. Jesse M. Rogers (Texas)	June 14, 1916	Shanghai	Aug. 24, 1916
Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw (Texas)	June 14, 1916	Kweilin	Oct. 9, 1916
Mrs. Dell Spencer Mewshaw (Tex.)	July 13, 1916	Kweilin	Oct. 9, 1916
Miss Hazel Andrews (Tenn.)	July 13, 1916	Yangchow	Aug. 24, 1916
Miss Hattie Anna Stallings (Tex.)	July 13, 1916	Kweilin	Oct. 9, 1916
Rev. Frank Connely (Mo.)	July 13, 1916	Pingtu	Aug. 24, 1916
Mrs. Mary Sears Connely (China)	July 13, 1916	Pingtu	Aug. 24, 1916
Miss Attie Bostick (N. C.)	Oct. 8, 1916	Taianfu	On Field

MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Name.	Field.	Left Field.
Mrs. E. A. Nelson	Brazil	August, 1909
Rev. Z. C. Taylor	Brazil	September, 1909
Mrs. Z. C. Taylor	Brazil	March, 1910
Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Roach	China	August 19, 1914
Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson	Brazil	May 14, 1915
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Webster	China	May 29, 1915
Miss Catherine Bryan	China	June, 1915
Miss Lila McIntyre	China	June 26, 1915
Mrs. D. L. Hamilton	Brazil	July 12, 1915
Mrs. D. F. Crosland	Brazil	August, 1915
Mrs. J. P. Stuart	Italy	September 8, 1915
Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Buckner	China	February 15, 1916
Rev. Frank Rawlinson	China	March 18, 1916

Name.	Field.	Left Field.
Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Pinnock	Africa	April 1, 1916
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe	China	April 19, 1916
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Chambers	China	April 19, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ray	Japan	April 28, 1916
Miss Annie Sandlin	China	May, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Mills	Japan	June 10, 1916
Rev. Geo. Sadler	Africa	August 21, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. Everette Gill	Italy	September 1, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno	Brazil	October 31, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles	Argentina	November, 1916
Mrs. C. W. Pruitt	China	November 18, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard	Brazil	November 23, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea	China	December 12, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart	Argentina	January, 1917
Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard	China	February, 1917
Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Edwards	Brazil	April 5, 1917

(We do not report as being on furlough the missionaries to Mexico, who have been forced to come home on account of unsettled conditions in Mexico. They are in touch with their fields and quite a number of them have been able from the border to actively superintend their work and even make extensive visits into the interior.)

MISSIONARIES RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN FIELD.

Name.	Country.	Sailed.
Mrs. C. G. Lumbley	Africa	May 31, 1916
Rev. D. L. Hamilton	Brazil	June 30, 1916
Mrs. W. E. Entzminger	Brazil	June 30, 1916
Miss E. Perle Harrison	China	July 8, 1916
Dr. J. L. Downing	Brazil	August 5, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke	Japan	August 10, 1916
Mrs. Janie L. Graves	China	October 5, 1916
Miss Julia Meadows	China	October 9, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett	China	October 9, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe	China	October 9, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor	Brazil	October 31, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp	Brazil	October 31, 1916
Prof. C. N. Hartwell	China	November 2, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs	China	November 2, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean	Africa	November 7, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Galloway	China	November 30, 1916
Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston	China	December 22, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams	China	December 22, 1916
Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles	Argentina	January 10, 1917
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe	China	March 12, 1917
Mrs. Emmett Stephens	China	April 12, 1917

MARRIAGES.

Dr. A. D. Louthan and Miss Pauline Lide, of the Interior China Mission, were married on February 10, 1917. They were married in Chengchow.

Rev. Ben Rowland and Miss Perle Harrison, of Yingtak, South China, were married on March 26, 1917.

DEATHS.

The grim Reaper has driven his sickle deep into our ranks during the year. In no other year have we lost so many by death. It is with a sense of the deepest grief that we report the passing away of the following faithful missionaries:

Miss Julia Mackenzie died Sept. 14, 1916, in Owensboro, Ky.

Miss Lula Whilden died Sept. 26, 1916, in Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Frank Rawlinson died Jan. 7, 1917, in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Lottie Price died Jan. 22, 1917, in Baltimore, Md.

Rev. J. P. Stuart died Feb. 17, 1917, in Liberty, Mo.

Mrs. Chas. R. Shepherd died Feb. 17, 1917, in Canton, China.

RESIGNATIONS.

During the year the following missionaries were forced to resign on account of ill health:

Miss Sallie Priest, Shanghai, China.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wills, Shanghai, China.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, Shanghai, China.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Louthan, Pingtu, China.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Langston, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Dr. and Mrs. Adrian S. Taylor, of Yangchow, China, resigned in order that Dr. Taylor might accept appointment under the China Medical Board.

Mrs. J. B. Parker resigned that she, together with her husband, might accept appointment to Brazil under the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, TO THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, MAY 1, 1916, TO MAY 1, 1917.

With unusual clearness your Board and our Union recall the cancelling after the Asheville Convention of the foreign mission debt. The stirring recital of hilarious, sacrificial giving on the part of many makes the record of that campaign unique in the history of Southern Baptists and for its successful culmination the Union wishes to express its sincerest congratulation to your Board. At the special meeting of your Board to consider ways and means of conducting the campaign, W. M. U. representatives expressed the hope that the Union would raise at least $60,000 of the necessary $180,000, though during the previous seven years the Union had failed to reach its foreign mission apportionment by only $8,171. Your corresponding secretary has publicly said that this promise to try to raise one-third of the debt gave him strength to a marked degree in formulating campaign plans and in traveling almost continuously in execution of them. He has also expressed the belief that the Union members did raise at least $60,000. The reports from the W. M. U. treasurers show that a little over $45,000 was thus raised and two states say that the W. M. U. gifts as such were very inadequately reported in their state. Be that as it may, the raising and careful reporting of over $45,000 over and above the regular work are distinct victories, the impetus for which was found in a deep love for and knowledge of foreign missions.

A beautiful reflex of this spirit is found in the sacrificial giving of the Woman's Missionary Society of Hwanghien, China. It became necessary to cut the appropriation for the Bible women of that station and the matter was referred to the Bible women, who, out of their poverty, rejoiced to give freely their services for one, two and even three months. The society supplemented this in an almost equally wonderful way, so that the work goes on.

From several of the mission stations equally encouraging news has come of the growth of W. M. U. organizations.. With the pardonable pride of a mother in her children the Union watches their development, grieving as only a mother can over the well-nigh paralyzing effect of war upon the societies in Italy and Mexico.

Our hearts have also been saddened by the removal from our earthly midst of several of our choicest women missionaries, notably Misses Whilden, Mackenzie and Price and Mrs. Rawlinson and Mrs. Shepherd. All five of these were from China and for their co-workers there as well as for your Board the sincerest sympathy is felt.

It is the custom of the Union to think at Christmas time in an especial way of the women missionaries in China. This past year was no exception, for it registered an enthusiastic Christmas offering for their work. This offering was ingathered during

the January Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions, the observance of the week being very general in a number of the states. It is notable that the Virginia W. M. U., which last year led all of the states not only in its gifts to foreign missions but also in its total gifts, should also have led in its Christmas offering, and it reports significantly that the 1917 January Week of Prayer was more generally observed than ever before. The programs and leaflets for this observance were on the whole prepared by the women missionaries then on furlough. Of these programs and leaflets, 119,730 were sent to the state W. M. U. headquarters from the Baltimore office.

Closely allied with this week of prayer are the monthly programs, five of which have been on distinctly foreign missions and three on allied subjects. These programs have been given in graded form in Royal Service, the monthly issue of which exceeds 30,000. Programs on these topics have also been furnished for Home and Foreign Fields, 90 per cent of whose subscribers are said by its editor to be women.

The expenses of the Woman's Missionary Union, so far as the work done through the Baltimore headquarters is concerned, have been kept this year slightly below 3½ per cent of the Union's contributions last year to the work of the Foreign, Home, and Sunday School Boards. This is indeed gratifying, especially in the light of the increased cost of printing and other office supplies and in view of the fact that vast numbers of leaflets and programs were as usual distributed free. During the year the W. M. U. treasurer made a very careful study of the expense of conducting W. M. U. work in the different states. It was found that in the eighteen states the expense of doing the W. M. U. work for home and foreign missions, Sunday School Board Bible Fund, Margaret Fund and W. M. U. Training School was 6 1/9 per cent of the total raised for those objects. If the 3½ per cent incurred by the Baltimore office be added to this it is seen that 9 11/18 per cent is the rate at which the entire W. M. U. work is conducted for these five objects. Of this, 5/9 was used in raising the foreign mission contributions. The W. M. U. treasurer found, however, in this investigation that four of the states presented unusual conditions, so not counting them the ratio for the other fourteen plus that of the Baltimore office is only 8 3/14 per cent. Thanks are herewith expressed for the regular remittances from your Board toward this expense fund.

Another source of gratification is found in the enthusiastic habit of having mission study classes. Fifteen states report a total of over 2,900 such classes. Many of them used "Southern Baptists in Regions Beyond", and many others were led to a larger interest in South America by studying "South American Neighbors". For the Educational Department as well as for each phase of your Board's work the Union wishes a new year of marked blessing.

MRS. W. C. JAMES,
President.

KATHLEEN MALLORY,
Corresponding Secretary.

AFRICAN MISSION.

MISSIONARIES.

Ogbomoso.—George Green, M.D., Mrs. Green, A. S. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Clara Keith.

Saki.—L. M. Duval, Mrs. Duval, Dr. E. G. MacLean, Mrs. MacLean.

Abeokuta.—Mrs. W. T. Lumbley, S. G. Pinnock, Mrs. Pinnock, Miss Olive Edens.

Oyo.—B. L. Lockett, M.D., Mrs. Lockett, G. W. Sadler.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By L. M. Duval.

The year 1916 has been one of great uncertainty and anxiety for our work in Africa. Many things have happened to cause this; such as the uncertainty of the length of the European war, the unsettled state of this country, severe persecutions and the small amount of money the Board at home has been able to send for the carrying on of the work. To use a military phrase, the year has been chiefly spent in consolidating our gains and waiting for munitions from home. Our chief joy has been in the reinforcements received in the form of new missionaries, so that we hope to be ready when the time comes and the order given to advance in many directions. Nevertheless, in spite of these drawbacks, some gains have been made in all parts of the field, and the year has been blessed with a large number of conversions and the upbuilding of strong Christian character among the native members.

Our mission has rejoiced over the arrival of four new lady missionaries. This is the largest number of missionaries that has been sent to this field in any one year for many years past, and we hope it is the harbinger of good, with the prospect of more to fill the great need we have to supply the work already started.

It will be noted from this report that much persecution has been experienced in all parts of the field. This is caused by the jealousies of the chiefs and older people at the thought of so many young men and women leaving their old customs and religions for the service of Christ. All over the country large numbers are turning away from their evil customs and false gods, and the devil in rage is stirring up his followers to oppose the good work, but we are thankful to note that instead of re-

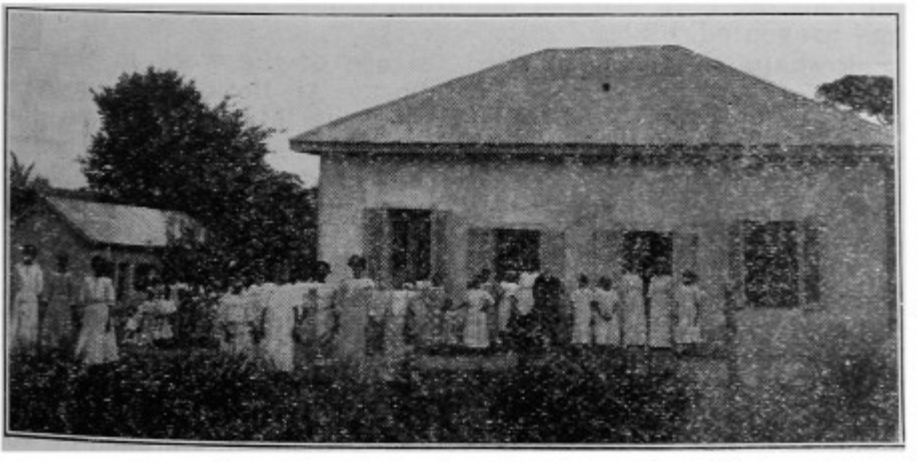
tarding the work it is steadily going forward, and it even seems that the trouble is making the Christians stronger in faith and more earnest in works; and many more are turning to Christ than otherwise would.

ABEOKUTA.

Although the work in Abeokuta was left for some time without a resident missionary it has had marked success, both in the town itself and the out-stations. In March, Brother and Sister Pinnock left on furlough, and Mrs. Lumbley did not arrive on the field till the middle of June, leaving an interval of several months. The absence of a missionary in a station always has a retarding effect on the work. In the interval, Brother Lockett of Oyo, who now has supervision of this station, visited it as often as he could, though it was difficult for him with his other work to go to Abeokuta as frequently as he would have liked. The senior native worker, Rev. John Agboola, looked after the churches, visiting them in turn as often as possible, with the result that the churches have made great progress, especially at Ijaiye and Eruwa.

The former place is one of our older churches and originally formed by refugees from the old town of Ijaiye, where our first mission work was carried on. Although one of our oldest stations, it has been rather discouraging for many years when compared with other places, but during the past year there has been a great awakening shown by a large increase in the congregation and day school, as well as in the number of conversions. The harvest festival held in this church during the fall was a great success. Under the management of Mrs. Lumbley the church was very attractively decorated and a large number of people attended, including the Alake, the king, and several of his chiefs. The contributions amounted to $50.00, which, for Ijaiye, was considered large.

At Eruwa, which has only recently been opened, the work has always been encouraging, and this year has been no exception.



Girls' School, Abeokuta, Africa.

At Lanlate, Eruwa and Idere severe persecutions were experienced, which have interfered somewhat with the progress of the work.

One new station has been opened up at Aiyetoro, where the government has handed over to our mission a school building and furnishings. We immediately took possession, placing a young man in charge, who has done good work as teacher and preacher to the people.

The day schools in the different parts of the town and outstations have been carried on during the year, and have been well attended.

From March until June, we had no missionary to take charge of the girls' school. It seemed for a time that it would have to be closed. This would have been disastrous. Fortunately, we were able to secure the services of a former C. M. S. missionary, who was living in Abeokuta, until Mrs. Lumbley's return, which was delayed on account of the war. We sincerely hope that the Board will in the future be able to send us enough single ladies to keep this school running. After Mrs. Lumbley's return the school began to improve and has had a great increase in attendance, but is handicapped by the lack of sufficient staff of white teachers. We rejoice in the fact that at last the Board has sent us a single lady to assist in this important work; but one is not enough, we need at least another lady in connection with the school.

OYO.

After being without a resident missionary for a long time, during the furlough of Dr. B. L. Lockett, who returned to Africa in February, 1916, the work in Oyo has gone steadily forward, especially in the towns of Ilora and Awe. In the latter place there has been a large number of baptisms. The Sunday congregations are rapidly increasing, so that the problem of providing accommodations is growing serious. They have been compelled to erect grass sheds outside the church to hold the people who are unable to find room inside the building. The church is anxious to commence the erection of their new building, but the high price of material, caused by the European war, has prevented.

Perhaps the most marked feature of the work in this field is the advance toward self-support. At Ilora the church has engaged a day school teacher, paying his salary from their own funds. They, with Awe and Isokun, are not only contributing to their pastors' salaries, but are supporting a teacher at Fafiti; Awe is also supporting a student in the Theological Seminary.

All the churches are exercising strong disciplinary measures in dismissing those members who are guilty of bad conduct, and the neglect of their church duties. The rolls have been thoroughly revised, and many have taken their letters to join churches in the towns to which they have moved.

Considerable dispensary work has been done, though not as much as the missionary would have wished; this branch of work being held up to a large extent on account of lack of equipment.

In this, as well as in most other lines, we have been prevented, on account of war prices, from beginning the building provided for out of the Judson Centennial fund.

OGBOMOSO.

In the town of Ogbomoso we have three churches.

The Oke L'erin, which is the oldest, has during the year become entirely self-supporting. Overflowing congregations are the rule at both the morning and evening services on Sunday. The church is preparing to erect a new building which they urgently need and which, as soon as the market for the purchase of building supplies warrants, they plan to commence. This is a church of great possibilities, and under wise, tactful and patient leadership is capable of doing big things to extend the Master's kingdom in Nigeria. It is now helping to support a native worker at Ara, a village about twenty-five miles from Ogbomoso.

The Ijeru church has also become self-supporting, and has ever increasing congregations on Sundays. They are planning to enlarge the church building this year.

At Saja the work has gone steadily forward in all lines of Christian activities, and they have increased their contributions toward the pastor's salary.

For several months the missionaries with the native workers and students of the Academy have concentrated their out-door efforts on preaching the gospel and teaching the children in different sections of the town, with a view to locating some permanent work in those sections. The result has been quite encouraging in two or three places, and it is hoped that we shall soon have plots of land on which to build grass sheds to be used as meeting places until the time is ripe to erect church buildings.

There are five out-stations connected with Ogbomoso.

At Ejigbo the church is building a large meeting place nearer the center of the town, which is to be a grass-roofed structure until a substantial iron-roofed building can be erected. The church plans to increase their share of the pastor's salary by twice the amount they are now paying. There are within one or two hours' walk of this town, in various directions, ten villages. These are visited by the worker and by the missionaries when on their itinerary to the out-stations.

In Ede blessing has continued upon the work. The church has three out-stations, and on a recent itinerary when the missionary visited these villages he found a grass-roofed shed had been built in each village, and that services are being conducted every Sunday by members of the Ede church.

Difficulties and disputes within the church at Ire, and persecutions and opposition from the chiefs and heathen people of the town have greatly disturbed the life and progress of the church during the past six months. Nevertheless, there are a large number of inquirers who attend the services regularly. During his visit the missionary talked with twenty persons who asked for baptism and church membership, but owing to the disturbed state and unrest within the church it was thought best to postpone their baptism for a few months.

Igbajo is a town about two days' journey on foot from Ogbomoso. Between three and four years ago the missionary received a call by messenger to go there. The native worker had been driven out of the town by the king. When the missionary arrived he had an interview with the king and his chiefs and inquired as to the difficulty that had led to the sending the worker away. One old chief spoke up, saying: "The trouble is that all the young people of the town are becoming Christians, and who will take care of the idols when the old people have passed away?" That old heathen chief was a seer. The missionary was able to arrange for the worker to remain in the town and resume his work, and great blessings are resting upon his labors. The church is paying half its pastor's salary, and will substantially add to this amount in January, 1917. They are building a new house of worship which at present is the largest church building in our mission outside of Lagos. It is not yet completed, the members not being able to obtain corrugated iron for the roof. They have framed the roof ready for the iron and have put on a temporary roof of large leaves, which is the general roofing material in this section of the country. They have also in process of construction a house for their native worker. All this has been undertaken without any financial aid from the mission.

Near to Igbajo is Iressi, a town surrounded by high rocky hills. We have had no worker there for the past three years, but the little band of Christians have done nobly, and deserve great commendation for zeal and faithfulness. They have almost completed a good house of worship. It is roomy and substantially built, and this they have done by their own efforts, with the exception of $37.50 given them about four years ago. On two occasions we have been able to send them a student from the Academy to help during the school vacation, and we hope soon to be able to locate a worker there permanently.

In all these churches large numbers of baptisms have taken place, and the work has progressed rapidly in all directions. Societies for the development of character and training for service have been organized among the boys and girls, young men and women, and grown men and women of all ages. These societies give promise of great influence for good in the years to come, and will in a large measure help the spiritual life and activity of our churches, and prove to be a solution to some of the problems that we are facing.

The medical work has for more than two years been left in the hands of the native assistant of Dr. Green, who has been back on the field a little more than five months. During these few months there have been 2,533 visits to the dispensary by 480 patients. The desirability and necessity of the patients at least paying for medicines received and surgical dressings used has been emphasized. Each day the usual preaching service has been held before the work in the dispensary began. A number of patients attend the church regularly and there have been several conversions among them. A grass-roofed shed is being used as a temporary chapel and accommodation for in-patients. Plans have been prepared for the building of the "Virginia Bap-

tist Hospital", which it is hoped will be commenced just as soon as the price of galvanized corrugated iron makes it possible to proceed.

The Academy has had a good year and we have some of the best students we have ever had. Three of them do regular work preaching and teaching in the streets of Ogbomoso, and one visits several villages each month to do the same kind of work.

Since September we have had N. D. Oyerinde teaching in the Academy and he has already proven his worth. His work so far has proven satisfactory, and we prophesy for him a very useful life among his people. He also has been doing quite a deal of preaching among the churches, and we feel that his influence will be a great help here.

The day school is perhaps the best we have ever had, and we are now ready to do one year of the work which is done in the Academy. This, we hope, will make it possible for us to advance the academy course another year.

SAKI.

The evangelistic work in Saki has been prosecuted steadily by the efficient staff of native workers, and great good has been done. Preaching services have been regularly held both on Sundays in the churches, and on week days in the market places and surrounding villages, of which there are a large number close enough to make it convenient to visit often.

The Sunday schools have steadily increased in size, large numbers of both children and adults attending, and we have great hopes that the children especially, who come from week to week, will one day become followers of that Christ in whose story they are so much interested.

The day schools have had great success. Several of the scholars during the year have given themselves to Christ, and several have entered the Academy to prepare themselves for the gospl ministry.

The Seminary has had another good year, the entering class having almost doubled the attendance. The students have done excellent work in their studies, though we have been handicapped on account of not having sufficient room, equipment or teachers. The high war prices have delayed our building plans, making it impossible to expand as we have hoped. In August Brother Sadler, the vice-principal of the Seminary, went home on furlough, leaving the principal without anyone to assist him in the work of teaching and managing the school. The students have done a large amount of teaching, visiting and preaching in the town and surrounding villages, with the result that several people have been converted.

At Okeho, a large town to the southwest of Saki, where we had a promising work started, an uprising took place among the people against their native rulers; they killed the king and several of his people. This necessitated the intervention of the Colonial government, which sent a detachment of soldiers to put down the disturbance. For several weeks during the trouble our native worker was shut up in the town, a prisoner, until

at last he managed to escape, losing everything he possessed. At present the town is in ruins and the Christian work stopped.

During this time there was great unrest among all the towns of this district, and the missionaries in Saki were for several weeks cut off from communication with the rest of the world, as all the roads leading from here were held by the revolutionists. Rumors were prevalent that the people of Saki also would rise to help those of the other places; but God in his mercy prevented and delivered us from the danger.

We have been able to start a new work at Ago Are, another town near here, where a large school has been organized and several conversions made, with the promise of greater things in the near future.

THE INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.

The independent churches have kept up their record of aggressive evangelistic and missionary effort.

The First Church, Lagos, has had a very successful year. The management and work of the church is mostly in the hands of the young men, who unreservedly devote their time and money to its advancement. It was feared that the death of the late pastor, the Rev. M. L. Stone, would have injured the growth of the church, but such is not the case, for the Sunday congregations have shown a marked increase, and all other church meetings are equally good. During the year there have been 127 baptisms in Lagos alone.

Although the European war has had a bad effect upon the people and trade in general, the finances are in no degree behind. The members are denying themselves greatly to meet the church expenses, which are greater than in any former year.

This church is carrying on mission work in the Ijebu country, where they have had great success. The pastor, during a recent visit, baptized 55 persons in the short space of eighteen days. Among these was a prince, the lawful heir to the Ijebu throne. Plans for the future progress of the Baptist work have been made, which will soon, by God's grace, develop into a practical form. On the whole, there is a great future for the Baptist work in Ijebuland.

It may be interesting to state that the church, besides her current expenses, has for the first time in her history a handsome fund in the bank.

A tablet to the memory of the late Rev. M. L. Stone has been unveiled, on which occasion Rev. Mojola Agbebi delivered an impressive address. The great preacher was brought anew before his friends, who left the auditorium with tears in their eyes.

The Ebenezer church, in Lagos, reports that their work has progressed fairly well during the year. The church has suffered from the death of several prominent members, among whom may be noted Sister Sarah Marsh Harden, the wife of the late J. M. Harden, who founded our work in Lagos. Sister Harden was much beloved by all who knew her, both of her own race and the missionaries. Her death has caused deep sorrow.

The Ebenezer church has three mission stations under it. That at Agege shows signs of progress. Formerly the inhabitants of this town were hardened pagans and greatly opposed to Christianity, but now we are thankful to say they are becoming aware of the true knowledge of God and his Son and are giving themselves to his service.

At Kajola the work has not given the encouragement that was expected, but we trust that in due time the people will realize the importance of their calling and will rally with renewed zeal for the furtherance of the cause.

We regret to report that the mission founded at the town of Igbede, in the Ekiti district, has undergone severe persecutions from the hands of their rulers. The chief proclaimed that all peoples professing Christianity should give it up for paganism: that no church bell should be rung, and no prayer meeting or Sunday services be held in any church under pain of banishment from the district, and but for the intervention of the British resident at Kabba, as well as the European missionaries in the district things might have been worse for the Christians. Yet for all these persecutions we are glad to state that the people banded themselves together as one, and have carried on the work left in their hands after the removal of their teacher to attend the Theological Seminary at Saki.

The Araromi church, Lagos, has fared well under God. Her greatest sacrifice lies in her having often to dispense with the pastor's supervision while he is visiting the sister churches. On the Niger Delta the churches are increasing and prospering, notwithstanding difficulties and trials. The gospel message has been delivered in many places by traders, who, while buying palm kernels and oil, distribute the Word of life to their patrons. The churches in the Ekiti country, which are under this church, show signs of progress. Many places of worship are being built and the gospel preached with great zeal, though local trials are many.

The Ibadan church, though poor in this world's goods, is rich in works, and is not only supporting itself, but is carrying on work in four other towns, two of which partly support their teachers. It is only a few years ago that this work was started by the First Church, Lagos, but it has become not only self-supporting, but is branching out into other places and helping them, and in this way showing the true Christian missionary spirit.

ARGENTINE MISSION.

MISSIONARIES.

Buenos Aires, Casilla Del Correo, 1571.—S. M. Sowell, Mrs. Sowell, Thomas Spight, Mrs. Spight, J. M. Justice, Mrs. Justice, Robert Logan, Mrs. Logan.

Rosario De Santa Fe, Casilla, 230.—J. L. Hart, Mrs. Hart, F. J. Fowler, Mrs. Fowler.

Montevideo, Uruguay.—J. C. Quarles, Mrs. Quarles, L. C. Quarles, Mrs. Quarles, Casilla del Correo, 136.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By Thos. Spight.

The census of 1914, instead of 9,000,000 or 10,000,000, showed a population of 7,905,502 for the whole of Argentina. Of these, 2,357,753 were foreign-born. Of the nearly 8,000,000, 3,642,151 live in the city and province of Buenos Aires. There were 1,654,414 children of school age—i. e., between 6 and 14 years of age, but only a little over half attended school, or 867,728. For some reason, the religious census was omitted.

Religious Conditions.—There is evidence of more interest in religious matters among the people. No doubt some of this is due to the anxiety which is generally felt owing to world conditions, but other causes are at work. The gospel propaganda is becoming very widely extended, and the people are beginning to appreciate the truth. Also, the Romanist clergy is beginning to display more activity. They have even begun preaching in the open air, doubtless in order to combat the evangelicals and to reach the ears of the men who do not go to their churches. We welcome this activity for two reasons: It will tend to awaken interest and will make more manifest the contrast between the truth and error. One of our great difficulties here has been the indifference on the part of the people to all forms of religion.

Moral Conditions.—Whole volumes could be written in somber hue on this subject and not exaggerate. Not one of the missionaries of our Board would live here in this moral cesspool and subject his family to its influence, were it not for his love for the Lord and for the sake of the lost. Falsehood, vile conversations, unchastity and gambling are some of the more common forms of outward sin, while unbelief and insincerity are almost the rule among the men. Some months ago a strong article appeared in one of the leading daily papers, "La Prensa", under the title, "Policia

de la palabra", which means, freely translated, "The police control the language", in which, after severely condemning the general habit of using filthy words in public places, it suggested that an ordinance be passed authorizing the police to arrest any person heard using filthy language in public places. This article stated that it was not only the lower classes which indulge in this habit, but that it is common to all classes. It is used in street cars and anywhere and before women and children with seemingly no sense of impropriety.

Education.—Judging from most frequent and recent articles in the daily papers on the subject, the educational authorities are all at sea as to plans and methods of education. With each change of administration former systems are upset to a more or less great extent and the student world is thereby injured. Show and not solid work seems to be the idea of the teaching forces. It is the habit of the teachers to do a good deal of the work on examinations for the children. The lack of conscientious work is distressing. Thus will be seen the great need for school work. Each organized church should have at least a primary school, and the expense need not be very great. There is a difficulty at present of securing proper teachers, but some of the members of our churches are preparing themselves.

The schools of our mission are doing some good work, and are fairly well attended. The Refineria school of Rosario, under Missionary Fowler's direction, has the best equipment and has the largest attendance of any of our schools.

View of the Needs.—Argentina is divided into fourteen provinces and ten territories; some of these are very sparsely settled, but as a general rule their population is grouped in centers or near-by, so that it can be reached easily.

In the provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, Entre Rios, Cordoba and Mendoza there is a fairly large rural population, but it is to a large extent a floating one, owing to the fact that there are few small land owners. For this reason our attention, for a long time to come, must be directed mainly to the cities and towns; however, there are exceptions. Missionary Hart has been doing some rural work in the province of Cordoba by occasional visits, and with good results. This is the only work which our mission has in this province of 735,761 inhabitants. We should at least have a missionary family in the city of Cordoba, and, if possible, one or two in charge of the work in the larger towns of that province. The province of Entre Rios has 425,373 inhabitants; Tucuman, 332,953; Santiago del Estero, 261,373, while the following have over 100,000: San Luis, San Juan, Catamarca and Salta, and yet we have no missionary in any of them, and in only one, San Juan, is any work being done by our people, and even that in only a small way. The province of Corrientes, with 347,255 inhabitants, has one lone native worker, supported by the local Mission Board. Mendoza, with 277,535, is in like condition.

While all of our missionaries are in the two provinces of Buenos Aires and Santa Fe, excepting of course the two who are in Uruguay, there are several good-sized cities where no Baptist work is done, and a number of smaller ones where no

evangelical work of any kind is done. Besides, there are a large number of towns of from 1,000 to 10,000 inhabitants.

Besides all this there are the national territories, one of them with 101,338 inhabitants, and so far as I am aware no evangelical work is being done in its limits. This will show something of the untouched needs of Argentina.

Uruguay, with considerably more than a million people, has only two missionary families of our Board, and one native helper, all in Montevideo. There are 800,000 people outside of Montevideo, who need the considerate Christian love of our people of the Southland, but to them it is not given. Paraguay, with her 1,400,000 inhabitants, whose needs, if possible, are greater than those of the two former countries, has not one Baptist worker to preach the pure gospel of life. The moral conditions are unspeakable.

Chile, with 3,551,703 inhabitants, has a prosperous Baptist work in the south, but it does not touch the centers of population. Brother MacDonald is doing hard and faithful work, aided by several native pastors, but they are only touching the borders of Chile's needs. Our Board should by all means send a missionary family to Chile and that without delay. In fact, two families should be sent, one for Valparaiso and the other for Santiago or Concepcion. This latter has 61,000 inhabitants and would give direct help to the work in the south.

Progress of the Work.—Before speaking of the work in 1916, let me give an idea of what has been accomplished under the blessings of our Lord during the past twelve years. The facts cheer our hearts and we see hopes for more rapid progress in the future.

Rev. S. M. Sowell, our first missionary, landed in Buenos Aires in the latter part of 1903, or thirteen years ago. About a year was passed before work was opened, so we may speak of twelve years of work. He, "a stranger in a strange land," found a few who sympathized with his purpose, others looked upon him with disdain, while other evangelicals considered him an intruder. Conditions have changed. Our mission of eight families is well organized, harmonious and happy, and may I be permitted to say, respected, if not always welcomed. We have eighteen organized churches with a membership of 1,066 in Argentina and Uruguay affiliated with our mission; twenty-four out-stations, thirty Sunday schools, twelve ordained native preachers, besides two pastors who could hardly be called native pastors, five unordained native preachers, four houses of worship, owned by our Board, two of which have houses for pastors connected with them. A general convention for directing coöperative work among our churches of this country and Uruguay is doing good work through two Boards, whose work will be spoken of later. Two district associations have been organized, one including the churches of Buenos Aires and La Plata, the other the churches of Rosario. A training school for the native ministry is in operation and has given some good results.

Year 1916.—In order to fully appreciate the work of 1916 it is necessary to take into consideration several conditions.

The European war has taken some of our members and influenced some others in a way which has rendered them wellnigh useless so far as our work is concerned for the present. A severe financial crisis has hovered over the country like a dark cloud; wages have been reduced, many have worked only part time or not at all, while the cost of living has greatly increased. A severe drought has afflicted the country for months.

Near the close of the winter an epidemic of contagious and infectious diseases raged in several cities. It has been said by competent authorities that more than half of the children under five years of age in Rosario died. Our mission was not exempt. Brother and Mrs. Hart lost their eldest daughter, Caroline, as a result of the contagion, and with heavy hearts returned to the United States on January 4, 1917. Our hearts go out in sympathy to them. Buenos Aires suffered greatly, and the attendance at the services was naturally affected. In spite of these adverse conditions the Lord has greatly prospered the work, both financially and spiritually. The churches contributed much more than in any former year toward the work financially, and we have pleasure in reporting the largest number of baptisms which we have had in one year.

The Local Mission Board and Co-operation.—The work of this Board has gone forward steadily since its organization, carrying on work in Corrientes and helping in the work in Mendoza and Chile. But one of the most encouraging events since its organization is the successful prosecution of a plan for building chapels for the churches. The Judson Fund by no means meets our needs, and, furthermore, we do not want to depend upon the Board for all of the funds to build with. At the Convention, which met in Mendoza last year, Missionary Sowell, though by no means visionary, made known a vision which he had had, of houses of worship for the local churches; and then laid before the Convention a carefully thought-out plan for making the vision a reality. The plan was adopted, and its execution entrusted to the local Mission Board.

The church in the city of Santa Fe was chosen as the first to receive help. This because a lot of ground had been given for the purpose. Later it was found unwise to use that lot, and it was returned to the giver. The heroic little church was not dismayed. Another and better lot was found for sale. It was purchased and paid for by the church, after having been examined and passed upon by the land committee of the mission. The deeds were properly made out, so that once the building is completed and paid for, it will be turned over to the Richmond Board. The local Mission Board takes all the responsibility for the building of the chapel, which will cost a little over $2,000 gold. A little over $1,000 was borrowed from the different churches which had building funds, and the remaining $850 or $900 was asked from the churches as donation. All of this except about $150 has been collected or is secured, and there is no doubt of success. It is hoped that our next Convention, which meets in Santa Fe April 6 and 7, 1917, will hold its meetings in the new building. Missionary Sowell is superintending the construction by occasional visits. The churches have shown a

fine spirit of coöperation in this first attempt to build, and have responded generously to the appeals of the local Board. It would have been very difficult to carry out the plan, however, but for the generous and hearty financial backing given by our layman, Mr. F. S. Battley, president of our local Board, and also of the Convention for two years.

Publication Board.—Since its organization this Board has seen many difficulties, nor can it be said that it surmounted all of them. While complete victory cannot be claimed, yet a decided advance was made in 1916.

Formerly it had been the policy to ask for subventions from the churches, and tracts were sent free. This plan produced few results and more dissatisfaction, so it was decided to send no more free literature, and ask for no more aid from the churches. The result has been good.

We have published 8,200 copies of our monthly paper, "El Expositor Bautista," during the year. During the last three months of the year a special leaf was added in each number with a portion of Rev. Pablo Besson's translation of the New Testament; in this way we honor our paper and help Brother Besson to publish his translation. The extra has been paid for so far by private subscription.

We published 10,580 copies of our Sunday school paper, "La Escuela Biblica," which is used by all except one or two of the churches and by several outside of our denomination.

We published 92,500 copies of a four-page monthly tract for propaganda, bearing the title of "El Faro," and a neat cut of a lighthouse on the front page; 35,000 other tracts for general propaganda, and 10,000 tracts on baptism; in all 137,500 tracts were published during the year. We charged a small sum above cost for these tracts in order to lay the foundation for a permanent fund. The tract on baptism is the first of a series on doctrinal subjects which we expect to publish to meet our needs.

The Training School.—Our Theological Training School has now been open for five years. We began with a group of students composed entirely of native helpers, who had come to us with little and some with no training worthy of the name. Naturally, the course has had to be very simple in the main to make it helpful to the men. Our first group of students has now terminated the time we thought it wise for them to devote to study, and are out at work, four of them as pastors of churches and some as helpers still, who will probably become pastors in the course of time if their usefulness warrants it. We must now begin with a new group of students, better prepared, if possible, and with fewer responsibilities upon them in the way of preaching points, thus giving them a better opportunity to study. Of the eight students enrolled in 1916, probably two will reënter the school this year.

As we study our field, its conditions, its many and widely scattered small cities and towns, the cost of living, the advantage that the well-prepared native has over the missionary in the work, we are more and more convinced that it will have to be evangelized largely through a native ministry. It is the purpose of this school to try to meet this need by preparing young

men called of God to the work in order that they may take the lead in the matter of preaching the gospel to their own people. We greatly need the prayers of the brethren in the homeland as well as their financial aid in the prosecution of this most important work.

Buenos Aires Field.—Six of the seven churches of Buenos Aires have had a prosperous year. The seventh, or the church of the Chacarita district, has been somewhat unsettled regarding location, but has finally settled down.

There is a fine spirit of harmony among all the churches of the city. The attendance in general has been good, and the year has been characterized by good, earnest work.

Open-air preaching has been conducted by three of the churches and has been helpful; the Once church is especially encouraged in this kind of work. In one of these meetings a priest asked for the privilege of answering a statement made by one of the speakers, and it was granted. Missionary Sowell replied, and again the priest spoke, but when the missionary made his rejoinder the priest had enough of it.

A casual listener became very much enthused with the missionary's reply, and, wishing in some way to express his appreciation, when the meeting was over, invited the missionary to have a drink with him. Of course, he was given better instruction as to evangelical practices. While there has been nothing extraordinary to report from this field, there has been a most decided advance along almost every line, and we are very hopeful.

Rosario Field.—The First church has been conducting open-air meetings with large attendance and with good results. Juan Ortis, an intelligent Argentine, who had renounced all religion as false, heard the gospel in the open-air preaching and through his own observations of the truth came to accept the gospel as truth and Christ as his Saviour.

Another notable case of conversion is Juan Cristi, who, after searching for the truth in theosophy and spiritualism, found it in the gospel and is happy in the Lord. Four were baptized during the year as fruit of the open-air meetings.

A series of special meetings were held with the help of J. M. Rodriguez, an independent native worker of ability, who is to begin work with us at the beginning of the new year. These meetings resulted in five persons being received by baptism.

The North Rosario church, under the pastoral care of Brother R. S. Hosford, reports a very happy and prosperous year. The church made an attempt to secure and support a native assistant for the pastor, but it did not give good results, owing to the poor health of the man chosen. He was compelled to leave Rosario for a better climate.

The church lost three members by death, one of these a most useful woman, Sunday school teacher, and wife of the secretary of the church. Brother Hosford reports a most prosperous Sunday school.

Although supporting himself by work in a bank, Brother Hosford has given much time and energy to the work, both of the church and in securing funds for a new building and superintend-

ing its construction. He says: "Our new building is almost complete. Immense difficulty has had to be overcome in the construction, owing to the general financial crisis. It is taking the form of institutional evangelism and is denominated 'The Willingham Institute,' in memory of the late beloved secretary of the Foreign Mission Board."

The Avenida Alberdi church has moved along steadily. A splendid series of meetings was held with the assistance of missionary Logan, which resulted in several baptisms. Perhaps this church has suffered the most of any from the financial crisis, owing to its location.

The Echesortu church has done very well. It has paid all of its expenses and has had a good increase in membership.

Santa Fe Field.—What has been said about the building at this place will give some idea of the work, though I may say that my impression, gotten from a visit in the past winter, was that the work is in a healthy spiritual condition.

Pergamino is a new field under our excellent native pastor, Maximino Fernandez. Brethren Sowell, Hart, Fowler and Hosford and the writer had the pleasant privilege during the year of assisting in the organization of this church. Nine were baptized and three presented letters, thus forming a church of twelve members. Brother Fernandez was chosen pastor. Pergamino is a city of about 25,000 inhabitants, between Buenos Aires and Rosario, and has special importance as a railroad and agricultural center. Mrs. Fernandez conducts a day school in the church hall and is a most valuable helpmeet. Brother Fernandez visits regularly the important town of Colon, about an hour by train from Pergamino, and conducts services. There has already been one marked case of conversion, the son of the man who gives, free of charge, his house for the services.

Mendoza is partly under the local Board. The largest number of conversions and baptisms reported this year from any one church was from this one. One of the members visits regularly the city of San Juan, in the province of the same name, and is meeting with encouragement. Open-air meetings are also conducted in Mendoza.

La Plata.—This church has had fewer baptisms than last year, but the pastor reports that he has been especially occupied in training the new members for more aggressive work. One young man already shows marked gifts as a preacher. Preaching in the open air and in the tent has been very beneficial.

Lincon.—This is an important town on the Great Western Railroad, under the care of an ordained native preacher, Lorenzo Mongay. There has been one baptism and the work is encouraging. A number of professions were made during a three nights' series of meetings, conducted by Missionary Hart.

Canuelas.—This work, under the care of our Russian student, Cristobal Vanag, has not made much progress. One hopeful case, a man who had professed conversion, moved away. Others have claimed conversion, but so far no one has been baptized. There have arisen some decided difficulties, which were added to by the fact that Mr. Vanag was trying to carry on his studies

in the training school in Buenos Aires. The year closed with more promising prospects.

Montevideo Field.—This church has remained at a standstill so far as baptisms are concerned. Some of us have learned, however, that a year's work cannot always be measured by the number of baptisms.

The work has suffered greatly by the prolonged sickness of Mrs. L. C. Quarles and the absence of Brother J. C. Quarles and family.

The native helper, Antonio Gonzales, spent the year in the training school in Buenos Aires. Thus it will be seen that a heavy load fell upon the missionary in charge.

There are some splendid elements in this church and it is to be hoped that next year we will be able to report more encouragement from this field.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, may I not be permitted to plead for a larger place in the prayers and interest of the Board and Southern Baptists in general, in and for these four countries mentioned in this report and which are considered as the field of the sixteen missionaries named at the beginning of the report. Summing up, there are nearly fourteen and a half million of people to be cared for by sixteen missionaries, and including Brother MacDonald and wife of Chile, eighteen.

A little calculation will reveal the fact that for each missionary, both male and female, there are about 800,000 people. We beg you, in Christ's name, to hear his appeal in behalf of the daily and hourly crises in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay and hearing, to send us more missionaries and more adequate support for the work.

Chile.—In the southern part of Chile, around Temuco as a center, there are twelve Baptist churches, built up through the labors of Rev. W. D. T. MacDonald, who for many years labored in that country as a colporteur of the Baptist and Foreign Bible Society and as a missionary in the Christian Missionary Alliance.

In 1908 these churches were organized into the Baptist Union of Chile and have since then pursued an independent cause. Brother MacDonald and the three native workers have been supported by the Argentine and Brazilian Baptists chiefly. For a while the Mexican Baptists helped the work in Chile, but the disturbances in Mexico cut off that source of supply. During the last three years the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond has contributed to the Chilean mission enterprise. As the Foreign Mission Board sends its contribution to Chili through our Argentine mission treasurer, and as this field is so close to ours, we include this statement in our report.

Rev. W. D. T. MacDonald, our co-laborer in Chile, writes concerning the work in that great field.

"Every church and preaching station reported conversions and baptisms. Though our report shows less baptisms this year than in 1915, I consider that we have more work than in any previous year. We have started a new work in the Villa Rica and Pucon districts, where we have almost touched the Argentine border, and where we already have conversions and baptisms.

The Lord has been pleased to raise up in our midst some earnest and devoted brethren who have given themselves to his work. Our meetings have been well attended, the converts faithful and steadfast.

"We are truly passing through critical times; the cost of living has increased so much that we find it difficult to make ends meet. Work has been very scarce during the past year, for which reason our people are unable to contribute to the work as they would like to; yet the native contributions have increased more than 2,000 pesos over the year 1915. Unfortunately, the foreign contributions have decreased in $150 (gold), the reason being that as the Cuban brethren have begun work in two of the Central American States, they no longer are able to send us help.

"We have had many calls throughout the year to extend our work, which, if we had the proper means, would have been duly attended to, but, alas! the lack of men and the means of support prevented us from responding to their urgent calls.

"We have had 106 baptisms and 15 deaths, giving us a net increase in our membership of 91, thus bringing up our present and widely scattered membership to 1,255."

MISSIONS IN BRAZIL.

MISSIONARIES.

North Brazil.

Bahia.—Z. C. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, C. F. Stapp, Mrs. Stapp, E. A. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, M. G. White, Mrs. White.

Pernambuco.—H. H. Muirhead, Mrs. Muirhead, D. L. Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, L. L. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, W. C. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor.

Manaus.—E. A. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson.

Therezina.—T. J. Terry, Mrs. Terry.

Para.—J. L. Downing, Mrs. Downing.

South Brazil.

Rio De Janeiro, Caixa, 352.—O. P. Maddox, Mrs. Maddox, W. E. Entzminger, Mrs. Entzminger, S. L. Ginsburg, Mrs. Ginsburg. Caixa, 828.—J. W. Shepard, Mrs. Shepard, A. B. Langston, Mrs. Langston, S. L. Watson, Mrs. Watson, Miss Ruth Randall.

Sao Paulo.—W. B. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, F. M. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, A. B. Deter, Mrs. Deter.

Porto Algere.—A. L. Dunstan, Mrs. Dunstan.
Curityba (Parana).—R. E. Pettigrew, Mrs. Pettigrew.
Campos.—John Mein, Mrs. Mein, Miss Genevieve Voorhies.
Nova Friburgo.—A. B. Christie, Mrs. Christie.
Bello Horizonta.—D. F. Crosland, Mrs. Crosland.
Victoria.—L. M. Reno, Mrs. Reno.

NORTH BRAZIL MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By W. C. Taylor.

I. THE MISSION.

1. Where We Work.—The North Brazil Mission represents Southern Baptists and their Master in a territory twice as large as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Nine men and seven women constitute the missionary force actually on the ground at the opening of 1917. They seek to serve the spiritual interest of eleven million Brazilians—more than a million to the man. They are strategically located in the great coast cities of Bahia, Pernambuco and Para, and in the inner capitals of Therezina and Manaus.

2. Our Fields.—For many years Brother E. A. Nelson has been a lone Baptist sentinel in the vast Amazon valley, and on down the coast for a thousand miles. His territory now is greatly restricted, being only about a million square miles, or a little less than the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel that this gain in the concentration of his missionary activity and the creation of two new fields of this mission from the territory left is one of the greatest forward steps in the progress of our work.

The relief of the pressure on Brother Nelson was made possible by the decision of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Downing to obey what seemed to them a clear call of God to the great gateway of the Amazon valley, the flourishing city of Para. Soon after the close of 1916 they moved from Bahia and are contentedly busy in Para.

Their departure left only two missionary families in the Bahia field, the largest single Baptist constituency in Brazil. That Brother M. G. White might not be too heavily laden with the interior work of that great state, another division of labor was agreed upon. Missions must follow the great water highways of commerce and travel. Our two vast river systems are the Amazon and the San Francisco. Brother A. J. Terry assumes the direction of the work of the San Francisco valley, using that as his annual route between the mission meetings and his interior center of operations in Therezina.

He, in turn, surrendered the coast work of the great state which had constituted his field to be combined with the coast

territory formerly under the direction of Brother Nelson to constitute a new field, for which he prayed the Board to send us a missionary at once. The answer came from a higher authority. "And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear." In their hour of need Brother J. B. Parker and his wife came to this country looking for the best field in which to invest their lives. They are not missionaries of the Board, but are in hearty accord with the ideals of Southern Baptists and in closest personal fellowship with the members of this mission.

Only the Pernambuco field with its four important states and its important mission institutions, manned by four missionary families, remains the same.

3. **The Ten-Year Program.**—This is our program for the manning of our fields. It was presented to the Board by our mission in 1915, and has elicited approving comment. We count it as a most reasonable request that by 1925 we shall have in our field thirteen missionary families. This contemplates one other family for Bahia, one other for strictly interior work, and one to open our remaining unoccupied coast states of Ceara and Rio Grande do Norte. We are happy to see our hopes being realized and believe that the contribution from our North Brazil Seminary of trained native pastors as co-laborers with these thirteen men thus strategically located, will enable us to direct a unified work of rapidly increasing proportions.

4. **The Mission and Native Organizations.**—The mission is our agency for unified missionary action, the channel of effective coöperation in our widely scattered force. Once a year we gather for a week and think through our problems and our plans as God gives us to see them.

We believe heartily in coöperation with local and general Brazilian organizations that serve the churches. The Bahia and the Pernambuco fields have local conventions that for effectiveness and dispatch of business in their 1916 meetings I have rarely seen equaled. Thanks to the judgment of good business men, they are both simplifying their appeals to the churches and approximating a budget system.

We also coöperate cordially in the work of the National Baptist Convention and its publication and foreign mission enterprises. The Convention is in the process of changes which bid fair to make it a more effective channel of national coöperation. Its important work is laid constantly on the hearts of all our churches.

5. **Statistics.**—In spite of the disappearance of several churches during the year that have long had one foot in the grave, we report two more churches than last year, 66 more baptisms, 470 more members, 22 more Sunday schools with 1,129 more pupils, and a 50 per cent gain in contributions—an increase of $9,125.93. The tremendous emphasis on self-support in our fields accounts for much of this gain. While we report only three more self-supporting churches than last year, quite a number of others are just commencing the new plan since the opening of this year. The number of church houses owned by the Board or by the churches—generally the latter—has increased from 28

to 41. It has been a year of church building. All told, we have 5,584 Baptists in 79 churches, which contributed in 1916 the total of $26,210.93.

6. Woman's Work.—The lady members of our mission at the annual gatherings counsel together concerning common problems. The mission has asked Mrs. M. G. White to take general oversight of the work of the women's societies in the bounds of our mission. She has the cordial coöperation of a strong committee in the suggestion of methods of work and provision of literature suitable for the needs. Mrs. White writes as follows:

"'Man works from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done,' is indeed a true saying on the foreign field, as far as the woman's part is concerned. The work among women has advanced some, but the advancement has been slow, so far as the organized work is concerned. And I believe it should be. The methods we use are exceedingly crude. But we cannot hope to use the wonderful organization of our women in the homeland. Each field in North Brazil Mission has a woman in charge of work. Pernambuco, Mrs. Muirhead; Piauhy field, Mrs. Terry; Para, Mrs. Downing; Amazon, Maranhao and Bahia fields, Mrs. White. The past year we have stressed Bible study among the women's societies. We used a course of studies, 'The Women of the Bible,' published in the 'Mensagem,' our journal for North Brazil. Each month we study a woman of the Bible. Many of the pastors in the churches lead these studies. Another phase of the work is evangelization. The women are using tracts in their visiting,—tracts of one page with the simple gospel story.

"A new phase of the work is the beginning of organized work among young women. I organized a 'Fidelis' class. They also do work as a mission circle. Their visits for the year ran into the hundreds. They went out as Sunday school teachers to the small out-stations—led singing, played the organ.

"This is a homeless land. Instead of homes, there are only houses. Among the duties that a missionary woman has to perform, not the least of them is to teach what a real home is, by making one. This is one of the most difficult things to do in a foreign land. But like the queen of Sheba, the women will come and see when they won't hear. And some of them will go away convinced and praising God. So we'll work on, trusting to the Master of life to use our efforts."

II. THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION.

Much of the hope of our mission is wrapped up in its institutions. There are five of these: The Collegio Americano Egydio, in Bahia, under the management of Brother C. F. Stapp; the Collegio Americano Baptista, in Pernambuco, under the joint management of President D. L. Hamilton and Business Manager H. H. Muirhead; the North Brazil Seminary, of whose faculty Missionary W. C. Taylor is dean; the official organ of the mission, our weekly journal, "A Mensagem," of which H. H. Muirhead is editor; and the church building loan association, which is under the direction of the executive committee of the mission.

1. **Collegio Americano Egydio.**—Of this school Brother M. G. White was the director during 1916 in the absence of Brother Stapp. He writes:

"The Bahia school had a good year in 1916 in many ways. The attendance, however, was not as good as usual. We had only 53 pupils matriculated. There were at least three reasons for this: First, a change of directors, the new one being absolutely unknown; second, the hard times on account of the great war; third, a school reform by the government, which attracted many boys from the private schools to the city gymnasium. Hence, the small numbers should not discourage us. The average attendance of those matriculated was excellent, being over forty. As a result of the good attendance, the pupils did a high grade of work. They were very diligent in their studies and made high grades. A long-cherished plan of Brother Stapp for the school was, by force of circumstances, realized during his absence, in the beginning of a normal department. There were three young women who took advantage of the opportunity. One of them will attend the Rio College in 1917 with a view to taking the normal course there. She is the second daughter of Deacon Thomaz L. da Costa, of the First church of Bahia. The other two expect to continue work here, and already three more have expressed a desire to join the class. Financially, the year was very good. All bills were paid and quite a bit of money was left over for the session of 1917. The school property needs to be made new as soon as possible, and we are hoping that very soon we will get the money from the Judson Centennial for that purpose. At the mission meeting the school was formally put under the mission's direction. Brother Stapp was elected director, and he is pushing the work of the school with all his might to make 1917 the very best in its history."

2. **The Collegio Americano Baptista.**—Of this institution, Brother D. L. Hamilton writes:

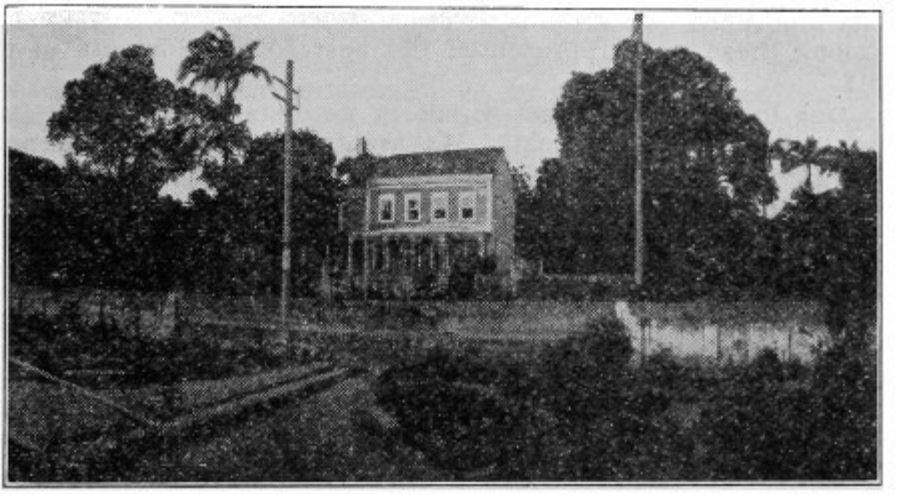
"Our school opens the first Monday in February, and closes the last Friday in November, thus giving us annually a ten months' session. It is conducted as nearly on American plans as it seems possible to us to adapt these to actual conditions here; and each year brings us nearer to their adoption in toto.

"Our constant aim has been to organize such a faculty as would combine all the essential elements; but, seeing that we must depend somewhat upon native help, the question of a competent faculty often becomes intricate and perplexing. Step by step we have made substantial gains in this respect, so that this report is able to present a faculty of sixteen, including full professors and tutors, all of whom compare favorably with the best teachers in the country, and several of whom are acknowledged leaders in educational circles.

"Worthy of special note is the director of the primary department, whose position is one of the most responsible in the institution. Gilberte Freyre, whose father has taught in our school since its beginning, came up through the kindergarten and primary course, and went on to within one year of graduation in the college, when he was pressed into service as teacher. In him

we combine most of the good qualities of the American system with the facility of adapting these to actual conditions in Brazil. His work is highly satisfactory. No doubt the time is near at hand when we will furnish not only our own teachers, but also a large number for other schools.

"**Curriculum.**—From the beginning of the school we have raised our course of study year by year till we now have a curriculum equal to that of the best government literary schools in the country. The standard of every literary school of any note, of which we have been able to get trace, both private and public, has been examined, and, so far as we can interpret facts from reports, only one executes a higher course than ours, and this case is made possible by reason of its much greater age. The character of work done in our school has repeatedly passed the test of American Universities and technical institutions and been accepted at par.



College Campus, Pernambuco, Brazil.

"**Religion.**—Regular Bible study is a distinct feature of our school work. Boarding students take part in domestic worship, and all the school assemble daily for Bible study, singing and prayer. Such a springtime of sowing cannot fail to produce a fruitful harvest, as the golden sheaves already gathered amply attest.

"**Finances.**—The financial side of the school was ably cared for by Brother Muirhead, from whom I gather the following items: Received from tuition, $2,330.70; received from boarders, $6,657.10; received from matriculation fees, $156.60. The tuition fell a little short of paying teachers' salaries. The boarding department more than recompensed the deficit; but it was so heavily drawn upon by other needs, such as repairs, rents, taxes, school furniture, etc., that we were compelled to begin the new year under a debt. But the improved conditions with which we were able to enter on the new year will enable us to take care of this debt in due time.

"**Aim.**—As rapidly as suitable teachers can be had, we hope to open an affiliated parochial school in each church large enough to support it. We already have some parochial schools; but since they are conducted either by untrained teachers or teachers of very meager training, and therefore cannot be affiliated with our central school, they do not figure in this report. The demand for trained teachers is so great we confidently hope within a few years to supply a large number of primary schools with teachers of real worth.

"The arrival of new missionaries inspires us with hope of executing our long-cherished plan of systematic propaganda by means of the school. As a rule, every home represented in the school affords an open door for missionary visits. Our increased force will enable us to visit these homes and thus institute a vigorous campaign that would otherwise be impossible.

"**Enrollment.**—The crisis, due to the European struggle, worked, and is still working, a hardship on all our schools. Notwithstanding this hindrance our enrollment reached one hundred and twenty. Among these were represented the best social elements in the city."

Our Ideals.—We expect to see at no distant day a real Baptist college in North Brazil. We are frank to say that at present our school is not a college, judged by educational standards of the homeland.

The term college must be used, then, in accommodation to the national environment. We have to create a demand for college work before we can have a college course, except in the catalog. We prefer to make a course of study that we will execute and that will grow with the capacity of our student body. Until very recent years practically all the students in our school left the school at its second year. Our work is so much more thorough than the other schools that at the end of two years, and often of one in our collegio, the students are able to pass the entrance examinations into the federal law and technical schools. We expect to have our first graduates this year. We are creating a demand for an education other than barely enough to enter technical schools. You must give us time to bring our constituency to our ideals gradually.

We call the attention of the brotherhood to our educational opportunity. With the exception of the Catholic schools we have right of way and the sympathy of a great liberal constituency from Bahia to Manaus. This is the first year we have ever made an effort to get boarding students. With the meager room we had it was a problem to take care of those who came. But now systematic canvass is being made in all our fields. The Jesuits realize the value of this educational center and have just bought property to plant a great school, looking to a Catholic university, in this city. Bands of monks are scouring the interior for students for their schools. The priests are making a heroic struggle to recapture Brazil through their schools. We have an open door into the hearts and homes of a constituency such as no other school in Brazil has. Our guest from Makenzie congratulated us on this recently, and he is not a Baptist. May

our Baptist comrades see the vision also and enable us to execute an educational program worthy of our opportunity.

3. **The North Brazil Seminary.**—It was in 1900 that the Foreign Mission Board first made an appropriation for theological training in North Brazil. If we received the same amount per student today from the Board, our present income from the Board would be trebled. Four times as many students are taken care of in 1917 by an equal income from the Board because of the development of self-support in the student body and the growing coöperation of the churches of all North Brazil.

Through the vicissitudes common to seminary growth this institution has passed to its present high standing in the hearts of its constituency. For these years it has shared the cramped rented quarters of our college. As its boarding department has grown in recent years, the seminary students have used the remodeled barn of the old property, so long rented for school purposes, as their dormitory. But since the purchase of the new property made possible by the Judson Fund, the seminary has entered upon a new day. Already it had furnished the denomination in Brazil the large majority of native pastors who received any seminary training in Brazil. Every seminary-trained pastor in North Brazil is the gift of this institution to the denomination. During 1916 eighteen young men pursued their studies in its walls. One of them is a Congregationalist, the others the future pastors of strategic Baptist churches from Bahia to Amazonas.

The seminary has a faculty of five. The course of study will compare favorably with the usual seminary course, though we have not slavishly followed other seminaries in it. We substitute ecclesiastical Latin and the history of philosophy for Hebrew, because, with the clerical or "free-thinking" elements our preachers will have to deal with, those studies will be of far more value. The faculty and students are rejoicing in the receipt of a splendid nucleus for a reference library in English.

4. **Our Journal, "A Mensagem."**—This newspaper is "The Message" of our mission each week to North Brazil Baptists and their Catholic friends. It has had a remarkable reception. This is due to able editing by Mr. Muirhead and to its evangelistic and instructive value. It is kept simple and interesting. It closed its first year with all its presses and type paid for and a balance in the treasury. January 1, 1917, it became a weekly, and is being received with even more cordial devotion. One interior church visited by Brother White was asked to renew their club of ten subscribers and take ten more. They responded by taking fifty subscriptions, and have since sent in twenty more. The state of Piauhy has 150 Baptists and 300 subscribers to the "Mensagem," among them the first citizens of the state. The ex-Lieut. Governor of the state distributes a club of ten. One church in one of the capital cities of North Brazil has as a subscriber every member of the church, even where two or more are in the same family. One Sunday school class in Bahia has thirty subscriptions. In one city in the Amazon valley it is sold on the streets by a believer. In one of the coast cities where we have not a Baptist fifty copies of it go every week to fifty of the

leading men of the city, all subscribers. They are clamoring for a preacher and will welcome him and his message with wide-open arms. The paper also prints attractive one-page tracts and supplies them at cost to the churches of North Brazil. They take now about 20,000 a month.

The paper is printed by our seminary students, who thus make a large part of their support and learn a useful trade.

5. **The Church Building Loan Fund.**—We began in one of our local fields last year a church building loan association, begun by the subscriptions from the missionaries. This made possible the building of a splendid brick house in an important town. At our annual meeting in Bahia the entire North Brazil Mission adopted and perfected the organization and gave it a better start through the generosity of its members. Already seventy-seven shares have been subscribed, seven loans made, and one house of a newly-organized church is nearing completion. This is an evidence of the widespread interest created among the churches, even in two months. Churches all over North Brazil are taking heart and planning to buy lots this year and begin to build by the end of next. One large church, in the capital of the state of Alagoas, which has waited for years with folded hands for the mission to give them a house, has already bought a splendid lot and will build without the gift of a dollar from the Board. Needless to say, in this new responsibility and enthusiasm there is life for the church.

6. **The Business End of Missions.**—The financial showing is noteworthy. The Bahia school paid all debts and left a balance in the treasury. The Pernambuco school received on its current expenses $14,000, of which $1,500 comes from the Board in the continuation of the rent of the old property, which adjoins the new and is still necessary for school purposes until the rest of the Judson Centennial pledge is paid. The school supported itself and paid nearly $2,500 on repairs and improvements on the new property for which we had no appropriation. When the rest of that fund has provided adequate equipment the college and seminary will be self-supporting. All told, Mr. Muirhead, as business manager, has administered for the Board near $50,000 in these institutions of mission-wide coöperation. It has been done with limitless patience and far-seeing business judgment. The presence of men of keen business instincts in our force is one of the best assets of the Board in North Brazil. It is this consecrated administrative ability which during 1916 has made each dollar do the work of two.

III. THE FIELDS OF THE MISSION.

1. **Bahia.**—Of this field Brother White writes as follows:

"**Personal.**—When 1916 began Mrs. White and I were here alone. The experience was not of the kind to make one over happy, but by the help of the Lord we got along. To be pastor of a small church in a small town at home would look like a mighty tame job to us after these months. About March 1st, Brother F. M. Edwards of Sao Paulo and his wife came to our

help. They were a great help to us in many ways. I would mention two of them especially. They made it possible for me to visit a number of churches in the interior of the state. Second, Edwards took the lead in a movement by which the First church of Bahia paid off the remainder of a large debt on their house of worship. They left us June 1st for their own field in Sao Paulo.

"We were alone again until the return of Dr. J. L. Downing and his wife, August 27th. The doctor proved a great addition to our force, especially in the matter of preaching. He was busy the while, however, in doing work necessary for getting license to practice medicine in Brazil. In December this license was granted him. In our mission meeting the first week in December, Dr. and Mrs. Downing declared that they had been called of God to the work in the city and state of Para. Plans for their transfer were immediately made by the mission, subject to the approval of the Foreign Board. Early in January, 1917, they embarked for Para. May God bless them in their new work in that long-neglected field!

"At the end of November, just at the time of the close of the school, Brother Charles F. Stapp and family returned, after more than a year of absence in Texas, to take over the care of the school. This was certainly a great relief to us. Brother Stapp has entered the work with a great deal of enthusiasm and has high hopes for the future of the school. During 1917 Mrs. White will teach music and Bible in the school.

"The great First church of Bahia has now a splendid young educated Brazilian for pastor. He came to the church November 1st. He has been attending Baylor University for several years.

"**Propaganda.**—One of the basic principles of our propaganda in the North Brazil Mission is that the great work of evangelizing the multitudes must be done by the native Christians, trained and untrained, and that they can best do this from a self-sustaining strong local Baptist church as a center. The whole structure of our work is based on this principle. The native Christians respond admirably to this principle, consequently the year 1916 has witnessed an increased activity in preaching, in personal work and in a larger number of baptisms. The church of Pedrao began the support of its pastor during the year, and at once added three new preaching places. A new congregation here in the city of Bahia undertook the support of a seminary student during his vacation period and at once opened a new preaching place as an expression of their new joy in service. A new spirit is taking hold of the believers in all parts of the field. They are moved by a deep desire to win others to Jesus. Our great privilege as missionaries is to encourage some here, give counsel to some there, or call attention to mistakes of others. We must help them to walk in spiritual things just as the mother teaches her children to walk. They make mistakes, yes, but they are trying.

"Our colporteur is also a good preacher. He gives his whole time to the work of selling Bibles, Testaments, religious tracts, etc., and to preaching. He has had good success. He goes, for

example, into a town and during the day will canvass from house to house, selling books and Bibles. As he goes he invites the folks to hear him preach that night at a certain place. Many will come. He will note mentally which of them came and then visit them again the following day. In this way he leads many people to accept Jesus.

"Self-Support.—The key-word of all our work during 1916 among the churches was: 'Self-support.' We have thought 'self-support.' We have prayed 'self-support.' We have talked 'self-support.' We have preached 'self-support,' and we are glad to say that the churches are in a very large way beginning to practice 'self-support.' It is one thing to think of this principle in the abstract and theorize about it and say it ought to be done, and that a man who does not believe in it is not a Baptist. It is another thing to put this principle into practice among an ignorant, superstitious group of believers."

Self-support is the policy of the entire North Brazil Mission, and we fully expect that in a very few years we will require from the Foreign Board only missionaries' salaries, rents and traveling expenses. Our aims may be too high, but, looking over Bahia, I do not believe it is. This entire field is becoming saturated with a new spirit of work and progress. For this we praise the Lord and take new courage.

Signs of Promise.—The signs of promise in the Bahia field are many. I will name here four. First, a bright sign is our hope resting in the large number of fine young Brazilians who are prepared and being prepared for the ministry. In this field at present, we have four pastors who were trained in Pernambuco. From Rio there is one who will be with us a few months. Studying in Pernambuco there are seven fine fellows, and in Rio five, in all twelve, from the state of Bahia. Second, is the great open door we now have to preach to the people. We can get a crowd anywhere. The people are clamoring for the gospel of light and love. Third, is the wonderful desire of the believers to work for Jesus. This is not a local state of affairs in one single church or another, but seems to be a wide-spread movement in all parts. They are catching the spirit of personal service. Fourth, is the compact organization of the North Brazil Mission. Avoiding hard feelings, cultivating frankness, working on the same plans, each in his own individual way, but by a common policy. Not least among the signs of promise is this one—the splendid love and coöperation among the missionaries.

Difficulties.—Don't think, brethren, that there are no difficulties here. There are very many. So many that at times we become inclined to be blue and discouraged. The traveling here is very unsatisfactory. It takes so long to go anywhere at all. Not that it is such a hardship to us personally, but that so much precious time is lost on the road. Another difficulty is the intense ignorance of so many of the believers. I know a church where only three can read or write. There are over fifty members there. How we do need schools out among the churches to teach "readin' and ritin' and 'rithmetic", not only to the children but to the fathers and mothers. Then, too, Satan gives us lots of

trouble. There are various sects at work in the field. "Holy Rollers", "Darbyists", "Independent Baptists", and so on; all working among the believers, instead of seeking the unsaved. The devil gives trouble, too, inside our own ranks. But then all that is a part of the fight. They call the European war the "Great War", but it strikes me that the greater war is on between Jesus and the devil and the battleground is in the lives and hearts of those who seek to desert the devil for Christ.

2. **The Pernambuco Field.**—The year's work in this field has been one whose fruits will be manifest during the coming years. In striking contrast with the Bahia field we have not progressed, but rather lost in our interior work. During the year Mr. Muirhead was, until the return of Brother Hamilton under practically the entire administrative burden of the varied work and was unable to be absent to give personal attention to the interior work. It necessitates a month's absence to visit several of our fields. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Taylor were also prisoners in Pernambuco, because of their study of the language and kindred responsibilities. So for sheer lack of attention our interior work has stood still and awaited the salvation of the Lord.

Our progress this year has been in the four capital cities of our field and their environs. There we have done telling work. In 1916 these strategic centers have been harmoniously manned with strong pastors. Important readjustment of all our working force has taken place in these centers of population and power. They will form each the base for the evangelization of the state of which it is the social, political and commercial center. Strengthening our work there, we expect also to do justice to our interior work in 1917. In Pernambuco there is one pastor who lives in the interior of the state: in Parahyba none; in Sergipe none; in Alagoas, one unordained preacher. Nineteen sixteen has been in the Pernambuco field distinctly a year of preparation. The enemy is strongly entrenched in our borders, but we are now ready for our "drive" against age-old wrong in thinking and life.

Two churches which last year had a name to live are now recognized by all concerned as dead. As Dr. Gambrell says, it is a happy thing that Baptist churches can disappear when they die. That is one of the blessings of democracy.

We have three new vigorous churches. One is in the flourishing factory town of Paulista, where until recently it was a local proverb that no Protestant would ever pass the night alive in that town. Our church there was born tithing and is growing in spiritual stature. They have bought a splendid house, centrally located.

In the capital of Alagoas, the city of Maceio, growing harmony is near and the work bids fair to take on new life.

3. **The Upper and Lower Amazon Fields.**—Brother Nelson is overjoyed at the coming of two families into his vast field to assist him. He hopes now to push on even into Peru with the gospel. The Manaus church has a promising school started and has a very bright girl in the Pernambuco school preparing herself for the work of teaching in the school in her home church. She will be a strong reinforcement of that strong church. I

suppose no church in Brazil of any denomination has so reached the upper classes of its territory as has the Manaus church. And these years they have waited and worked without a pastor.

The division in the Amazon valley will follow natural lines, rather than state boundaries. Thus Brother Nelson directs the work not only in the state of Amazonas but in much of Para. The Amazon is so vast a stream that one line of boats touches the ports on the north side for quite a way up the stream, but those on the south side depend on a separate line of steamers which run up one or the other of the great tributaries of the Amazon, the Tocantins and the Xingu. For these river reasons, if Dr. Downing desired to make a trip up the coast on the south side of the river and to visit Santarem also, he would have to touch his ports on the south side up to the river Xingu and then return to where he could transfer to a steamer of another line in order to go on to Santarem. So Brother Nelson can more conveniently direct the work beyond this tributary of the Amazon and will do so.

4. The Piauhy Field.—The Pauline type of pioneer is rare. Such a man not only evangelizes but builds for the future. As Paul, he plants churches, then returns to confirm them, then comes again to organize them and keeps in touch with them by correspondence. Like Paul, he teaches them to bear their own burdens from the start, rather than depend on enervating help from foreign money. Such churches anywhere and in any age will demonstrate the same vigor Paul's churches showed. This fact is in the process of demonstration in the great state of Piauhy. There, as fast as the travel seasons will permit, Brother Terry is opening up and developing the work of this promising interior field. He himself thus tells the story:

"The Piauhy field was first opened from the south when workers from the state of Bahia entered Corrente in the extreme south and organized a church. Since that time this church has grown, in spite of the fact that it has never received more than one visit a year from its pastor, and often more than two years have passed without a preacher visiting the flock. Nevertheless, the members of the church continue to carry on their regular services, awaiting the time when they can have a pastor to come and develop their work.

The next step was taken when Brother Nelson entered the field from the northern coast, going up the river Parnahyba more than 500 miles to visit some persons who were interested and were begging for the light. He baptized the first converts in that section of the state and opened the way for the entering of the gospel later.

"The first missionaries for that field were sent out from the United States in July, 1912. The first year was spent in Pernambuco and Bahia, studying the language. In August, 1913, in company with Brother Nelson of the Amazon valley, they reached Therezina, the capital of the state. Work was opened immediately. In Therezina at that time we found only one Baptist, and he had recently moved there, having heard that we were expected. The only other Protestants in the place were a few Presbyterians, who were not having services.

"In 1916 we traveled about 700 miles on horseback and nearly 1,000 miles on the river boats. This does not include the traveling on the coast steamers when we left our own territory to attend the mission meetings. We refer to these figures simply to show the difficulties we have in visiting our field, because there are no railroads in the state. The state is over 900 miles long and at its widest point is over 300 miles wide. In spite of the distance covered we have never entered a place where we were not invited, but, on the other hand, we have many invitations to places that we have never been able to accept.

"In January, 1916, our first trained helper began his work. This is a noble young preacher trained in our Pernambuco seminary. He has shown himself not only efficient but thoroughly consecrated to the Master's work. During the year which has just closed he rendered valuable service not only in Therezina, but in Parnahyba, the coast city of the state, where he held a debate with a young priest. The result of this discussion was that the entire city, especially the educated class, was opened to our work, and a great many men plead with Coriolano Duclerc, the young preacher, as well as with us, that we should leave him in Parnahyba to open the work and organize a Baptist church. The leading men of the place insisted that if we could do so that in a few months the priests there would be powerless. There are so many other places, however, and the workers are so few that we could not grant their request. He is visiting the place, however, trying to hold his influence with those who are interested until the day arrives when we can do what we have in our hearts to do.

At present we have in Piauhy five organized Baptist churches, with a total membership of baptized believers of about 150. Then we have six places where we have believers or those who are ready to be baptized and have the church organized as soon as we can get to them. The trouble that we have in Piauhy is not in opening the work or in evangelizing the people, but in getting the natives who are well enough trained to be pastors of the churches after they are organized. Have just received a letter from Rev. Coriolano Duclerc telling me of the result of a trip of his into the southern part of the state. He speaks of three places which are ready for a pastor, and where in a very short time the members could support their own pastor if they could only get one.

"Another hopeful feature of our work in Piauhy is the class of people that the gospel is reaching. Especially in the interior our messages are being received by the better classes, by the educated classes, and when the priests try to persecute us, it is this better element that comes to our assistance and sees that we get the protection of the law of the land. Even the governor of the state, while not a Protestant, is above all things a hater of the priests, and offers his help to us in any part of the state where persecution may show itself.

"Our work has one disadvantage which is at the same time an advantage. Our members are badly scattered. We have over fifty persons now who are wanting to receive baptism, but they are scattered all over the interior. Yet wherever they go, they scatter the gospel and open other doors for the preacher to enter with the message of life.

"One great need which we all feel in this work in the interior is the lack of educational facilities for the children of our members. In the far interior there is no way possible for the fathers to educate their children except at great expense and sending the children a long distance from home. We have not yet learned to put enough emphasis upon this branch of missionary work.

"Our hopes for the future are bright. God has richly blessed, even beyond our hopes when we entered this new field. Our North Brazil Mission is hoping to have a family soon in Maranhoa, and this will enable us to work more into the interior, leaving the northern coast for them. This will give us an opportunity to do more intensive work in the far interior, extending our work down to the San Francisco River valley. God is richly blessing us and revealing to us more and more the great need of workers in the interior which has been too much neglected in this vast country. What we need most of all is the prayers of God's people in our behalf, especially that we may soon have young men prepared for the ministry to enter this work and develop it and organize it for the conquest of what remains of this rich but sinful country."

SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION.

By F. M. Edwards.

The year 1916 has been a year filled with many wonderful blessings from the Lord. We praise his name, take courage and press forward to greater and higher things.

The writer feels that the greatest blessing we received during the year was the purchase of the splendid property for the Carroll Publishing House, thus putting our publishing house on a firm basis and equipping it to do a greater and more far-reaching service to the Baptist cause in all Brazil. No less a blessing is the erection of our new building for the college and seminary in Rio de Janeiro, thus putting the college and seminary on a permanent basis and in a condition to better serve the people who seek instruction in its halls. Southern Baptists will never know how much the Brazilian Baptists appreciate these two splendid gifts. And eternity alone will reveal the good they will do for the establishing of the kingdom of Christ. As one contemplates it all he feels like singing a song of triumph as the hosts come marching in.

The South Brazil Mission comprises a vast territory, extending along the Atlantic coast from the southern border of the state of Bahia to the extreme south of Rio Grande do Sul, a distance of 1,500 miles and covering more than two million square miles, with a population of more than twelve million people. The majority of the people are ignorant and idolatrous. We have seventeen male missionaries ,their wives, two single women and a mere handful of native pastors to lead people to Christ and train them for service. It staggers one to think of the tremendous task and responsibility. What are we amongst so many? Let us take a survey of all the field, beginning with the one to the far south.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

A. L. Dunstan of Porto Alegre writes: "We are persuaded that there is no section of Brazil confronted with greater difficulties than the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Almost every nationality on the face of the globe is represented here; and the Brazilians have absorbed the characteristics of the various nations to such an extent that almost every individual stands as a unique character. The grace of God, however, makes them all subjects of the same kingdom; and little by little they discard their national characteristics and become loyal subjects of the King of kings.

"**Porto Alegre.**—The church in the capital has just closed her most prosperous year. On December 31, 1915, she liquidated her indebtedness on the house of worship; and during 1916, calcimined it anew and furnished it with a more ample seating capacity. They have built a neat little chapel on the southeast side of the city, but still have a small debt which will be liquidated during the next three months. We believe the time is not far hence that another church can be organized at that station. The contributions for the year have not been quite so large as those of 1915, but very little below. We have on roll only 81 members, and their offerings have aggregated nearly 4,000 mil-reis, about $1,000. Twenty-seven candidates were baptized and a few restored to fellowship.

"We have a little day school, and hope to do more along this line than we have done heretofore.

"**Invernadas.**—The second church on our list is that located at Invernadas, in the municipality of Ijuhy. This church grew more rapidly than any other of this field. The Lord has been with the brethren of that church. Brother Orestes Andrade, the pastor, has given ten thousand mil reis to build a house of worship, and they are now worshiping the Lord in it. Their contributions have been very good, considering the poverty of the people.

"**Linha 11.**—The brethren of this community have had the hardest struggle of any in this field. The church has grown very slowly, but we are glad to say that she is not on the decline. Several have been baptized this year, and we hope to build a little chapel before the close of 1917. She began with a few Lettish brethren, but is almost entirely Brazilian now. Brother Orestes Andrade is the pastor.

"**Linha 21.**—This church is a daughter of that of Invernadas. Was organized in 1913, and has become the mother of three other churches. The daughters have multiplied rapidly, while the mother is left to live almost alone. The membership has been reduced to about fifteen. The few baptized into her fellowship helped to constitute the new churches, her offspring. This church has a little chapel, built during the year.

"**Rio Palmeira.**—This, the eldest daughter of Linha 21, is one of the best churches of our field. She has increased in number very little, but her spiritual life is a real inspiration to the missionary. The brethren are very humble and poor, but furnish

heavenly light to those who surround them. They are building a chapel and we think it will be finished in about three months.

"Alto Uruguay.—The second offspring of Linha 21, is situated on the Uruguay River, but far above the Uruguay boundary. On the opposite side of the river is the Argentine republic. They have no resident pastor, but an unordained native is looking after their spiritual interests. The pastor visits them once in three months. The distance makes it very difficult for the pastor, for it takes three days on horse-back to make the trip. There is more poverty in this section of the country than in any other section we have visited; but out of that poverty God has chosen for himself a people and made them rich in his grace. During 1915, the year in which the church was organized, the brethren built a chapel; and though unfinished yet, they have been worshiping in it all the year. In spite of the difficulties, a reasonable number have been baptized, and the outlook is encouraging. One of our native pastors is getting ready to fix his residence there.

"Linha 25.—The last church organized is that of Linha 25; and is the youngest daughter of Linha 21. She was organized during 1916 and promises to be one of the best in the field. A large and beautiful lot has been given as a building site, and the faithful brethren are in dead earnest erecting a chapel. In about three months we hope to dedicate it. Not more than one or two have been added to the church so far by baptism, but the congregations are good, and we look forward to an in-gathering in the future.

"Now, a few remarks in conclusion. One would naturally think that this is the wealthiest section of Brazil; and, viewed from a political standpoint, it is. However, the people with whom we work are the most poverty-stricken people we have visited in the republic. The advantages we have here over the people of the north lie in the fact that here they seem to be a more industrious people, and the foreign population has made building of houses a much easier task than in the north. We have good timbers here, and a limited amount of modern machinery to get it in building shape; therefore, building can be done with less expense than in any other part of Brazil. Then, again, we build our houses to suit the people who use them. A very poor, barefooted people would be uncomfortable in a luxuriously built house of worship, so our chapels are modest but serve the purpose to the satisfaction of all who attend our worship."

THE PARANA FIELD.

Passing over the state of Santa Catharina, where we have five or six churches, with five or six hundred members, without any missionary, we come to the Parana field, concerning which R. E. Pettigrew, the missionary in charge, writes:

"The year 1916 has been one of holding on and hoping for a better turn of affairs. The industries of the state have been gradually reviving, and thus the financial situation of our native brethren has improved somewhat, except those who live in the

port cities. With them it has been a year of real suffering, and therefore they have not been able to help materially with the work of evangelization.

"In the rest of the field the work has moved on and in some parts it has moved on well. One drawback was the sickness of the native pastor. He is now moving, so that he will be nearer his work. This move is probably fraught with difficulty, as he goes to the sickly part of the state, and the move also takes his family away from the good schools. But as his salary would not allow him to live in the city he had to go to the country. He will establish a small school in one of the churches, to be taught by one of his children, and we hope good will come of his efforts. We need schools in connection with all our churches. There is not a school in reach of any of our churches that are situated in the country districts. Thus we are not in a position to advance as rapidly as we should with all our young people in the country churches going to waste, in one sense of the word, at least. They are freer from the cities' contamination and are our most hopeful element, if we could save and develop them.

"We greatly need and ardently wish for a couple who feel called to do school work, to come to this field and establish a good school. One could multiply his life many times this way. Also I am wishing very much to have a helper in this field, a missionary colleague, so that we could go on in the work of opening this state. But as it is we will continue to do the best we can with the forces we have."

SAO PAULO FIELD.

Following the orders of march along the coast, we come next to the vast and progressive state of Sao Paulo, with its more than two hundred and fifty thousand square miles of territory; its three millions of people, and it great wealth.

In the city of Sao Paulo we have three small churches. Each one is in a strategic part of the city. But what are three small churches of three hundred members in a city of nearly a half million people?

These churches have made very good progress during the year. The First church baptized nineteen candidates, and the Liberdade church baptized eighteen; the Braz baptized eleven. The First church has bought a splendid lot and under the untiring efforts of Brother Deter, the pastor, and the kindness of the Foreign Mission Board they will soon be in their new house of worship, which will be a credit to the Baptist cause in this city. The Liberdade church has her lot also and hopes to get its building up before the end of 1917, and all without any cost whatever to Southern Baptists, except the salary of the missionary and some help on the present hall rent. This church is one of the most liberal we have, leading all of the Brazilian churches last year in contributions to home missions. It is wide awake to every interest of the Master's kingdom. The Braz church has had to struggle against many difficulties, has excluded quite a number of her members, but is coming out purified and ready for work.

Alto da Serra.—This small, weak church has made no progress during the year, though it was able to maintain a good Sunday school, under the untiring efforts of Miss Voorhies.

Santos.—The church in Santos has made, perhaps, the greatest progress of any of our churches. Brother T. C. Bagby has had charge of this church. The church reports thirty-three baptisms during the year, and has been very liberal in her contributions to missions, education, etc. They are a heroic band, and the church bids fair to be one of our really strong churches. It seems a pity that Bagby has to give so much of his time to other things in order to support himself and family, but even then he preaches five or six times a week. He has built up the congregation from a mere handful to some 150 to 200 people. They have a flourishing Sunday school, ladies' society, a children's society, and a day school.

Guaruja.—The church in Guaruja is also under the pastoral care of T. C. Bagby, helped by an unordained native brother. They have been quite active, reported several baptisms, maintained a Sunday school and ladies' society, as well as a little day school.

Mogy das Cruzes.—The church in Mogy das Cruzes has been looked after by one of our native pastors. He has been faithful to his work. The baptisms were not as many as in some other years, but they have remodeled their church building and now have a beautiful little church home. This church has a good active Sunday school and ladies society.

Bom Jesus.—This church reports three baptisms during the year. They have a small meeting house, built and given to the denomination by a Spanish brother. It maintains a preaching station in Sao Jose dos Campos, where we had a small Lettish church organized, but where little has been done. We really ought to have a live man for this city of four or five thousand people.

Jundiahy.—Going out another direction from Sao Paulo, after an hour's ride, one comes to the beautiful little city of Jundiahy, where we have another prosperous church located. This church owns its building, a beautiful house of worship and a credit to the Baptist cause. I say they own the building—they will when it is all paid for. They still owe a little over a thousand dollars, but they are making a heroic effort to pay out and in time will. Perhaps this church has suffered more on account of the world crisis than any other one of our churches on account of the city's being a manufacturing town and most of our people being out of employment all or a part of the time. But the church, under the wise leadership of Brother Deter, has made some progress.

Campinas.—The church in Campinas has been under the direction of Brother R. J. Inke, a Lettish pastor, who has spent a number of years in the states, preparing himself for his life's work. He has had to struggle against the difficulties of the language, but the Lord was with him and blessed his efforts. During the year there were thirteen baptisms, and the church has been liberal in her contributions to the general work. Our church there, however, is a weak church yet and has to struggle

against idolatry, indifference and persecution. But notwithstanding it all, the church is a brave little band and is making progress. They have nearly a thousand dollars toward a church building.

Nova Odessa.—This church also has been looked after by Brother Inke. It is composed almost altogether of Lettish brethren, is one of our strongest churches and reports a splendid increase in its membership during the year. Unfortunately, the pastor is leaving them to take up work as a teacher in the Baptist college in Rio and none of the missionaries or native pastors can take up the work because of the language. But we know that the church will continue the work and coöperate with all of our work. Many of them bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

In the far interior we have three small churches, Viradouro, Tres Corregos and Nova Sueccia. These churches all report progress. They occupy a field all to themselves, are not bothered by other denominations and are almost in a condition to support a pastor. One of them, Viradouro, has a building on way of construction which will be finished early in the new year. We hope soon to locate a man on that field.

Braganca.—This church, located in a town of four or five thousand inhabitants, has made little progress during the year. They have had a man on the field all of the time as pastor, but it is a question in our minds as to whether it would not be wiser to move him to another field and make some other arrangements for the Braganca field. In fact, we would like to locate a man in Jundiahy and let him look after the two churches. He would have all he could do.

Observations.—1. We had during the year, in round numbers, 165 baptisms and 88 exclusions. Because of so many exclusions, etc., we do not report any increase in the membership of our churches during the year. This is a sad condition to all of our hearts and still it may be a sign of progress, because there is as great a need for church discipline on the mission field as there is at home.

2. Our field has three church buildings already and two more under construction and one other to begin soon. If nothing happens we will dedicate three new buildings during 1917. This seems to be a move in the right direction, for just as soon as our churches have their own homes and get free from the enormous rents we have to pay, they can soon become self-supporting.

3. Six pastors have been working under the title of native pastors. In all of our work here in this state we try to put all of the responsibility we possibly can on the native brethren, so much so that the officers of our State Convention and State Board, with the exception of one, are native brethren, and all funds for evangelization are put into their hands. In other words, we, the missionaries, try to be the helpers to the native brethren and not they our helpers.

4. **Missionary Personals.**—We were all saddened with the going of Dr. L. W. Langston on account of his health. He had won the hearts of all of the brethren and they dearly love him.

He was getting ready for a tremendous work. Brother Deter has given his time to the work of the First church and Jundiahy together with the work of the Home Mission Board, and he has had his hands full. Dr. Bagby, the first half of the year, was pastor of the Liberdade church and helped with the work of the college. The writer, F. M. Edwards, returned from the states in June and has been pastor of the Liberdade church since that time and held several evangelistic meetings. In November, Dr. J. J. Taylor and family returned to this field, and we feel that their coming was a blessing and will be to all of our work. Miss Voorhies left our field toward the end of the year. She has been an invaluable worker in the Baptist college, and did a splendid work in building up the curriculum of the school. Mrs. Bagby continues as the directress of the college, and is doing a splendid work.

5. We ask the brethren to remember us at the throne of grace. We have tremendous problems before us and are busy formulating a five-year program for our work. So do not forget to pray for us. Every missionary, both male and female, is working up to the very limit of his strength. We appreciate the warm words of sympathy and coöperation of our brothers in the homeland.

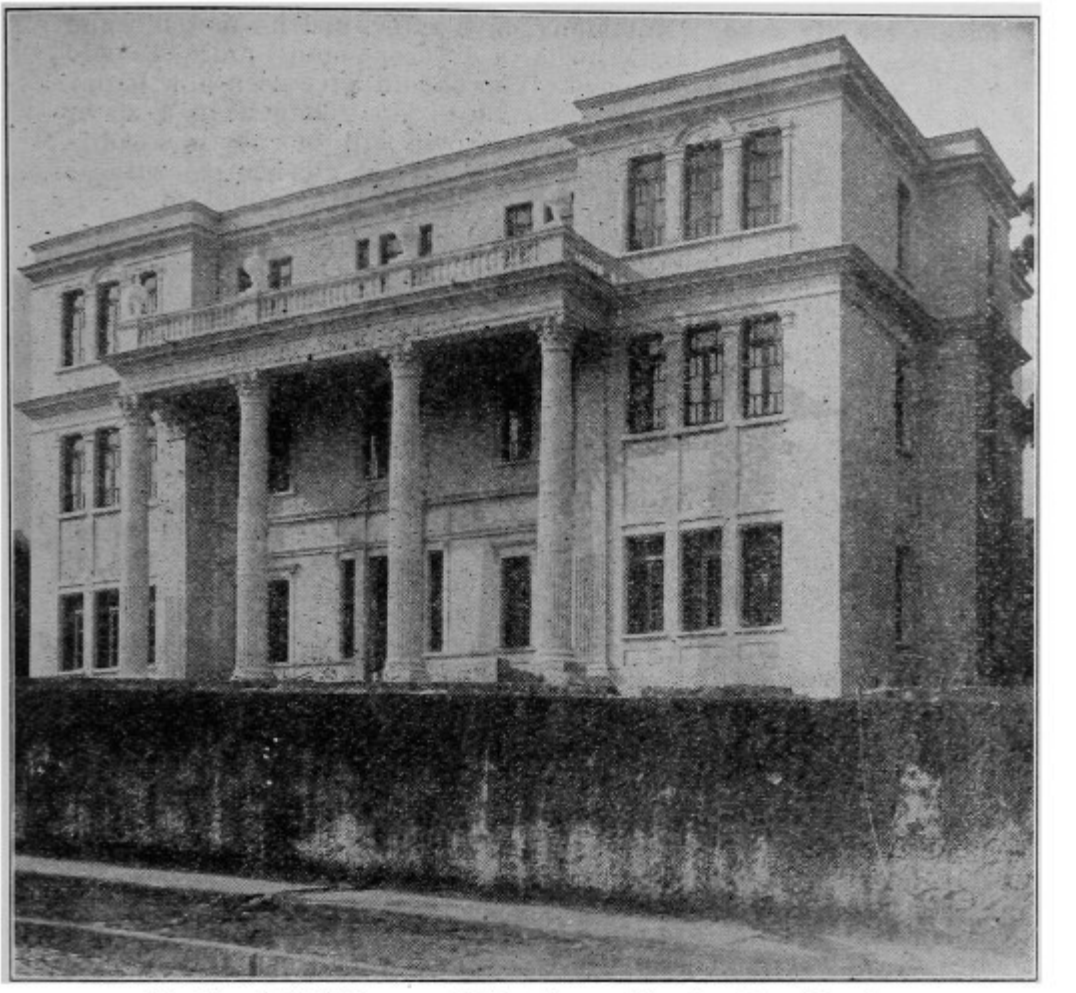
THE RIO DE JANEIRO FIELD.

There are many varied phases of our work in Rio de Janerio. There we have located two of our great general institutions—the Carroll Memorial Publishing House and the Rio Baptist College and Seminary. Since these are general institutions, we insert here the statement made by Rev. O. P. Maddox about evangelistic work in the Rio field, and will place at the end of this report reports of the Carroll Memorial Publishing House and the Rio College and Seminary.

"**Evangelization in the Rio Field.**—While the European war lasts, business and employment become more and more difficult in Brazil. Hundreds and hundreds of Baptists have no work. Notwithstanding this financial strain, the churches rounded out the year with a little larger contribution than the year before.

"Not all the Baptists in this field are contributing as freely as they should, yet hundreds really know how to worship and serve the Lord with their substance. Many of the poor and the well-to-do are tithers. Our wealthiest Baptist in this field gives the tenth, and is being wonderfully blessed of the Lord in his spiritual life and usefulness. As is always the case, the most spiritual and useful among us are those who tithe their substance for the Lord. May the day be hastened when all Baptists shall worship the Lord with the tenth of their incomes!

"Two churches have been organized and 312 souls have been brought to Jesus through repentance and faith. While we rejoice with these happy converts in their new light and life, this number is by no means what we expected. Among almost one million and a half of lost men and women in this field 312 is by far too few to be brought to Jesus in twelve months. Let the reader help us in prayer that many times this number may come to Christ this year.



Rio Baptist College and Seminary, Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

"We recall a very interesting conversion that came under our observation last year. A woman, for fifteen years or more, had been working and praying for the conversion of her family. She had labored all these years with nothing to encourage her except her persistent faith in the Lord and his promises.

"Her whole family had met every effort of hers with hostility and ridicule. However, her prayers, faith and almost spotless life finally broke through the enemy's ranks, and her brother, already an old man, was taken for the Lord. He suddenly became wonderfully interested in the gospel, attending church and trying to read his Bible at home. He asked me one night after preaching what he ought to do with his family, who persecute him and will not allow him even to read his Bible at home. He said he had tried Spiritualism and the Catholic religion, but had found no satisfaction in them, but confusion continually. I said, 'As to the persecution by your family, you need not bother about that, but right here and now give your heart to the Lord and he will show you far better than I can tell you how to suffer perse-

cution for his sake.' Not many days afterward he met me and embraced me, and said, 'Oh, what a different man I am!' I could see in his face he was changed. You should have seen how happy his sister was the night he was baptized! They have a sister coming to church almost against her own will, but she is steadily dying hard to her old Catholic faith. It is glorious to witness the effect of the gospel—the power of God unto salvation.

"I had occasion to observe a few months ago the work of a young man that was truly delightful to me and I am sure was pleasing to the Lord. A few years ago he came to the city of Rio. Here he learned of the gospel, and accepted Jesus. He married a Christian girl and they went back to his home in the interior and began telling his people and neighbors of the Saviour. I went out to baptize some of those he had led to the Lord. Nine made a profession of faith and were baptized. Among them were his dear mother and some brothers. Everyone of the nine said, 'It was Mario who first told us of Jesus and showed us how to accept him as our Saviour.' His mother said that when her son came back from the city he brought his head full of strange ideas and that at first she would not listen to him, but was finally led to accept Jesus by the teaching and life of her son.

"I want to say in closing that for the year 1917 there are bright prospects for a better organized and more effective work in this field. We must take this field for the Lord, and we feel sure that many who read this will earnestly pray for this work."

THE CAMPOS FIELD.

Brother A. B. Christie reports on the Campos field: "'Come over into Macedonia and help us,' has been our plea for several years. Human help has come, and we believe sent of God. Brother John Mein and family came to the Campos field in July of last year. Although he has been in Brazil a little over two years, his success as business manager of the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janerio, his spiritual conception of God's Word, his practical methods and the readiness with which he has gained a hearing among the natives are indicative of his usefulness among us. Miss Genevieve Voorhies, with several years of experience and fruitful labors, joins us at this time to share the burdens of the work. She, with Mr. and Mrs. Mein, will take up the direction of the Campos school and evangelistic work in Campos.

"A Fruitful Year.—Because of the press of ingathering, little has been done to extend the work of the field during the past year. In 1911 plans were made looking forward to the realization of certain results by 1916. These plans looked forward to the establishing of self-support in all our churches; to a large increase in the number of churches and native workers; to a new missionary force and to the possession of property for our Campos school. We have realized more or less our hopes, as manifested in the plans of five years ago. We closed the year 1916 with 33 churches, of which 31 are self-supporting. They

possess 25 houses of worship. Although five churches have not sent in their annual report, we can see that the year has been a fruitful one. Of the 33 churches, 28 report 613 baptisms and a membership of 3,722 with 44 Sunday schools, 25 ladies' aid societies, seven day schools, 181 out-stations and one high school or college. The churches contributed for all purposes 53,000 milreis; the Campos school had an increase of 37,285 milreis, making 90,285 milreis contributed by native work. In this amount, the yearly appropriation of the Foreign Mission Board does not figure, since it is very small in comparison with the amount contributed by the natives.

"**New Churches.**—During the year of 1916 seven churches were organized. Four of these came out from churches in the mission. Three were the result of the work done by a revolting church several years ago. It withdrew from the regular work and after establishing itself in several places disappeared. Three congregations asked to be received by the association at its meeting in Macahe, in April, 1916. They were reorganized with 203 members and now are a part of the regular work. Four of the seven churches had their houses of worship at the time of organization and all seven are self-supporting.

"**Self-Support.**—It has been and is the policy of the Campos field to observe five principles in its work: Evangelization, organization, self-support, independence and coöperation. Evangelization, by necessity, begins with the missionary and is maintained with foreign money. Its success depends on the cooperation of the native and thus he becomes the helper of the missionary. Organization is the process of shifting the responsibility for the extension of the kingdom directly upon the evangelized. Self-support is the actual assuming of that responsibility on the part of the churches but in doing so it may continue to be the actual or considered helper of the missionary. Independence is the realization of self, and in the church it is done through self-support, self-government and self-initiativeness. It is the process by which the native ceases to be a missionary helper and coöperation on the part of the missionary is the process by which we become the helpers of the native workers. We have realized all more or less in our field except the real independence of the churches. Our State Board has been organized on the same basis and we are trying to work out its independence, so that the direction of all work may be done by natives.

"**The Future.**—Our ideal for the next few years is to extend our evangelization to every nook and corner of the field, to put every church organized on self-support, to make our State Board really independent, but a coöperative independence. We have a small debt on our school property in Campos. We hope to pay this debt in a short while. Last year 140 students were matriculated and the income from them and the churches for the school was 47,000 milreis, which would have put the school on a self-supporting basis if there had been no debt on the property. Brother Mein has taken hold of this work with vigor, and we are organizing it so the school in Campos shall become the center of an educational system that will put a day school in every church in the field. In our reaping of fruit and for the lack

of a missionary force, the work of education has been neglected in the churches. The schools cannot become self-supporting at once, but to make them so is our aim. We are organizing our Board with a building loan fund, which will give every church the means of possessing buildings for religious and educational purposes, as well as a hospital in some central location on the field. As the Lord has given us in the past, we trust him for the realization of our hopes in the future."

VICTORIA FIELD.

L. M. Reno writes concerning the Victoria field: "We left the field on October 31st, and up to that time we had been so busy that only an impression of vast planning, rapid advance and satisfactory progress can be remembered.

"Helpers.—We must testify once again to the loyalty and activity of our helpers: Pastors, evangelists and secretaries. The work of the pastors and evangelists has been carried on as usual. That of the office has been done by the office secretary, while the greater part of the traveling has been done by the traveling evangelist. He has spent three weeks of each month on the road, and one week with us in the office, reporting the past trip and getting directions for that coming. The educational helper has spent most of his efforts in the city. We were able to obtain less than half his time, as he was occupied, and paid, by a private school in the city. The missionary's time has been taken in directing and leading.

"Schools.—Our school work consists of the school in Victoria and about twenty smaller schools affiliated with it and scattered through the interior. It is organized and conducted with one direction and one graded course. During the year several new schools have been opened, and we are beginning to use some of the teachers that we have been preparing in the last two years. Some new teachers have been found. In the preparation of these teachers we held an institute for ten days for the study of practical methods.

"In the Victoria school we have maintained the day department with about 75 pupils, a night school with about 90 pupils, special classes and lessons with about 80, and the boarding department with nine girls and three boys. The latter has been less satisfactory because of a lack of help and funds. The largest future advance should be in this direction.

"Three interior schools in important centers were opened in the same basis as the Victoria school with day, night and special departments employing competent, well-prepared teachers.

"Correspondents.—We have continued to direct the interior work in about fifty centers through our correspondents by means of circular and personal letters. A multigraph, left us by Brother Jackson, has been of untold help. We have through these correspondents been kept in close touch with the sixteen churches, thirty-four congregations, forty-eight Sunday schools, forty-five B. Y. P. Unions, thirty-one women's societies, and eighteen Sunbeam societies. One element of great success in this work was

a series of six institutes so distributed as to touch the entire field where for a few days we studied practical methods in the above work with the leaders of each place.

"**Buildings.**—The building of houses of worship has been animated during the year. Nearly every place that has not already a home is either building or buying ground. Several have been completed during the year.

"**City**—In the city one great drawback has been met. Our church home and school, though very good and most convenient, is not large enough. Yet we have used every available foot of ground that we have. Aside from the audience room we have three large and three small school rooms, but these are occupied six days and six nights of the week and still we have not the room needed for the expansion of the Boy Scout and the Y. M. C. A. work, nor to begin the Y. W. C. A. work which is much needed.

"The city B. Y. P. U. is carried on in three sections, and is doing finely, the Sunday school meets in five sections and has been a great pleasure. Five preaching places have been maintained. A very profitable work was carried on in the state penitentiary, but they write me the priests have complicated matters there in the end of the year.

"**Public Favor.**—The success of the work is shown by the favor given us by the public in general. The time has passed when a Baptist is despised as he was some years ago in the state of Espirito Santo. We are defended by the best and most intelligent people in all the state. Especially in the city are we respected and considered. This has a great reflex action on the work and helps us greatly.

"We have no words to express the gratitude that we have for the success of the work and for the many blessings that we have enjoyed. We look anxiously to the time when we may be in our places and seeing the kingdom of God coming among men."

MINAS FIELD.

D. F. Crosland reports for the Minas field: "During the year 1916 the Minas field passed through many trials:

"1. The financial crisis, the worst Brazil has had, put churches, preachers and laymen to a severe test. The price of food, clothing, rent, taxes and other things became so dear that many were forced to abandon cities, towns and villages to move out in the country, where they could stand more easily the terrible financial strain. Those who remained in city or town were obliged to subject themselves to a great many hardships. Remembering this financial strain, it ought not to be surprising that two of our churches fell behind 1915 in their contributions.

"2. We were obliged to cut down the working force, which retarded no little the progress of the work. The cutting down of the number of workers was brought about by the lack of funds from churches and from the Board.

"3. There was nothing we could do under the circumstances except to cut down also the number of preaching stations. We

have had to abandon a territory as large as Georgia, with twelve preaching stations. In this zone, scattered here and there, are not less than one hundred people deeply interested who are begging for someone to come to them to preach and explain to them the gospel. Some are ready for baptism.

"4. In addition to the above named difficulties there are matters which hindered the progress of the work. After nine months of very hard and constant work, I was taken sick, and as a consequence, had to hold up for a few months. At this writing (6th of January), I am much improved in health. But to be perfectly frank, I cannot do the work I have been doing. If I undertake it, I shall break down. At the present I am taking charge personally of a territory of some sixty square miles, in which we have three churches and several large, promising out-stations. I have not undertaken to do more than this.

"Notwithstanding the trials through which we have passed and in spite of tremendous obstacles, we have made some progress. One new church was organized January 31, 1916.

"Several young men have decided to enter the ministry. In one church we have some six who have decided to give their lives to the work of the ministry. Some of these young men are bright and have natural gifts.

"There was an increase in Sunday schools and Sunday school attendance.

"There was an increase of ninety-five members, the large majority being by baptism.

"The sum total of the contributions for the whole field was larger than that of the year 1915. While two churches fell behind with their gifts, one went far ahead of what it did in 1915, in spite of the financial crisis. I refer to the church at Bello Horizonte, the capital of the state, under the pastoral care of Brother H. E. Cockell, one of the most consecrated preachers we have in Brazil. The church organized on January 31, 1915; also did remarkably well in contributing to the support of the work. There are several out-stations asking to be organized into churches.

"When we take into consideration the discouragements and difficulties in the way, the field has made good, substantial progress. It is marvelous how much work was done by so few workers."

THE BRAZILIAN BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE. J. S. CARROLL MEMORIAL.

Solomon L. Ginsburg, Business Manager.

When suddenly called upon to assume the administration of this great enterprise at a moment of great crisis, our heart failed within us and we trembled and feared, not knowing what to do. There on one hand was the great world crisis raising the prices of every necessary article of life and of all working material. Then, also, there was the increased expense of the business management due to the acquisition of more expensive machinery.

Then, again, there was the monthly pay roll of about $1,000 to be provided for, while the subscription list and back accounts decreased on account of the difficult times. But blessed be His Name! He has certainly gone before us and opened up ways and means, hearts and pocketbooks, and enabled us to finish this year in a most marvelous way.

Financial Statement.—We cannot do better than give a gist of our balance sheet as it was turned over to us by the bookkeeper at the end of December:

Cash on hand	1,337$000
Current account, money due	11,829$300
Merchandise in stock	23,730$600
Value of property	71,986$080
Value of machinery	28,128$677
Value of furniture and utensils	2,489$860
Value of type and sundries	4,762$870
Jornal Baptista	715$900
Total value	144,980$227=$36,245.50

In this statement is not included amounts due to back subscriptions for the Jornal Baptista and Sunday school literature to the value of about 12,000 milreis. Altogether this is not a bad showing. We are able to put to the good of the Publishing House the amount of about 11,000 milreis, which, considering the help from the homeland, is not much. We made a fairly good profit with the Sunday school literature as well as the printing office, but the Jornal Baptista and the office expenses took a good deal of our profit away.

The above will give you a little insight into the financial position of the Carroll Memorial, but now let me give you a little peep into the general movement of the work that the Publishing House is accomplishing in this great field.

Colportage Work.—As the amount allowed for colportage work is very limited, we were unable to employ a regular colporteur, but had one, on and off, for several months during the year. This brother did a fairly good work during the year in this great city and in a few cities of the near interior. Our plan is to employ these corporteurs according to our income. At the present, on account of the great crisis, this seems to be a little afar off, but we are working to that end, and hoping ere long to have a good many colporteurs and Bible woman all over this great field.

Our Publications.—During 1916 we have kept up our usual publications. The Jornal Baptista, in spite of the excessive price of paper, has come out regularly, every Thursday, at the rate of three thousand copies, making a total of 150,000 copies, or say about 1,500,000 pages. Dr. W. E. Entzminger has been editing this periodical in his very able style, and has made the paper a power over the country. It certainly is considered the most popular evangelical paper in Brazil. Brother Theodore R. Teixeira, deacon of the First Baptist church, and one of the oldest believers in Brazil, has been his able helper as editorial secretary.

Besides the Jornal Baptista, we also publish the Sunday school literature for Brazil. We issue a quarterly magazine of about eighty pages and more, for adults, and a monthly children's magazine of about sixteen pages. The first has grown wonderfully during the year. A year ago we only published 5,100 copies, and now we publish 6,500, and its growth is just beginning. Of the latter we now publish 3,500 copies, while a year ago we did not go beyond 2,500. All the Sunday schools of our denomination all over Brazil use our literature, as well as some of the Sunday schools from other denominations. Had we given way to the seduction of money making, we could have done a great deal more with our Sunday school literature; but we preferred to stand by our principles, and on that account lost the support of a whole denomination. But the number of subscribers have increased in spite of the withdrawal of that denomination, and is gaining ground month by month. The chief reason for this marvelous growth is no doubt the good stuff the editor is putting into it. It certainly is a great work, and the Lord is using it mightily.

During the year we have also published several books and a great many tracts of our hymn-book, that is now in its fifteenth edition; we published another 10,000 copies and these are being used up very quickly, so that ere long we hope to publish a new edition, perhaps with music.

Nearly all the churches and Baptist schools use the Publishing House for all they need. Our colleges have their annuals published at our offices as well as their stationery. A few days ago we delivered to the director of our college in Rio the annual catalogue, a work accomplished in about two weeks and delivered according to contract. Dr. Watson, who is temporary director of the college, sent us the following lines that will show you how our work is appreciated: "I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere gratitude to you for the haste with which you have finished the job and the beauty of the work, not only of the catalogue but also of the letter-heads, etc. These expressions of thanks though sincere, are not as ample as my feelings or the merits of your great favors."

We have issued a series of tracts with short, pithy gospel messages printed on one page, two pages and so on. This series has had a remarkable sale. Since its issue we have sold over 100,000 copies, and now have the type stereotyped, so as to be able to run it through the press at any or whatever convenient season. We would like to give you the whole list of this series, but it would take up too much space.

A Few Urgent Needs.—Before closing this report let me present to you brethren a few but very urgent needs.

1. We already need larger work shops. The large building we bought is becoming too small for our needs. As soon as we are able to buy a larger press, and we are hoping to be able to do this ere long, we will have to move all our compositors into our dining room and we will have to go. It will be either a question of building a home for the manager or else shops for the workers. The latter would be cheaper and more practical.

2. We also need means to rent a shop in town for the purpose of developing the business end of our Publishing House.

With the equipment we now have we can do three or more times the work we are doing and give employment to a good many believers who sorely need it. To be able to obtain the work we need a central shop.

3. We also need very urgently more means for colportage work. With the amount on hand and the present world crisis, we can do very little along that line. We need a good colporteur in every state of the Union or at least on every mission field. Later on when business develops we hope to be able to support our own men and women.

4. The most important and perhaps the most urgent need is for a practical printer, one who understands the business and can take full control of the shops and give us time to develop the business department all over Brazil for all that it is worth. Since last February we have not been able to visit any or whatever field, except for a few days the Sao Paulo mission. Of late I have not been able to leave the office and have even had to give up my pastoral work because of the attention necessary in the House. Help us to pray about this matter and may the Lord enable us to find a man suitable for this great work.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RIO COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

By J. W. Shepard.

We record our gratitude to God that we have been permitted to see realized during 1916 one of the greatest advance steps, up to the present time, in the history of our institutions—the completion of our splendid new building, the donation of the Judson Centennial Movement. There are other important items of progress in the past year's work, but this one has served to give greater stability and to deepen the confidence of the Brazilians in the great educational enterprise launched in Rio by our Foreign Mission Board in 1908.

We can but indicate briefly in this report on the work of 1916 the statistical results, some special measures in the policy of the year, some immediate needs and opportunities of the institution and an outline of the policy for the near future.

1. The results of the year's work in the various departments of the institution are partially seen in the following statistics: (1) Statistical report: Girls' boarding school (at Rua Bispo), 157; day school, 64 pupils; girl boarders, 10; teacher boarders, 3 (boarding department opened this year). This is to be the basis of the normal school for young lady teachers. Boys' day and boarding school (in connection with college at Rua, Dr. Jose Hygino), 332; day school, 96 pupils; boy boarders, 30. Total number of pupils in the two schools, 160; number of teachers, 8. Number of students matriculated in college (including preparatory and college classes), 82; part time teachers, 12; young men boarders, 31. Mrs. Shepard has superintended the boarding department since 1908. Night school: Number of students, 13; student part-time teachers, 5. Seminary: Number matriculated, 33; professors, 3. Normal department (opened this year): Number of

matriculates, 10. Correspondence school (for workers who desire training for ministry or for teachers, but cannot attend institution): Number of students, 109. (The number was cut down last year to impress the necessity of regularity in response, more than 50 per cent.) Miss Randall is the efficient secretary of the school. Number of graduates from college, 2; from seminary, 5; special preparatory courses, 18.

(2) Financial report (milreis converted into dollars at 4 to 1): Total of all receipts for current expenses, $28,513.98; from the field and students, $20,967.48; from Foreign Mission Board, $7,546.50; from the churches in Brazil on ministerial education, $2,958.75; from same sources, back accounts of 1915, $295.57. The institution furnished half-rate board and free tuition to students for the ministry and for normal school students, $7,296.75. In addition to this the institution furnished work to poor students in the way of self-help to the amount of $1,125.00.

It is thus seen that all of the money contributed by the Foreign Mission Board goes directly into the preparation of preachers and Christian teachers, and that the institution, from its income on field, is defraying the expense of faculty and rents of two buildings. We have reason to hope that with the addition of the new building this year, the institution will become entirely self-supporting.

It is our policy to keep expenditures within receipts. During 1916 the total of expenditures (in spite of difficult financial year) was $28,410.14. Balance on hand December 31, $103.84.

2. **Progress.**—The modern, up-to-date new building finished in February is adapted for class rooms, chapel and administrative work. It will accommodate 360 students seated in lecture rooms, and at least 140 seated in study hall, besides having space for several offices, laboratories, etc. It is constructed of brick, the best hardwoods, and is a building that will stand the processes of the Brazilian climate. The institution is indebted to one of its Brazilian professors, Dr. Julio Noronha, head of the department of mathematics, for the able service rendered in the daily inspection of the work of construction, during the process. The building cost $43,500.00. This is a great conquest of the Judson Centennial for the cause of Christian education in Brazil. At the same time a splendid residence has been erected on the campus for the president of the institution and his family, who have lived in the boarding department of the institution for ten years. The superintendence of the boarding department will now pass to Rev. Richard Inke, a professor recently called to a chair in the seminary.

By unanimous vote of the trustees, approved by the Foreign Mission Board, the normal department has been opened for the training of Christian teachers. Rev. F. F. Soren will live in the building, and his wife, Mrs. Jane Soren, will superintend the girls' boarding department. This is the beginning of what we believe is destined to be one of the greatest phases of the institution's work in the future. There is great need of teachers in all parts of our denomination already.

3. The immediate needs and opportunities. To show the general need of education in Brazil it is sufficient to cite the

fact that 70 per cent of illiteracy is the most conservative estimate for all Brazil, and 50 per cent for the federal capital, where our institution is located. There are only 12,744 schools, poorly equipped, having 20,590 teachers, for the most part inadequately trained, to meet the educational needs of a population of 26,000,000 scattered over a territory as large as that of our United States. This, in brief, for the general educational situation.

But our main task is the education of the Christian forces for the work of propagating the gospel. Taking our statistics from 1915 there are 167 organized Baptist churches, nearly three times that number of out-stations and numberless open doors for our workers today in Brazil. We can count scarcely more than a half dozen among the hundred native Baptist workers that have anything approximating college and seminary preparation. The number of prepared Christian teachers is smaller. Our task of teacher and preacher training is imperative and but just begun. For the work of educating the children of our church members (about 14,000 in round numbers) we have 46 primary schools, about 40 of which are entirely self-supporting. In these schools only 1,473 pupils are being instructed. This is but a beginning.

A Program for Baptist Education has been adopted by the Brazilian Baptist Convention recently, which opens up a great opportunity for our college and seminary. Teachers and preachers for carrying out this program must be prepared. The program embraces among others the following items: (1) The development of primary education in our Baptist communities by the founding of primary schools on a self-supporting basis in all our principal Baptist churches up to 1920; (2) the development of a good Baptist Academy in each of the states where our work is already planted by the same date; (3) the development of two institutions, one in the south and the other in the north, with full college course and theological training; (4) the founding and development of a normal school in Rio de Janeiro; (5) the development in Sao Paulo of a college for young ladies; (6) the training of our Sunday school teachers through correspondence and institute methods.

There is a vast opportunity in the demonstration in the federal capital of the Christian ideals, aims and methods in education, thus influencing education throughout the republic. We cannot elaborate this point, which is of sweeping importance.

4. We conclude this report with a mere outline of a definite policy set forth by our faculty of thirty teachers and Board of Trustees of fifteen representative members (mostly missionary) of our denomination in Brazil: (1) Our policy for the enlargement of the faculty. In view of the vast needs and opportunities for preacher and teacher training there must be reënforcement of the faculties of the Normal and Theological departments. To the four professors of the seminary we propose to add one or two more. Dr. A. B. Langston has just been elected dean of this faculty. Four professors will be added to constitute an adequate faculty for the normal department. Some more North American professors with technical preparation are needed for the college faculty as soon as practicable. Other teachers from the Brazilian side will be added as the need may arise. The

outlay of expense must be met by the institution. (2) Our policy for the adequate equipment of the larger institution: First, the purchase during 1917 of a tract of land adjoining our campus and opening on another street. Second, the erection of a dormitory building for the college and seminary. Third, the purchase of the larger baronial property, which we have been renting for several years, thus providing an adequate basis in campus, etc., for the development of the threefold institution to the fullness of its power and greatness of its mission in the future. Fourth, the erection of an adequate building for our seminary. These items together with the endowment and the enlargement of the baronial residence in the more distant future are in the main the policy for the equipment of the larger institution. The pressing need is the purchase of the lots adjoining our campus, thus enlarging our present property and guaranteeing the expansion of the institution. May we not hope that all who read this report will unite in the petition that the means shall be forthcoming for carrying out this great program. Brother S. L. Watson is taking my place in the administration of the institution, while I am in the United States on furlough and in the interest of the larger equipment plan.

MISSIONS IN CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

Central China.

Shanghai.—E. F. Tatum, R. T. Bryan, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Willie Kelly, Frank Rawlinson, Miss Louise Tucker, J. B. Webster, Mrs. Webster, J. B. Hipps, Miss H. F. Sallee, Miss Pearle Johnson, J. M. Rogers.

Soochow.—T. C. Britton, Mrs. Britton, C. G. McDaniel, Mrs. McDaniel, Miss Sophie Lanneau, P. W. Hamlett, Mrs. Hamlett, H. H. McMillan, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Olive Bagby.

Chinkiang.—W. E. Crocker, Mrs. Crocker, C. C. Marriott, Mrs. Marriott.

Yang Chow.—L. W. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Alice Parker, Miss M. E. Moorman, R. V. Taylor, M.D., Mrs. Taylor, A. Y. Napier, Mrs. Napier, Miss E. E. Teal, Miss Catherine Bryan, Miss Jo. Carr, Miss Hazel Andrews.

Nanking.—P. S. Evans, Jr., M.D., Mrs. Evans.

Interior China.

Chengchow, Honan.—W. W. Lawton, Mrs. Lawton, A. D. Louthan, M.D., Mrs. Louthan, D. W. Herring, Mrs. Herring, Miss Lila McIntyre, Jno. T. Anderson, M.D., Mrs. Anderson, Wilson Fielder, Mrs. Fielder.

Kaifeng.—W. E. Sallee, Mrs. Sallee, H. M. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Miss Loy J. Savage, Miss N. L. Swann, Gordon Poteat, Mrs. Poteat.

Pochow.—Wade D. Bostick, Mrs. Bostick, G. P. Bostick, Mrs. Bostick.

North China.

Teng Chow, Shantung Province.—Miss Ida Taylor, W. W. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Miss J. W. Lide, Miss Florence Lide, Miss Ada Bell.

Hwang-Hien, via Chefoo.—T. W. Ayers, M.D., Mrs. Ayers, Miss E. B. Thompson, Miss Anna B. Hartwell, W. C. Newton, Mrs. Newton, W. B. Glass, Mrs. Glass, Miss Clifforde Hunter, David Bryan, Mrs. Bryan, W. W. Stout, Mrs. Stout, C. N. Hartwell, Miss Grace McBride.

Pingtu, Shantung, via Kiaochow.—W. H. Sears, Mrs. Sears, Miss Florence Jones, S. E. Stephens, Mrs. Stephens, A. W. Yocum, M.D., Mrs. Yocum, Miss Pearl Caldwell, Frank Connely, Mrs. Connely.

Laichow-Fu.—Miss Mary D. Willeford, Miss C. A. Miller, Miss Alice Huey, J. McF. Gaston, M.D., Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, E. L. Morgan, Mrs. Morgan, J. W. Lowe, Mrs. Lowe, C. A. Leonard, Mrs. Leonard.

Chefoo.—Peyton Stephens, Mrs. Stephens, C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Pruitt, Miss Ida Pruitt, T. F. McCrea, Mrs. McCrea.

Lai Yang.—J. V. Dawes, Mrs. Dawes, T. O. Hearn, M.D., Mrs. Hearn.

Taian-Fu.—Miss Attie Bostick.

Pakhoi.

Pakhoi.—E. T. Snuggs, Mrs. Snuggs.

South China.

Canton.—Mrs. R. H. Graves, Mrs. G. W. Greene, R. E. Chambers, Mrs. Chambers, John Lake, Mrs. Lake, P. H. Anderson, Mrs. P. H. Anderson, Miss Mary Anderson, H. F. Buckner, Mrs. Buckner, C. R. Shepherd, J. T. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Miss Christine Coffee, J. R. Saunders, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Paneuma Barton, Miss May Hine.

Shiu Hing.—Miss H. F. North, Miss Margie Shumate.

Yingtak, via Canton.—B. P. Roach, Mrs. Roach, R. E. Beddoe, M.D., Mrs. Beddoe, Miss A. M. Sandlin, Ben Rowland, Mrs. Rowland.

Wu Chow.—Miss Julia Meadows, W. H. Tipton, Mrs. Tipton, C. A. Hayes, M.D., Mrs. Hayes, Miss E. E. Rea, G. W. Leavell, M.D., Mrs. Leavell, Miss Leonora Scarlett.

Macao.—J. L. Galloway, Mrs. Galloway.

Kong Moon.—John Sundstrom, Mrs. Sundstrom, Miss Lora Clement.

Kwei Lin.—C. J. Lowe, Mrs. Lowe, W. D. King, Mrs. King, Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, Mrs. Mewshaw, Miss Hattie Stallings.

THE CENTRAL CHINA MISSION.

By H. H. McMillan.

Introduction.—This report is written primarily for the information of those who have never seen China. Realizing somewhat the difficulty of forming a true conception of a distant mission field, a special effort will be made for definiteness and clearness. It is our opinion that the best way to accomplish this end is to take up the work station by station rather than as a whole or from the standpoint of the individual missionary.

A station is a strategic center from which the gospel spreads by precept and example through the city, surrounding villages and country places. The missionaries live in these cities and by teaching, preaching and medical work, minister to the people in the section for which the station is responsible.

Out-stations are cities and villages where churches, chapels and schools are established and are in charge of the natives under the supervision of the station, visited as often as possible by the missionary in charge.

Our Central China Mission consists of five stations located in the largest and most strategic cities of the Kiangsu Province. We shall now look at the work of these stations one by one.

SHANGHAI.

In this great and growing city we have the oldest and largest work in the mission. We have two compounds in distant parts of the city. Here also we have the Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary, a union institution, supported by Northern and Southern Baptists. Another point should be borne in mind in studying the work in Shanghai. That is, that we are working among Chinese of three different dialects, namely, the Cantonese, Mandarin and Shanghai-speaking people. Let us now look at the work as carried on from these three centers.

I. The Rifle Butts Compound.—1. The Cantonese Work. Dr. Bryan will report for this work: "The Cantonese church is making progress along the line of self-support. This church has a membership of 190. Many of the members are often away from Shanghai, and not many of them have much wealth. They have not been able to secure a pastor since pastor Fung Chak's death, but they are supporting one of the two Cantonese evangelists. The other is supported by the mission and acts as my personal teacher part of his time. The church gives a liberal contribution to the Chinese Home Board, appointed by the native association. They have a Young People's meeting every Friday night. They have an annual church meeting, at which time they arrange long tables and all are seated together for an evening meal, and to plan the work for another year.

Among those baptized during the year was an old man seventy-six years of age, who was at first very much opposed to Christianity. He beat his son and drove him out of the house when

he joined the church. Later, when his wife joined the church, he did not oppose it. Still later he began to study the Bible, and soon after asked for baptism. He was very much frightened in the baptistry, but the preacher whispered to him, 'Don't be afraid; I'll go down with you.' And as he disappeared under the water, the pastor's face went under also with him. A few days ago he died, and it was the preacher's time to say, 'This time he goes up, not down.' And the Saviour to whom he gave himself in old age said, 'Do not fear. I will take you home.' The day after the missionary's sixty-first birthday he baptized a former official, a man of some wealth, who was also sixty-one years old. He left in a few days for Peking, and has written back two letters, in the last one expressing his determination to work for the Lord. There have also been some interesting baptisms among women, girls and boys.

The most interesting part of the work is the Sunday school. It is held in the building of the Grace church, because the rented building is by no means suitable. It is organized as far as possible along graded lines. There is a weekly teachers' meeting and a number of teachers have the Southern Baptist Sunday School Diploma without seals. There are twenty-four Sunday school teachers, and the average has been eighteen at the teachers' meetings. The average attendance in the Sunday school was 232. The singing is good and adds interest.

We have no boarding school for Cantonese, but have two day schools. The first is Shung Tak for girls. The attendance has steadily grown and this last term reached an enrollment of 105. The grade of this school extends from primary through high school. The school owns two pianos and two organs, which were paid for by the school, together with all the furniture. No money has been asked for except the rent of the building, and only three-fourths of that. The school has grown not only in numbers, but in quality. We regard this school as our best door into the Cantonese families. The young girls who have been there a number of years have almost all become Christians, and are now developing into an intelligent, beautiful womanhood, constituting the most hopeful asset to the growing Cantonese church. This school has a committee appointed by the church to assist in running it, and a report is made twice a year to the church.

The second school, the Iung Tak, of primary grade for boys and girls, is managed entirely by the church. The attendance this last year was 130, and many were turned away for lack of room. It is held in the building rented for the church, and the mission makes no grant of money for it. Mrs. Woo Ting Fang, the wife of the former minister to the United States, gives the church $300 Mex. a year for the school.

There are a number of church societies, a W. M. S., which supports a Bible woman, in connection with the Chinese Home Board, and has contributed about $136 this year. There is also an R. A., a Y. W. A. and a Sunbeam Band, which have helped to open up a playground for poor children, putting in swings, see-saws and going themselves to teach games and invite the children to Sunday school. They also sent a contribution of money and clothes to the famine sufferers in the north. They

prepared a Christmas program of songs, stories and presents for about 100 little poor children. It was an inspiring sight to see them leading these little children to school and playing with them. Last year their collections amounted to $58.27.

The greatest hindrance to all the branches of this work is the lack of suitable buildings. We have secured a piece of land, and the Chinese have raised some money to assist the new building. We are hoping the Board will give us the promised Judson fund in 1917, to enable us to build this greatly needed new church. With a new pastor and a new church the outlook is very bright."

2. **The Mandarin Work.** Dr. Bryan reports: "We have not been so successful with our Mandarin work. The hundred thousand Cantonese of Shanghai live together, while the hundred thousand Mandarin-speaking people are scattered all over the city, making it more difficult to reach them. The pastor, who is a good man and a good pastor, is not a modern educated man and does not reach the more progressive people. The church has sixty members and there were fifteen baptisms during the year. The general average of the Sunday school for 1916 was 104.

There is a W. M. S., R. A., Y. W. A. and a Sunbeam Band in connection with this work. The W. M. S. had an average attendance of fourteen. The contributions from all these societies during the past year was $14. The women's contributions to the church increased from $54.94 in 1915 to $68.20 in 1916.

There is a primary school with an attendance of sixty. This school is taught in the building rented for the church. The tuition received is enough to pay the two teachers and all incidentals. The mission makes no grant to this school."

3. **Work for the Shanghai-speaking People.**—(1) Grace Baptist Church. Miss Sallee reports for this work: "This church has a membership of 135. There were fifteen additions during the year, four of these being by baptism. The Sunday morning service is the best attended during the week, there usually being more than 300 people present when both the boys' and girls' schools are in session.

"The Sunday school is graded and has an average attendance of 200. We have had a week-day kindergarten in the church building and this has helped build up the Sunday school. Teachers' meetings are held each week by the pastor and superintendent of the Junior department.

"The women meet weekly to study the Sunday school lesson. They also have a mothers' meeting and W. M. S. that meet monthly. They are paying half the salary of a Bible woman working in the church and this neighborhood."

(2) The Eliza Yates Girls' School. Miss Sallee writes: "This school is self-supporting. During the past year we have had 100 girls, about 75 of them being boarders. The school has a twelve years' course. Seven teachers give full time to the school, while a few others come in for special classes.

"In June, 1916, six girls graduated. Two of these are now teaching in the school, one is assisting in the Grace church kindergarten, one is teaching at the North Gate and the other two

are in the Harvard Medical School (Shanghai), training to be nurses.

"The school exhibit in the spring was one of the most interesting features of the year. All the hand work done by the pupils during the term was put on exhibition. Over 700 visitors came to see it. On one afternon, twenty-seven principals of heathen schools came to see the art exhibit.

"During the year we have completed the attic rooms, have furnished a piano and Y. W. A. room, have bought a new piano, and made a small beginning at a chemical laboratory. All improvements have been paid for from school funds and not from Board money.

"Seven girls have been baptized this year. As a result of our protracted meeting this fall, there are now twenty-five inquirers in the school, with as many Christian girls who have organized Personal Workers' classes and are trying to lead these inquirers to become true believers in Jesus."

(3) The Ming Jang School. Dr. Bryan reports: "When Mr. Rawlinson went home it became necessary for us to supervise this school. He had it so well organized that it has moved along with but little attention from us. It is our oldest and best equipped boys' boarding school, but greatly needs more playground room. The attendance this year is the highest in its history, reaching 120. The school is filled to the utmost and quite a number were turned away. The school pays all running expenses without receiving help from the Board. The course of study goes through the lower and higher primary grades. Some of the graduates go to the Shanghai Baptist College, but the large majority of them go into business. It is a great oportunity, and one missionary should give his entire time to this school."

II. The Work at the North Gate.—The work done at this point is all for the Shanghai-speaking people. The report was prepared by those in charge.

1. **Statistics.** Three day schools, two kindergartens and a Bible school, with thirteen teachers, four assistant teachers and an average attendance of 233.

Baptisms during the year, twelve—nine from the day school, three from the Bible school. With few exceptions, all the girls above primary are professing Christians, still a number of them have not yet been baptized. All of them are engaged in some form of personal service.

2. **The North Gate Church.** This, our oldest congregation, has been self-supporting for a number of years, but has seemed not to grow very much. This past year a far better spirit was manifested, and signs of life are on all sides. The cordial relation existing between the church and the resident missionaries is a cause for gratitude.

(1) The regular morning Sunday school. There has been improvement along all lines in this work. The Sunday school has so grown in interest and in numbers that in March it was necessary to be divided and is now being held in three different places, as there is no one building here large enough to accommodate the whole school. On one Rally Day in the spring there

was an attendance of 428. Later in the spring the young men of the church planned and financed a Sunday school picnic which was largely attended and proved a great inspiration to all who who were present.

Our earnest, faithful and able superintendent, Wong Kya Tsong, is a grandson of the first pastor of the church, Wong Ping San, of sainted memory. One of our secretaries is a graduate of the Baptist College, and is now a valued assistant in the United States consulate.

(2) The afternoon Sunday school. For years we have had a weekly meeting for street children, but have always felt that the plan was unsatisfactory. Recently this, too, has been graded and has taken on new life. Now the missionaries, assisted by twenty school girls, teach the Sunday school lesson to about 200 of these neglected street children.

(3) The West Gate Sunday school. Those familiar with the Central China work know of Deacon Wong, the rice merchant. Thirty years ago he built a chapel at the West Gate, and faithfully he proclaimed the Word from that little, old-fashioned pulpit, and his works do follow him. This chapel is under the care of the North Gate church and the work is carried on entirely by the Chinese. They have a nice day school, whose pupils help in conducting an interesting and well-attended Sunday school. Many additions to the church come from this chapel.

2. **Schools.** Owing to the crowded and congested condition on the Mission Compound, it was necessary to rent a building just outside the native city for a part of the primary school and kindergarten. These are under the control of the evangelist and his wife. On our compound there is a kindergarten and a school of eight grades. As said above, in all these schools there are thirteen teachers and four assistants. The English has been taught by Misses Tatum and Johnson. It is needless to say that the teaching of the Word is given the most prominent place in the schools, each pupil having an hour a day for Bible work, exclusive of preparation time.

Smith Bible school. The women of the Bible school do not all come with the purpose of becoming Bible women, but take the regular graded school course. Some valuable workers have been gleaned from the students of this school.

3. **Societies.** We have all the societies of the W. M. U. except the R. A., and these societies have been active in church work and personal service. The women have just given a most liberal contribution to the Home Mission Board.

III. Shanghai Baptist College and Theological Seminary.—This report was prepared by Mr. Hipps.

1. Equipment. The campus contains twenty-seven acres of land with a frontage on the Whampoo River of 800 feet. This amount of land is too small to meet the increasing needs of the institution, and it is hoped as soon as possible eighteen or twenty more acres can be added. There are at present ten buildings in use. Five of these are dwellings for the foreign faculty, and the others are dormitories, halls, etc., used in connection with the college and seminary. During the year two dwellings have been

built, one of which is already occupied, and the other will be ready for use soon. The McLeish Infirmary has also been in process of construction, and will be completed soon. It is a large three-story building, costing $6,500.00 Mexican, $1,070.00 of which was given by the Chinese.

In May the Millard Memorial Gate at the entrance to the campus was dedicated. The funds for this gate were given by friends of Mr. Harry Milliard, a member of the seminary faculty, who died in 1909. It is a fitting memorial to one who was held in high esteem by both Chinese and foreigners. During the spring a gift of $10,000 gold was received from Colonel Haskel, of Boston, for a gymnasium. Plans for the building have already been made, and construction will begin soon. This gymnasium will meet one of our greatest needs. Recently a careful estimate of the needs of the institution was made, and the total amount was found to be $152,000 gold. One-half of this amount should be paid by Southern Baptists.

2. Faculty. The faculty consists of fourteen foreigners and ten Chinese. Only four of the foreigners are regularly appointed missionaries of the Southern Board, namely: E. F. Tatum, J. B. Webster, J. B. Hipps, and J. M. Rogers. While the Southern Board has furnished its share of money in supporting the institution, it has never supplied its share of men. Two men are now needed for the college, one for the chair of biology, and the other for the department of education. The Southern Board should supply these men.

It is the aim of the Board of Managers to give the Chinese an increasing share in the management of the institution. So it is a peculiar pleasure to report that Vice President Tong has assumed the responsibility of acting as president during the session 1916-1917, while Dr. White is in America on furlough. He has performed the duties of this office with singular ability.

3. Students. The total enrollment for the year is 178, fifty in the college, one hundred in the academy, and twenty-eight in the seminary. Most of the students for the college and the academy come from our Baptist academies at Soochow, Hangchow, and Ningpo, and other mission schools. The others come from government and private schools. Some of the students in the seminary come from the college, and some from our academies, but most of them from the churches where they have received a limited amount of training in Sunday school, Bible classes, etc. Our Bible school at Chinkiang has done some splendid work in preparing men for the seminary. Our greatest difficulty in getting men for the college and seminary is lack of room. We have now as many students as we can accommodate. When we have more dormitory room it will be easy to have more students. The class of students in both college and seminary is better than ever before. They are better prepared for entrance, and show a better spirit toward school regulations. As a result, a better grade of men is being turned out.

4. Work Done. During the year the curriculum of the college and seminary has been revised in order to meet the peculiar needs in China. It is gratifying to us that a committee appointed by the East China Educational Association to investigate the

curricula of the colleges of East China, in its report highly commended the work done in our institution. In both college and seminary effort is being made to give the students the things that will help them to solve the problems of life. The work done in the classroom by the students compares favorably with that done by students in America.

The religious work of the institution is very encouraging. More than half of the students of the college are Christians. Rarely a man graduates who is not a Christian. Of the eleven who graduated last year, only one was not a Christian. The Y. M. C. A. has a membership of forty-five, and is doing very effective work. Personal Workers' Groups are organized and directed by a member of the faculty. Effort is made to reach every student in some way. During the year two series of evangelistic meetings were held; one by the famous Chinese evangelist, Ting Lei Mei, resulting in sixteen additions to the church, the other by Pastor Tsok, of Hangchow, resulting in two conversions, and a large class of inquirers, and a number of volunteers for the ministry. Students are given every opportunity to do Christian work. A Volunteer Band has been organized, and has taken over the care of an outstation where a model Sunday school is being conducted.

Under the supervision of the seminary faculty the seminary students are working in four outstations. In these places they preach, teach, act as Sunday school superintendents, make pastoral visits, etc. Every Sunday evening these students meet in conference, and report on the work done during the day. It is a kind of pastors' conference. Members of the seminary faculty are present. The problems the men are facing in their work are discussed, and an effort is made to solve them. In this way the men are given experience in actually meeting and solving some of the problems they will meet when they go out into the ministry.

5. Woman's School. The work of the Woman's School is done in connection with the college and seminary, but is under the supervision of the foreign ladies on the campus. It is a school established for the training of the wives of the seminary students. It is primarily a Bible school for women, but a kindergarten, a day school, and a Sunday school is carried on also. Last year there were twelve women in the Woman's School, sixteen children in the kindergarten, twenty in the day school, and fifty in the Sunday school. A well-trained Chinese woman has recently been secured as a teacher in the school, and every effort is being made by ladies to be just as efficient in the training of the wives and children of the seminary men as the college and seminary are in the training of their students.

IV. Country Work.—The only missionaries in Shanghai giving any time to the country work are Dr. Bryan and Miss Kelly, and their time is so taken up with the growing work inside the city that they are giving less and less to the country. This is a great work, and we need someone to help in this large field. About this work Dr. Bryan writes: "We have eight outstations with evangelists located at five of them. There are also five day schools—two for girls, one for boys, and two for boys and girls. We are not able to get the same amount of self-support as in

Shanghai. The Home Board of the Native Association is now planning to start an Industrial Bible School, especially to train native preachers for country work. We are hoping that this school will be a success, and it will make it possible for us to do a larger and better work in the country. Our country work has greatly suffered for the lack of an evangelistic missionary, who could give his whole time to this work. The Burn's Chapel is a great help to one of these stations, Ka Ting, and the $2,500 gold promised to Quinsan by the Judson fund will be a great help to that station.

SOOCHOW.

1. **City Work.**—In the city of Soochow, with its population of over 500,000 people, we carry on our work from two centers: The Bing Hwo Jao, where Mr. and Mrs. Britton live; and the Zia Nga Dzien, where the McDaniels, Hamletts, McMillans, and Misses Lanneau and Bagby live.

Following the plan pursued in the Shanghai report, we shall look at the work as carried on from these two points.

1. **Bing Hwo Jao.**—Mr. and Mrs. Britton report: "At the beginning of the year this place was worked as an evangelistic point, having the usual departments, such as the proclamation of the gospel, Sunday schools, personal work, work among the women, and one day school. Two evangelists, one day school teacher, and one Bible woman were the native co-workers. The work was so blessed that it was thought wise to organize a church in the spring. The organization took place in April. The spirit of harmony in church life was noticeable from the beginning.

"In June this church called Mr. Y. C. Ling to be their pastor, offering him a small salary, such as they were able to pay. Mr. Ling, then a senior at our seminary, accepted the call and began his pastorate in July. This young man, having taken both the college and seminary courses, is one of our best-equipped men. Consecrated and zealous, he is a strong believer in self-support, and has taken hold of the church with a desire to promote self-support. He has worked wisely during the past six months, and has won the confidence and esteeem of his flock. The church has grown steadily. There have been thirty-four baptisms during the year.

"The church is fostering a little mission in the country about twenty-five miles away. Ten of the baptisms were from that place.

"There are two Sunday schools conducted by the church. Both of these have grown in numbers, and the pastor has helped much toward the present satisfactory organization of these schools. The teachers' meetings have been a very interesting part of the Sunday school work. During the summer months Mr. Ling conducted two classes, one for general Sunday school teaching and one for training teachers for the junior department.

"There is a Woman's Missionary Society and a Sunbeam Band of twenty-five members. A well-equipped public reading room was arranged for in the summer, and is meeting a long-felt need.

"Our day school, which is run especially to provide suitable education for the children connected with Christian families, has done satisfactory work, and has reached a larger number of those for whom it was intended than ever before.

"In December a beginning in general Bible class work was made. A class of two weeks' study was held. Christians from all our stations were invited. More than thirty were taught for a longer or shorter time, several taking every lesson. Messrs. Britton and Hamlett did the teaching, and singing was taught daily. For His continual blessings on our efforts we praise God."

2. The Zia Nga Dzien Compound.

(1) The church. The church is self-supporting, with a membership of over 200, consisting of teachers, students, and people resident to this section of the city. During the past year, although without a native pastor, the work of the church went steadily forward, having received forty-one members by baptism. Twenty-seven of this number were students of the boys' school and two were from the girls' school. After the resignation of Pastor Tsok over a year ago the church asked Mr. McDaniel to serve as pastor. He was assisted by Mr. D. H. Sung, who also taught in Yates Academy, and Mr. P. D. Leu who had charge of a city chapel. Mr. Sung is a graduate of our college, and also the seminary. Mr. Leu is a full graduate of the seminary. Just at the close of the year Mr. Sung was set apart to assist Mr. Hamlett in general evangelistic work among the churches of our field.

The Sunday morning Sunday school is well graded with an average attendance of about 250 when the schools are in session. Classes meet in the church, Mr. McDaniel's home, the boys' school, and the Woman's Bible School building. There has recently been added a gallery across one end of the church which also serves for Sunday school purposes.

One of the best features of all the church activities is the splendid work done in the afternoon Sunday school for street children. The morning Sunday school is given over largely to the church membership, together with the students of the two high schools, two primary schools, and the kindergarten. In the afternoon the Christian students, teachers and missionaries conduct Sunday schools here in the main church and in two chapels. Sometimes as many as 1,000 children receive instruction in these three places, but the regular attendance is about 300. This gives the young Christian good opportunity for self-development, and at the same time they render valuable service.

In connection with the church there are the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young Women's Association, and the Sunbeam Band. The church also has its board of deacons, with regular meetings to consider the work of the church. The way things are starting out this year gives promise of being even a better year than last.

(2) Yates Academy and Associated Schools.—For this work Mr. McDaniel reports:

"The first ring in our educational system is the kindergarten. The average attendance in this school for 1916 was twenty-five. The tuiton received from the children met one-fourth of the run-

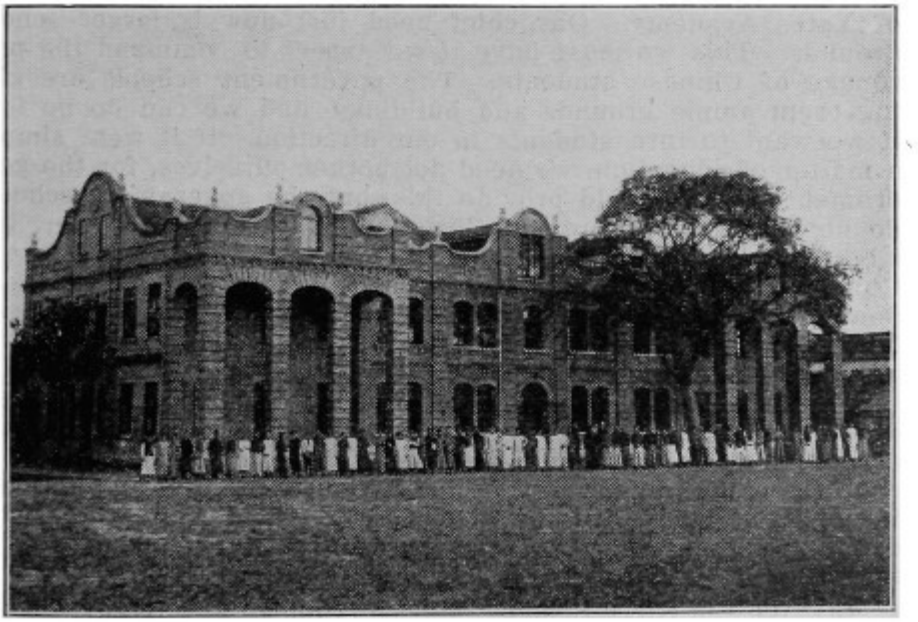
ning expenses. One-fourth of the children are from the homes of our church members.

"In June we graduated nine little boys and girls. Six of these little graduates are now in our primary schools.

"In addition to the benefit resulting to the children from kindergarten training, we find that it is an evangelizing agency as well. It would be a great help to our work if we could have kindergartens at each of our preaching places in Soochow, and at some of our larger out-stations.

"Besides the kindergarten we have three primary schools leading up to our higher schools. These are situated in different parts of the city, all in connection with some preaching place. The total number of students in these schools was one hundred and twenty-five. The proportion of the graduates of these schools who enter our next higher schools is much smaller than we would like, but this does not lessen the importance of these schools, for the small percentage entering our higher schools is due to the fact that most of them have to go to work when they leave these schools and, therefore, have no more chance for studying. It is, therefore, important that we have them under our teaching and care during these few years of their school life, when we may teach them Christian truth and start their little feet in the path of life.

"**Yates Academy** stands at the head of our educational work for boys in Soochow. This school is year by year increasingly reaping the fruits of past sowings. More than one-half of our present teaching staff is drawn from our own former graduates —most of them also graduates of the Shanghai Baptist College. Thirty-three students in all have graduated from this academy. Of this thirty-three, twenty-four are Christians, most of whom



Yates Memorial Academy, Soochow, China.

are active Christians, and most of the other nine are quite favorable to Christianity. One of these graduates, also a graduate of the Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary, is now in the ministry; eight are teaching in our Christian schools, and twelve are still pursuing their studies in colleges—one of them in Chicago University. The others, with one single exception, are all doing well, teaching in Chinese schools or are in business.

"We have had an enrollment of one hundred and fifteen students. Of this number, about one-third were given their tuition, but paid their board and incidental expenses. The other two-thirds paid board, tuition and all school fees. Our total expenditures for the year were $7,221. Of this amount, the Board paid $900 and the students paid $6,321. In other words, the fees from the students met more than seven-eighths of the expenditures, leaving the Board to subsidize the school to the extent of less than one-eighth. We don't know of another high school for boys that has called on its Board for so small a proportion of its expenditures.

"Forty-four of the 115 students in the school are Christians; twenty-seven of this number were baptized during the year—the largest in-gathering in the church from the student body in our history.

"These Christian students, together with the Christian teachers in our schools, are a great asset to our church. They are not only active but intelligent, Christian workers. Through their help and influence we are gradually bringing our church and Sunday school to an up-to-date and efficient standard. We would not suffer seriously in a comparison with many churches in the homeland.

"We would, however, be unfair to our home constituency if we closed this report without some reference to the further needs of Yates Academy. Our chief need just now is larger school grounds. This we must have if we expect to command the patronage of Chinese students. The government schools are giving them ample grounds and buildings, and we can do no less if we want to turn students in our direction. If it were simply a matter of education, we need not bother ourselves, for the government schools could provide this, but the government schools do not and cannot provide Christian education. However, the advantage of learning the unsearchable riches of Christ in our Christian schools, as great as it is, will not in itself draw students to us. To do this we need an efficient staff of teachers, both native and foreign, well-equipped buildings, and ample grounds. We now have all but the latter. Let me close with some words I heard from one in an educational conference a few days ago. "Higher standards are demanded of us in every phase of our educational work. The times demand daring strides in equipment, in methods, and in adaptation to oriental and national ideals. But, above all, what year ever called us to such utter devotion to our supreme task of winning our students to the Christian life?"

(3) We Lin Girls' School. Misses Lanneau and Bagby report:

"The work in We Lin Academy is encouraging from several standpoints. As the school is only six years old, it is just begin-

ning to reap the benefits of its own work. Last fall three girls who have been in the school since its beginning and who have graduated from the higher primary, were given a little teaching to do in the lower primary grades. The results are gratifying, for the teaching is better than that done by the Chinese men formerly engaged.

There were twenty-three boarders and fifteen day pupils during the fall term and a very encouraging school loyalty was manifested more strongly than ever before. A large percentage of old girls have come back each term and thus a chance is given to make lasting impressions on their characters. A girl from a wealthy family who entered last spring and seemed very superficial and lacking in purpose, has developed into one of the most promising pupils we have and has become a Christian. During the fall she studied in her Bible course, 'The Preparation for the Kingdom,' beginning with Abraham. Just before the fall term closed she developed trouble in one of her feet, and was at home in bed for weeks. She wrote Miss Lanneau that she thought God must be teaching her patience as he taught the Israelites by their affliction in Egypt.

"Another spoilt, well-to-do girl entered in the fall and had to be disciplined the first day for disrespect toward the matron. She has never since been guilty of this offense, and she says her mother tells her she has improved very much since she came to the school, especially in her treatment of the servants in the home. She, too, has become a Christian.

"A young woman, who was educated in the Eliza Yates Academy in Shanghai and who has been teaching in this school ever since it started, left last fall to enter Ginling College in Nanking, with the definite purpose of preparing herself to do more effective Christian work. When she was talking of going, she said, 'A number of workers in other denominations are college graduates, and I am ashamed for us Baptists to stay behind other people's backs.'"

II. Country Work.—While Messrs. Britton, Hamlett and McMillan all helped some with the country work, yet, through force of circumstances, the bulk of responsibility for the past year fell upon the native pastors and evangelists. They carried on the work in a way that was gratifying. This year we have brighter prospects, as Mr. Hamlett is back from furlough and fresh in the work.

Among the out-stations we have six organized churches. There are three day schools with seventy students. There were nineteen baptisms among these churches this past year.

In one of these country churches there was a household conversion, consisting of three generations. All these were baptized on the same day. There was the mother, son and grand-children. The grandson wishes to prepare for the ministry. The immediate cause of this turning to God was the miraculous healing of the old man, Nyi, who had lain paralyzed on his bed for months. He claims to have been healed in direct answer to the prayer of the evangelist living there. One day he suddenly received strength and walked.

CHINKIANG.

The very unique location alone would make this one of the most strategic cities of this province, being situated on the Yangtse river, just below the mouth of the Grand Canal, and also on the Shanghai-Nanking Railroad. It has a population of several hundred thousand and is rapidly growing into one of the great cities of China. The report given below was prepared by those of the station.

I. **The Field.**—The field includes five churches in five centers with out-stations from each center. The field covers the city of Chinkiang and vicinity, and the most of the territory lying southwest toward Nanking, including the city of Djuyung and other places, together with thousands of villages.

II. **Features.**—The ordinary features of the work include, as conducted this year, the regular Sunday preaching in each church and out-station, Sunday school, day schools, colporteur work, preaching to the heathen, and revival meetings in the churches and many of the stations. Also the method of organization is important having an important bearing on the efficiency of the work and the development of the workers. The monthly conference has had good results, and the executive committee of five leaders and two missionaries has studied the problems of our work and has been endeavoring to lay sure foundations. The spring term of the Hsia Su Bible school was quite successful. The fall term has been somewhat interrupted because of the effort to build a new building, but work has gone forward. The student body have been quite earnest and ready to help in every way. Several hundred names of those who said they wished to be instructed in the gospel have been enrolled during the year, and some have been baptized.

The development of the ordinary membership in Christian character, in Sabbath-keeping, regular giving, regular Bible reading and study, and church attendance has been stressed in monthly conference, and has culminated in an effort to get the membership to make definite promises to these things. Also it has brought us to an arrangement for regular systematic Bible study for each member looking toward the strengthening of the base of self-support. This part of the work is necessarily slow.

One of the main features of the year has been the effort to get together enough money to build the new house for the Bible school at Hsia Su. Special features of this are that the land belongs to the native association, and that the money has been raised almost entirely by special gifts, about forty per cent of which coming from the Chinese. The students have worked on the new building with their own hands, gifts have come from several hundred of the members of the association, and from others interested. One Christian Chinese doctor who is not a member of our church in Chinkiang gave twenty dollars, another gave ten, etc.

The status and control of the Hsia Su Bible school have been more definitely arranged. The Central China Mission and the Mandarin Association join in supporting and managing the school, each having four members on the board of trustees. At such

time as the association is able to support the school entirely, the mission will withdraw from the board of trustees altogether.

Of the students in the Bible school, two finished the full course this year and two the shorter course.

Of the students gone out from the school, Djoe finishes the seminary in Shanghai this year. The two boys in the college and the seven in Shanghai Seminary are reported as doing good work. Our hope for the future, with the blessing of God is in trained preachers and a developed membership.

The High Primary school in Hsia Su with three teachers and under the immediate care of Pastor Djang Sing Ih has a class of twenty boys finishing the course, and they will be ready to enter an academy next year. One of the great needs of our work is the strengthening of our school work, and **one of our greatest needs** is the establishment of the Chinkiang Academy as proposed by the mission.

YANGCHOW.

Yangchow is a city of some 350,000 population, out from Chinkiang on the Grand Canal. This large city, surrounded by any number of smaller cities and villages, makes a great appeal for mission work.

Our work as carried on in Yangchow is evangelistic, educational and medical. Let us look at the work from these three viewpoints.

I. Evangelistic.—Brother Pierce writes: "My work for the past year has been divided between city and country. In the city I have had charge of the church and evangelistic work. The church has just called a native pastor, and it is hoped that the membership will be able to support him." Through Mrs. Pierce we learn that there are two temperance societies in connection with the church, one for men and boys and one for women and girls. Also there is a well-organized missionary society, composed of men, women, boys and girls.

Mr. Pierce continues: "The six out-station churches under my care have made some steady advance during the year. One of these churches some eight miles out from Yangchow has increased in membership by one-third and is giving one-third more to pastor's salary. Here we have a prosperous Sunday school and two day schools, with an enrollment of fifty-five pupils, all of whom attend Sunday school. We have two churches to the west of Yangchow that are centers for the great country section about them. There is a Sunday school in each church and a prosperous day school at the latter place. The three other churches are small and have no pastor or evangelist located with them by the mission, but the Lord has greatly blessed them during the year."

From Mr. Pierce we learn that a number have been added to these churches and one is helping support an evangelist-colporteur who gets the rest of his support through the sale of Gospel portions. He speaks of the great help of Sunday schools and day schools in the building up of the church work. Three men have given their full time to the distribution of Scriptures with

the result that more than 30,000 portions of the Word of life have gone into the homes of the people during the past year.

Mr. Napier, besides being secretary of the mission, does evangelistic work. Speaking of his work he writes: "The field in which I endeavor to work, in coöperation with four Chinese evangelists, lies nearly 100 miles east of Yangchow. Often four days are spent on the boat in going and coming from one of these out-stations. I usually try to sell some Gospels on the boats and as opportunity is given, talk to my fellow-travelers about Christ.

"Out in this great field, containing a population equal to that of one of our Southern States, we have five little churches—the smallest with seven members and the largest with fifty. One of these little groups worships in a brother's house and is without an evangelist living in their midst."

In the Yangchow field there are twelve churches with a membership of 478. There were seventy-two baptisms during the year. Mr. Napier was assisted in a protracted meeting by Brother Herring of the Interior Mission. The harvest indeed is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth (more) laborers into his harvest.

II. Educational.—Miss Moorman writes: "The opening of the Girls' Academy found me in charge, owing to the break-down and home-going of Miss Mackenzie, who, since has had an abundant entrance into the 'house of many mansions.' Through all the lights and shadows the Father's guiding love has been very manifest. The health of the school has been good—only a few slight cases of sickness. The spring term began with twenty-six boarders and ten day pupils. In the fall we had thirty-one boarders and nine day pupils. Four graduated."

Miss Parker writes: "The Ing Si Gai school has only two departments—elementary and high elementary, which takes girls through the seventh grade. There were thirty-four girls from the homes of officials and wealthy merchants this last year. Two of the girls were baptized last summer."

Mrs. Pierce writes: "The Shien Liang Gai Girls' School, numbering twenty-five pupils, under competent teachers, has made good progress. A very pleasing feature in regard to this school has been the organization of a temperance society among the girls.

III. Medical.—Below we give the annual report of the Yangchow Baptist Hospital as it came from Dr. R. V. Taylor, Jr. Being short, it cannot represent the real work done during the year. Each of the 10,288 treatments represents a smile, a sympathetic touch, a word for Christ.

THE YANGCHOW BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The work of the Yangchow Baptist Hospital for the year 1916 has been in charge of only one foreign doctor, as Dr. A. S. Taylor has accepted a permanent position with the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, and will not return to Yangchow. Our nurse, Miss Teal, has also been away from the station since June, taking a much needed rest in Kuling and Nanking.

In addition to having our foreign staff thus depleted by two-thirds, we have experienced increasing difficulties in obtaining the necessary medical and surgical supplies to run our hospital. Even the drugs and instruments that can be secured are well nigh out of reach on account of the prohibitive prices, caused by the European war.

We take courage, however, as we look forward to the arrival next fall of Miss Carr, our new nurse, and Dr. and Mrs. John Anderson. Miss Carr has been spending this year at the Nanking Language School, and after a summer at Kuling will be ready to take up her work in Yangchow. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson expect to be with us for only a year before going to Chengchow, Honan, where they are to be stationed. Miss Teal goes home on furlough in the spring of 1917.

We have held Christian services in the hospital chapel every morning throughout the year. We feel that these services have been a great blessing to the in-patients and hospital helpers. On week day afternoons we have also had a service each day at half-past one for the out-patients. And we have also endeavored to do personal Christian work each day in the hospital wards.

Statistics.

Patients

Out-patients, men	2,974
Out-patients, women	1,845
Return out-patients, men	3,298
Return out-patients, women	1,557
In-patients, men	384
In-patients, women	161
Out-calls	69
Total number of treatments	10,288

Financial Report.

Receipts.

Balance from 1915	$ 1,155.47
Patients' fees	5,420.00
Mission treasurer	996.00
Foreign contributions	1,760.82
Chinese contributions	1,875.00
Sold drugs	75.65
Insurance examinations	20.00
Interest on money	14.36
	$11,317.30

Expenses.

Bought supplies	$ 2,772.75
Wages	1,801.06
Kitchen account	1,806.55
Fuel	624.90
Repairs and permanent improvements and equipment	3,081.83

Postage, telegrams, etc.	20.97
Literature and stationery	77.62
Electric lights	75.22
	$10,260.90
Balance, 1916	1,056.40
	$11,317.30

Operations: Under general anaesthesia, 134; under local anaesthesia, 461; total number operations, 955.

NANKING.

The only work of Southern Baptists in Nanking has been in the Union Medical School, which is now closing up. During the past year Dr. Evans was a professor in that institution. We hope this will not mean the losing of Dr. and Mrs. Evans from our Central China Mission.

STUDENTS OF THE LANGUAGE.

Five new missionaries have come to the Central China Mission within the last two years, and naturally the greater part of their time and attention is given to the study of the language. Miss Andrews, appointed to the Girls' Academy in Yangchow; Miss Carr, appointed to the hospital in Yangchow, and Mr. Rogers, appointed to the Shanghai Baptist College, all arrived in September, 1916. They are studying in the Nanking Language School for the session of 1916-1917.

Miss Johnson, appointed to the Smith Bible School in Shanghai, arrived in November, 1915, and has completed a year and a half of the required course. In addition to the work on the language during the fall of 1916, she taught three English classes, prepared programs for the societies in the school and helped the girls in their meetings. Miss Bagby, appointed to the We Lin Girls' Academy in Soochow, arrived in March, 1915, and she has completed a year and a half of language study. On account of the shortage in the teaching force, she has done a good deal of teaching in the Girls' School, averaging three hours per day. During the past fall she taught a class in higher mathematics in the Yates Academy. She also helped in a chapel during the past year.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

In this report we have looked upon the work of the mission from the standpoint of the station. Now we may draw a few conclusions from the work of the mission as a whole.

1. **Self-Support.**—Dr. Bryan of Shanghai has this to say: "The main object of all our work is to establish self-supporting, self-controlling and self-propagating churches." Mr. Pierce of Yangchow writes: "One of the most hopeful aspects of our work during the past year was the creation of a better atmosphere toward

self-support in our field. Some of us feel that the success of the gospel has its crux in this principle as far as the human side is concerned." Mr. Crocker of Chinkiang writes: "It" (referring to the monthly conference) "has brought us to an arrangement for regular systematic Bible study for each member, looking toward the strengthening of the base for self-support."

These three representative statements coming from different parts of the field remind us of the way those feel who are giving their lives to the evangelization of China. While we all agree as to the importance of establishing self-supporting churches, yet the question is, how this is to be accomplished. Perhaps there is no ideal method. This is one of the greatest problems confronting the missionary of today. By careful study of this report it is easy to see that progress has been made. While the road is long and not without stones, and progress is slow, yet we, by looking back over the road already traveled, praise God and take courage.

2. **Churches.**—From the above report you have seen that in our mission we have a number of large, well-organized, self-propagating churches. The work is more and more growing around the church as a center. As the number of native pastors and evangelists increases, the missionary sustains a different relation to the church, but no less vital. Our place in the church of China is less as a preacher in the pulpit and more as a watchman, a guide, a champion of spiritual forces. When a church undertakes self-support we encourage self-control and self-propagation. They should go together.

3. **The School Work.**—We have more self-support in the schools than in the purely evangelistic work. The Chinese of this section are eager for education along western lines. Up to the present, the best place to receive such education was in our mission schools. They are willing to pay if they get what they want.

(1) The problem. The great problem confronting mission schools is government competition. The government is waking to the cries of the people, and are introducing western methods so rapidly that in some respects we are now behind. In the Christian school is the only place in China to train Christian leaders and preachers. If we lose out here we fail at the very base of our work. See Mr. McDaniel's closing remarks on Yates Academy.

(2) The solution is self-evident—equipment and men. Being well equipped, self-support will easily follow, and the real purpose of the school realized.

(3) The need. There is a growing feeling in our mission that our school work should be better organized and correlated into a system that would link all schools together, from the kindergarten to the college. Southern Baptists having taken a stand against union with other denominations is the greatest argument for the strongest union and closest coöperation within our denomination.

THE INTERIOR CHINA MISSION.

By G. P. Bostick.

In attempting to render a report for our entire mission for this memorable year, one is profoundly impressed with and made to feel deeply grateful for the manifold mercies of our God and Father to the work and the workers throughout the year. As we entered the year what promised to be a most serious rebellion against Yuan Shi Kai's efforts to become emperor was in its incipiency in the far southwest, and to all human appearances might have gained momentum till the present, but for the removal by death early last June of President-Emperor Yuan. As the writer, in perfect serenity in this far-off interior city, pens these lines on Christmas night he is deeply impressed with the general peace that seems to exist throughout the country, in vivid contrast with the awful uncertainty and unrest that generally prevailed a year ago as well as in contrast to the conflagration that now rages in Europe. He is also deeply grateful for the apparent efforts on the part of President Li Yuan Hong and his government toward honest reform and progress in the interest of the entire nation.

OUR FIELD.

The territory in which we labor consists of about a dozen counties in the northeastern part of the great province of Honan and two counties adjoining some of these, but lying in northern Anwhei Province; these counties together having a population of ten or twelve millions—more than the combined population of any three of our Southern States.

Southern Baptists were first to establish missionary residence in these counties and first to do any work in them except what was done by Chinese workers and visitations of foreigners of the China Inland Mission.

In 1902 the writer traveled extensively in several of these counties and there was then not a single missionary in any of the places we now occupy, while today there are more than two score in the single great city of Kaifeng-fu, representing four different missions and the Y. M. C. A.

Ours is a vast and still very needy field, and wide open to our gospel message. Our three main stations are Kaifeng-fu, Chengchow and Pochow, from which we work, with as much regularity as possible, twenty other places called out-stations.

THE WORKERS.

The foreign force who are striving to bring to this vast population the glad news of salvation to be had alone through Christ, consists of ten men and thirteen women, one man and his wife just out and engaged in the study of the language in the Peking Language School, and one woman at home on furlough. These

workers are divided, eight for Kaifeng-fu, eleven for Chengchow and four for Pochow.

We joyfully welcome Brother Gordon Poteat and his wife to their great station, Kaifeng-fu, and confidently expect them to be soon full swing into the work. We likewise most heartily welcome Dr. and Sister John T. Anderson to share the joys and trials of missionary life. We continue, too, to thank the Lord for the very valuable, voluntary service of Dr. and Mrs. Hargrove in our Kaifeng-fu work, while they teach in the government school for their support. Several workers in the Y. M. C. A. have also by such voluntary help at Kaifeng-fu brought us under special obligations to feel thankful to them.

Reflecting over the dozen years since the beginning of our work by resident families, one is reminded that we have lost not a single worker by death or illness, except Miss Walker, who was detained at home because of impaired hearing, but who is still a real co-worker in her prayers and deeds at home. Only two children have died in our families during this time, and during this year very few days have been lost by all the workers for health reasons. These facts constitute a notable record for our band and for which we wish all our supporters to join us in devout thankfulness to the Giver of all good.

Our work is easily divided into the three departments, Educational, Medical and Evangelistic, all looking to and culminating in the latter, when evangelism is taken in its broad sense of bringing the individual into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and training such believers into humble, obedient servants of him as Lord and Master.

The educational and evangelistic are carried on at each of the main and most of the outstations.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Under this head we have at least the beginnings of kindergarten, primary, academic, theological, normal and college work.

Miss Swann reports the beginning in the city of Kaifengfu by the kind voluntary assistance of a Chinese lady teacher from one of the government schools of what she hopes to see become a permanent work in charge of a specially-trained kindergarten missionary.

In the report of most of the primary schools stress is put on the difficulty of securing trained and efficient teachers; but where it is possible, as in the case of Mrs. Sallee and Mrs. Fielder, to give close supervision and frequent examinations, reports are much more encouraging.

Brother Harris has had to pass through much difficulty and opposition of men to obtain an opening for his country work, and at last by patience and perseverance has succeeded in opening day schools in places that seemed closed to all effort by prejudice and ill will. He has felt compelled during the year to close one out of five day schools, because of unsatisfactory conditions, but reports the others much more encouraging and hopeful.

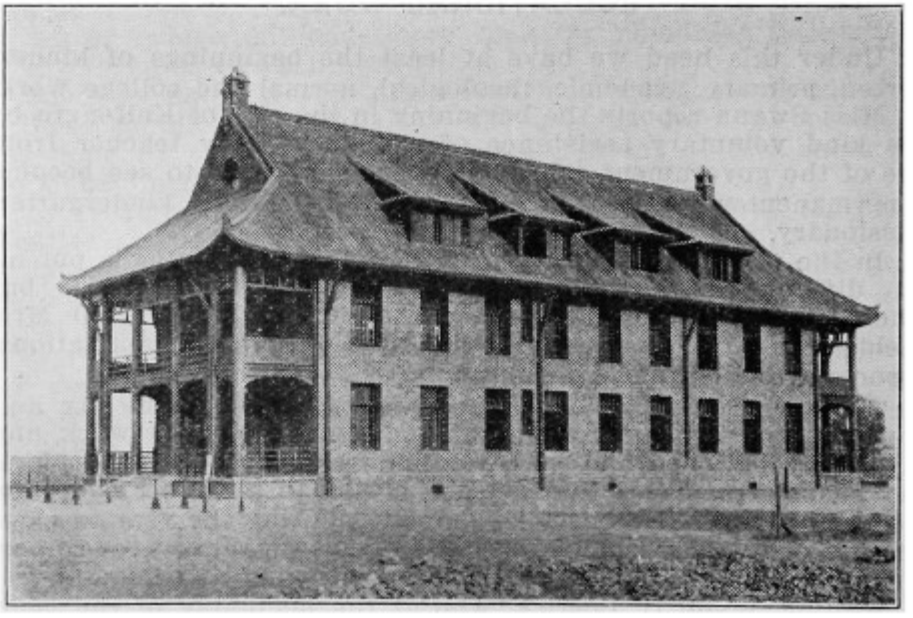
Brother Wade D. Bostick, who at the beginning of the year, and at the request of the station, assumed all responsibility for

the schools in the Pochow field, has succeeded in getting some ten day schools in fairly good running order. As a step toward securing more efficient teachers, he has advised two young teachers to enter the boys' boarding school at Kaifengfu. While he has not been able to give the close supervision to these schools he would like to, he has been fortunate enough to secure a graduate of the Shantung Christian College to visit, examine and stimulate these schools monthly, and has been glad to note some progress.

Brother Bostick calls attention to a falling off in attendance this year because of a small tuition charged, and also because these schools are still looked upon by many as foreign schools. However he, along with all those engaged in the school work, is striving earnestly to so raise the standard of the work done that these schools may on their own merit commend themselves to the thinking Chinese and gain their permanent encouragement and patronage.

Academies.—Brethren Fielder and W. D. Bostick express their hopes of starting academy work during the coming year at Chengchow and Pochow respectively. Some valuable land has been secured for this purpose at each place, and paid for privately in the hope of funds coming soon that have been promised for these academies out of the Judson Fund. We all recognize the present pressing need of this primary and academy work in order to feed the Kaifeng boarding schools.

Boarding Schools.—Both the boys' and girls boarding schools in Kaifengfu report an encouraging year's work, notwithstanding some difficulties, and have a hopeful outlook. More than fifty were enrolled in the boys' school, and better all-round work done by both the Chinese teachers and pupils. They have a



Kaifeng Baptist College Dormitory, Kaifeng, China.

class of nine within a year of finishing high school course. None of these were Christians on entering this school, while now six of the nine are baptized, and two others professed believers, while two have decided on the ministry for a life work, and others are considering it. Not one of them has yet chosen business life for the larger compensation. One teacher who was baptized last year has made most encouraging spiritual progress. These facts show what high Christian ideals are constantly held before them.

In the girls' boarding school more than forty have been regularly in school with a much larger enrollment. One class has entered high primary work, and another ready for it. Miss Savage reports a general fine Christian spirit among the girls, and four baptized during the year, and much encouraging growth of character among the girls who have been constantly in the school for several years. The school was greatly revived in a meeting held by Mrs. Herring last spring.

Bible Training Work.—Miss Lide has made a beginning in a school for preparing women for more efficient service. Sixteen were enrolled, and four give promise of being helpful co-workers. She has also held a special winter class for five weeks for such as cannot attend the whole school year. The great need for this kind of work is stressed in the reports of all the ladies who are engaged specially in evangelistic work among the women.

Bible and Normal Classes for Men.—These are held generally for from two to five weeks in mid-summer and mid-winter. More than a hundred attended last summer at Kaifeng, with twenty-five in the Normal Class. These classes are of the greatest importance to our work since as yet none of our schools carry these departments.

Brother Lawton reports classes at all his outstations with encouragement.

Industrial Work.—Brother Sallee has introduced carpentry into his school, and Miss Savage cookery and sewing into her's, and both hope that these may be the beginning of more permanent industrial departments in these boarding schools. Mrs. Sallee has worked persistently for several years toward the establishment of an industrial school for women who will not think of going to the regular schools, and who could not do so for financial reasons, if they desired. She has had about forty women this year. They all do a certain amount of Bible study, and attend some of the religious services daily, and also generally the Sunday service, though this is not required. They are paid by the article for embroidery and lace which they make. The main object is to bring these women into touch with Christ, and this work makes it possible for many to attend who otherwise never would do so. Mrs. Sallee is quite encouraged in this work, and hopes soon to have it fully self-supporting.

Brother Wade D. Bostick is earnestly striving to get hold of something in the way of industrial work which he can make practical for even the primary day schools, and plans definitely to make it a part of the academy work from the beginning.

Industrial work is comparatively a new undertaking of the mission schools, and there is no more important feature of

school work than to require the use of hands as well as brains. This is true for two reasons. It will enable many of the poor to go to school who would otherwise always be deprived of educational advantages. But more important than that is the fact that it tends constantly to emphasize the dignity of labor, whereas the old Chinese education tended always to belittle labor.

Medical Work.—Dr. Louthan has had a busy year, with far more than one man can do. He preaches daily to his patients before attending to their bodily ailments, and has some assistance in this by a Chinese evangelist. He also preaches regularly one Sunday in the Chenchow church and also has charge of a country or outstation which he visits once a month.

Of those baptized during the year into Chengchow church, two were from the hospital. He reports for the year: Outpatients, men, 4,102; women, 1,736; inpatients, men, 88; women, 6; treatments, men, 2,940; women, 190; total number of treatments, 8,960.

We all hope that ere our next report Dr. Anderson may be happily located at Chengchow.

Evangelistic.—I feel sure that all our workers would agree that evangelism is the most important of all the features of our work, or as was well put by one who is engaged mainly in educational work, "The ultimate aim of all the work is evangelism."

Bible and religious instruction is stressed in all the schools from the primary day school to and through the college work, as well as in the medical work.

But besides all this, Brethren Herring, Lawton, Harris, G. P. Bostick and Gordon Poteat, and Sisters Herring, Lawton, W. D. Bostick and Swann give their time almost exclusively to evangelistic work. Some of these have held meetings during the year at nearly all the out-stations in addition to the regular services conducted at these by the evangelists in charge.

Miss Swann, since the departure of the Fielders from Kaifeng to Chengchow, has been the sole resident missionary on our very important compound at Kaifengfu, and has been compelled to look after several features of the work in addition to her special features of trying to reach the women of the higher classes and the girls in the government schools. In March she had a two-days' service to which women were invited by ticket, and at which the addresses were given by a lady from a sister mission, and in spite of an awful sand storm the first day, and rain the second, she had an attendance of one hundred the first and seventy-five the second day. The children's service in the Sunday school, started by Brother and Sister Fielder, with an attendance of seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five, has been kept up by the voluntary help of a Y. M. C. A. worker.

The special and very interesting Sunday morning service in Kaifeng for government school students has continued with unabated interest.

Brother and Sister Herring, in addition to the pastoral care of the Chengchow church and two outstations and occasional visits to Kaifeng, have rendered most helpful service in meetings of days at all the three main stations in the spring and autumn

gatherings, and he has even gone afield to the Central China Mission to aid Brother Napier in a special tent meeting in a large and hopeful new field, while Sister Herring has rendered valued and appreciated help to a weak neighboring mission in two special meetings for women. Brother Herring reports interesting and encouraging congregations at all the places he has held meetings, but puts our city place in Kaifengfu as the best he has found for an intelligent and appreciative congregation. He exclaims in reference to it: "But, oh! how they do need an adequate work and worship house there." He also refers touchingly to the death of an elderly brother at one of his outstations, of whom he thinks as having gained an abundant entrance into the better land, though he would be counted one of the eleventh-hour Christians. Several very interesting men were also among the recent baptisms at Chengchow.

Brother Lawton reports his work different from that of all his other years in China in that it has been all away from the central station. He calls special attention to the withdrawal of a small mission from Chengchow recently, because they felt unable to man the station as they felt the demands of the very important and rapidly-growing city, and he also calls attention to how this increases our responsibilities to the people of that city.

Mrs. Lawton's duties have been many and varied during the year. She has looked after a girls' school in the city, made evangelistic visits to the outstations, and she with both Sisters Herring and Flora Bostick have had to give attention to teaching their own children, owing to failure to secure teachers.

Brother Harris reports an encouraging outlook generally in his evangelistic work in his out-stations from Kaifengfu. Mrs. Harris has rendered valuable help in teaching in the boys' school and in work with the women in one of the city chapels.

Brother and Sister Fielder have divided their efforts between Kaifengfu and Chengchow, having moved from the former to the latter place in September. They succeeded in organizing and carrying on for some months before they left Kaifeng a most interesting children's department in the Sunday school, numbering in attendance from 80 to 125. He looked after the interests of the compound and conducted two other chapel services in different parts of the city. At Chengchow he has been busy trying to perfect arrangements for opening academy work there in the coming year, and in teaching night classes. Mrs. Fielder has had charge at Chengchow of a girls' day school and of the girls in the Sunday school, whom she has divided into three classes and put them in charge of three Chinese teachers. She meets and studies the lessons with these teachers each week and prays with them about the pupils. She hopes to see a good, up-to-date department Sunday school here.

Brother G. P. Bostick has had charge of the Pochow church, the oversight of two out-stations and the tent work in the Pochow field, and deeply regrets that he has had to give much time and heart to looking after the building of his residence, by reason of having no efficient builder for such work. The house is not yet fully completed.

Mrs. G. P. Bostick has put considerable time in teaching English to some young men in this city and hopes thus to support, when available, three or four Chinese workers. She also has charge of the organ and music in all the services in the Pochow church.

Mrs. W. D. Bostick, with the assistance of the Bible woman, has given most of her time to the work in Pochow, but a few visits have been made to the out-stations. She had a class in Bible study with the women for eight days in February, at which time some came up from the out-stations. She says the most encouraging feature of her work is visiting in the homes, where she meets all members of the family, and often neighbors who call in at such visits are reached.

Brother Sallee, besides having charge of and teaching in the boys' boarding school, has for the greater part of the year been responsible for the services in the city more than a mile away, as well as carrying on regular Sunday school and preaching services in the chapel of the boys' school, but at different hours.

Mrs. Sallee reports much interest in the evangelistic work with her women and children. She has by far the largest of all our day schools and reports a rapidly growing interest and desire to know more of Jesus. She reports several interesting conversions of mothers of these school children, with four baptisms. One most interesting case is given of a devil-worshiping woman, who has been happily converted, largely through her daughter's attending the school.

The work of Brother and Sister Townshend at Kweiteh-fu, who have always worked in closest sympathy and coöperation with us, and who are now asking to be taken over with their work, has since their departure on furlough last April, been looked after by Brother Wade D. Bostick, and is in a most encouraging condition, with a little more than one hundred members and with a most hopeful outlook for the future.

Needs.—As further equipment the entire mission has approved at each meeting for three years as the most urgent need a doctor and hospital at Pochow. Next to this, larger and more efficient houses for worship and work places are very urgent needs at Kaifeng and Chengchow.

As many more workers as we now have could be well assigned and still not by a long ways fill up all the needy places. But above all these needs, we all feel that more realization of God and his power in our lives and work out here and in the lives and work of our home constituency, that is, a deeper consecration to him and his cause.

In not a single report this year is there sounded a discouraged or pessimistic note; and all face the work of the new year with joyful hopefulness and a desire to do better work than ever before. May God's Holy Spirit enable us all to look with compassion upon the vast lost multitudes as did our Lord, and so respond constantly and earnestly to his command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers."

THE NORTH CHINA MISSION.

By Mr. and Mrs. David Bryan.

Before taking up the work by departments, let us spend a few minutes in taking a general survey.

GENERAL SURVEY.

I. Difficulties.

1. Poverty.—It is a truism that great riches and dire poverty are both blighting in their effects on humanity. If America as a nation is suffering from the former, China, especially North China, is suffering from the latter to a degree which mere words are absolutely inadequate to express. Only by unceasing labor and the practice of an economy, such as is in the realm of the impossible for the average American, do the masses of the Chinese of Shantung Province live. Poverty, to a certain degree, is wholesome, but beyond that degree takes away the possibility of developing the highest and best that there is in man. For example, just now there comes news from Hwanghien of scores of people freezing and starving during the recent severe weather, and as one dies, others rush to snatch his rags for their own ill-clad bodies. The writer believes that in very few cases is it over-work, but rather contact with such features of Oriental life, that makes nervous wrecks of many missionaries. Many of our Christians are thus poverty-stricken. One crop failure means famine. In two or three of this year's reports I read the following: "Crop failures made 1916 very hard." I wish I had the power to convey to you the full significance of that short sentence!

2. Ignorance.—And the ogress of ignorance, poverty's twin sister, still grips with an iron hand the masses of China's population. This ignorance is infinitely worse than mere illiteracy. It is the ignorance, not of one generation, but of ages; the ignorance of men and women whose forefathers "became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened, . . . they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator . . . for this cause God gave them up." The last quoted phrase, thrice recurring in the first chapters of Romans, applies with peculiar force in China. When you remember that the majority of our Christians come out of such darkness, you may realize that at this stage of our missionary endeavor our greatest task is not the winning of men, which is now comparatively easy, but the nourishing and developing of these "babes in Christ." At the last annual meeting of the Shantung Baptist Association, statistics were produced showing that of our ten thousand Christians, seven thousand are illiterate. You see what a herculean task is ours, when to seventy per cent of our Christians the Bible is a closed book.

3. Maintaining Number and Increasing Efficiency of Our Foreign Staff.—For the missionaries on the field, the difficulty of

maintaining an adequate staff for the work, even at its present proportions, just now looms large. Nineteen sixteen was a very hard year on the health of North China missionaries. During the year five were forced home, either by their own ill-health, or ill-health in their families. Five others are now arranging passage for early spring, three of whom, however, are only a few months ahead of normal furlough. New recruits have averaged four per year for the last three years. It will probably take this number each year to keep up the present staff of fifty to fifty-five workers. Ill-health limits efficiency. We are also hampered, particularly in Christian education, by a lack of specialists. Had we only properly equipped specialists just now, the writer feels that we could immediately take great strides in training native teachers (one of our sorest needs), and possibly in training for other vocations.

II. Encouragements.

"We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened: perplexed, yet not unto despair." Second Corinthians is, to the perplexed missionary, at once God's rebuke and God's inspiration, finding its strongest expression in the spiritual autobiography of the model missionary, Paul. What have we to encourage us?

1. **Steady Growth.**—Thank God, we are growing steadily. Although in some sections there is a falling off of baptisms for 1916 as against 1915, totals for 1916 exceed 1915 by 82, the exact figures for 1916 being 1,491. Where there has been a decrease in baptisms, we take it as a hopeful rather than an alarming sign; that there is a greater anxiety to be sure of the candidate's regeneration. Our annual baptisms now number twice as many as we had Christians altogether ten years ago. And even if seventy per cent, or seven thousand, of our Christians are illiterate, thank God for even an illiterate "seven thousand who do not bow the knee to Baal" in the heathen temples on the high hills of Shantung Province!

2. **A More Friendly and Receptive Attitude of the People.**—At the beginning of 1916 the political situation in China was greatly strained. The year has relieved the tenseness of the situation, and at the same time greatly increased the friendliness of the Chinese for the Americans. Some of the missionaries feel that our present opportunity is as great or greater than that of 1912.

3. **Awakening of Leaders.**—By this caption we mean the awakening of leaders, both foreign and Chinese, to the mental and spiritual apathy of our Christian constituency. Steps are being taken toward working out an easy method to teach illiterate Christians to read portions or all of their New Testament. Many are stirred by their conviction of the deep need of a more spiritual church membership. It is a good sign.

4. **The Spread to the West.**—This is through the Home Missionary Society of our native association, whose work is, in the main, far to the west of us, and reaching other provinces beside our own. This work grows in a way that is marvelous. A fuller report will be found in the section on evangelistic work.

THE WORK BY DEPARTMENTS.

I. Ministry to the Body.

Before taking up the medical reports, attention may be given to one unique report, sent in by Mr. Leonard of Laichowfu, the title of which is "Helping the Beggars." The writer mentioned the number of such unfortunates, their great need, the indifference of the more fortunate as to their suffering, his hopes that the Chinese church may be induced to give attention to the matter, etc., and then reports what has been done with private funds during the past year, as follows: "The most satisfactory plan has been to have them come on the first and fifteenth of each Chinese month. They are received in a large, sunshiny court, are seated there and hear the gospel for an hour or two, and then each one is helped in cash according to his or her condition. Sometimes there are as many as one hundred and forty. From this number some twenty or thirty who are not altogether dependent must be rejected before funds are distributed. They hear the simple gospel and are taught to pray the heavenly Father for daily food, physical and spiritual. Unusually good attention is given, and many believe and some have been saved, we believe. Preaching to these unfortunates is indeed a pleasant work. They make one think of those who heard gladly the Master when he came 'preaching to the poor.' One day I counted among them six blind, seven lame, forty old men and women who could scarcely get about, and two lepers." It may also be noted that the Hwanghien church, during the spring of last year, contributed generously to famine sufferers, and the largest contributor was not a foreigner but a Chinese Christian. During the extreme bitter weather this winter, Hwanghien followed a plan similar to the one reported by Mr. Leonard.

Practically all the medical work done by the missionary physicians and nurses is done through the hospital and dispensary. The total outside treatments reported by all hospitals for the year 1916 only reached 179, and the larger per cent of these, perhaps, were by native helpers. One other former physician, whose work is now evangelistic, reported 992 treatments, most of which were likely outside, though as to this his report did not discriminate. Morning and afternoon dispensary hours in each hospital, with chapel (waiting rooms) adjoining, make an ideal opportunity for acquainting all patients with the gospel. The rule of each hospital is, of course, that no patient shall be treated by the human without an opportunity to be healed by the divine.

Looked at from the purely humanitarian standpoint, in a land like China, mission medical work abundantly pays; while, in the breaking of ground, and sowing seed of the kingdom its value is inestimable. Let the following, found in the Laichowfu report, serve as an example: "The opening up of the work at a new evangelistic center where a number have been converted, may be traced to a man who was treated at the hospital, there became a Christian, and immediately began spreading the gospel in his village."

In the medical work, the hospitals with their equipment, together with salaries of workers, are supplied by mission funds, while current expenses are paid by patients. The effect of the European war on the remote corners of the earth can be no better illustrated than here. By putting drug prices unreasonably high, it has made a most trying year for the medical work. Dr. Ayers, of the Hwanghien hospital, states his problem thus: "In planning for the year, it was evident that an increase in charges of the treatment of patients would have to be made, or an appeal be made to the Foreign Mission Board for an appropriation to help meet the running expenses of the hospital. With a big debt on the Board, it was decided to increase prices rather than ask for an appropriation. With the scarcity of money and food among the people, it was not easy to reach this conclusion, for it was evident that it meant the reduction in number of patients and the continued suffering of many who could be healed. The year closed with the realization of both these fears." Miss Jones, trained nurse of Oxner Memorial Hospital, of Pingtu, also says: "This has been a hard year for the people, and the price of medicines has gone so high that not half the people coming to the hospital could afford to pay full price for the medicine they had to have. This has been one of our greatest difficulties. Fortunately, the official's wife and several other wealthy ladies, who refugeed at the hospital last summer, during the revolution, left more than the price of their medicines (they were also patients) and one missionary lady, who knew of our difficulties, gave us $10 Mex. So, with the little we could contribute ourselves we managed to help a few of the sufferers, of whom there are thousands right here in this one county."

In spite of these difficulties the Hwanghien hospitals were the only ones that had a decrease in attendance, Dr. Ayers reporting: "For the first time in the sixteen years of the medical work here, a decided decrease, as compared with the preceding year, is reported. The total attendance for the year was 12,023." The decreases as against the previous year, was over twenty per cent. The other two hospitals both had an increase. Dr. Yocum, of the Pingtu hospital, says: "This year has been the best in the history of the hospital. More patients have been treated, and more operations performed than in any previous year," and he reports a total attendance of 9,727. The foreign physician in charge of the Mayfield-Tyzzer hospital, at Laichowfu, was on furlough the whole of 1916. There were, of course, few in-patients, and no operations of consequence, but the regular treatments kept up well. The total number of treatments for the year were 9,509—exceeding last year by 314. Including the 992 treatments reported by Dr. Hearn, the grand total of treatments on the whole field for the year amounted to 32,251.

Dr. Ayers, whose report was much fuller than the others, gives several interesting incidents of the year. Four young men who have been students and helpers in the hospital, three of whom completed a prescribed course of study, and were given certificates, went out to take up their life work of ministering to their suffering countrymen. Their going out reduced the force of the hospital, but at the beginning of 1916, Dr. Cheo, a young

man who stood at the head of the class in the Tsinanfu Medical College in 1915, was added to the force. He is doing splendid work. Dr. Chu, who has been in the hospital for fifteen years, is still faithful and efficient. In the women's hospital there are three fine young women nurses. One of the happiest events was the coming of the first graduated nurse sent out by the China Medical Board, Miss Grace McBride, whose reception by the Chinese shows clearly their appreciation of the trained nurse. The women's hospital, thanks to local friends for contributions to pay salaries of nurses, will not, for the year 1917, have to call on the Foreign Mission Board for a dollar.

II. Ministry to the Mind.

During the year 1916 our mission maintained 199 primary day schools, with an attendance a few short of 3,500 pupils, ten station boarding schools, five for boys and five for girls, with an attendance of 579, and three mission boarding schools (Seminary, Women's Bible Training School and Women's Normal) with an attendance of sixty, making grand total of 212 schools, with attendance of 4,100. These figures as to number of schools are accurate, and as to pupils, accurate enough for all practical purposes. They do not include, however, several schools for ignorant women, which are elementary and evangelistic in nature. These statements give some idea of what is being attempted in education.

1. Primary Day Schools.—Over seventy-five per cent of the 199 schools reported, are for boys. It is hoped that a better adjustment of proportions will be reached within a few years. Even if very few of our girls go higher than these primary schools, a great thing will be accomplished if most of the future Christian mothers can be taught to read.

The object sought is to give the pupil a very rudimentary Western education, together with a little beginning in his own literature, but above all to lead him to Jesus. These schools are not restricted to the children of Christian parents, though the feeling that Christians' children should preponderate seems to be gaining ground among missionaries.

2. Station Boarding Schools.—The three preceding words, perhaps, make the least misleading names for the schools in question, because there is no name which can accurately describe all these schools at our present stage of development. The ideal sought is that these schools shall reach high school rank, and be largely boarding schools, fed by the station's outlying primary village schools. The newness of some stations, lack of sufficient foreign force, a sad lack of coördination in educational work, and other considerations, cause all these schools to fall far short of the ideal.

(1) Girls' Schools.—The five girls' schools, located at Chefoo, Tengchowfu, Hwanghien, Laichowfu and Pingtu are, because of social conditions in China, necessarily exclusively boarding schools. The last named, it is true, has a kindergarten department, the children of which are of course day pupils. Each one of the five schools does work from the primary grade to as far as the pupils are carried, this, at the present being dependent

on the curriculum of the local school. Let it be remembered that in the beginning these schools were new and radical departures from the ideals of old China. Hence, in each section, the building of such a school was largely a local problem, which had to be worked out by the missionary in charge. The boarding school must, itself, first prepare teachers to conduct primary day schools before it could look to such schools as feeders. Only during the past year did one of these schools graduate its first class, another its second, while a third's first graduating class is yet in the future. The Pingtu school is surrounded by over half of the entire Christian constituency, has already established twenty-seven primary day schools as feeders, and hence enjoys some advantages which the other schools must have a period of years to attain.

The Pingtu school reports steady growth, the year's enrollment, including kindergarten, reaching 132. Two men and four women teachers assisted its principal, Mrs. Sears, who also used six student teachers to advantage. She is rejoicing over the recent coming of her daughter, Mrs. Connely, to assist in the work; also over the putting up of a dining hall, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and more dormitory space; but yet feels keenly the need of two classrooms, especially a large one to be utilized for kindergarten and Sunday school purposes.

The Laichowfu school reports a record-breaking attendance, unusually good health, a flourishing Sunbeam Band of twenty-five of the younger girls, six of whom were recently baptized. Miss Huey is peculiarly rejoiced over her first graduating class of eight, of whom she says, "We send these precious girls out, trusting in the true God whose they are, and whom they have learned to serve. May their lights never grow dim nor their courage fail." Land has been secured for a new building, and the next term is to begin with the addition to the teaching force of a normal-trained teacher.

The Carter Girls' School, of Hwanghien, graduated its second class in June, 1916, the exercises being well attended by officials, gentry and Christians. The eight graduates are all dropping into places of usefulness. The outgoing graduates made room for several new pupils for the fall term, so the total enrollment reached seventy-four. Board was increased one dollar (gold) during the year, and Miss Hunter is working toward the goal of full board from every student. In spite of crowding health was good. The Chinese are beginning to see the need of enlarging, especially as girls usually have to be put on a waiting list for admission. It is hoped that they will be ready to add to the Judson Enlargement Fund, and thus come to feel more fully that the school is theirs. Five have been baptized during the year.

The Tengchow school reports an enrollment of twenty-four, with the same faculty, composed of three Chinese teachers, and the principal, Miss Florence Lide. Two new features are reported; first, a music class, made possible by Miss Ada C. Bell, who used her piano and taught a class of eight girls, whose progress was most satisfactory. Second, the introduction of a small industrial work, enabling several students to pay their board, and thus encouraging self-support.

Chefoo station reports an enrollment of forty-one girls in the Williams Memorial School. The growth of the school has made necessary the increase of teaching force; accordingly, a graduate of Miss Lide's high school, and a graduate of Shantung Christian College, as science teacher, have been added. As Mrs. Pruitt will spend 1917 in America, her daughter, Miss Ida Pruitt, needs still more assistance, and has employed one of Miss Jane Lide's normal graduates for 1917, making the present faculty consist of two each of native men and women, beside herself. In June, it was announced that school must close a month earlier, on account of lack of funds, whereupon the father of one of the wealthy girls busied himself and raised the funds to continue, which shows clearly how the Chinese believe in the school. While preference is given to the Christian girls, the number of wealthy outside girls is growing. The school will graduate its first class next June. The religious life of the girls is encouraging. Most of the older girls are Christians, and quite a few of the younger ones.

(2) **Boys' Schools.**—The preliminary statements about girls' schools are in the main true of the station boarding school for boys. While they do not have to go quite so low in the beginning as the girls' schools, in no case is a school doing only high school work, and in no case is a school doing full high school work according to American standards. Our schools must necessarily give the student a fair course in his own language and literature, else he cannot command the respect of the Chinese as an educated man. It takes unlimited time to become even a fair scholar in Chinese. Another thing is, that we must make the Bible an important and time-consuming text-book in these schools, or the school is not worth while. The Western branches taught are physiology, geography, history, mathematics, and one or two natural sciences. Only two of these schools have as yet had time to reach the high school standard, and as Hwanghien is located so as to handle the last three years of all students in the eastern end of the mission, and Pingtu, those in the western, it is probable that a lack of men for educational work, and means for educational equipment, will force us, and rightly so, to confine our high school work to these two schools for the present. Up to the present, many circumstances have made a uniform course of study, and general correlation of our education into a system, difficult, but the time has come when a failure to do so with both boys' and girls' schools will be not only foolish, but wasteful and sinful.

The Pingtu school, owing to war and famine, only enrolled 98, the smallest for years. Fully half the graduating class joined the revolutionists, leaving only ten to graduate at the close of the year. Still there are many encouragements. During the spring, Mr. E. L. Morgan's thorough study of the Book of Exodus with the entire school made a profound impression, causing almost all the unconverted to accept Christ. The graduating class stand higher in Chinese scholarship than any class for several years. Five of the class have decided to enter the ministry. The trades department continues to prove valuable in giving dignity to labor and aiding poor students. The Chinese are more

ready to combine labor and learning. "This is a uniquely opportune moment for mission schools to play an important part in training Christian leaders for all lines of China's future industries."

The Laichowfu boys' school reports an enrollment about equal to the previous year, with school work and school spirit better than ever before. The students are more and more coming to realize that they have a place in the redemption of the people of this section. About 450 talks have been given by the boys on Sunday afternoon preaching trips. While there is no affiliation between our educational work and the public schools, there is harmony, for the missionary in charge, Mr. Leonard, often holds conferences with the county superintendent of public schools relative to the general advancement of education in the county. This change of attitude on the part of the Chinese is gratifying. Entrance has been gained into the large government middle school in the city, where the missionary gives one afternoon each week assisting in English conversation. Eleven students have bought English Chinese Bibles, and the missionary has a Bible class, meeting at his home on Sundays. The students often attend Sunday school and church services. Two of the teachers are Christians, and have consented to fill the pulpit often and regularly next year. Some of the students believe, and say they have determined to follow the Lord; practically all have given up worship of idols. This is one of ten such schools in the province, and its students are the cream of the young men of a large section of country. Pray the Lord that the seed sown may bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.

The Laiyang school, the newest of all, reports an enrollment of twenty promising young men, fifteen of whom are Christians, and six of whom will graduate next year. The Chefoo school, in charge of Mrs. Peyton Stephens, reports an enrollment of thirty.

The principal of the Hwanghien Boys' Academy, Mr. Charles N. Hartwell, was in America on furlough during the past year. The school not only held its own, but forged forward in some respects, and this Miss Hartwell, acting principal, feels is the highest commendation for the foundation and superstructure already laid by the principal. The enrollment for the year was 101. The school continued to meet all current expenses except teachers' salaries. Work of the Y. M. C. A. has been kept at a high standard, special aid being given by an alumnus of the institution, Wang Hwan Mei, who is now in the Seminary. At an athletic meet, participated in by most of the county public schools, this school took a large majority of the prizes. The whole spirit of the school is very gratifying.

3. **General Mission Schools.**—Normal School for Women. From this school we have a very full report, which, because of its bearing not only on normal education, but on all our educational work, is given in full. "The Normal School for Women has been in session in Tengchow for two years, and has just graduated its first class. At a mission meeting in Chefoo, in July, 1914, the mission voted to establish a normal school. The mission's plan was not a school of low grade, designed to cover for undergraduates their lack of preparation, and teach them the

subjects they were to go out and teach. Our plan was of broader scope and more worthy of the ideal for which we are striving. The entire mission has become deeply aware of the fact that our educational work is suffering from two causes: First, the inadequate course of study in our middle schools, and conseqent inadequate preparation of our teachers; second, the absolute lack of any professional training for our teachers. Boys and girls go out from our middle schools and undertake the arduous task of developing future citizens and future servants of our Master, when they, themselves, have been given no knowledge of either the science or the art of teaching, no insight into the true teacher's purpose and ideals.

"Therefore, we planned a school where graduates of the middle schools may be given (1) professional training, and (2) a more advanced course of study than a middle school is supposed to offer. The course of study was completed in two years by the class just graduated. Hereafter it will extend over three years. It includes Bible, pedagogy, daily teaching in a practice school under supervision, graded Sunday school work and mission work on Sunday, psychology, history of education, Chinese classics, composition, penmanship, music, English, gymnastics, and how to teach it, solid geometry, trigonometry, zoology, botany, geology, mineralogy. The class just graduated studied also physics and chemistry. In the future a kindergarten course will, of course, be offered.

"The enrollment during the two years was four; these four being the class of girls that graduated at the end of 1914 from the Tengchow Middle School for Girls. Three of them completed the normal course in December, 1916. Graduates are required to teach at least two years for the mission, before marriage.

"The financial support of the school comes from two sources—the students pay entirely all cost of board, fuel, lights, while the Foreign Mission Board pays the salaries of teachers and matron. So far, this school has not a square inch of ground, or a single room, or a dollar's worth of equipment. Chinese and foreigners in Tengchow have contributed $900 (Mexican) to the school, and this is invested at present. The school has been conducted on the compound of the girls' middle school in Tengchow. There will be no session during the principal's absence on furlough."

Woman's Bible Training School.—This school is located at Laichowfu, and report for the year 1916 is as follows: "Enrollment was twenty-nine. Three were discontinued on account of ill-health, one of this number dying of tuberculosis during the autumn. Six women finished the three years' course, and are now serving as Bible women. The faculty consisted of Mrs. Belle Chang, who taught Old Testament and kindred subjects; Mr. Swen, who taught the National Readers and other subjects; Miss Willeford, who taught New Testament, methods of work, etc. Women's schools, which are being opened in some of the stations, are helping to raise the curriculum of the school. The character of work done by the pupils has greatly improved during the year. Miss Miller, who has charge of city evangelistic work, has greatly aided the pupils in mission Sunday school work, as well as in leading the daily meetings for women. The third year pupils each gave a week's time to country work among the

women, under the supervision of experienced workers. All have had a mind to work, and the year in school has been a joy to all. God has been gracious to us."

Seminary.—"The Bush Theological Seminary completed its thirteenth year with a total enrollment of twenty-six students, of whom ten graduated and went forth to preach the gospel. Of the four members of the faculty, W. B. Glass taught the Old Testament; W. C. Newton, the New Testament; W. P. Wan, Church History, and Kai Teh Ching, Theology. Homiletics has no chair as yet, but is attached to other departments. The time has come when we should broaden our curriculum. The greatest hindrance in our institution at present is a lack of funds with which to evangelize the regions beyond. Our seminary can be most helped by large gifts to the evangelistic work, which will enable our graduates to gratify their ambition to preach the gospel to those who have never heard."

III. Ministry to the Souith.

"I give thanks to God, and shall praise him to all eternity, that I heard and harkened to China's call over twenty-five years ago. It has meant a quarter of a century of supreme privilege in the service of my Master and of my brothers and sisters in China. I arrived in Cheefoo, Monday, October 26, 1891, and from there went direct to Tengchow to attend my first mission meeting, and to be present at the first session of our Shantung Baptist Association, which met there the first days of November. While I could not understand what was said, I enjoyed very much the Christian fellowship. The Association at that time had only four churches—Tengchow, Hwanghien, Shangtswang and Pingtu. There were not a dozen messengers, and we met in a very small section of the church. Just twenty-five years later, November 1 to 5, 1916, Pingtu had the honor of entertaining the said Association, and this time sixty-one churches were represented, with a total membership of 10,733. Twenty-five years ago, about a dozen baptisms were reported; this year more new churches—sixteen—were added than baptisms reported at that time. This year there were present thirty foreign missionaries, six Chinese home missionaries, seven Chinese pastors, 134 messengers, and from 400 to 500 visitors."

The above reminiscences of Mr. Wm. H. Sears are surely not out of place in the beginning of our annual evangelistic report. The above figures include, however, four churches of the Gospel Mission, with 297 members, and four Swedish Baptist mission churches, with a membership of 890, who affiliate with our Association.

The writer would like to call special attention to the organization of sixteen new churches during the year—an extraordinarily large number. These were organized in outstations, which had reached the point where better work could be done by an organization of their own than by being tied to the station mother churches miles away. New churches call for new pastors. Accordingly two new pastors were ordained during the year. There is a deep need for others, but no disposition to ordain men who have not first proven themselves thoroughly worthy and fairly competent, therefore the demand for pastors is only slowly supplied.

1. **Colportage.**—The sale of Bibles, of Bible portions and of Christian books, together with the distribution of tracts, are a great help in disseminating truth. The literature is supplied by the Baptist Publication Society of Canton, National Bible Society of Scotland, British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society. Mr. Glass reports that on the Hwanghien field four colporters have sold nearly 8,000 New Testament and Scripture portions. Many Christians, doing voluntary colportage work, have sold almost as many as the regular colporters, while about fifty Bibles and much other literature has been sold directly from the book room. Mr. Leonard reports, for the Laichow field, the employment of seven men for six months in the year, who, together with the missionary in charge, have sold forty Bibles, 463 New Testaments, 24,622 Scripture portions, and 10,000 books and pamphlets. On the Pingtu field the colportage work is done by the evangelists, in connection with their regular work. They report the sale of 1,620 New Testaments, and 39,440 Scripture portions.

2. **Sunday Schools.**—The number of Sunday schools, with figures from one station not in, are reported as 150 schools, with 5,689 scholars. The numbers are encouraging, but the station reports are rather disappointing in the little attention they give in their reports to this very important factor in our evangelistic work. In each station where boarding schools and day schools are maintained, during school sessions, a large Sunday school is always the result. One missionary, in reporting her work among women and children, in Laichowfu, says that she "carried on regular weekly meetings in four different centers, and had Sunday schools in all these places for both women and children, especially for the children. This has been one of the greatest features of this city work, because in this way we reach about 150 children from heathen homes, and many of them are pupils from government and private heathen schools". Mr. W. B. Glass, of Hwanghien, has this to say of Sunday school work on the Hwanghien field: "The Sunday schools have been kept up and much Bible teaching has been done through them. However, they cannot be said to be efficient Sunday schools. Suitable equipment, proper organization and trained teachers are goals yet to be attained."

3. **Work Among Women.**—This work was conducted during 1916 by thirty-two native Bible women, and eleven foreign women, the latter of whom, in most cases, could give their time only in part. The work of the native women is highly commended by the foreigners. Hwanghien reports: "The native Bible women, both in the city and in the country, have done much faithful visiting in the homes." Laichow: "The Bible women report much interest in all their fields. They have reported during the year between seventy-five and 100 who have enlisted as inquirers or seekers after the truth." Laiyang City: "The Bible woman has done faithful work, and during the last half of the year we have been fortunate in having a young woman to help us in the city work who is a graduate of Hwanghien Girls' School. She has been a great help in conducting meetings, teaching the women, and has been a stimulus to the girls whom she has met in the city who did not know the value of an educa-

tion." Pingtu: "The year 1916 was begun with a ten days' Bible study with the fourteen Bible women of our station, as a kind of preparation for the year's work. These women have done faithful service in their respective churches."

The activities of the foreign women can also best be presented by some quotations. The Chefoo worker reports: "Direct touch with 250 school boys, which enables her to reach hundreds of women." One of the Hwanghien workers reports: "Women's meetings in four different centers have been kept up with splendid attendance and interest. These are always attended and superintended by a foreigner." A Laichowfu worker says: "We have been in intimate touch with about ninety-five homes during the year, also carried on our regular meetings in city and suburbs for women in four different centers." The worker among country women of the Laiyang district reports visits "to all the churches and chief outstations", where in company with a Bible woman she "did work among the women, both Christian and heathen, and met with quite a little encouragement, some giving evidence of faith in Christ". The Laiyang City worker reports well attended Sunday afternoon meetings for all the year, and in summer and autumn a Thursday afternoon meeting as well. She continues: "Some weeks ago I told the women if they would come every afternoon for some special Bible study, I would be glad to help them all I could. The next afternoon ten women came, and we began a little Bible study class. They came every afternoon for three weeks, and seemed eager to learn. Some days we had eighteen, and the attendance rarely dropped below ten. We spent about three hours each day in study and in learning to sings hymns." The Pingtu worker, who spends weeks at a time out on her large field, says: "The eighteen churches and many outstations have been visited, classes held with the women and girls, and many Christian homes visited. A large number have given their hearts to Christ, and still there are many inquiring the Way of Life. One hundred and ninety-six women were baptized this year. In a small way we have a movement on foot to teach these new converts to read. We hope to help these little ones to live closer to Christ, and bespeak your prayers on their behalf."

4. Work Among Men.—(1) The Chefoo field reports a very bright outlook. In the four churches of this field there were ninety-seven baptisms, bringing their membership up to 565. Contributions amounted to $1,063.31 United States currency. The work of Pastor Wen is of the highest order. The progress of the work in Dalny, where work is being done at three main centers, is most encouraging. The workers are especially rejoicing over the great progress of the Chefoo City work, whose tenth anniversary was celebrated this year. The five chapels are doing good work. The work in one, the T'ai Ping Wan Chapel, is reported by Dr. Pruitt, who has had the oversight of it during the year: "Located in one of the busiest sections of Chefoo, it has proven to be a good place for seed-sowing. The people who come in, live away in every direction—in the city, in the country, and on the boats. There is a tremendous boating population right at our doors. In addition to our two preachers, we frequently have Rev. George Nicoll, who is a very experienced preacher in Chi-

nese. The preachers, of course, coöperate with Chefoo Church, and all results of their labors, so far as we can tabulate them, go into the church here."

A further report of Dr. Pruitt's about his work other than evangelistic, may be added here: "Translation Work.—In addition to Broadus' 'Matthew', which we are translating, we also translate the Sunday school lessons into Mandarin. We have also done some smaller jobs during the year. . . . The Treasurer's Work.—Now that my term of being treasurer is past, I want to say that accounting for gold fifty to seventy thousand in China, where there is perpetual change, and where mails are slow, is no small undertaking. It uses up a lot of time in spite of all one can do. But with me it has always been a work of pleasure. I have been glad to feel that when I have had to have my head hanging over account books, so many of the Lord's choicest servants have been enabled thereby to go on unmolestedly in the greatest work man ever engaged in; and as the name of one and another of our dear missionaries has passed before my gaze, I have had a prayerful interest in the work of everyone. I surely love everyone of them with a devoted love."

(2) "The Tengchow evangelistic work has sadly felt the absence of one missionary family on furlough, and the sickness and necessary departure of the other. The work is still dependent on the presence of the foreign missionary, and one single woman cannot carry it all alone, her house to house visiting taking no little time and strength. The city church employs two evangelists and one Bible woman, and the Tsung Kia Church four evangelists and two physicians. In February Mr. Glass came over from Hwanghien and preached twice daily for a number of days. The meeting had been preceded for two months by daily prayer meetings held by the pastor with a number of the men of the church. The members were stimulated and blessed, and there were eighteen baptisms."

(3) Hwanghien.—"The evangelistic work of this field has, this year as last, been under the direction of Brethren Newton and Glass. Both these brethren have had other regular work, besides much sickness in their families, and the work has unavoidably suffered. We return thanks to God for the faithfulness of our Chinese co-laborers, especially our native pastors.

"The number of churches is now six. Two were organized during the year, one at Lung K'eo, the other at Chao Yuen City. We have been carrying on work in both of these places for a number of years, but hitherto the conditions did not seem right for organization. Two pastors have been ordained during the year. Mr. Kao, of the Seminary, becomes the assistant pastor of the Hwanghien Church, in connection with his duties as teacher in the Bush Theological Seminary. Mr. Wen, a former student, becomes pastor of the Chao Yuen and Kin Kia Keo churches. His home is in Chao Yuen City. He is a splendid man, and his ordination gives a great impetus to the work in that county.

"The year has witnessed 181 baptisms. No special revivals have been held. The baptisms have come through the regular personal work of the evangelists and other Christians. We are planning for extensive revival work during 1917.

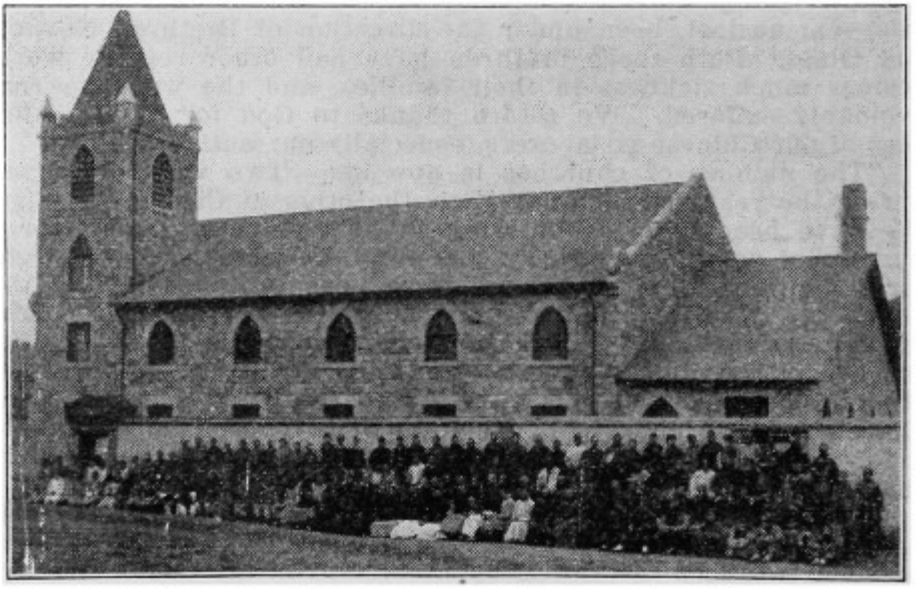
"In self-support we are making some progress. The Hwanghien Church, in addition to supporting its pastor and other expenses, has supported one evangelist, and for 1917 will support another. As the Lung K'eo Church has a missionary pastor, they are undertaking the support of an evangelist. The mission is helping some in the support of Pastor Wen. The total contributions of all churches for all purposes is, gold $793.00."

(4) **Laichowfu.**—"Three words characterize in part the work of this year—CAUTION, INTENSIFICATION, EXPANSION. There have been only fifty-six baptisms this year, as we have been trying out a policy of waiting a few months after the inquierer had been approved, before baptizing. Most of these were kept waiting from six months to a year. They bid fair to be the best crowd we have ever received.

"Bible study classes for Christians has been one of the prominent features of this year's work. Each class has lasted from a week to ten days, and each time we have tried to cover a book, and get the main divisions and the important teachings of the book in their minds. Some classes have been followed by written examinations. The writer has conducted four such classes this year, covering Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and 1 Corinthians. Besides these, short classes were held with two of the country churches, in each of which we taught Titus. We have great hopes in this intensive culture. Our last class enrolled 171."

(5) **Laiyang.**—"Very much indeed have we for which to thank and praise God. In April we dedicated the new chapel, completed at one of the country places last December. This is the only house of worship owned by Baptists in Laiyang. In May one of the outstations was organized into a church of thirty members.

"Special classes were held at each church during the spring, with the hope of deepening the spiritual life of the believers,



Baptist Church, Laichow, China.

during the autumn we made an evangelistic campaign, visiting the various churches and outstations for varying lengths of time; going with the local workers to the near-by towns and markets, preaching in the homes and on the street. We would return to headquarters to hold a service at night with the Christians. Many hundreds heard the gospel message. Dr. Hearn's wheel proved to be a great attraction in the campaign, many gathering about to see and then to hear."

(6) Pingtu.—At the beginning of the evangelistic report we placed a quotation giving some reminiscences of Mr. Sears' concerning the growth of the last twenty-five years in the North China Mission. The latter half of these same reminiscences refer to the Pingtu field alone, and a part of them may be given as Pingtu's annual report: "Twenty-five years ago Pingtu had one church with about a dozen members; now eighteen churches with 5,364 members. During my first year in Pingtu, two persons were baptized, while this year 773 have been baptized. Twenty-five years ago there was no native ministry in our North China Mission; now Pingtu alone has four ordained pastors. Twenty-five years ago there were no Chinese co-workers; now Pingtu has over 250 evangelists, Bible women, teachers, etc. Twenty-five years ago Pingtu had only one outstation; now we have 122. Twenty-five years ago there were Christians in two villages; now in 619 villages. Twenty-five years ago the little church at Saling was perfectly 'self-supporting'. They asked nothing from the Foreign Mission Board; they take no collection. They had no schools, evangelists, etc. Now, although not all our churches are 'self-supporting', yet during the past year they have supported their pastors, and have given over $1,500 in United States currency to other objects. The demands for the education of their own children, and the evangelization of their own people, are so great that our Foreign Mission Board helps them that they may do more work, and do it more efficiently."

(7) Home Mission Society of the Shantung Baptist Association.—If the reader will take the trouble to consult a missionary map, he will see that four of our six stations—Chefoo, Tengchowfu, Hwanghien and Laichowfu—are located along the northern side of the Shantung peninsula, while the other two—Laiyang and Pingtu—are, with reference to North and South, located centrally in the peninsula. Pingtu, the most westerly of the stations, and containing by far the largest number of Christians, is exactly in the middle of the neck of the peninsula. Going west from Pingtu you immediately come into the body of Shantung. Ten years ago our Chinese Association organized a Home Mission Board, the work of which has been mainly in this section—that is, the central and western part of Shantung. Some work has been done in Manchuria, where, it is said, that there are great possibilities for development. But, as stated above, practically all the evangelists have been sent to the West, and the growth of the work has been marvelous. Working under this Home Board during the past year were twenty-three native missionaries, who organized three new churches, and baptized 351 candidates, making a total of eleven such churches, with a membership of 1,210. The reader only has to be reminded that almost

seven hundred of these members have been baptized during the last two years to see that the rate of increase has been over one hundred per cent for every two years.

This is our nearest approach to an indigenous Christianity. The missionaries are Pingtu men, and what foreign supervision they have had has been from Pingtu station. Their relation to us is much the same as our relation to you—that is, just as you have furnished the funds and sent us out, necessarily trusting us for what is done, so these men have been sent out. Their salaries are paid by the native association, it is true, but, after all, largely by the gifts of the foreign members of the association. Even so, the writer believes that it is through this movement that we shall ultimately learn the value of our work. We cannot yet say how abiding will be the work of these men. The power, then, of this Home Mission movement to test the strength of our work can be no better expressed than in two significant sentences of the man who supervises it: "Years ago the work was carried on by missionaries and native helpers. Now, it is carried on by Chinese and foreign helpers."

PAKHOI MISSION.

By E. T. Snuggs.

Pakhoi and adjacent territory is situated in somewhat of an isolated portion of South China, therefore, cut off very largely from many influences that stir other parts. Though a treaty port and easy of approach from the sea, a steamer calls about once in two weeks. Trade with the interior is very limited. The newspapers have published a report that in the near future an American Syndicate will build a railroad to open up the northwestern and western provinces of China. The sea terminus will probably be near Ham Chau, a city sixty miles west of the port of Pakhoi. Should this project materialize, this southwestern portion of Kwongtung Province will greatly increase in importance and prosperity. In time, the new seaport would, no doubt, be a rival of Canton and Hongkong for the ever-growing export and import trade of this great republic. Under these conditions, the gospel would have great opportunities, and those that prepare for that day would undoubtedly be wise builders for the kingdom of God.

In spite of present conditions, and with more than ninety per cent of the people still adhering to the old heathen customs and idol-worship with its accompanying low morals, gross ignorance and consequent stagnation, we believe some slight progress has been made during the year for the extension of our work.

Owing to the ill-health of Mrs. Snuggs, E. T. Snuggs and Mrs. Snuggs were away from the field from April to November. During this enforced absence in America the work was left entirely to the Chinese workers. It is an encouraging and healthful sign of real progress, when there are native Christians able to care for the work for a time by themselves. Not only were the schools

and various services maintained, for in addition to this, five men and one woman were baptized by E. T. Snuggs two weeks after his return from the homeland. The total membership is now eight. In a strong heathen atmosphere and demoralizing influence like Pakhoi, much Christian love and fortitude of soul is necessary to teach a Christian day school thirty hours each week, run a night school in English and Chinese three nights weekly, daily superintend a public reading room, where much gospel truth is spoken, sell Christian literature in the city and vicinity, visit the people in the homes, nightly preach or teach the Scriptures, and hold a Sunday school and preaching service each Lord's Day; such, in brief, were the various Christian activities of Evangelist Lai Shiu Ying and his earnest wife, Professor Wong Tsak Shang, Colporteurs Lam Sau Peng, Chau Man Yiu and the missionaries.

The principle of self-support has from the first been taught, this is bearing fruit, as the sum of $64, gold, was raised during the year. This money was used toward furnishing and running expenses of the schools and preaching hall. One dollar was subscribed for the Baptist Orphanage, Canton.

About two thousand Gospel portions and Christian tracts were sold for the sum of $12.16. In addition, many were distributed without charge.

Since the hall was opened sixteen months ago, a good deal of preaching has been done in Pakhoi and vicinity. Owing to lack of a worker, we have been unable to reach the outlying districts.

Beside the work of Mrs. Lai and a kindergarten class led by Mrs. Snuggs on Sunday, nothing definite has been done for the women and girls of Pakhoi. The mission feels most strongly that a capable Bible woman, and a day school of kindergarten and primary grades, with facilities for any woman that may wish to study, is an imperative necessity, and must be commenced without further delay. It is absolutely necessary to raise the standard of Pakhoi women and girls, as no real Christian home life or even church life will be possible to any great extent before this is accomplished. It is also most probable that some industrial features must be included in our educational work, to insure the fullest success. We are glad to report that a few personal friends of Mrs. Snuggs have made it possible for a start to be made in work among women. It is also earnestly hoped that the financial conditions of the Foreign Mission Board will soon be such as to enable it to make permanent provision to help this work in the future.

The sudden death of Mrs. Lai in November calls for special mention. After some preparation in the Woman's Training School, Canton, she came with her husband and children to Pakhoi in February, and at once began visiting the women and girls. She "hath done what she could." Her fellow-workers look upon her life, work and death in Pakhoi "as a seed sown" for the kingdom. "Her works do follow her." May grace be given to all to follow her example in being "faithful unto death."

THE SOUTH CHINA MISSION.

By George W. Leavell, M.D.

We are loath to leave behind a year's work in our Master's service that has meant so much of joy, in things accomplished, and it is with a feeling of reluctance that we pass into the responsibilities of the New Year.

With praise to God for his goodness in the past, and with high hopes and courage, we pass on, placing our lives and the future in the care and keeping of our God, who "doeth all things well", knowing that our Master hath a work for each of us to do.

Secular History.—No previous year in the history of China has brought such a peculiar political situation as we have witnessed in South China this year. Yuan Shi Kai, the President of China, tried to establish himself as Emperor and revert the government of China to a Monarchy, thus finally bringing to a climax the unsettled conditions which have existed in government affairs for the past three years. He appointed as Governor-General of Canton, the much-hated Lung Ts'ai Kwong, an ex-robber chief who could not read, and whose brutality was notorious. Combining under his power the offices of Military and Civil Governor of the great province of Kwang Tung, Lung served his master in Peking well indeed.

Several Southern provinces proclaimed their independence of the national government, and Governor Lung pretended to secede with these provinces, and then betrayed the trust of those with whom he made the compact. About this time Yuan Shi Kai was stricken with a severe illness, and after a few weeks died.

The people of South China were determined that he should go, and started the third political revolution through which Canton has passed since the overthrow of the Manchus five years ago. Beginning late in July, Canton was beseiged for six weeks, the revolutionary forces opposing Governor Lung, who held the city and resisted the attack. Every day and night from our compound in Canton, the roar of battle-rifle, machine-gun, and cannon fire could be heard, while at intervals the bursting of shrapnel shells was audible.

Finally a compromise was affected, and Lung left the city. Thus the advocates of the old form of government were overthrown and the republican form of government at last established. Not only in form, but we hope in reality; for new officials with new ideals have come into power, and one of the greatest obstacles to the work of the Lord in South China has been removed, and possibly never before in the history of Canton have our opportunities been greater or the hindrances to progress fewer.

THE CANTON FIELD.

The Canton Woman's Boarding School.—This is our central Woman's School, and is under the care of Mrs. V. P. Greene, who has had charge of it from its organization. This school has done, and is doing, a great work in preparing the Christian women of

our forces in South China for a larger service for the kingdom. Many of the wives of the seminary students take the course in this school while their husbands are in the seminary, and go out to the various places in our field prepared to work hand in hand with the preachers. This year there has been an enrollment of ninty women and forty-two children.

Miss Valeria Greene also assists in the teaching, and Miss Barton is studying the language in preparation for her work in this school.

This large number of students being cared for in quarters built for forty students, has been a serious hindrance to the progress of the work, yet, if the needs are met and the school grows and fills its purpose in our midst, existing conditions must be set aside, and the purpose for which we are working stressed to the extent of our ability.

At the opening of the fall term the school quarters were overcrowded, and some who applied for admittance had to be refused. Some classrooms have been converted into bedrooms, and four mat-sheds are being used. There is no one room large enough to accommodate the entire student body at one time for Bible study or prayer meeting. To do our school work under such conditions is like trying to crowd a sixteen-year-old boy into a suit of clothes made for him at the age of twelve. Yet we cannot afford to suppress our growth. The mat-sheds are all right for good weather, but are unsatisfactory as they are cold and damp in the rainy season, making them unfit for long study hours.

An additional year's work has been added to the course, which enables the students to cover the entire Bible and some additional branches of study.

Pooi To Girls' Academy in Canton.—This, our largest school, is much loved and honored by the Chinese throughout South China. To this school our advanced students are sent, and its constituency covers the Cantonese section of our work. The largest number of students come from the province of Kwang Tung, in which it is located.

The enrollment for the year in all departments has been, in Grammar School, 176; in Primary School, 106; in High School and Normal, 13; making a total of 295 students. Most of these are Christians, and many are earnest Christian workers. Nine have been baptized during the year, while a number of others have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Despite the revolutionary disturbances in Canton during the year, which upset so much of our work. Pooi To has had a prosperous and successful year's work. Mrs. Graves, the Principal, was in America on furlough the first half of the year, returning in October to take up her duties. Mrs. Graves has been connected with this school from about the time of its beginning, and its Principal for a number of years. Her influence is the strongest factor in the success of the school, and will never be forgotten. The reception given Mrs. Graves on her return, by all our missionaries in Canton and the Pooi To faculty and teachers with a host of friends, was peculiarly appropriate, and a fitting tribute to one whom we love to honor.

This year the Board has sent $8,000 gold from the Judson Fund for Pooi To, and while this money will in part relieve the congested condition under which the school is working, it will not mean an enlargement of the work.

The love and interest in which the Chinese hold this school is very strikingly brought out by the following quotation from one of the Chinese members of the faculty, a teacher of the Chinese classics: "Although my education, my ability and my energy are infinitely small, my heart and my mind can never be put away even one day from Pooi To. A spirit of love pervades the school, the teachers and students are like members of one family. The pupils are diligent, industrious, and interested in their work. Many of them work very hard to help pay the expense of their education. This year when most of the schools in Canton were closed, on account of the threatened revolution, work in Pooi To continued. This showed strong faith in God. The healthful location of the school, the completeness of the curriculum, the loyalty of the teachers, and the obedience of the pupils are not excelled by any school in Canton. I believe that the progress of this school is certain, and that its greatness is assured."

The Graves Theological Seminary.—During the year the regular schedule of work has been followed in all departments. H. F. Buckner's furlough being due, he left for the homeland in February. P. H. Anderson returned to Canton in May, after spending nine months in Kwei Lin studying Mandarin in preparation for teaching in this dialect. He at once took up his duties as President, and helped in closing up the year's work. J. R. Saunders, J. T. Williams, and C. R. Shepherd have taught in their respective departments, and helped in many ways in the work of the school.

The Chinese members of the faculty have worked untiringly, and with increased efficiency. Mr. Huen Leung Tsoi, for several years pastor in San Francisco, joined the teaching force at the opening of the fall term, bringing both strength and inspiration.

To meet the demands of the three dialects, which our South China Mission work includes, it has become necessary to teach in each of these dialects, and this has been in full operation during the latter half of the year. The work of the first two years is done in both Cantonese and Hakka, while the third year's work is done entirely in Mandarin. It has been demonstrated that the students, by a systematic study of Mandarin during the first two years, can get a practical working knowledge of that dialect. This plan enables the teaching to be done with greater economy and efficiency. One of the Chinese teachers in the faculty is doing work in all three dialects.

The students have been a real joy to us during this year. The enrollment has reached 106, which we regard as one of the most encouraging signs in connection with our missionary work. God is calling the Chinese in great numbers to proclaim his message to their own people. We are not after numbers. Entrance requirements have been made more rigid, and as a result twenty-five applicants have been refused during the year; but despite this fact the enrollment has increased, and we have now the largest and strongest student body in the history of the seminary.

Ten graduates received diplomas in June, going out from the seminary as preachers to the various sections of our field. During the summer months thirty-one students went out doing evangelistic work, traveling and laboring in peril of war and robbers. They preached eight hundred and fifty-three sermons to many thousands of people. Over six hundred conversations about the gospel were held, thirty-four baptisms witnessed, and the work of the kingdom in South China in many ways stimulated.

The general health of the students has been better than usual. They have shown diligence in their studies, while their deportment has caused the faculty no trouble. It should also be noted that about one-fourth of our students are self-supporting. A few have their own money, while the majority of the self-supporting students make their way by teaching and preaching.

This work is being emphasized with the students. We feel it incumbent upon us to teach our preachers how to study and use books, so each student is required to do a definite amount of library work each week. We are greatly handicapped by the scarcity of good literature, but it is our aim to place in our library every book published in the Chinese language on theological subjects that is worth reading. Though we have only begun to do this, we are making progress.

Translation work has been undertaken by the faculty, and is by no means the least important task before us. We have reached the conclusion that if a seminary course is ever provided in China, the work must be done by the men who are most closely connected with the theological educational enterprise. An encouraging beginning has been made. "Baptist Beliefs", by Dr. Mullins has been translated and published.

The work on Ecclesiology (the translation of Dr. Dargan's book) has also been pushed. More than half of this book has been published, and we expect the complete work to be finished before the end of another year. Beginnings have been made in other directions which we hope will bear fruit in the near future.

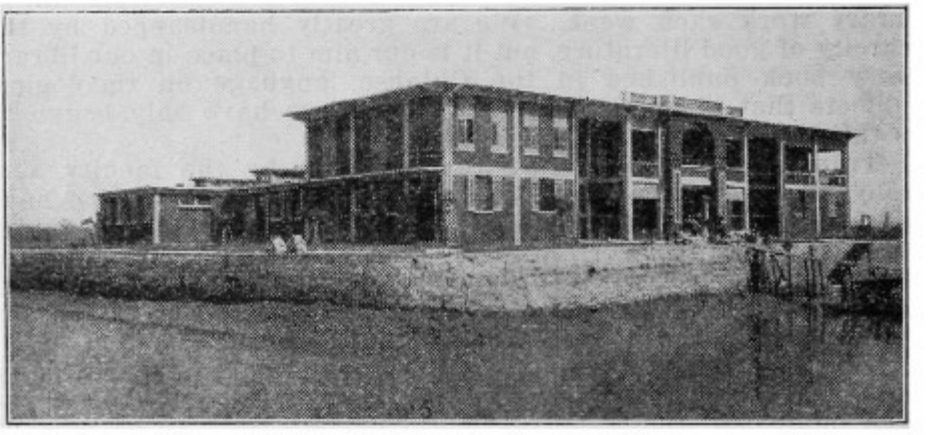
The seminary faces the future with bright hopes, but also with a deep sense of responsibility. Training God's preachers for the great work of the ministry is a work that cannot be rightly done without the guidance of the Spirit of God. We crave the prayers of the home constituency as we bear this responsible burden.

China Baptist Publication Society.—The work of Rev. Jacob Speicher in the Publication Society this year has been characterized by the closest attention to the publishing of a number of useful and helpful tracts, and the many duties demanding attention in the office, as well as serving the society as editorial secretary.

The publishing and disseminating of the Word of God should ever remain the chief work of the society. The Word of God should be spread all over the land. The Baptists of the South and North have an opportunity in the China Baptist Publication Society that is of far-reaching importance. It should be the clearing house of the Baptists of China to send forth in the most attractive way the truths of our Saviour to the millions of people seeking for the eternal truth.

Mr. Speicher sends the following report: "Perhaps the most emphatic recognition of Dr. Chambers' work in connection with the China Baptist Publication Society would be to state the fact that the plant is so well established, that though Brother Chambers is home on furlough, the publishing plant of the China Baptist Publication Society is practically working along the same lines and with the same workmen and staff of helpers as formerly.

The first year's work of Mr. Reister as superintendent of the works has proved the wisdom of employing a man having technical qualifications. He has set the standards of printing in South China upon a higher basis, and the quality of work the China Baptist Publication Society issues is rapidly improving due to Mr. Reister's influence over the men in the works. It is safe to say that no publishing plant south of Shanghai is able to turn out the quality of work our society is now doing.



China Baptist Publication Society, Main Building, Canton, China.

During the past year the society was able to pay off $5,000 Mexican of its indebtedness, and in addition also to buy up eleven shares of the Missions Building Company, for which we paid the sum of $6,267.25 Mexican. These forward movements were possible because of $1,500 gold received from the Northern Board as the sum still due to make up the full half-share for the erection of the new publication plant of the society. The rest of the money was largely gifts from friends in the Northern States during the past two years. I believe the society should get rid of every cent of indebtedness as soon as possible, and then buy up every available share in the missions building.

It has been found advisable to change the "Sunday School Student" from a weekly into a quarterly publication. "The Quarterly" is pleasing all our subscribers, and is being issued both in the Wenli and Mandarin, though the circulation of the latter is very limited, and can only be continued at financial loss to the society. This, our Baptist Sunday school literature, is prepared and edited by W. H. Tipton.

The re-organization of the "True Light Monthly" into a bi-weekly magazine has been a forward movement. But further

changes are being made. The faculty of the Graves Theological Seminary have expressed their willingness to become co-editors of our Baptist religious paper, and a large number of missionaries in our Baptist missions have been invited to coöperate with us in the departments of work in which they have excelled. The new "True Light Review" will make its appearance January the first, 1917. A new Chinese editor has been called, though he has not yet accepted the invitation.

The New East.—Our missionary magazine for China has more than paid for itself this year. Quite a number of friends invested $5 in the missions building, and thus became life subscribers of the magazine. We were able to buy one share of the Missions Building Company, which will be known as the New East Endowment Fund". The little magazine has quite a number of friends in America. We believe it is good policy for the society to publish the "New East" with the view of unifying our Baptist work in China as much as possible.

The directors at their last meeting passed a resolution requesting the society to issue a number of tracts. The society has issued twenty-two new books and tracts since then. Of these about twelve tracts are sold out, and must be reprinted, while the other tracts printed only a few weeks ago are also selling well.

The Workingmen's Quarters.—A new building, erected entirely from funds supplied from the Judson Fund, is now completed, and is meeting a long-felt need. The workmen now live under good sanitary conditions. Owing to the poor rate of exchange of silver and other causes, there is a deficit of about $623 needed on the new building, which must be met from out of other funds.

In addition to the rise in price of all kinds of paper and of printing materials general the world over, publishing plants in China have to pay additional freight rates on paper coming from America and Europe. In some instances we are now paying 300 to 400 per cent more for a ream of paper than we did previous to the war. If conditions such as these continue, it will be necessary to raise the prices on all our output. We trust, however, this will not be necessary, and that the Prince of Peace will establish his authority over the minds and hearts of men, so that we may indeed print the good news of the "Acceptable year of the Lord" with new enthusiasm.

Kindergarten Work.—Our Canton kindergarten is unique among such institutions in China and other foreign fields, being founded and maintained largely for the benefit of our Christian constitutency in and around our Baptist mission compound. These children are so numerous, and the quarters for the kindergarten have been so cramped during most of the years of its history, that a comparatively small number of heathen children have been touched by its influence. Since January, 1916, the kindergarten has been in its attractive new home, built out of the Judson Fund at a cost of $2,000 gold. This building is ideal for the purpose, as far as arrangement goes, though it is almost full with its sixty pupils enrolled.

This year there is a trained Chinese kindergartener as director, with four assistant teachers, who are themselves mothers of small children. What this training will mean to them and their families, as time goes on, is incalculable. The "Sunday Kindergarten" is the beginners' department of the regular Sunday school, and outsiders are urged to come in for this service. There are nine teachers in this school, with a teacher training class, meeting weekly, and conducted by the superintendent, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Independent Work.—Our orphanage in Canton is supported by the Two Kwangs Association and private subscriptions, both from the Chinese and the missionaries. This institution is located in Canton, and there are a number of children of our constituency being cared for and educated there.

With funds secured from friends and privately supplied, a home for blind girls is maintained in Canton under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Graves. These girls are taught the Bible, and are regular attendants upon the church services at Tung Shan. Many of them can repeat passages of Scripture and sing songs of praise to God, having given their lives to him. They are taught to read and write by the Braille System. They have no other literature. They read and write much of the Bible and other works. This home was founded by Miss Whilden, who has but recently heard the Master's voice calling her home.

THE SUNNING FIELD.

This great work lies to the southwest of Canton and west of Hongkong, and comprises four large and thickly populated districts.

Since the discovery of gold in California in the forties, hundreds of thousands of Chinese have gone to America, a large proportion of them coming from the Sunning Field. It is claimed that of the 70,000 Chinese now in America, possibly ninety per cent are from the Sunning field. Chinese from the Sunning field are to be found in all parts of the world. Many have returned to the land of their birth, friendly to Christianity, after their travels in distant lands; but some have come back bitter toward the gospel, because they have possibly not been well received by the people of other supposedly Christian nations.

The work of our mission in the Sunning district is under the care of Mr. and Mrs. John Lake. In one city in their field during the last twelve years the Chinese Christians, with the help of the missionaries and some special gifts from other friends, have been able to build a working plant worth about $10,000. The Foreign Mission Board gave $100. This plant includes, besides the chapel, a two-story brick school building for girls and a three-story brick building for a boys' school. At another city the church members pay the rent of the chapel in which they worship. This accomplished in a district where twelve years ago we had only one small rented chapel and one unordained preacher for all our Baptist work. In other parts of this great and important field with a population of more than 3,000,000 people advance steps have been taken toward self-support.

In one city, with a little help from the mission, the church has opened this year work in a near-by town, and is opening new work in the adjoining county, paying two-fifths of the Chinese pastor's salary, all of the salary of an unordained preacher, and part of another preacher's salary.

At the beginning of the year 114 members made pledges for weekly contributions to the work of the church. This is New Testament giving and denotes progress.

Besides this work Mr. Lake has charge of the Honam church, which is making good progress in the matter of self-support.

Mrs. Lake gives a large part of her time to work among the women of the Sunning field, going with Mr. Lake on these evangelistic trips, traveling under all sorts of difficulties in small boats and through sections where robbers are frequently encountered. In this work nine Bible women are employed. Our Chinese workers are after all our greatest asset, as they stay on the field, and know their own people better than the foreign missionary can; yet the missionary doing itenerating work encourage them to better undertakings, strengthening and instructing the Christian women, comforting them in affliction, and sometimes nursing them in case of sickness, at all times telling the gospel story to the unsaved at every opportunity.

There are four girl's schools, one having a boarding department, and an attendance of 135, taught by five Chinese teachers. In all of these schools the Bible is the main text-book, and many of the pupils accept Christ while students. One of these schools was established by Miss Lulu Whilden at least forty years ago, and the teacher, who was in charge of it for many years, has just resigned on account of feeble health, having entered the school at its establishment, as a little eight-year-old beginner.

Plans are being made to open a chapel near this school to reap the harvest of the long years of seed sowing the funds for this being given by Mrs. Lake from an estate left by her father.

KONG MOON FIELD.

Evangelistic Work.—John Sundstrom has charge of this large and thickly populated field, covering an area of about 3,000 square miles, and with a population of about 4,000,000 people, and while his work is chiefly evangelistic; yet he has been forced to do some pastoral work during the year, being pastor of the churches in Kong Moon City and Tai Leung, and having ten outstations to care for.

The disturbed condition, caused by the rebellion in Canton and the numerous robbers that worked in this section during six months of the year, has retarded progress. Schools had to be closed, regular service in the chapels had to be suspended, and many of the Christians had to flee to Hongkong and Macao for safety. We thank God that during all of this great trouble, as far as we can learn, there was not a single Christian among our Chinese killed.

There are six organized churches in this field, one of which is entirely independent of the mission, and two of those under the support and direction of the mission, assumed self-support

this year. One new station has been opened, and two regularly employed colporteurs have been kept in the field. Special evangelistic meetings have been conducted in three of the churches during the year, and much good has been done, although the immediate results showed only a small ingathering.

Woman's Work.—The conferences for prayer and Bible study that have been held have been a source of benefit and blessing in drawing the women together in coöperation, sympathy and helpfulness, for the planning of the future work in winning souls for the Master. This work is in the care of Mrs. Sundstrom, who also has four girls' schools with a total enrollment of 166 students, besides the direction of the work of the Bible women. Miss Clement is studying the language preparatory to her work in this field.

MACAO FIELD.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway on furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have been looking after the work in this field.

There is one organized church at Macao and three out-stations. During the year special evangelistic services were held in the Macao church, and much good was done. A number of converts were baptized.

Twenty baptisms have been reported from this field during the year, among the number being some very prominent persons in the Chinese community at Macao. A number of others are waiting for baptism.

In July Mrs. Shepherd organized a Woman's Missionary Society in the church at Macao. This promises to be a real factor in the spiritual life of the church. With the capable officers that have been elected and the work of the earnest members the interest has grown from month to month. The organization of this society opens the way for the forming of a Young Woman's Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band, which will find excellent material among the younger members of the church.

SHIU HING FIELD.

Evangelistic Work.—The new church just being completed in Shiu Hing has brought much inspiration and encouragement to the situation. The building was made possible largely by the Judson Fund. The Chinese and missionaries in the station secured about one-third of the cost of the building. This was a liberal amount considering the fact that a large proportion of the membership of the church live in the interior places near Shiu Hing. This church has been needed for many years and the faithful band of Christians, who have been praying for a new building, are rejoicing in the fact that at last their prayers are answered in a material way, and there is a real house of worship erected in this needy city. This is the only Protestant church in this old city, which was at one time the capital of Kwang Tung province. Two other missions are working in the city, using rented buildings for chapels.

Six Bible women are maintained in the field, and their work both in the city and the large section surrounding, which is thickly populated, has given them great opportunity among the women. Thousands have heard the gospel from the lips of our Bible women and many have been baptized.

Shiu Hing Girls' School.—The Kwong To Woman's and Girls' Boarding School in Shiu Hing is one of our most worthy institutions and has been under the faithful direction of Miss North for many years. The coming of Miss Shumate to work in this school two years ago, enabled Miss North to have a much needed rest this year, which she has spent in visiting the mission fields of North and Central China. This is the first vacation Miss North has taken from her work in Shiu Hing during the past twelve years.

Under the care of Miss Shumate the school in Shiu Hing has made progress, and during both terms this year there was an increased attendance, there being a total enrollment of 88 students. Others have applied for next year, but as the school is full, unless other buildings can be secured, they will have to be refused entrance. Some forms of industrial work have been introduced which have proven a great help to some of the students in a financial way. It is hoped that this may be developed until it becomes an important factor in the educational life of the girls in China, as well as a financial asset to the school.

THE HAKKA FIELD.

The work in this great field is largely centered in one main station, Ying Tak City, where the missionaries in charge of the chapels, school and hospital live. Early in the year Dr. Beddoe and family left for America on furlough. Miss Sandlin left in May. This left only one member of the mission on the field to look after all the interests of the work, a big responsibility for Ben Rowland to carry, since he has been on the field but two years, yet well borne as the results of the year's work show. In August Miss Perle Harrison returned from America to again take up her work in Ying Tak in the girl's school.

In February a Bible class was held for the workers in Ying Tak City. There were about seventy-six workers from the outstations in attendance besides the local membership and the teachers and students from the schools. This class was principally managed and taught by the Chinese Christians, although two of our missionaries from Canton assisted.

Our chapel in Ying Tak is located just outside the city, where the schools and residences of the missionaries are situated, and for some years it has been hard to reach the people of the city itself. During this year a chapel has been opened on the main business street in a most advantageous and desirable place. In this chapel a reading room has been opened with a preacher in charge who holds regular services. From this new center it was soon seen that we could reach that class of people who would not come out to the services in the church. Several business men and citizens of splendid standing became interested

in the world's Redeemer. In a recent meeting three of these were received into the church. Many more are interested. So at last we are gathering in some of the people for whom prayers have been made for years.

During most of the summer Ying Tak was cut off from intercourse with Canton by the fighting, but the work in Ying Tak and in the interior places continued. In addition to the twenty-one preachers and several colporteurs regularly employed, eleven of the seminary students were employed for the summer for preaching and colportage. These were a great help in stimulating some dormant churches and inactive pastors to new energy and zeal for the Lord's kingdom as well as in preaching the glad tidings to many people in places where we have no established work.

In June the Ying Tak church began contributing weekly to all phases of the work, and several members began tithing. Most of these have been faithful to their pledges and others have been enlisted so that the church collections have increased until now they are almost double the former amounts. By the use of pledge cards, envelopes, and financial record-books, the system is made a success. Mr. Rowland has translated into Chinese a booklet entitled, "The Lord's Kingdom Supported by His People," which has been sent to all the congregations in the Hakka field.

Ben Rowland reports that one of the chief joys which he has experienced this year was in baptizing the daughter and grandmother of one of the Bible women. The little girl had been taught from infancy to love the Lord, but the old grandmother who lived in another city where we have no chapel had, in the evening of life, for the first time heard the gospel message. She promptly accepted Christ as her Saviour. After being baptized she returned to her heathen home to let her newly-lighted candle shine for her Master. A few months later this old woman went to abide in the eternal home not made with hands, for which her heart had so recently been prepared. The Bible woman, hearing of the grandmother's death, hurried to her home to attend the funeral.

Reaching the house she found full preparation made for a regular heathen funeral. She protested, saying that her mother was a Christian and must have a Christian burial. The family knew little of what that meant, but they consented, and the Bible woman made all the necessary arrangements. Some members of the Berlin Mission in that city assisted the Bible woman in conducting the funeral service. Afterward she spent several days explaining the gospel to her bereaved relatives. As a result of this opportunity to witness and as a reward of her faithfulness, the remaining three members of her family became Christians, giving the Bible woman their ancestral tablet and paper-gods as evidence of their sincerity.

Word has just come from the Board agreeing to coöperate in beginning work in Wei Chow, the largest official city for the Hakkas and a great educational center. It is one of the largest cities in South China not occupied by an active evangelical mission. Baptists should occupy this city with a strong force and

seek to win it for our Lord. Many of these Hakkas can speak two or three dialects. If they are won for the Master and trained for service their voices can be understood in many sections of China. During this year some of the students in the Hakka department of the seminary in Canton have been doing good work in this field. As a result of their labors there have been twelve baptisms, and ten are asking for baptism, but have not yet been received. So with this beginning the opposition of the past is broken down and everything indicates that this is the proper time to sow the seeds of the kingdom with the assurance that the seed sown will bring forth eternal life.

Girls' Boarding School, Ying Tak.—During the first half of the year this school was in the care of Miss Sandlin. The opening in the fall was somewhat interfered with on account of the disturbed political situation and its attending dangers in travel but the Chinese teachers were faithful to their posts of duty, and even before Miss Harrison could get to Ying Tak and take charge of the work the Chinese teachers opened the school in all four departments with practically as large attendance as was enrolled in the spring term. This school is doing a large and useful work for the women and girls in our Hakka field, and the value of the school and its work is highly apreciated by our Chinese.

Evangelistic Work Among Women.—This work was in the care of Mrs. Beddoe and Miss Sandlin until they left for America on furlough, and since Miss Harrison's return, she has been directing it. The Woman's Missionary Society meetings have been continued with a greatly increased attendance and interest, and all dues have been paid for the year. No permanent organization has as yet been perfected, but Miss Harrison feels that this can be done very soon.

The Woman's Bible class in the Sunday school, especially for the new Christians and heathen women, has increased materially in interest and numbers. Quite a number have been baptized recently.

The local Bible women report regular and earnest work in Ying Tak and vicinity. Great interest in personal work has been aroused and often bands of women and girls go into the city and out into the surrounding villages to preach to the women in their homes, and invite them to the gospel services at the church.

WUCHOW FIELD.

The province of Kwang Sai covers an area of about 77,000 square miles. The population is variously estimated. The latest report gives a population of 8,000,000 people. In this province there are seventy-two walled cities, and only nine of these have resident missionaries, this includes missionaries of all societies.

Southern Baptists have missionaries in two stations in Kwang Sai, and the work is done in two dialects, namely, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Cantonese Sections of Kwang Sai.—Wuchow is the center from which our work is done in this dialect. At this station we

have the Wuchow church, Stout Memorial Hospital, Book Room, Girls' and Boys' Boarding Schools and kindergarten.

W. H. Tipton, in addition to preparing and editing our Baptist Sunday school literature has charge of the evangelistic work in this section where we have four organized churches and ten out-stations. Miss Scarlett gives her time to evangelistic work among the women.

Wuchow church has a large list of members, the largest per cent of whom live outside the direct influence of the church, being scattered all over this vast province. Many of the church members have been baptized here after accepting the gospel while in the hospital, and then returning to witness the good tidings of salvation.

While the number of baptisms in Wuchow this year is small, the church has grown in grace and has been able to assume entire self-support. Most of the churches in the interior stations report progress along this line. Considering the fact that Kwang Sai is financially the poorest of all the fields in our mission, the following facts concerning the Cantonese section are encouraging. Thirteen hundred members in four churches and their respective out-stations gave over $1,200 to the work this year. Sixteen Sunday schools are reported with an average total attendance of 700. All of these Sunday schools are using our own Baptist literature. There are twelve boys' schools with 264 scholars, toward the expense of which $982 has been given by the Chinese this year.

There has been increased efficiency and interest in Sunday school work. The instruction and planting of former years is at last bearing fruit.

One of the greatest encouragements and blessings that have come to our work in Wuchow this year has been the new pastor, Rev. Lei Wai Teng. Since he came to us in July he has been doing faithful work, and has enlisted the coöperation of the church members in getting the work of the church well organized. Mr. Tipton says of him: "He has more of the pastor spirit than any Chinese preacher I have known. He is a hard worker and shows unusual ability in dealing with the various problems of the life and work of the church."

Woman's Evangelistic Work.—Miss Scarlett has been giving her time this year to evangelistic work among the women of Wuchow, and visiting our country stations.

Six country trips have been made during the year and during December a Woman's Bible class, with two sessions daily, was held for one week in Wuchow with a daily attendance of thirty women.

In June the women of the Wuchow church organized a Woman's Missionary Society. Meetings are held once a month and a large interest is being manifested in this organization. A Sunbeam Society with a membership of twenty-eight has also been organized.

Besides the Bible women working in Wuchow City, Mrs. Tipton's Bible woman living in Shek Tong, and working among the women there and in the four out-stations where she has been at work for the past five years, reports this year seven

women baptized. As this village church in Shek Tong was the first place in Kwang Sai that Southern Baptists opened as a preaching station, it is quite fitting our only Bible woman outside of Wuchow City, should live and work there. This woman walks twenty-four miles to visit one of her out-stations, sometimes going at the risk of her life, as this section is notorious for robbers.

The Wuchow Girls' and Woman's School.—Miss Rea is giving full time to this school, which has had to continue in the unsuitable building for another season. The money is in hand for the new building, but work has not actually begun.

The boarding membership has increased during the year, and the work done by the students has been of the highest order. The Chinese teachers have been faithful, but there is a need of trained teachers to take the place of the three student teachers now employed.

During the year three pupils have been baptized, and several others have confessed Christ as their Saviour.

Miss Rea says that the greatest joy she has experienced in the school work of the year has been to witness the determination of a few, already Christians, to live lives unto him, and to see them really concerned for the unsaved ones in their homes.

In Wuchow, Mr. Leavell has started with private funds a kindergarten with twelve pupils. This is conducted in a matshed, and although a new feature in our work in Wuchow, has already taken its place in the hearts and interest of the people. The little tots can repeat verses of Scripture, and sing songs of praise as well as tell the Bible stories. Their singing at the Christmas entertainment recently was well received and a feature of the programs.

Two True Light Book Rooms.—The True Light Book Rooms, located in Wuchow and Kwei Lin, have had a very successful and encouraging year's work. This method of giving out and selling Bibles, gospel literature, and tracts is one of the special ways that we have adopted in our mission for the spreading of the gospel. We believe the experiment has been a great success, and that other book rooms should be speedily opened.

The book room is open during the day, and before and after the evening services in the chapel. Crowds of inquirers come into the book room for conversation and instruction concerning the gospel and the purchase of gospel literature. As many as fifty people at one time have been seen in the book room looking over the tracts and literature which are kept on display at the reading table.

These book rooms also serve as a distributing center for the colporteurs in their respective sections. From the Wuchow book room we have supplied five colporteurs during the year.

KWEI LIN FIELD.

In Kwei Lin, our central station for the Mandarin work in Kwang Sai, we have Mr. W. D. King, Mrs. W. D. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, and Miss Hattie

Stallings. Mr. and Mrs Lowe have just returned from their first furlough in America, and with them came Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw and Miss Stallings. During Mr. Lowe's absence from the field the work has been carried on by P. H. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. King. Since the Andersons returned to Canton in the spring, Mr. and Mrs. King have been on the station alone.

Our Kwei Lin station was opened in 1912, when Mr. and Mrs. Lowe went to live there. Since that time the work has grown in a most marvelous way. Surely God's blessings have been upon this work. At first only a small book room was opened on the main street, which proved a bright light unto salvation in a darkened heathen city. A few months later, after much prayer and waiting on the Lord, a deal was closed for a tract of land well located and large enough for the development of the future work. Then a girl's school was rented, and when opened, applicants were turned away as the building was too small. The book room has also had to be enlarged in order to meet the demands and the growing opportunity.

Recently the boys' school has been opened and is proving a great blessing to the work. In this school certain forms of industrial work have been introduced which enables some of the students to make their expenses while securing their education.

Regular services have been conducted in the chapel on the main street of the city, and there has been one new out-station opened during the year, in a market town about fifteen miles from Kwei Lin. This making a total of thirteen out-stations in our Mandarin field. The interest in these stations has been good, although progress has been hindered by the large number of robbers in this region. In one place robbers looted the boys' school and kidnapped several of the Christians.

The preachers' meetings have been well attended and there have been real seasons of soul refreshing for the Chinese workers as well as the missionaries. At two of these meetings special evangelistic services were held each evening, and there were sixteen conversions, nine of these were students in the boys' school. After-meetings were held and a large interest was manifested, there being as many as twenty-five who stayed for these meetings, seeking further light on the gospel truths.

Two Bible women are employed in Kwei Lin, one gives full time to work among the women while the other gives only half time. Two meetings are held each week for the heathen women, besides the regular weekly prayer meeting for the Christians. Mrs. Lowe will give her time to evangelistic work among the women.

The Girls' Boarding School in Kwei Lin.—Mrs. King is in charge of this school, and although handicapped by the lack of funds for expansion and development, and a great need of trained teachers, the school is doing splendid work. There are seven boarding pupils that are well cared for and ten day students. A feature of the work this year has been the introduction of an industrial department, which enables some of the pupils to pay part of their expenses. Five of the seventeen students are Christians.

Miss Hattie Stallings has just arrived, and is studying the language, preparatory to giving her life to the girls of this great city and province.

OUR MEDICAL WORK.

Peter Parker in his Ophthalmic Hospital in Canton proved the power of the appeal for medical missionary work, and since then it has been a vital and essential part of the missionary propaganda. This work has grown until today there are almost a thousand medical missionaries working in about seven hundred hospitals and conducting almost a thousand dispensaries. Because medical missionary work is founded on a need that is universal and felt by all classes, it can be planted and made to grow and prosper where no other form of evangelistic work is possible.

If the mission hospital and medical missionary were used only as a bribe to get men and women to listen to the gospel message, they would soon lose their influence and would have little power in drawing men to Christ. We believe medical missions to be the natural outcome of that humanity which Christ himself taught while here on earth among men, for, indeed, the ministry of healing is Christ-like. The motive in medical missionary work is twofold, in that it opens the way for the gospel message and teaches the way unto life everlasting.

In our South China Mission the Medical work is carried on in the cities of Wuchow, Ying Tak and Kwei Lin.

The Ramseur Hospital at Ying Tak.—Dr. R. E. Beddoe has charge of this hospital; and although the medical work has suffered since he left for his furlough in the late spring, the Chinese physician, assisted by his wife, has been able to carry on the work remarkably well. During the summer they were assisted by the future helper, Dr. Tsen, and together they started some special forms of charity healing. On the nine market days in each month they devote their time to the treatment of charity patients, furnish them free medicines, and have the gospel preached to them.

Since the cessation of fighting in Canton, a large division of unpaid and underfed soldiers have been quartered at Ying Tak City. In their sickness and need they naturally came to the mission dispensary, where they were cared for until their numbers overcrowded the building, and temporary quarters were provided for them at the hospital. To help meet this emergency, Dr. Young has secured subscriptions from local business men and officials amounting to over $200, Mex.

This temporary expedient is, of course, inadequate and unsatisfactory, but is serving its purpose in giving help to these needy patients, and providing the opportunity of giving to them the gospel message which they so need. Equipment funds are badly needed in the hospital work if we are to meet the pressing needs and growing demands that are constantly being made upon us.

The Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow.—The work in this hospital is done by five doctors, three foreign; Dr. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes and Dr. Leavell; and two Chinese, Dr. Chan and Dr. Ko.

This has been the biggest year's work in the history of the institution. Our clinics have been larger, number of in-patients increased, and a greater number of out-calls made. The surgical work, also, has reached an almost unprecedented figure. There are several factors entering into this large and increased year's work. First of all the work was not interrupted during the summer, as it has been in the past by the flood waters submerging the building. Wuchow was unusually quiet from the standpoint of political troubles while all about us the fighting was actually going on. Many thousands of soldiers were mustered and drilled in Wuchow for the forces at war in the near Canton, but there was slight evidence of any hostility in the streets of the city. Many sick and disabled soldiers were treated in the hospital. At one time we were overcrowded and had twelve patients in an adjoining building. Many people came to Wuchow for safety during the height of the battle in the neighboring province, and as some of these were forced to live in crowded quarters, at the local hotels, there was much sickness, and many who had been treated by foreign physicians in other places came to us for treatment. Many were turned away from our doors for the lack of rooms and the proper equipment. Trying to carry on medical work in our old and inadequate quarters under such conditions has been very trying, and we have been very much embarrassed many times by having the Chinese refuse the place we had to offer them in the hospital. Some of these people of the better class have probably been in more modern hospitals, and the comparison was too evident and unfavorable to be pleasant. We are thankful to God, however, that we have, during the year, received $5,000 from the Judson Fund for a beginning on the greatly needed new building. Indeed, such a small amount will only make a beginning toward meeting the need, but with the building actually started we feel sure that other funds will be supplied with which to carry on the work.

We are grateful for the splendid service rendered this year by our two Chinese doctors, and the class of nurses.

It is the aim of the staff to give the gospel to every patient treated within its doors, and while the press of work at times denies us this privilege, yet we feel that the seed sown will yield an abundant harvest for the kingdom. Tracts are distributed throughout the wards and private rooms, and regular prayer services are held in the assembly room twice each day. Two thousand eight hundred and ninety-three patients have been treated this year.

A woman patient about seventy years of age and partially paralyzed, was being treated in the hospital. She had never heard the gospel, and she said no one in her village knew of it. She at once became very much interested in the message of salvation as she heard it in the wards of the hospital. She sought every opportunity to learn of Christ. After a short stay in the hospital she returned to her village without having made

a public profession of faith. A month or more later she returned for treatment and again eagerly heard the truth. She was overcome by the fact that she had worshiped idols all her life, not knowing of the Saviour's love and sacrifice for her. She wept as the story was being told to her. Several times when passing through the ward she would ask, "Are you praying for me?" When the time came for her to go home, she gave the Bible women $2.00 as a thank-offering, and asked that it be used to help give the gospel to other patients. She wanted to give some offering to Jesus. She had already given her heart to him, and she showed by the smile on her face the joy of laying up treasures in heaven.

In connection with our hospital work in Wuchow this year a number of lantern lectures on health subjects have been given in our chapel, looking forward to the cleaning up of the streets of the city.

On official night tickets were issued, and every official in Wuchow was present, besides the gentry, chamber of commerce, and some of the leading merchants. Five hundred tickets were given out and the most representative crowd of the better class of citizens that we have seen anywhere were present to hear the lecture. At the close of the meeting health tracts were given out, and the matter of a week's clean-up-the-city campaign was proposed. It was received enthusiastically and the officials agreed to pay half the expense; the balance has been subscribed and the campaign is assured.

Already the work of cleaning up the city has begun, markets are being provided in the city, drains are being cleaned out, the papers are making comment, and we hope soon to have the "model city of South China."

Another feature of the hospital work is the regular meeting for the church workers held every Saturday night in the hospital dispensary. This is entirely in the hands of the Chinese workers in the hospital. Started by Dr. Wong, some ten or more years ago, the interest in these meetings has never abated. These meetings do much to link up the evangelistic work of the hospital and the local church.

Medical Work Begun in Kwei Lin.—Before Dr. Mewshaw arrived on the fields a well trained and highly cultured Chinese physician, one of our own Baptist brethren who has just completed his medical course in Peking, was secured for the medical work in Kwei Lin. With the assistance of the missionaries he had succeeded in renting and opening a dispensary. A small building has also been rented for a hospital, where it is hoped a number of patients may be cared for, thus beginning what promises to be a large and useful service for the Master.

A letter has just come from Dr. Mewshaw in which he says he has begun the study of the language but gives one day each week to the assistance of Dr. Ngeo. He reports several patients having been received, one of whom was carried by his friends for a three days' journey in order to be treated by the foreign physician.

FORWARD MOVEMENT IN WOMAN'S WORK.

In March there was organized the South China Woman's Missionary Union, which, we hope and believe, will mean much in the development of the Chinese life and the training for active service of the Chinese church members. Eleven different societies have been organized, which hold monthly meetings, their work following much along the lines of the societies in the homeland. Instruction is given in Bible study, missions, personal work and contributions to missions and benevolent work are made. A quarterly magazine, edited by Mrs. Lake in the Chinese language, giving programs and helps for meetings, was started in September.

A number of Young Woman's Auxiliaries have been formed for girls over twelve years of age, and also several Sunbeam Bands for girls and boys under twelve. It is hoped that a system of graded organizations may be carried out in every church in the territory of the South China Mission, thus providing definite work and study for a host of women and children.

Several good B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized, and are being carried on with success by the young people of the churches. This means much in the spiritual life of our people, and will bear fruit in the years to come.

DEATHS.

"When he cometh to gather his jewels."

Twice this year the angel of death has entered our circle. On February the fifth, Evelyn Iva King was sent from heaven to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. King. For two weeks this little life was in our midst, constantly reminding us of the wonders of our Father's love. Then he took her again unto himself. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also" —to the bereaved father and mother another treasure in heaven and a stronger cord binding them to this land of their adoption, for here her precious body rests until "that perfect day."

After forty-four years of loving, faithful service, Miss Lula Whilden heard the voice of Jesus saying, "Come unto me—and I will give you rest." A beautiful life was finished here to become a perfect life in that realm where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, "neither shall there be any more pain." In that day when Christ comes to claim his own, he will find many who were led to a knowledge of him through her gentle ministry. We shall ever remember her with tender reverence.

This year our work sustained a heavy loss in the death of Doctor Wong Shek Ue, who had gone to America in search of health. While there, he was preparing himself for a wider service in his own land. It was with personal sorrow that we learned of his death, and deep regret that one, so fitted to lead his people, should be taken in the prime of life. "God had other plans for him and took him unto himself."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

MISSIONARIES NEEDED.

Hakka Field.—(1) One evangelist. There are a thousand untrained Christians, many out-stations, and tens of hundreds of villages in our Hakka field in which we have only one missionary evangelist. Who will send and who will come to share in this work?

(2) One physician. Dr. Beddoe, our only missionary doctor at Ying Tak, has gone on furlough this year, and the work of the hospital there must be left in the sole care of Chinese assistant. Our missionaries must look to Canton for medical attention.

(3) Two single ladies for school and evangelistic work. With the flourishing and promising women's and girls' school already started, and with the beginnings of a kindergarten, three young ladies are needed for school work alone, and others for work among the hundreds of Christian women among the Hakka field, to say nothing of the unnumbered, unbelieving women still worshiping idols. Surely our request for only two single ladies is a most modest one.

(4) One young lady for kindergarten work.

(5) A young man for educational work. A great need and a great oportunity awaits the right worker.

Wuchow Station.—(1) One evangelist. As the report has already pointed out, the great Cantonese section of Kwang Si with its score of out-stations stretching two hundred miles and more west of Wuchow, has only Brother Tipton to give part of his time to its superintendence, and surely nothing more is required to make plain this need. Here is a call that should reach some worker and some special givers.

(2) Single lady for girls' school work. Here again hundreds of daughters of our Christians await the help of the Christian educator to develop them into attractive, cultured, consecrated Christian young women.

(3) A young man for educational work. Our great problem now is how to train our Christians for service. Our Chinese workers look to us for guidance.

Canton Field.—(1) A trained kindergartener. Scores of wide-awake little tots await the coming of this worker. Only a beginning has been made, but enough to indicate what an attractive opportunity Canton affords. The report tells of the new building. Christian families are settling round about our Tung Shan compound. The most fruitful work of the proper person will be the training of young Chinese women to go out and work among the countless children in these two southern provinces, many hundreds of whom are already related to our churches. It would be difficult to overestimate the greatness of this opportunity. Will not all who read these words help us to secure this much-needed worker?

(2) A teacher for the Hakka department of the seminary. This man is badly needed at once.

(3) Four single ladies for the Canton Girls' Boarding School, two to help develop the high school work, one a trained primary teacher for the normal class work, and another trained primary teacher for translation and other literary work for this department. New recruits for this school are already urgently needed. Our supporters must come to our assistance if we are to move forward in our plans for the development of this school, first into a real high school and later into a girls' college.

(4) A trained musician, to teach both vocal and instrumental music in our Tung Shan schools, but especially to develop other teachers of music.

(5) Two single ladies for the woman's boarding school. Read what the report says about this important part of our mission's work, and thus come to sympathize with this request.

(6) One single lady for evangelistic work, more especially for work among the Christian women in our Canton field.

Kong Moon and Macao Field.—(1) One single lady for educational work in girls' school to be sent out in 1917.

(2) One trained kindergarten teacher.

(3) One male evangelist. There are opportunities for a half dozen. Work already begun demands for anything like efficient care the immediate assistance of this worker.

General.—(1) Superintendent of buildings. He should, if possible, be a qualified architect. During the next five years we hope to have money from the Judson Centennial Fund with which to erect a number of important new buildings. Economy and efficiency cry aloud for this worker.

(2) A general business manager. All members of our mission, who have been either treasurer or secretary, would especially urge the securing and sending out of this worker at the earliest possible date. The right man can save the time and increase the value of every member of our mission.

MISSIONS IN ITALY.

MISSIONARIES.

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EDUCATIONAL WORK.

By D. G. Whittinghill.

Publications.—Our publication work during 1916 was carried on amidst difficulties not always easily overcome. The high price of paper, not to mention its scarcity, the limited number of printers, and a prolonged "strike" frequently reminded us that we live in a world of sin, if not of total depravity. Notwithstanding these obstacles our publications made considerable strides forward. Our religious review, "Billychnis," still occupies the first place in Italy if we except two or three Roman Catholic organs. These excel us only in circulation and in the use of bad language. In all other respects, such as the literary style, artistic beauty, the quality of the articles and the dignified, elevated spirit of the contributors, we easily occupy the first place among Italian religious periodicals. Our friends are numerous, both among evangelicals and non-Catholics. Besides, we have a large following among the Roman clergy. About a hundred are on our subscription list. Of course, we have lost some subscribers by the war, but we find new ones to take their places.

Prof. Ladovico Paschetto and his brother, Paul, the artist, do more for the Review than anybody, for which our denomination ought to be grateful. Prof. Lodovico has been called to arms, and as a consequence nearly all of the work falls to me.

A very highly appreciated estimate of "Bilychnis" was published in one of the leading political journals of Switzerland during the summer. The "Newe Burcher Zeitung" of Zurich, on August 19th, published on the first two pages in one of its three daily editions a long article about us and our work. Herewith are a few paragraphs: "The Italian Baptists are the youngest and smallest group of Italian Protestantism. However, they are not behind the other two groups (Waldensians and Methodists) spiritually, but, on the contrary, they are first. The Baptists have a theological faculty of their own in Rome—that of the Waldensians is in Florence—and for five years they have published their own Review. Of this Review, 'Bilychnis,' which is most interesting, I wish now to speak. Technically it occupies the first place among Protestants in Europe; it seems to be a rival of art maga-

zines if we are to judge by the beautiful illustrations it contains. In fact, it is not only a purely theological Review, but a periodical which opens its columns to every manifestation of religious life. It is further evident that 'Bilychnis' is seeking to become the organ of Italian Protestants and of religious research." The writer, after expressing the hope that the other two groups will follow the Baptists in their literary program, proceeds: "We hope that Protestantism may ever more become a power for spiritual life in the peninsula. As it is well known, the last philippic of the Pope was directed not against the Protestants in general, but against the active propaganda carried on by the Protestants in the city of Rome. To his propaganda the American Baptists have no doubt contributed in a notable manner by means of their school, their Review and their book store. Even from the standpoint of general culture we ought to be glad of this work. We can but hope that the Italian Protestants, aided by Americans and English, will do for their country what was done in France by their brethren of the same faith, especially if they continue to walk in the new way so courageously marked out by the Baptists." An unexpected testimony like this from a neighboring nation published in a political paper by a non-Baptist ought to speak for itself. Comments from me will serve no purpose, hence I desist.

A rival Review, spoken of in my last report, edited by a noted professor of the University of Rome, has been put on the "Index". As the editor is a Catholic, he was compelled to suspend his publication, thus leaving the entire field to us again. The editor did himself no credit when he submitted to the "orders" from the Vatican. He evidently thought it better to save his chair in the university and his passport to a Catholic heaven than to take chances on destroying "Bilychnis."

"The Library of Religious Studies" has added two new volumes during the year. One of these entitled, "Il Sangue e l'Altare" ("The Blood and the Altar"), was written by Hon. Romolo Murri, the famous modernist leader and member of parliament. He is much in sympathy with our doctrines. He contributes to every number of "Bilychnis" several pages on Religious Philosophy. Another volume entitled, "Il Padrenostro e il Mondo Moderno" ("The Lord's Prayer and the Modern World"), was written by Pietro Chiminelli, pastor of the Naples church and one of our ex-students. No better work on this subject has appeared in Italian. It has been favorably reviewed in a number of periodicals, including several literary and political journals. "The Review and Expositor" (reviewed by Dr. E. C. Dargan), of Louisville, and "The Standard", of Chicago, spoke in favorable terms of the volume. The sale has been gratifying. A goodly number of copies were sold to Roman Catholics. It is constantly in demand.

Our opportunities for work among soldiers are unprecedented. They are untrammelled by priest and family ties away from home and are therefore freer to receive and consider the gospel when offered to them. During the year more than 75,000 copies of the New Testament and Gospels were given to soldiers, which were usually gladly received. In addition to this work done by our

pastors I enabled some Bible women in Rome to distribute to departing and sick soldiers 396 New Testaments and 15,084 Gospels. These copies of the Scriptures were donated by the British and Scottish Bible Societies. The American Bible Society also made us a generous grant. Miss Beulah Fuller of Bonham, Texas, sent to me $100 to be used in the same work. We are profoundly grateful to all these friends for their generous help. May God bless his Word so widely and lovingly circulated among the soldiers!

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Our school is still closed on account of the war. All available students are under arms. The entire faculty is in the army except myself. Until the war is over there is no prospect of opening the school. We added some valuable books to our library, due to help given to us through the Judson Centennial Fund by Deacon Billups of Richmond, Va.

The faculty, before they were called to arms, did considerable missionary work among the churches, especially among those deprived of pastors by the war. We were helped as much as the churches by this coöperation.

MISCELLANEOUS.

My wife was enabled to give some financial aid to the widows and orphans of our brethren who have fallen on the field of battle. Some of our churches have lost as many as three members, while still others have thus far escaped. The money used for this purpose was found here in Rome among American friends.

The committee appointed by the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which I am the Baptist representative, to revise the Psalms in Diodati's edition, has already had two meetings. We have done seventy-two Psalms and hope to finish the work by the end of 1917. It is the intention of the Society to publish this new edition in connection with the New Testament, revised by us from 1907-1915. The Revised Italian version has been kindly received and adopted by all of the evangelicals except a few confirmed conservatives who are doubtless much akin to the Vermont deacon who refused to read the English Revised version on the ground that if the King James version was good enough for the Apostle Paul it was good enough for him!

NORTH ITALIAN MISSION.

By Everette Gill.

Upon the recommendation of the missionaries on the field, and owing to war conditions, the Board granted permission to me and my family to return home for our furlough. Accordingly, we left Rome August 30, 1916. We had our last conference with Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill the next day, in the city of Turin, in northern Italy, they having come from their place of sojourn for

the summer for the express purpose of seeing us. We journeyed by way of France and England in order to avoid the dangers of the submarines in the Mediterranean. We arrived in New York September 17, 1916. Naturally, I have not been in close touch with the work since our departure and cannot in the real sense make a report.

As might be expected, the war continues to bear heavily upon the work. In the smaller centers there is a scarcity of men, and in every part the effects of the war may be seen in various ways. A number of pastors and workers are under arms, making the work to suffer for lack of men.

The pastors and colporteurs are taking advantage of the aggregation of soldiers at the various centers by distributing many thousands of tracts and Bibles and portions of the New Testament. This sowing, we trust, will bear harvest in due time.

All we can hope to do is to hold our own the best we can so as to renew with vigor the work when peace shall have come.

The Italian evangelicals and people need the sympathy and prayers and coöperation of evangelical America. We trust the Baptists may be ready to strike when the time arrives.

SOUTH ITALIAN MISSION.

By D. G. Whittinghill.

A survey of the political and military conditions of Italy at the present time would serve no good purpose, nor would it throw a great amount of light on our mission work. Neither do I wish to assume the role of a prophet, as it would be a risky business at this time. No one could possibly tell when and how the European war will end. It goes without saying that Europe will be almost ruined economically. There are already signs that Europe is turning her eyes and thoughts more and more to the invisible world, and as a consequence things are improving morally and religiously. The voice of the blatant infidel and the gibes of the free-thinkers are not heard so frequently as formerly. The spirit of sacrifice is far more in evidence than two years ago, but whether it is prompted by patriotism or some higher motive it would be difficult to determine. The increased church attendance, the growing habit of prayer among all professing Christians, a willingness to sacrifice pleasures and luxuries are all indications that some people at least are getting better. However, on the other hand, there are equally evident signs that many people are growing worse. God, such as he is falsely represented by the state church to be, is held responsible for all the ills that have afflicted Europe since the war began in August, 1914. A spirit of hatred for other nations, excluding, of course, the "allies", social unrest and anti-Protestantism, for which Protestant Germany is held responsible, are certainly not hopeful signs of moral improvement. Only time will prove which of these two theories are correct.

THE GOVERNMENT CENSUS.

Only a few months ago the government published the religious statistics of the last census which contains some facts worthy of our notice. Some are indeed quite encouraging. The evangelicals, according to this unsuspected authority, grew from 65,000 to 123,000 members in ten years, which means an increase of almost 100 per cent! If we take into consideration a large number of "Nicodemuses" who for various reasons refused to declare their ecclesiastical preferences, we shall have a much larger number of Protestants. A study of the map of Italy shows that these evangelicals are well distributed all over the country. Of course, the larger number are in the Piedmont region, where the Waldensians have existed since long before the Reformation. The next largest groups are to be found in Apulio and in Sicily, which go to prove that America indirectly is responsible for this happy state of affairs. It is well known that Southern Italy furnishes nearly all the emigrants who go to America, where they are converted and return to their native land, bringing with them the gospel. Those who have hitherto looked upon Italy as a field with few encouragements ought to get great satisfaction out of these figures.

However, there is one notable fact which needs explanation. While the government has found 123,000 evangelicals in Italy, the combined ecclesiastical statistics account for only about 40,000! It would seem then that only one evangelical in three sees fit to "join the church". There are three reasons why such a state of affairs exists: First, the "church" (Roman) has become a stench in the nostrils of many, which is, of course, due to the inconsistent conduct of the priesthood. As a consequence, a "church" of any other confession does not enjoy the esteem and attract converts as it should. Secondly, as baptism is no longer considered a sacrament, its importance is not appreciated by the average Italian. They do not see the need of an ordinance which is only a symbol. Thirdly, Italians have so long been accustomed to baptisms performed in beautiful churches and stately cathedrals that they do not readily consent to be immersed in a "hired hall", such as most of our places of worship are.

The above mentioned census also shows that the Roman church is strongest in the provinces where ignorance and superstition dominate, which fact seems to be a sad commentary on the value and influence of the Roman church in modern life.

PASTORS AND THE WAR.

The war has crippled our work in many ways. Perhaps the most serious blow to us was the call to military service of our pastors. Reggio Calabria, Floridia, S. Gregoria Magno, Calitri, and Ariano churches have all been deprived of pastors since the war began. As a consequence these fields have suffered no little. They are occasionally visited by near-by pastors, who cannot give them all the attention they need. Eight others of our Southern preachers were also called to arms, but I was enabled

to have them excused from military service on the ground that they have "care of souls". However, this reason is not valid if they do not belong to what is called the "third category". No one who has never lived in Italy or China, full of bureaucracy and "red tape", can easily imagine what a task this was! In addition to the double burden, fallen to our evangelists both at home and in the army, the increased cost of living has added no little to their trials. In some cases the cost of necessaries has trebled and in many cases doubled. Meat cannot be had on two days in the week and everything containing sugar is absolutely prohibited from now on. Many of our poorer families among the church members live on bread and a cheap vegetable soup. In fact, the condition of many of our people is distressing. The many demands for help and our limited funds keep us constantly in a state of embarrassment. In the midst of so much suffering and sorrow of every kind one cannot live in peace of mind.

NEW CHURCHES.

Notwithstanding the war, we have been enabled to found three churches this last year. One is in Sicily at **Lentini,** a city of 30,000 near Catania in full view of Mt. Etna. The pastors at Noto and Floridia have visited this field for two years and more. During the summer twelve were baptized by Pastor Barbera of Noto. The prospects are bright for a good church in the near future. **Gioia del Colle** is another new church. Five baptisms were performed in addition to several last year. This field is near the Adriatic Sea, in the province of Bari. Here the congregations are large and a goodly number have asked to be baptized in the near future. The other new church is in the Basilicata in a town called **Cersosimo.** The brethren have made some sacrifices for the work and are quite anxious for a pastor. There are twenty-five members here.

CHURCH WORK.

For reasons already mentioned our churches have not made as much progress as they would have done under other circumstances. Some of them, due to the absence of the pastor, have hardly held their own, while others have made considerable progress. The membership of the churches as a whole as well as the number of day pupils have considerably increased. Naples, Isola del Liri, Altamura and other churches increased their contributions over last year. A few words about some of our stronger churches will not be amiss.

Naples continues to be our most numerous church, with 142 members. There were ten baptisms. Contributions amounted to almost 1,000 lire. A flourishing "Dorcas Society", organized by my wife, is doing a needy work for the poor people and for wounded soldiers. There is a small building fund put aside for a much-needed building. The pastor, Sig. Chimivelli, is a ready writer. He writes for the Sunday school series, produces interesting tracts and has written the best modern work on the "Lord's Prayer" in Italian.

Messina, which was destroyed by the earthquake in 1908, has once more a live church. There are forty-five active members, sixteen of whom are in the army. The hall is continually crowded with soldiers. Many thousands of Gospels have been distributed in this city by the pastor and his helpers.

Reggio, just across the channel, is cared for by Messina's pastor. We have there a beautiful lot on which we ought to erect a building as soon as possible.

The **Miglionico** church is the center of active missionary operations. Sig. Piccinni has founded the new church at Cersosimo in a neighboring province. He is also the founder of our church at Matera. At present he is under accusations which do him no credit. The Roman church seems to be back of these charges. He hopes soon to clear himself and go forward in his work.

Cagliari is another ideal place for evangelizing soldiers. Many thousands are congregated here. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Maria Fiori, is a very courageous and active worker. She has, during the last year distributed more than 14,000 copies of the New Testament and portions to soldiers in the city. Her experiences with priest-soldiers have been unique. They, as a rule, order the Protestant Bible and portions destroyed, but they are not always obeyed. It is a comfort to know that many copies of the Word of God find lodgment in the pockets, and let us hope also in the hearts of the soldiers.

Altamura is an educational center, where hundreds of pupils from surrounding towns gather every year. Some of these are evangelized and return home, carrying the good news. The pastor of this church, Sig. Pugliese, had the pleasure of baptizing a Waldensian pastor. He is now one of our evangelists and will continue to be during the war.

Macchiavalfortore, which had thirty-nine baptisms in 1915, added fourteen others during 1916. Others would have submitted to this ordinance had they not been detained at the Austrian front. This new church is full of apostolic zeal. A number of the neighboring towns have been evangelized by these brethren. Prof. Rossi, one of our theological professors, is in charge of this field. He has remarkable gifts for adapting himself to these simple people. This church is greatly in need of a building for school and church purposes.

Barletta celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the persecution and death of evangelicals in that city on March 19th. One of the victims on that occasion was a Baptist. Two descendants of the victims were present and made addresses, as well as contributed toward the expenses of a memorial tablet. Think of it, Baptists were still put to death for their beliefs in the latter part of the nineteenth century!

JAPAN MISSION.

MISSIONARIES AND STATIONS.

Fukuoka.—C. K. Dozier, Mrs. Dozier, E. O. Mills, Mrs. Mills, Miss Carrie Hooker Chiles.

Kagoshima.—P. P. Medling, Mrs. Medling.

Kumamoto.—W. H. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke.

Nagasaki.—J. H. Rowe, Mrs. Rowe.

Shimonoseki.—J. F. Ray, Mrs. Ray, E. N. Walne, Mrs. Walne.

Tokyo.—G. W. Bouldin, Mrs. Bouldin.

Kokura.—C. T. Willingham, Mrs. Willingham.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By P. P. Medling.

Foreword.—Never, since he said, "Go ye, therefore, and disciple all nations, baptizing them," etc., has our Lord appeared visibly among men, but truly, he yet abides with us in the Spirit, as the burning of our hearts beareth witness. We know, of a truth, his command is still in force, because all nations are not discipled as yet; because our intelligence gives assent that all men, however great or worthy, need this super-human gospel; because God's voice in our hearts tells us so; and, above all, because God's presence in Spirit, and his transforming work speak in no uncertain terms in the hearts and lives of thousands of Japanese.

Present Situation.—It is the feeling of the mission that evangelistic work is our main objective, and that "they went everywhere preaching the Word," makes a good precedent to follow. It is also their feeling that we should do our best to make provision for an educated ministry, or at least, establish such institutions as are necessary to give our ministerial students a fair amount of training, and that we should strive to have schools in which a Christian boy or girl can get some sort of an education under Christian influences. It is also the feeling of the missionaries that we need more missionaries, and that it is necessary that they be properly equipped for their work; that we are in lamentable need of efficient preachers, teachers and Bible women. In regard to the need of workers, one of our missionaries says: "If we had the finances to run the places for the workers, we ought to have at least ten evangelists to each missionary, perhaps as many Bible women and as many good Sunday school teachers."

Outstanding Events.—In the early autumn the eldest son of the emperor was raised to the rank of crown prince. The last of the year the Okuma ministry resigned and Count Terauchi, the so-called militarist, was commanded to form a ministry that would meet the approval of the people. At the ceremony of the raising of the crown prince, Shintoism also had its inning. It seems that the leaders wish to make Shintoism a religion without calling it a religion. The Buddhists, too, inaugurated an evangelistic campaign, apparently in imitation of the very successful Christian campaigns of the last two or three years, as they also organized Sunday schools and other instruments of propaganda. The important events from a Baptist point of view are the temporary closing of Duncan Academy (Northern Baptist), with a view to its reëstablishment in Yokohama in a year or two, the removal of the Baptist Theological Seminary to the Duncan Academy site, the sucess of our boys' school in Fukuoka, and the brighter prospect of our evangelistic work.

Our Missionaries and Their Work.—At present there are fifteen missionaries on the field, and four in the homeland. Miss C. H. Chiles, who is still in the Language School in Tokyo, is giving her spare time to the work. There is a native force of twenty-four workers, and an enrolled membership of 756; the total contributions amounted to $1,350.53. We have twenty-four Sunday schools on the field, with an enrollment of 1,618. The mission supports and directs three kindergartens with an enrollment of 111; a night school enrolling 105; and the Middle School, 110; making a total of 326 students. The number of seminary students is 21. Other facts and figures will appear in the individual reports from the stations.

The Southern Board has seven main stations as follows: Tokyo, Shimonoseki, Kokura, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, and Kagoshima; and grouped with these are the following outstations: Kure, Chofu, Moji, Wakamatsu, Yawata, Iizuka, Kurume, Omuta, Sasebo, Omura.

TOKYO.

Greater Tokyo, with its 3,000,000 human beings, is certainly the center of things for Japan, and the hub of the universe, according to some Japanese writers and thinkers. Here is a city of over a hundred churches and two hundred Sunday schools, of which there are five Baptist churches and fourteen Sunday schools. Here we have two preaching places and an attendance of about 200 weekly; also two night schools and two kindergartens, which are thriving and building for the future and all without a church-home. Here a chapel building is badly needed.

Baptist Seminary.—Rev. G. W. Bouldin, the missionary in charge of the Tokyo work, writes as follows: "Everything went smoothly enough at the Japan Baptist Seminary during 1916. Three men were graduated the last of May, two of them from the north and one from the south. That class was smaller than the average, while this year's class is rather larger than the average, and there are seven men to be graduated in May, if there

is no mishap. Since the opening of the session in September we have been deprived altogether of the services of Dr. Chiba, who is giving his full time to the girls' school at Sendai. But we hope that we may soon have Dr. Chiba with us again. Our hands were strengthened by the coming into the faculty of Prof. U. Kawaguchi, Ph.D., who has had long and thorough training in America, and comes to us in the vigor of his young manhood, and is giving his full time to the seminary.

"For more than four years we have held the excellent site in the suburbs of Tokyo, which was bought as a home for the seminary. But since we have not been able to erect buildings on the land, and since during the last few months the Northern Baptists have decided to vacate the property hitherto occupied by Duncan Academy, and having offered the property to the seminary in exchange for the land in the suburbs on very reasonable terms, we think it best to accept the offer and occupy the academy site from the coming summer. There are three main considerations which cause us to recommend the change: (1) It will give us a site ready for immediate occupancy; (2) it will put us in the heart of the city and bring students and faculty in close touch with the practical Christian work carried on in the city by Baptists; (3) it will enable us to secure at once the government recognition which will exempt the students from military service while they are in school, and thus enable us to hold a better class of students than is possible without the recognition. And it might be added that the plant in the city complete will not cost any more, if as much, as the completed plant in the suburbs would have cost.

"There are in all twenty-one students in the seminary at the present time and they measure up very well in character and ability with those of former years. But with a permanent schoolhome, with a still larger faculty, and with better facilities for preparing men for the seminary, we hope as the years go by to have not only a larger number of students, but students that are better prepared for the greatest of all callings. The times call for strong faith, incessant prayer, and the most faithful service on the part of us all, if the Cross is to triumph in Japan.

Evangelistic Efforts.—Mrs. Bouldin says: "The Japanese workers in our Tokyo evangelistic work have been quite faithful in their work, and as a result, the work is in quite a good condition. On January 17, 1916, our first kindergarten in Tokyo was organized. It has grown until many times I have thought longingly of the time when we will have a suitable room for it. The second kindergarten was started in the fall, but is working under many difficulties, so has only nine members. We still hope for big things there. During the year 1916 there have been 97 enrolled in the six different English classes—nine of these are young ladies and twenty-five young men. The remaining 63 are children under fifteen. One young man from these classes has been baptized, but five others have expressed a desire to become Christians. We are doing this work with the larger children of the Sunday school, hoping to be able to keep them. When they finish primary school, they so often quit Sunday school also. Our Sunday schools are not so much larger than last year, but

regular attendance is increasing. The main Sunday school paid almost all of its expenses last year. We can't get much of an increase in numbers in it, for we are full to the limit almost all the time. When we get our new church-home, our Sunday school, as well as our kindergarten, can grow without being cramped. Until about a year ago we had only one service on Sunday, that in the evening, but now the morning service has grown so popular that it has almost out-grown the evening service. Several times during the year we have had special evangelistic meetings. Twice each week the regular evangelistic meetings are held; and twice each week we have Bible classes at the church. Besides these, many Bible lessons are given. Just before Christmas there were ten baptisms. We hope to have at least twice as many in 1917. As I write, I recall face after face of those who were just so near, yet were detained. In two homes the husband won't consent. In another home both the man and wife come regularly, but a recent campaign against Christianity stirred up their friends, so that they compelled them to stop. I still feel that their little daughter will lead them to Christ. Eight or ten more who are almost persuaded are young men. Since I began writing this, two more of the young men in our English night work have asked for baptism. We are happy indeed!"

SHIMONOSEKI FIELD.

Dr. E. N. Walne reports concerning the "Christian Church Record" (Kirisuto Kyoho): "In last year's report reference was made to plans under consideration for the publication of a weekly Baptist paper under the joint auspices of the Japan Baptist Convention and the two Baptist missions. These plans were consummated early in the year. The writer was appointed business manager by the committee in charge, and Rev. S. Takagaki, a graduate of Rochester Theological Seminary, was employed to devote all of his time to editing the paper. Notwithstanding the fact that the change from semi-monthly to weekly issues made it necessary to more than double the subscription price of the paper, the number of subscribers increased during the year more than thirty per cent. The paper fills a long-felt want and is a real asset to the denomination. It is promoting the interest of denominational enterprises and helping to create a denominational consciousness.

Christian Literature.—The past year has witnessed a marked growth in the production and circulation of Christian literature in Japan. Our mission has had a part in this work. During most of the year the writer gave all of his time to it. The total receipts from sales through the Gospel Book-store, conducted by the mission, were $3,810.58, representing an increase of $1,406.23 over the previous year. A number of lending libraries were established through this agency and the writer now has standing orders from many libraries and individuals for such publications as, in his judgment, may meet their needs. This enterprise has been self-supporting for two years. During the last two months of the year five thousand copies of the "Christian Belief" were

circulated. This is a book of 180 pages, in which the cardinal doctrines of Christianity are treated very simply and forcibly.

"Our Shimonoseki field has a population of 70,000. The writer and his family have been located on this field since the middle of October. There has hardly been time to get over it and make plans for the work. Very little has been attempted with the three out-stations, but the Shimonoseki church has been reorganized, officers elected and a budget agreed upon for the new year which provides for the church's assuming responsibility for the running expenses and one-fourth of the pastor's salary."

KOKURA FIELD.

This field is spoken of as the "Kokura Field" because the missionary resides at Kokura, but the work also embraces the cities of Moji, Yawata, Wakamtsu and Iizuka. In each of the above mentioned cities we have a resident evangelist giving his whole time to the work. It is customary for these evangelists to have at least two preaching services on Sunday, a Sunday school, a prayer meeting during the week, and some Bible classes.

The number of conversions and baptisms reported for the year is disappointing in that we report only six baptisms. When we remember that two years ago we reported forty-two baptisms on this field, the small number of this year makes us feel humiliated. We hope, however, that some have been reached who have not allied themselves with us. When Prother Ray went on furlough in April it was necessary for me to take the general oversight of the work of the Shimonoseki field. For six months I visited the field from time to time and assisted with the work. Brother Walne then located on the field and is giving it his personal attention.

Moji (Population, 74,000).—As has been noted in a former report, we once had a self-supporting Baptist church here, but a movement to unite all the denominations of the city into a Union church gained such a following from our membership that the remaining Baptist believers were very few. Our mission continued the work in the Baptist chapel, and now has the joy of seeing the work begin to grow again. The Union movement has perhaps reached its highest force. In April evangelist Ishikawa took charge of our work and is proving to be a faithful worker. We especially commend his zeal in urging the Christians to do all they can in support of the work.

Kokura (Population, 32,400).—Pastor Ono has continued to work faithfully. The size of the congregation has increased, and an interest has been manifested by several whom we hope will become whole-hearted believers. The pastor has just finished conducting in the prayer meeting a year's course of study on the "Life and Works of Jesus." He has also opened another Sunday school some distance from the church. The attendance at this school has increased quite satisfactorily. Various classes are conducted by the missionaries in their home, at church, and in some homes of the people. Three baptisms were reported.

Yawata (Population, 53,300).—A splendid spirit of Christian service prevails among the members of our Yawata church. Pastor Aoyagi, in addition to being a good preacher, is an enthusiastic Sunday school worker. He has a well-organized Sunday school, and what is all too uncommon, a sufficient number of teachers. At the recent Christmas celebration one pupil received a certificate for attending Sunday school every Sunday for three years; two for attending every Sunday for two years. For years the work here has been conducted in an unattractive store building, inadequate for the work, and uninviting to strangers. The work is in great need of a suitable and adequate chapel. We hope the money for such a building will soon be provided, and earnestly appeal to our constituency for it.

Wakamatsu (Population, 42,300).—Our band of Christians in Wakamatsu has been greatly weakened by the removal from the city of several faithful Christians. No baptisms are reported, but there are some inquirers. There is a flourishing society composed of the older boys and girls of the Sunday school. The pastor hopes to use this society as the means of holding the interest of these scholars at the critical time when so many drop out of the Sunday school, before the habit of attending preaching services has been formed.

Iizuka (Population, 22,500).—The preaching services are well attended. Much interest is manifested. Evangelist Fujinuma is doing good work not only in Iizuka but also in several of the neighboring villages. In the summer when he and two of his children were seriously ill, and a third child a corpse, the sympathy and attention shown by all classes manifested the respect and esteem in which he is held by the community. He reports two baptisms.

We recognize that the above report does not represent all the work that has been done, and we still look for some results of this year's work in the years to come. We are more and more impressed with the greatness of the work and the need of workers, native and foreign. We pray that God will raise up workers for this field.

Woman's Work.—Mrs. Willingham reports on woman's work of Kokura field: "The meetings and classes for women and girls have met regularly during the year. The average attendance at the regular society meetings has been fifteen; at the cooking class, 102. The high school girls' class has been less regularly attended than in former years, as the majority of the members are seniors this year, and their school work is very heavy. However, they attend as regularly as possible, and are also interested in their Sunday school class, which Pastor Ono teaches.

"Since March we have had a monthly woman's prayer meeting to pray for the society meetings and cooking classes, and especially that the non-Christian members may attend the church services and be led to Christ. The attendance of the women at church has been markedly better since these meetings have begun. About twelve women and girls have had regular private Bible study weekly during the year. Near the close of the year

two young women were passing the missionary's home. They heard the Bible woman and an inquirer singing hymns. Having heard that the Bible is taught here, they stopped in to inquire if they, too, might not come for Bible study and hymn singing. A time was arranged, and they came on time, bringing their friends with them. One fine young woman was baptized in December; two others have decided for Christ and wanted to be baptized at the same time, but had to put it off till the new year. In Moji, Yawata, Wakamatsu and Iizuka regular women's meetings have been held. Much work is needed among the women in all these places, but the work in Kokura takes so much time and strength that an occasional visit to the other places is all that I can manage. The pastors' wives, however, are doing faithful work, giving all the time they can spare from home and family demands."

FUKUOKA FIELD.

Rev. C. K. Dozier, the missionary in charge, reports for this field: "It is with gratitude to our heavenly Father for his manifold mercies to us during the year which is now numbered with the past that we begin our report. It has been our busiest year, as will be evident from the following facts.

Evangelistic Work.—We have conducted preaching at two places in the city, besides the church preaching services. Most of this work has been done by the pastor, as the writer has had more than he could do in connection with the boys' day and night schools. Until July, Rev. Goto was in the city and helped, but was very unwell most of the time. We report fewer baptisms for Fukuoka station this year than we had last year. The chief reason is that Pastor Shimose did much work out of the city, and we were so busy with the schools that we could not do visiting. We report four baptisms this year.

Sunday Schools.—We have opened two new Sunday schools in the city during the year. One at the Hakata station and one in connection with the kindergarten. This gives us five Sunday schools in the city. We had one other Sunday school part of the year, but had to give it up when we opened the Southwestern Academy in April. Out of eight thousand children in the primary public schools of the city, one thousand are in Christian Sunday schools, and of this one thousand, over three hundred are in the five Baptist Sunday schools of the city. Many Buddhist Sunday schools have been opened during the year, and have taken a number of pupils from our Sunday schools, but they will not live long. Already one has died and the pupils have returned to our school. Our church Sunday school is located between two Buddhist temples, and they have opened up rival Sunday schools. Some of our teachers teach in three Sunday schools, and nearly all of them teach in two Sunday schools. We had seven Christmas entertainments in connection with our work in the city.

Women's Meetings.—Besides the Sunday schools, Mrs. Dozier has conducted a cooking class, a mothers' meeting and a woman's society. In this way the gospel story has been told each month

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to from fifty to seventy-five mothers. Also she has had classes with young women and given the Bible story of salvation. We have had two special evangelistic meetings in connection with our work in the city, at which good crowds attended. In connection with the night schools we had one special meeting. At this meeting about half of the students expressed a desire to become Christians, but have not yet carried out that desire, except in two cases. There is much opposition from relatives and friends.

The Kindergarten.—This has been carried on by Mrs. Dozier since Mrs. Mills left on furlough in May. There were fifty-seven pupils enrolled during the year. Each day is started with singing, prayer and Christian teaching. The atmosphere is made Christian, and these little ones will not escape the Christ's Spirit. The mothers are gathered together monthly for special meetings, at which they hear gospel talks. The meetings have not been

as regular as Mrs. Dozier wished, for there is a limit to one's strength. She has two children who must get their education from her, if they are to get it at all. The number of mothers who attend the exercises conducted by the children in the kindergarten is increasing each year.

Night School.—There have been 102 young men enrolled since April, and there has been an average attendance of between forty and fifty. The men have been very earnest in their studies and regular in their attendance at chapel. They have had the gospel story and if they reject it, the responsibility rests upon their own shoulders. Dr. Walne's daughter, Miss Florence, comes down four days a week to help us in the day and night schools, but we need other reinforcements. Without her help it would have been impossible to have continued the night school.

Southwestern Academy for Boys.—Having received permission from the Board to open a boys' school we began this work in April. We took in 108 boys and have been conducting the schools ever since. As we have written many times about this school to our different denominational and state papers and to the Foreign Mission Journal, we hardly feel the necessity of stressing the auspicious opening and continued prosperity of the school. We have a wide field of useful service in this school. If the brethren and sisters in America are true to it and support it, we shall have a fine school. The school has had an unusually hard time since its birth, but is in a prosperous condition. Our principal was of very little service to us, as he had pleurisy, which went into consumption. The writer has been acting principal, business manager and teacher of English Bible. To say we have been busy but feebly expresses our condition at times at least. Also our history and geography teacher had to resign on account of pleurisy, but we now have a good Christian man to take his place.

We face the new year with hope and courage. No institution has ever been founded with all of its needs fully met. We are now searching for new teachers to help in April, as we shall add another class at that time. We are cramped very much, but are trying to sell our present plant, and hope to move to larger grounds. We expect a big school in the near future and must not limit our usefulness by building on too small a campus. Our needs are, your prayers, your sons and daughters, and the Lord's part of your income. Given these, and success is assured. Are you willing to give these to us? We need one man right away to help us in the day and night schools, and also a man to take charge of the evangelistic work of the city."

NAGASAKI FIELD.

With regard to this and the Sasebo work, Rev. J. H. Rowe writes: "During the year 1916, Nagasaki and Sasebo have enjoyed unusual prosperity. In the last year and a half the number of men employed at the Mitsu Bishi dock yards have more than doubled, and now more than twelve thousand men are employed by this company. This, with the starting of a number

of new factories, largely accounts for the prosperity of Nagasaki. Sasebo, being a naval port, has been unusually busy on account of the movement of the Japanese navy in connection with the war, and, hence, has caused all kinds of business to prosper. But material advancement does not usually tend to spiritual awakening and advancement of the kingdom. This has been true in these places, and no great spiritual awakening has been witnessed during the year past. However, there are many things for which we thank God and take courage. The three Sunday schools have been well attended, and instructions has been given better than in former years. In one Sunday school the attendance is so large that it is necessary to refuse admittance to new students.

"The attendance at worship and evangelistic services has been good, and the gospel has been faithfully preached by the two evangelists, and, as a result of their labors, many inquirers have been seeking the way, and a number have been baptized. Two of the graduates of the Sasebo Middle School have entered Kumamoto College, and are doing earnest Christian work in connection with the church there. Another, graduating from the same school, has decided to give his life to the preaching of the gospel, and hopes to enter our seminary at the beginning of next term. Others from the same school, who have become Christians, are entering military schools, and continue to let their lights shine. The only student from Nagasaki to enter the higher Normal School of Tokyo is a member of the Nagasaki church; and one of the only two to enter the higher Normal School of Hiroshima this year is also a member of this church. These two young men are graduates of the government Normal School of Nagasaki, and are earnest Christians. Considering the antagonistic attitude of such schools toward the Christian religion, we count this a decided triumph for Christianity. Although the number of baptisms have not been large, such earnest Christian young men as those mentioned above, preparing themselves to enter important and influential positions in their various avocations, will do much toward the spread of the gospel throughout this country."

KUMAMOTO FIELD.

Rev. W. H. Clarke writes about this work: "This most difficult field has felt the impress of the gospel more, and larger numbers have yielded to its influence than in any previous year. The native Christians have been more active in coöperating to give the gospel to the people, and the response has been so encouraging that the long-hoped-for spiritual awakening in Japan seems to be drawing near. The success in the special evangelistic services in our section and throughout the country has shown the readiness of the people for the gospel, and its power to change their hearts when heard and heeded. After sixteen years of seed-sowing and only too limited cultivation in the Kumamoto field, conditions show that the harvest time is here, and that more laborers are needed for the ingathering and teaching.

City Work.—During the first four months of the year this church was without a pastor, and the local missionary being ab-

sent, Mr. Rowe visited the field regularly from Nagasaki. The deacons, Mr. Saito and Mr. Matsuyama, were faithfully assisted by the members, and the work was held with growing interest. Rev. Sagara, who was the choice of the previous pastor, Rev. Kawakatsu, was called to the work, and came in May. He is active, consecrated, and devoted to his new field. He has gained the love and coöperation of his flock, and the membership and activities of the church are growing encouragingly. Since our return from the homeland in September, twenty-two members have been received by baptism, and the attendance at church services has more than doubled. The interest shown by many lingering after the services, and a willingness to enter into Bible study shows that opposition is waning and the Christ-spirit is growing in Japan.

"**Bible Classes.**—The attendance and interest in Bible study has never been so encouraging as at present. Classes in our home during the week, and at Sunday school on Sunday have never been so well attended, and several have been baptized from these classes, including two bright girls from my daughter Josephine's class of students.

"**Sunday Schools.**—The members are realizing the great importance of this work, and it is receiving more attention from the church. Quite a number of the members are teachers and others are preparing to become teachers. We did hope to open a kindergarten this spring, and through its teachers increase the number of our Sunday schools, but find that because of the lack of funds it will be impossible. Our Sunday school Christmas entertainment was attended by more than four hundred people, and many friends were made by the attractive presentation of Bible truth by the children.

"**Woman's Society.**—Mrs. Clarke has devoted years to this society, and rejoices that during her absence it has remained active and is now taking on new life. The weekly meetings are held in native homes and do the work of cottage prayer meetings, while the monthly meetings are held in our home. These women are active in praying, visiting, serving and in every way striving to promote the interest of the church. Several have been baptized from this circle this year.

"**Town Work.**—There are a number of large towns in this field, two of which are occupied by our evangelists. Mr. Hasuo is located at Kurume, a place of 40,000 people, and Mr. Kuroda is at Omuta, a town of 50,000. Each of these places has been occupied by our workers for several years, and are known especially as difficult fields. They are both Buddhist strongholds, and while some are gathered in each year, there is a strong fight against the entrance of the gospel. There are some faithful ones who are earnestly helping the evangelists, and some are constantly being added to their numbers. There are many other large towns in this field, which should be occupied by local workers, but because of our limited numbers we can only visit them occasionally.

"**Country Work.**—There are more than a million people in this province alone who have never heard intelligently the message of salvation, and many thousands of them have never seen the

printed page nor heard the spoken word. The demands from our organized work are so great that it is impossible to reach these outlying fields and hold them without more workers. Their destitute spiritual condition cannot be described in words. We need your prayers, we need some of the best men and women from our Southland, those who are willing to come, remain and work, those who are willing that God's will be done in their lives regardless of cost, are needed to strengthen our Baptist work in Japan.

"Kumamoto Girls' School.—The need of this school has been so long felt and the calls are so great for the work which it should be doing that we cannot refrain from asking you to share the burden which rests upon our hearts in hastening its completion and equipment for work. The land for the school should be secured speedily because of the advancing price and the danger of the most desirable location which we have had in mind for years being taken from us by other interests. We appeal to the women of Georgia and all others who are interested in this imperative need to make the sacrifice necessary to make this school a reality and a power in our work in Japan."

KAGOSHIMA FIELD.

Rev. P. P. Medling writes from this field: "The city of Kagoshima, having a population of 86,000, is located at the southeastern end of the island of Kyushu; and the province of the same name, of which it is the capital, has 1,427,000 people. There are 156 Buddhist temples, 152 officiating priests, and 449,321 worshipers in the province.

"Christian Forces.—There are sixteen pastors and evangelists in the city, twelve other workers, approximately four hundred enrolled church members, about a thousand Sunday school scholars. Our Baptist forces are a missionary family, a native evangelist and family, one church with an enrolled membership of 68, the Kagoshima Sunday school, enrolling 40; and the Tarumizu Sunday school, having an enrollment of 100. This year's baptisms were nine."

Woman's Work.—In regard to this work Mrs. Medling says: "Our ladies come together once a week for a short Bible lesson, and then several hours of sewing. We are trying to make enough money to put down matting in our new church. The ladies enjoy the work, and I think it is fine training for them to begin really to help in the church finances. By spring I hope to have a competent helper, with whose aid I trust I may be able to reach more of the women than I have been able to reach this year."

Special Evangelistic Meetings.—In the early part of the year a series of meetings were held here for purposes of teaching and bringing inquirers to a decision concerning Christ. The plan of salvation was presented as clearly as possible and the hearers were urged to a decision. There had been a good deal of preparation, such as advertisements, personal invitations, street preaching and prayer meetings. This series of meetings came nearer being an old-time revival than any other meetings I have attended

in Japan. As a result of these meetings six were led to a decision and baptized into our church.

The Chapel.—Last spring our Board sent out $1,500.00 for our chapel building. As it was impossible to build it during the summer, the building was begun last October. It is still in the hands of the carpenters, as they are very slow, but so far it is a neat building and pleasing to our eyes. We had prayed for this chapel for six years and trusted that God would hear our importunities, and finally he gave us the desire of our hearts. The chapel is certainly the answer to prayer. It has four columns, in front, a six-foot porch the length of the front, an auditorium 30 by 36 feet, two small rooms at the back, and a baptistry. The members are proud and happy to have a church-home of their own. Finally, in this report we wish to distribute our thanks to all according to their due. We appreciate the kindness and consideration of the mission. We send our thanks across the sea to those who have had a part in the giving of the money. The heartiest thanks to the givers, to the Board for directing it this way, to those who presented our need, and, above all, to God, who, in the giving of his Son, made all these things possible."

And now, in the words of one of our missionaries, "with the deepest appreciation of your prayers, your thoughts and the material aid which you have given in support of the work during the year, we pray that God will send you gracious blessings according to his precious promises during the coming year, and lead us all to undertake greater things in his name and for his glory."

THE JAPAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The dominant note of this report should be that of gratitude to God for his manifest goodness continued throughout the year to all connected with the seminary. None of the members of the faculty have had to be absent on account of sickness, and the general health of the students was much better than during the previous year. No untoward event of any kind occurred to hinder the work of the institution. The reports of all the professors indicate that an unusual amount of thorough and effective work was done in each of the departments. The spirit of the dormitory has shown marked improvement and the work of most of the students was characterized by the faithfulness in preparation and regular attendance upon the classes. The trustees bear glad testimony to the vigorous manner in which work was pressed in all the departments and to the faithful and efficient service of all the teachers.

Faculty Changes.—Owing to furloughs, resignations and other causes only two of the teachers who began the preceding year were on hand at the beginning of the present year. In particular we missed Dr. Chiba, who from the first has been a leader among us. Fortunately, he has been able to give us one week each month during the year, and his help has been of inestimable value. Prof. Holtom has brought to the department of church history and history of Christian doctrine a vigor and thorough-

ness that augur well for the future of work in that department. The trustees feel that they made no mistake in selecting him for the position. Mr. Sakata has given splendid help in the philosophical branches, and has taken a deep interest in the school and in the students, notwithstanding his primary interest in Duncan Academy. Work in evangelism, under Mr. Axling's direction, has been carried on with a good measure of success at the Tabernacle, where the seminary students maintain a weekly evangelistic service. Prof. Bouldin and Prof. Takahashi have continued their faithful service throughout the year. We regret that Bible revision work has still occupied the attention of Dr. C. K. Harrington to the exclusion of all other work, but after his furlough, on which he has just left, we hope to have his splendid help in the Old Testament department once more.

Lack of Japanese Teachers.—The obvious weakness in the faculty during the past year was the lack of Japanese teachers, Prof. Takahashi being the only one devoting full time to the school. Under these circumstances it affords the trustees great satisfaction to be able to announce the appointment of Dr. Ukichi Kawaguchi to a chair in the faculty. He is to take up his work at the beginning of next term, and the Board has every reason to believe that his personal qualities and training will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the efficiency of the school.

Special Lectures.—Special lectures have been rather fewer than usual, but they have been of a high order and have stimulated interest in an unusual degree. The attendance also averaged unusually large, our own pastors and missionaries, teachers and students of other theological schools and others attending many of the lectures. Our lecturers this year were Dr. Genchi Kato of the Tokyo Imperial University, who gave eight hours on the Fundamental Principles of Buddhism, and President Judo Imai of the Central Theological College, who spoke on the Religions of the Roman Empire in the Time of St. Paul. Rev. E. H. Jones and Rev. K. Imai spoke on Country Evangelization.

Reading Room.—During the year the reading room, opposite the library, has been used more largely than hitherto. In connection with various courses the professors have put upon the tables the books in the library bearing directly upon the problems investigated, and have required much larger use of such materials than in the past. While for English-reading pupils the problem is fairly easy, as our library is growing to be one of large value, the supply of Japanese books in some departments of study is still so limited as to constitute a problem in the vernacular course. Happily, this disadvantage grows less every year.

Application for Admission.—President Tenny reports as follows: "The applications for admission this past year were unusually numerous. But churches, pastors and missionaries are exercising greater care in giving recommendations, and this together with our higher standards of admission has made the number of students admitted rather small. We report this year twenty students—four in the regular course, eight in the prepa-

ratory department of the regular course, and eight in the vernacular course. Other men, now in the higher department of Duncan Academy expect to enter the seminary later on. The reports show that the work of our men in the college brought much credit upon our institution."

Plans for Building.—With the hope that the Boards would be able to grant funds for the construction of a dormitory and two or three residences for teachers on the site in Shinjiku, the trustees had plans prepared not only for these buildings but also for the full development of the site. These plans were sent to both Boards and the needs of the school restated with emphasis. Many copies of the plans were circulated in the form of postcards in the hope of arousing interest. At the same time we are face to face with the fact that at last reports neither Board has yet provided the funds asked for at the last annual meeting, and we are still a homeless school.

Government Recognition.—The inability of the school to provide a certain amount of equipment in the way of buildings is a positive hindrance to the growth of the school. Until the seminary has a permanent home nothing more can be done in the way of securing the recognition of the department of education which carries with it the privilege of postponement of military service for the students. The trustees earnestly hope that this severe handicap may be removed before the close of another session.

Seminary Sunday School.—President Tenny closes his report as follows: "It is a pleasure to report that, throughout our seminary Sunday school we have been able to render a real service to the people of our immediate neighborhood. How real the contact has been is seen in the fact that the neighboring temple has recently opened a rival Buddhist Sunday school on somewhat similar lines, using in place of our Sambika (hymns), Sambika sung to Christian tunes! Every student in the school has had practical training in Sunday school work, either at the seminary or in connection with the work of some local church."

Graduating Class.—Upon recommendation of the faculty, the trustees authorized the granting of diplomas to the three men who this year completed the vernacular course: N. Ishimaru, M. Makino and S. Muraki.

MISSIONS IN MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES.

North Mexico.

Saltillo.—Miss Addie Barton, Miss Ida Hayes, J. S. Cheavens, Mrs. Cheavens.

Torreon, State of Coahuila.—D. H. LeSueur, Mrs. LeSueur, G. H. Lacy, Mrs. Lacy.

Durango.—J. G. Chastain, Mrs. Chastain.

Juarez.—W. F. Hatchell, Mrs. Hatchell.

Chihuahua.—J. W. Newbrough, Mrs. Newbrough.

Guaymas.—Frank Marrs, Mrs. Marrs, Miss Laura V. Cox, J. H. Benson, Mrs. Benson.

South Mexico.

Guadalajara.—R. W. Hooker, M.D., Mrs. Hooker.

Morelia.—R. P. Mahon, Mrs. Mahon.

Toluca.—A. N. Porter, Mrs. Porter, C. L. Neal, Mrs. Neal.

Leon.—J. E. Davis, Mrs. Davis.

NORTH MEXICO MISSION.

By D. H. LeSueur.

The history of missions reveals the fact that all mission work is subject from time to time to periods of testing. These serve in the providence of God for the real betterment of the work. The faith of God's servants is often severely tried at such times; but we are assured by his Word that the "trial of their faith is much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, being found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

The work in Mexico has been for several years, and still is, going through just such a period of trial. Just what will be the final outcome of the troubles in that country is as yet problematical. Whether the darkest days are passed, or whether there are darker still to come, no one can with assurance say. But whatever may be the final outcome there are still grounds for believing that, under God, "all will fall out to the furtherance of the gospel." The work in general has been very much circumscribed and hindered by the untoward conditions prevailing. But God has been with his servants; and in spite of all adverse circumstances and difficulties there is yet great cause for rejoic-

ing and for gratitude to the gracious Giver of all good for his manifest blessings upon the work and the workers. Some one hundred and fifty-three baptisms are reported for the year—a much larger number than last year; and probably there were others not reported.

MOVEMENTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

Some of the missionaries have been enabled to give more or less oversight to the work, visiting the fields and encouraging the native brethren as opportunity offered; though most of the time even this has been impracticable on some of the fields, the most that could be done being to communicate with the native workers by letter, and in some cases even this being impossible. So, as a rule, the reports of the brethren are fragmentary and incomplete. As will be noted, it has not been practicable, for various reasons, for some of the missionaries to even visit Mexico during the year; but as opportunity offered and health permitted, they have been engaged in work in the homeland more or less related to the work in Mexico or to the mission work in general.

SCHOOLS.

Practically all of our more advanced schools, or at least the boarding departments of them, have remained closed during the year. Where practicable, day schools have been taught by native teachers, thus occupying our buildings, and keeping up in some measure the school feature of the work. Two of the brethren emphasize the urgent need of making arrangements, at the earliest practicable time, for again providing for the training of the young preachers. Many of these are poorly prepared for the work of the ministry, and are clamoring earnestly for the opportunity to obtain the preparation that they need. It is hoped that in the providence of God this urgent need will soon be supplied; also that it may ere long be possible to provide the necessary facilities for the proper training of other classes of Mexico's young people.

MEXICO'S NEW CONSTITUTION.

This constitution, as is well known, was recently adopted and promulgated. Just what may be its effect no one can prophesy with certainty. It contains some very stringent regulations, aimed, it is understood, at the abuses of the Catholic church, and especially the foreign priests. But if its provisions are strictly enforced there will necessarily have to be sweeping changes in our methods of work. It will be seen that Brother Marrs has already felt obliged to suspend the work of Colegio Occidental on account of one of its provisions. It is also announced that in accordance with another provision, all church property will be confiscated on the first day of May. Brother Cheavens and others think that if another one of its articles is strictly enforced it will absolutely prevent the residence and work in Mexico of foreign missionaries. If so, this will com-

pletely revolutionize our methods of work there, and the work will have to be carried on by the native brethren with such help as can be rendered to them from outside of the republic. We know not what a day may bring forth; but unless conditions change soon, it would seem the part of wisdom, if not absolute necessity to adapt our methods, in some respects at least, to the changed conditions in Mexico.

REPORTS.

The reports in detail of the different fields, being short, are mostly given in full. These reports indicate the class and character of each missionary's work.

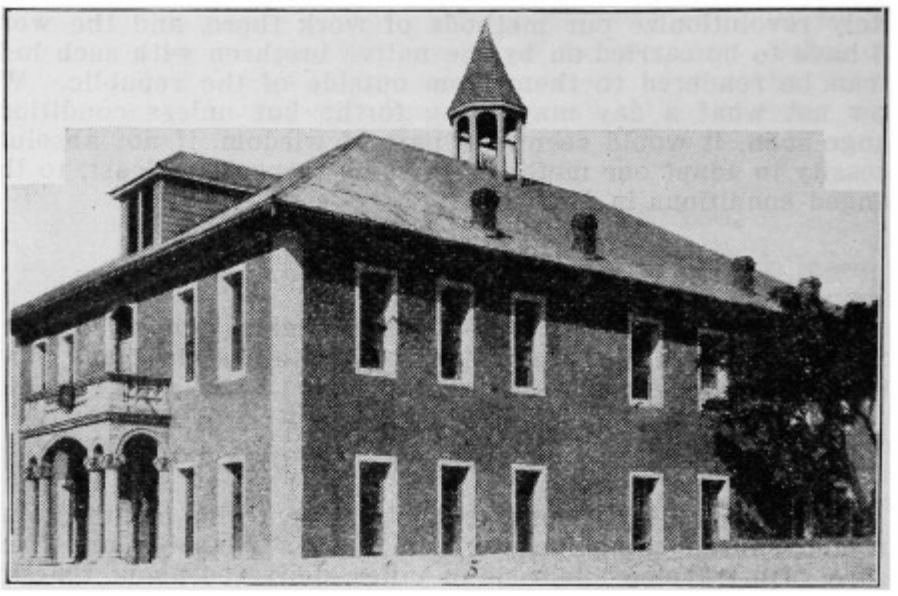
REPORT OF MISSIONARY J. G. CHASTAIN.

Of the year 1916 Missionary Chastain spent nine months doing church-to-church campaign work, mostly in Alabama and Tennessee. He traveled hundreds of miles, delivered about 200 sermons and lectures, reaching churches in villages and in the country. The first of November he went to South Texas to work among the Mexicans. The Mexican work was visited in Taylor, Austin, San Antonio, Alvin and Pasadena. For lack of time it became necessary to decline many urgent invitations to visit other districts and fields that are white unto the harvest.

Special energy has been given to the establishing of what promises to be a hopeful and permanent work in Houston. A new chapel has been built, the Mexicans doing most of the building free of charge. Eighty Mexican families live within easy reach of the chapel; many of them own their own homes, others are buying lots and building. This promises permanency to the work. A good congregation has been gathered and a thriving Sunday school established. There are about twenty members who have been received into Baptist churches in other places. These will form the nucleus of our new church. One of their number is a Baptist preacher, competent to be their pastor. The missionary will complete the organization, turn it over to these Mexican brethren and push out into other fields to do a similar work. The harvest is great but the laborers are few.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY D. H. LeSUEUR.

As it was judged by the mission prudent and wise for the Theological Training School to remain closed during the year, the writer, who was in charge of that institution, and did not have the oversight of a field, has been engaged in work of a missionary character in the homeland. His work for this year has been altogether in Texas. He has visited and labored in the interest of the work in different sections of the state, supplying pulpits, distributing missionary information, and making talks and addresses on missions and related subjects, as providence opened the way and guided and helped. It was his pleasure and privilege to direct mission study classes in two of our



Baptist School Building, Chihuahua, Mexico.

state Encampments. He also assisted, as oportunity offered, in the work among the Mexicans, preaching, distributing the Word of God, tracts, etc. No exact record was kept of the work, but a goodly number of persons manifested in one way or another that they were reached for God, and helped in the Christian life and work, while numbers indicated a greatly increased interest in our work in Mexico, and in our mission work in general. The Lord will take care of the results of the work.

REPORT OF CHIHUAHUA FIELD.

By J. W. Newbrough, Missionary in Charge.

"I have been waiting for reports from my field to get to you the few data I hoped to get, but have been absolutely without success. No word can be gotten from any of the southern part of my field, and even Chihuahua has failed to send me the desired information. So that the statistical part will have to go blank. I have now been away almost two years from my field, and only since last November have I been trying to look after it, and since then communication has been very greatly interrupted.

The first year of my absence from the field was almost entirely given to an endeavor to get well, as I was on sick furlough, but through the goodness of the Lord I have been so greatly improved as to be now only waiting an opportunity to return to my work. But in the meantime have undertaken to do all I possibly can for the Mexican population in the southwestern part of this state (Texas), and to enable me to do this where most needed I have moved my family to Alice, from which I am in easy reach of quite a number of entirely destitute

places. In the last few months I have held services at several places and at each have had professions of faith in Christ. Altogether some sixty persons have professed to have accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

Services have continued without any real serious interruption at Chihuahua, though the church is without any pastor.

While anxious to return to my own field, still I am glad I can do the work I am now doing and am sure it is just what we should do under the circumstances.

REPORT OF JUAREZ FIELD.

By W. F. Hatchell, Missionary in Charge.

It is getting to be commonplace for us, in our annual reports, to speak of the difficulties caused by the unhappy political conditions in Mexico. However, the year that has just past was full of trouble, occasioned by the revolution that has prevailed for more than six years in this land. Communication was more difficult, and in many respects it has been the most trying year on our work in this part of the country that we have yet had.

Notwithstanding the hindrances, and perplexities, incident to the unrest and turmoil, our Juarez church had the largest growth in its history. When I say growth, I mean not only were a larger number of members received, but our day school, as well as the Sunday schools were larger. All departments of our mission work took on new life and development along all lines is evident.

Our church is well organized, and the different departments or societies have done excellent service.

We have a number of young men in our church who feel called to preach the gospel, and as our Theological Training School at Torreon is closed we are trying to help thees young men as best we can, until better training may be provided for them.

While it has not been possible for us to get out into the undeveloped territory around us, many people have come to us from the South, seeking work and an asylum from the suffering and dangers of their unfortunate country. In this way we have been given great opportunities. These people that have been driven to us will, no doubt, many of them return to their homes, and will have a message to take back with them to their relatives and friends.

We feel the need more now than ever for suitable buildings for our church and school, or rather, a building suitable for these two departments of our work. Our work is constantly handicapped from a lack of equipment in the way of a building. We trust that the money promised us for our church in Juarez will be provided so that we may get our house as soon as conditions permit of our buying a lot and putting up the building.

The Chihuahua field was under my direction till November, when Brother Newbrough took charge again. This work was looked after through correspondence, as train service down that way has been very dangerous. Of course, the work has been greatly hindered by the revolution and bandit raids. The native

workers in the Chihuahua field have suffered much during the year. Sometimes months would pass before any word could be received from them.

There are two things that I would like to call special attention to: First, the very great need for a training school for young preachers. It seems to me that this school should be provided for just as soon as possible. Should it be possible for the school to be opened in Mexico, it appears to me that this is the place for it, or at Torreon or some central point. But should it not be possible, on account of political reasons, a school should at least be opened temporarily at some place in the United States on the border.

Second, then, as soon as communication is reëstablished, we ought to be ready to go everywhere, preaching the gospel to the people that seem to be more easily reached now than at any other time. The first need supplied would greatly aid in the accomplishment of the second.

SALTILLO AND PIEDRAS NEGRAS FIELD.

By J. S. Cheavens.

The missionaries on this field are: Rev. J. S. Cheavens, Mrs. Cheavens, Miss Ida Hayes.

Temporary location of missionaries on account of war conditions, Eagle Pass, Texas.

This field, stretching from the Rio Grande on the north to Doctor Arroyo on the south, has had a prosperous year in many ways, though the drawbacks have not been few. War conditions still prevail. For months the tense international situation very greatly retarded the progress of the work. Food scarcity, financial crisis caused by the deprecation of the Mexican paper money and the introduction of American money; epidemics of various kinds—all these things have combined to make the task more difficult.

Saltillo.—The church in Saltillo has prospered wonderfully. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Cota, has proved himself an active and efficient man. With the coöperation of the church he has succeeded in awakening an interest in religion among all classes. The congregations are good and members were received every month. Many others made a profession of faith.

Brother Cota was able, besides his work in Saltillo, to accompany the missionary on one very difficult journey, and also to visit with some regularity the little congregation at General Cepeda.

The church at Saltillo has begun in earnest to work toward self-support. A substantial addition to the pastor's salary is part of the work undertaken for the new year.

Part of the time during the year 1916 the death rate in the city was very high. One of the autumn months the man in charge of the cemetery said: "The day we bury the fewest there are twenty-seven interments." With a population of 30,000 that shows a heavy death rate.

Monclova.—The church at Monclova for three years—from 1913 to 1916—used the Methodist chapel for their meetings, but this last year the Methodists having planned to reopen their work, our congregation had to hunt new quarters. At considerable expense another place was fitted up for services. This expense was borne entirely by the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. E. H. Recio, has had severe sickness in his family during the year, but through it all he has patiently and prayerfully gone forward leading his people into the best in the Christian life.

Several new members were added during the year and the interest has been good. Here, as in Saltillo, the health conditions have been bad. An epidemic of smallpox, together with malaria and other diseases, have made a high death rate during the year.

Allende.—The pastor, Rev. Santiago Valero, was absent from the field a great part of the autumn on account of sickness in his family. This very materially interfered with the advancement of the work. Several baptisms were reported.

In the surrounding villages the services are good and there is promise of a harvest in the near future.

Muzquiz.—This is the only church on the field where a pastor is located that did not report baptisms. The pastor, Rev. T. B. Trevino, has been hampered by ill-health and the congregation has been greatly diminished by removals. Many members have gone away to look for work; others have left on account of political activities, and the results have been bad for the church.

Brother Trevino has resigned and this, our oldest church under our Foreign Mission Board in Mexico, is pastorless and discouraged. May those who read this report pray that the future may reveal some new blessing for this old church.

Piedras Negras.—Our rented house that we used during 1915 proved to be too small for the congregations and a larger building was secured. The Sunday school has shown an increased attendance and a deeper interest than before. The usual congregations at night are good. The thanksgiving service, the last night of the year, was largely attended; the mayor of the city was present, many teachers and a crowd never before seen in a Protestant meeting in the city.

The pastor of the church, Rev. A. D. Rodriguez, is an active, energetic worker, and besides the work in Piedras Negras has visited regularly the village of Fuente where we have a small congregation and a school.

There were baptisms both in the Piedras Negras church and in Fuente. And there are candidates now awaiting the ordinance.

Miss Ida Hayes gave splendid assistance to the work in Piedras Negras and Fuente by visiting the people, teaching in the Sunday school and by giving special classes.

Conclusion.—What the "future may hold of marvel or surprise" we cannot tell; this we know: the work will not be and cannot be the same in the future as in the past. If the requirements of the new Mexican constitution are carried out the mis-

sionaries cannot return to Mexico. Our schools will be closed, and the native men must be left with the responsibility of evangelizing their own people. The old proverb says, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity", and so it may prove to be across the Rio Grande. We can only "watch and pray" and work as we have opportunity.

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST FIELD.

Frank Marrs, Missionary in Charge.

The year just closed has witnessed decided changes for the better in this part of Mexico. As we recall now, there has been no fighting in all the west coast districts, save some insignificant Yaqui Indian disturbances. And this we have come to expect, as it has been going on, we are told, for more than forty years, with more or less regularity.

Business has improved some, though there is yet much complaint from all our merchants. Practically all train service has been restored, at least we have tri-weekly trains running on all coast lines. We are not so fortunate yet as to boat service, as, in common with all maritime movements, the Mexican Pacific steamers have suffered in consequence of the European war. different Mexican waters, awaiting the outcome of the present For instance, dozens of great German boats are interned in world cataclysm.

The Evangelistic Work.—As to our mission work in these regions—there seems quite a revival of interest noted in all our churches, many of which have had struggles to maintain life in these last four or five years of warring factions in their movements over the country. The people in general seem to have a mind to hear the gospel, as it is preached to them by our Baptist and other evangelical people. Our native pastors and field workers report real revivals in many places, with many baptisms in the last weeks of the closing year, as well as encouraging reports in the opening weeks of the present year, as we collect data for this 1916 report.

We have been enabled to add two more very competent native brethren to our Pacific force, entering again two capital cities —Culiacan, capital of the state of Sinaloa, and Tepic, capital of territory of the same name. These places have only had an occasional visit for nearly three years.

A very eventful missionary journey was made in the summer by our brother Elias M. Ruiz of Mazatlan, in company with young Brother Agustin Reyes. They were out several weeks in an outlying district in Tepic, with splendid results, more especially in an agricultural and pastoral region known as **Las Lagunillas.** While finding really much acute suffering amongst the poor people, who were living practically isolated from the world, yet they had a living faith—a faith that rejoiced in the revealed Word, as preached to them by three brethren. Several converts were made in these meetings, four or five baptisms, while many who asked for baptism had to be refused until another and better time, as they had some complications along the matrimonial

line that had to be adjusted in a proper way. Brother Ruiz reports that these people in their poverty enthusiastically offered to go out to the near-by mountains and hew out pine logs and bring them in one by one and build them a little chapel; and asked for a pastor to be with them as often as possible, if not to live there. Young Brother Reyes is going to visit them regularly this coming year. Several of our coast Baptist churches, hearing of the noble desire of these poor brethren to build them a chapel, have offered to take collections this year to help them buy windows, nails, etc., in the construction of their building.

Pacific Baptist Association.—In October, there was held at the border city of Nogales a very enthusiastic meeting of our Pacific Baptist Association. All our older churches sent messengers, and two new churches were admitted to membership, one being from Tucson, Arizona. Also the Mexican missionary and wife from Yuma, Arizona, on the Colorado River, across from the state of California, were present and invited to seats in the association.

At this meeting it was decided by the association that help should be extended to our brother Ezequiel Ruiz, that he might engage in the colportage work, the distribution of Bibles, all over the bounds of our association, as well as to those points now being worked in Arizona by the Northern Baptist Convention Board. Brother Ruiz has had very notable success in the past as colporteur, and we have already heard from him since leaving for the south in November. He has put into several hundred homes the Bible or some portion of God's Word. We expect great results from this very important work this year, if we can manage to keep this active brother supplied with the Bibles he needs for distribution.

Brother J. H. Benson was at the meeting of this association, inspiring us all with his genial smile and whole-souled enthusiasm for the Master's kingdom-work. He has just arrived at Tucson with his family and will shortly take charge of the field work of the Pacific coast, allowing the writer more time for the establishment and direction of our school work, to which he has been assigned.

Colegio Occidental.—Our Colegio Occidental at Guaymas had a very good year, considering different obstacles encountered. War conditions necessarily reduced attendance—although the enrollment reached 104. An epidemic of smallpox closed all schools for nearly a month. The Sonora state government decided to prohibit the teaching of any foreign language as a special department, and that took away from our school almost thirty pupils during one week in April. Then a drunken man got into our college building one afternoon, and after wounding four people, including our native Bible Woman, attacked the writer of these lines. Fortunately, the wounds were not fatal; but our school was dismissed another week or more while this trouble was being settled. But with all these interruptions we counted some real advance and success in our school work; much good, we believe, was accomplished in our Bible classes and other mission features of the work.

The session of 1916-17 began a little late in the fall, for unavoidable reasons, yet we have been doing a very good and high-grade work. We have had some fewer in numbers; but have been able to carry on classes in the higher grades. But as we write these lines we are faced with the worst difficulty yet—and one that looks as if it would prove insurmountable, at least for a long while. It is that in the new constitution now being promulgated at Queretaro by the Carranza government, there appears the clause which forbids any religious corporation, or a minister of any sect, establishing, or teaching in a school of the elementary grades. We have suspended all school work, as it is necessary to obey the law. Friends of both the Catholic and the evangelical bodies are at work trying to get this law abrogated. While it looks as if the Liberalists in their reform movements had intended only to curtail the power and influence of the Catholic clergy in their parochial schools, yet the net has caught practically all mission schools; for while the new law apparently allows "high schools or universities" to be established and maintained by religious bodies, yet this would not allow us the liberty that we really need—the liberty of establishing and maintaining schools of the lower grade work that we must have to really meet the aims and needs of our mission work in Mexico. The pendulum has swung to the other extreme. Mexico today is suffering and will suffer very much as did France in its last century revolutionary movements. But every nation must have its religion and religious liberty to have the best growth politically and religiously. We are waiting, as patiently as possible, for things to adjust themselves somewhat in turbulent Mexico. In the meanwhile evangelization of the people will go on. Bibles will be sold and given away; and we know that in every sense, "Bread cast upon the waters . . . shall be found after many days."

TORREON AND DURANGO FIELDS.

By G. H. Lacy, Missionary in Charge.

The Torreon and Durango fields, as usual, being centers of revolutionary troubles, have suffered severely from poverty, banditry, and lack of law and order during the last year. The churches in and around Torreon in what is called the Laguna region, have maintained their work and have most of the time had regular preaching. We are still maintaining our primary school in Torreon, but will probably have to close it soon because of the new laws regarding schools. It looks now as if we shall have to close all our school work in Mexico if the present constitution remains in effect. We may be compelled to establish at least some of our schools on this (United States) side of the Rio Grande.

On the Durango field the church at Colotlan, Jalisco, has suffered severely. The pastor and his father had all their houses burned and the family were compelled to spend some months wandering in the mountains. In the city of Durango where the work had been almost obliterated, under a live man the church has

done a good work. They have baptized during the year seventeen people. At other points on the Durango field nothing is being done. The people are ready and open for the gospel as never before, but our difficulty is in getting it to them. The sale of Bibles and Testaments is wonderful. The American Bible Society is at present doing a great work in Mexico, and especially in this part of its work should receive our substantial encouragement.

The missionary has tried to keep in touch with the fields by visits and correspondence. Some of my trips have been very difficult. It is our purpose during the new year to make as many trips as possible for the encouragement of the men and in an effort to give an impetus to the work of evangelization. Our prayer is that God in his providence may give us the opportunities. One of the difficulties on the Torreon and Durango fields is that all the workers are either inexperienced men or mere boys taken from the middle classes of our training school. They are faithful, but need constant supervision.

In addition to what field work the missionary can do, I am also, in the absence of Brother Davis, looking after our publication plant in El Paso. We are hoping God will also give us great things in connection with this work. In connection with Brother J. S. Cheavens I am planning some religious literary work in Spanish.

The outlook from some standpoints is dark, but the providence of God will open ways, and we are looking for great things yet in Mexico. Now is the time for Bible distribution and direct evangelization as never before.

SOUTH MEXICO MISSION.

By C. L. Neal.

The war in Mexico has continued with a great waste of life and property and with a greater demoralizing effect on the people than at any time in the past and yet God has protected his workers through all the upheaval and glorified his name through their labor.

They have not been able to make as many mission trips and preach in as many stations as in other years but the results of the work have been greater than in other years.

FIELD WORK.

Guadalajara. This is the second city in the Republic and a fine center for a great work if we only had men and the money to extend the work as we should in this large territory.

These war times have been trying on our church work because the population has been so transient, but with all this the congregations have been very large, not only at the preaching services but at the prayer meetings and Sunday schools. Only a few days ago I received a letter from Brother Godinez,

the pastor, stating that on Sunday night the church could not hold the people who came. I found this the case when I visited the church during the year. There have been nineteen baptisms and among the number a Methodist preacher and his family. This gives us another good worker when a place is open for him.

Besides the work done in Guadalajara, which is a field large enough for ten workers, the pastor has visited Tequila, a town of six thousand inhabitants. We should organize a church in this place and put a worker there to work the surrounding country. He visited also Tisapan, Tuscueca, Tecotepec and San Luis.

Atoyac.—Atoyac church is in a town of about seven thousand inhabitants and the people are very liberal. This center of our work has 150 active members. There are ten candidates ready for baptism. This church has ordained some deacons which have given new life to it, the town has been divided into five parts and there are workers in each division to report to the pastor those who are sick or in need or that can be interested in the work. There has been a great scarcity of food during the year but none of the members have suffered because one rich member of the church with the help of others gave over $700.00 in the money which was in circulation for the help of the poor. During the year there have been eighty-nine baptisms and others approved for baptism.

Pastor Rebollo is active in advancing the Master's cause. During the year he has had to change houses because his congregation had grown so large the house could not hold the people who came. We should remember that this pastor furnishes his own house. When he moved he had to take out two walls and turn three rooms into one large one and still there was not room for those who came.

Besides the work done in Atoyac, Pastor Rebollo gives the following report of work done.

In Rancheria, in the mountains of Tepec, there has been great progress. Brother Rafael Cisneros has extended the work of the gospel and fifty people have been converted and about eighty-five attend the services. Fifteen have been baptized and others are in preparation. Many of the new converts have to get out of the business in which they are engaged and most of them have to get married before they can join the church.

La Union.—This church was organized in 1913. In this place in an eight days' revival the Spirit was manifest in power and about forty were converted and the house which the people had built for services could not hold those who came. A great crowd went to the river to see the baptism of eleven of the new converts. Brother Hernandez, who preaches at this place has done a great work and during the year there have been thirty baptisms.

El Rodeo.—This is a mission station which gives promise of a good work. Pastor Rebollo preached to more than forty people on his last trip, who were very much interested in the work, and three of them were baptized in the absence of Rebollo. The work was carried on by Petronila Hernandez, a faithful Christian.

San Sebastian.—This is a station of importance because it is a town of about 6,000 inhabitants. In this town they speak Mexican instead of Spanish. There are twenty believers there, and soon there will be baptisms. Brother Estanislao Valencia conducts services in this place and is very enthusiastic in the work.

San Andres.—This is a new station and has been opened only a short time, but the last time it was visited there were two baptisms. The only worker paid by the Board on this field is Brother B. I. Rebollo of Atoyac.

There are ten stations on this field but all of them could not be visited during the year because of war conditions, however, others were visited which I have not mentioned, such as Cuyacopan, San Jeronimo and Agua Fria. I never receive a letter from Brother Rebollo about the work in which he does not urge me to influence the Board to send him at least one worker and build a house of worship.

Atoyac School.—The school of forty-six pupils is worth while for while the people are liberal the schools are run by the Catholics and they persecute the children who are not Catholics and try to force them to go to confession. The teacher does a great deal of mission work outside of school hours.

Colima.—This church has done exceedingly well this year under the circumstances. It had its difficulties which threatened to destroy its existence; however, after excluding a number of the members and having a revival it began to grow in grace and is now in a good condition. The house is not large enough to hold the people who come. During the year there were twenty-six baptisms and the last week of the year they had another revival and as a result six more were baptized and others were approved for baptism. Ten of the number who were excluded have returned to the fellowship of the church. Brother Pablo Godinez, the pastor, has visited the following places during the year.

Manzanilla.—This is a coast town and our church has suffered greatly because most of the members have left the town and it has not been possible to visit the church all the year, but when Brother Godinez could visit the place he has preached to new people.

San Blas.—This is a new place, but when first visited by Brother Godinez he found enough believers to have services the first visit and soon a church can be organized if the interest continues to grow. The other places which he visited are Tonila, Tuxpan and Coquematlan. In all these places he conducted services.

Toluca.—The attendance of the church at this place has been good this year, not only at preaching and prayer services, but in the Sunday school. The missionary spirit has been developed, and although this has been an extremely hard year and the members have not had the necessities of life they gave $60 for foreign missions. Although this does not seem like very much, it would be about equal to $1,200 in the money in circulation at that time. This church also paid more for self-support than in years past. This can be said of nearly all of our churches. During the year there

have been eight baptisms and a number of others are preparing for baptism. One of the great obstacles of receiving members in Mexico is that the most of those who want to join the church can not do so until they get married and many times if the woman is not converted the man cannot persuade the woman to be married or vice versa. Then, again, if both are willing to marry and publish the bans they may leave the town before the time is up.

Under the preaching of Brother Juan Gaspar our church has been built up spiritually and the people have been made stronger doctrinally, and his work will endure. One good feature of the work has been the Bible class for women, conducted by Mrs. Neal, M.D. This Bible class was for those who could not come to Sunday school and has been a large class since its beginning, the average attendance being eighteen. The work done in this class will be manifest in the lives of those who came.

Sandiago, or Sultepec.—Mateo Gaspar is pastor of this church, and he has done a faithful work, although his field has been reduced because of the revolution, and the results have not been great. He has sent reports of the work as often as it has been possible, and in all of them he has reported conversions and asked for someone to come and baptize those who were ready, but it has been impossible for me to go and do the baptizing, since it might take months to go and come. It is only possible to go from Toluca when a company or two of soldiers are sent, and it is usually two or three months before another will be sent and these returned.

Taxco.—For more than two years we have not been able to hear from this church, for that part has been infested with Zapata's men, the worst bandits of all Mexico. If any American crosses his line he is stripped of all his clothes and sent on his way rejoicing.

Villa Guerrero.—Neither has this church been visited, for it is in the same section as Taxco.

It has not been possible to visit any of the mission stations around Toluca, for all the surrounding country has been infested with the bandits and Toluca is surrounded on three sides all the year and sometimes completely surrounded.

Leon.—This is the third city in the republic, and is the place where our printery is located. This has been one of the most fanatical places in all Mexico up to the last few years, and that has made the work very difficult. Just when we thought the work would advance rapidly the war broke out, and it being, perhaps, the poorest city, the people have been so transient it has made the work very difficult. Pedro Suarez, the pastor, has done a faithful work. His time has been divided between the church work and printery, which was left in his charge up until the last few months. During the year there have been three baptisms and others approved for baptism.

Guanajuato.—This city is the capital of the state, and is a very important point for our work. We have only a mission station there. Several times there have been enough believers to organize into a church and the prospects have been very bright,

but for the lack of work they have gone to other places. One week during the year the governor gave passes to over eight hundred who were out of work, that they might go to other cities to look for work. Brother Trevino, who has charge of the mission wrote me that all who were attending the services went, and that he had to begin the work anew. During the year there have been four baptisms.

Panindicuaro.—This is a city of about six thousand inhabitants and is the center of a large work in time of peace. Ourchurch has been badly divided and that has hindered the work. The pastor, Angel Meza, writes me that the church has excluded a large number of members who were living disorderly lives, and is now in a better condition to do the Master's work. During the year there have been three baptisms.

Morelia.—This is the capital of the state, and is still the most fanatical place in which we have work. Brother Moises Arevalo and his wife have done faithful work during the year on this field. The work which they have done in the city have been marvelous. Although the results would not be considered great for a liberal city, it has been great for one of the most fanatical cities in the republic. There were ten additions, eight by baptism, and others approved. The attendance has steadily increased, and the church has grown in grace under the fine preaching of pastor Arevalo. During the year he and his wife have visited twelve important places in the state of Michoacan.

Uruapan.—They visited this town of 8,000 inhabitants and spent a week and he preached every night and they visited from house to house during the day, and preached Christ to those who would hear. There were several conversions. They found enough believers to organize a church, and it should be organized as soon as a worker can be found for the place.

Nocupetaro.—We have a church at this place and should have a pastor. Brother Arevalo has visited this church three times during the year and they are anxious to have regular preaching. After having had several conversions in Nocupetaro and in Betel, near there, two were accepted for baptism, and after a service at the river's edge they were baptized.

Caracuaro.—In the spring, when Brother Arevalo visited this town the fanatical Catholics tried to scare him out of town, and about eighty of the leading people of the town called on the mayor, advising him that he had better stop the preaching of Arevalo. Arevalo was called before the mayor, and this body of citizens accused him of stirring up trouble. When they were through with their accusations, the mayor gave our preacher the opportunity to speak for himself. He proceeded to preach a sermon from the constitution on the subject of religious liberty, and then presented his passport which he secured before he left Morelia, which said both civil and military authorities should give to Sr. Arevalo all the protection he may need, for he is on a special mission. When they heard his speech and read his passport, they were frightened, for they did not know what might be his mission, so they gave him his liberty, and before he left town the mayor and two of the high officials bought Bibles from

him. In the month of December, when he returned again to preach in that same town, some of the leading citizens furnished him a house, centrally located, in which to hold his services.

Tacambaro.—Here we have a good church, but it is without a pastor. The former pastor had to leave the work on account of his health and for this reason Sr. Arevalo has visited the church twice during the year. A pastor is badly needed, and we must have one as soon as it is possible to get him for the field is too important to be left alone so long.

Guayameo.—Sr. Vicente Rios, a faithful veteran, is pastor of this church, and has fought a valiant fight for Christ during these years of revolution. One time he was taken to the public park to be shot, and the firing squad was ready, but the Lord delivered him. Later on he was able to lead to Christ one of the generals who operated in that part of the country and went with him to the place where he was shot by the bandits who had captured him. In Guayameo is one of our largest churches; it has 128 members, and during this year there have been nine baptisms. At the close of a revival conducted by Sr. Arevalo, of Morelia, $50 silver was raised to finish a church house which the natives are building at their own expense. These members are to be praised for their faithfulness, for their persecutions and sufferings have been great.

MEDICAL WORK.

Dr. Hallie Garrett Neal, medical missionary, is located in Toluca. There has never been a greater need for medical mission work in Mexico than there was the past year. After six years of revolution, bringing in its wake moral degradation, making the rich poor and the down-trodden poor sink deeper in poverty, there is a continual cry for help. Because of the lack of cleanliness and the proper food and because of the immoral lives, the towns and the cities are full of all classes of diseases, and in many places epidemics have raged.

In Toluca the epidemic of typhus fever has raged all the year, and a greater part of the time smallpox and scarlet fever. Dr. Neal has had her hours filled from morning until night. More came during office hours than she could wait on, and before and after office hours she spent in visiting her patients in their homes, the greater part of whom were typhus patients. During the year she has waited on and visited 2,844 patients, and had she had time and strength she could have waited on many more. Her influence and reputation has grown until she has gone into the best homes of the city, such as those of bankers, merchants, lawyers and high officials in the army, but with all this opportunity to go into such homes, she never turned away the poor, who were in such great need, to favor those who had the goods of this world. Those who came to her received the medicine they needed and the best care possible, although they did not have a cent; she even gave them food and clothing. Her work has been the means of the conversion of a number of people; it has brought new people to the services and has opened many homes to the influence of the gospel.

The medical work has destroyed ignorance and superstition. Many think that the eating of meat or fruit, or the taking of a bath has caused the most contagious diseases. They think that whatever they have eaten or done just before they get sick is the cause of whatever sickness they have, and this gives the doctor the opportunity to clear away such ignorance.

When there was such a noise about intervention it was the medical work that opened to us a refuge in case intervention came. God's protection has been wonderful in protecting Dr. Neal from the deadly diseases which she has treated, while other doctors fell under their ravages.

SCHOOLS.

Toluca Schools.—C. L. Neal, director. These schools could only have been opened by faith this year, because the way was so dark no one could know what the future would bring forth, but our Lord led and we followed his direction. There were many obstacles to contend with because of the unsettled conditions of the country and the opposition of the government to all private schools, but with all this it has been a fine year in many ways, and if we could have taught the Bible as we did in other years it would have been the greatest in all respects.

We enrolled 181 pupils, making forty more than we had in any year previous. We had pupils from some of the best homes in the city, who were sons and daughters of lawyers, merchants, the director of the postoffice and the stamp office, etc. The school has come in touch with more homes than any year in the past, and the parents were so well pleased with the work that they rented a special hall so we could have plenty of room for our closing exercises. These exercises brought forth many compliments in favor of our work.

The school work has been a great factor in our mission work, and I think one of the greatest, but the future is very dark for our school work in Mexico now; however, I believe when the war is over and the country returns to a stable government our schools will have liberty as before. Pray God that this great means of enlightening the youth of Mexico shall not be closed, for our hearts yearn for the enlightenment of the boys and girls of Mexico.

MEXICAN BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.

By J. E. Davis.

Our Press in Mexico City.—In September, 1915, I went to Mexico City, and after many futile efforts to ship paper to Leon, I decided to establish provisionally a branch plant in the city. We had bought a press some time before, and had not been able to ship it to Leon. This press—our Judson Memorial press—we set up there and continued publishing "El Expositor Biblico" throughout the year. It is now stored with the National Paper & Type Co., in Mexico City.

Periodicals.—Not only did "El Expositor Biblico" reach the largest circulation in its history, but we also published a small paper exclusively for propaganda, which was received more enthusiastically then any publication we have ever put out. It was published weekly and was continued for six months. A paper of this kind would do a great deal of good now in Mexico.

Books.—We did very little of this kind of work during the year. We began the publication of the Life of Carey, but were unable to finish it. We have a number of translations made and will be ready for work as soon as conditions will permit in that country.

Vacation.—After eleven years and a half of work in Mexico we asked for a vacation, which was granted us. We left Mexico City on June 25th and landed at Tampa, Fla., July 8th. Since then we have been in our native land.

In El Paso, Texas.—In order to keep up the publication of "El Expositor Biblico" and meet the present needs in a limited way, we bought a small plant in El Paso, where the paper is being published, as well as some tracts that are much needed in the work.

The Future.—This is merely a conjecture, but I firmly believe that the future has great things in store for us in the Publication House in Mexico. After peace is established, the Mexican people will read our literature as never before, and our plant at Leon will become a great distributing center for our publications in the Spanish language. May God grant it.

Statistical Table, Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Missions, for the Year 1916-1917.

COUNTRIES	MISSIONS	MEDICAL STATISTICS												
		Foreign Physicians, Men	Foreign Physicians, Women	Foreign Nurses	Native Physicians	Native Nurses	Number Hospital Buildings	Number of Beds	In-Patients	Major Operations	Number Dispensaries	Number Out-Patients	Total Number Patients Treated	Total Number Treatments
China	North China	4	.....	3	3	6	4	130	475	59	7	29,098	29,634	40,338
	Central China	2	.....	2	5	6	8	152	1,669	952	2	10,135	12,294	24,914
	Interior China	2	.....	1	.....	4	1	18	94	4	.....	5,932	6,026	8,876
	South China	4	1	.....	4	8	3	65	671	327	2	18,584	15,342	20,893
	Pak-Hoi China	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	12	1	6	12	24	18	365	2,909	1,342	11	63,749	63,296	95,021
Africa	Total	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	3	221	1,416	9,213
Japan	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Italy	North Italy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	South Italy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	North Mexico	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	South Mexico	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2,844	2,844
	Total	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2,844	2,844
Brazil	North Brazil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	South Brazil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Argentina	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals		15	2	7	12	24	18	365	2,923	1,342	15	63,970	67,556	107,078

Statistical Table, Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Missions, for the Year 1916-1917.

COUNTRIES	MISSIONS	SCHOOL STATISTICS.																				
		KINDERGARTENS		LOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			HIGHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			MIDDLE SCHOOLS			COLLEGES			NORMAL AND TRAINING SCHOOLS			THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS		Total Number of Schools	Total Number of Students
		Number of Schools	Pupils	Number of Schools	Pupils, Male	Pupils, Female	Number of Schools	Pupils, Male	Pupils, Female.	Number of Schools	Students, Male	Students, Female	Number of Colleges	Students, Male	Students, Female	Number of Schools	Pupils, Male	Pupils, Female.	Number of Schools	Students,		
China	North China	2	37	199	3,068	473				10	280	286				2		37	1	26	214	4,202
	Central China	5	119	32	563	360	11	149	266	6	180	74	1	50		2		34	1	28	55	1,826
	Interior China	1	30	24	418	212	1		10	1	56					2	100	16			27	726
	South China	3	98	68	926	935	3	47	94	2	5	20				2		98	1	106	79	2,471
	Pak-Hoi China			1	17																1	17
	Total	11	284	324	4,992	1,980	15	196	370	19	521	380	1	50		8	100	185	3	160	376	9,242
Africa	Total			42	1,480	8	1		56	1	38								1	19	45	1,601
Japan	Total	3	111				1	105		1	110								1	21	6	347
Italy	North Italy																					
	South Italy			7	156	141	1	25	10												8	332
	Total			7	156	141	1	25	10												8	332
Mexico	North Mexico			2	70	59	1		50												3	179
	South Mexico			1	23	23	1	90	91												5	227
	Total			3	93	82	2	90	141												8	406
Brazil	North Brazil			8	209	166	1	11	1	1	117					1		2	1	18	10	506
	South Brazil	1	20	28	236	380	12	506	95	1	140		1	36	6	1	3	8	1	31	28	835
	Total	1	20	36	445	546	13	517	96	2	257		1	36	6	2	3	10	2	49	38	1,341
Argentina	Total			6	95	46													1	8	7	172
Grand Totals		15	415	418	7,261	2,803	33	933	673	23	926	380	2	86	6	10	103	195	8	257	485	13,441

Statistical Table, Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Missions, for the Year 1916-1917.

COUNTRIES	MISSIONS	CHURCH STATISTICS															WORKING FORCE						
						INCREASE			DIMINUTION					SUNDAY SCHOOLS			MISSIONARIES				UNORDAINED NATIVE HELPERS		
		Date of Organization	Number of Churches	Number of Churches Self-supporting	Out-Stations	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Death	Expulsion	Letter	Membership	Houses of Worship	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars	Contributions	Men	Married Women	Unmarried Women	Ordained Natives	Male	Female	Missionary Residences Owned by Board
China	North China	1860	52	19	182	1,518	881	5	76	148	884	9,547	30	159	5,989	$ 4,474 77	16	17	14	10	132	34	19
	Central China	1847	33	5	62	254	40	2	35	26	47	2,420	13	51	3,205	4,635 52	16	12	12	8	62	19	20
	Interior China	1903	5	----	21	105	----	----	4	8	----	423	3	3	480	124 00	10	10	3	----	36	15	6
	South China	1845	43	10	70	735	68	46	95	44	61	7,238	22	65	2,812	15,847 06	20	19	15	25	98	76	17
	Pak-Hoi China	1914	----	----	----	6	----	----	----	----	----	8	----	1	40	42 50	1	1	----	----	4	1	----
	Total	------	133	34	335	2,618	989	53	210	226	992	19,636	68	279	12,526	$ 25,123 85	63	59	44	43	332	145	62
Africa	Total	1850	25	6	39	656	65	1	12	34	90	6,573	32	56	3,169	$ 11,248 62	7	6	3	7	47	------	6
Japan	Total	1890	9	----	12	81	15	4	7	4	19	756	8	24	1,618	1,350 53	9	9	1	10	7	7	5
Italy	North Italy	1870	13	----	15	9	9	----	2	4	5	301	2	9	241	699 35	2	2	----	8	2	------	----
	South Italy	1870	25	----	26	80	14	5	20	8	9	893	----	19	577	775 89	----	1	----	19	3	------	----
	Total	------	38	----	41	89	23	5	22	12	14	1,194	2	28	818	$1,475 24	2	3	----	27	5	------	----
Mexico	North Mexico	1880	34	----	15	153	57	7	15	14	23	1,100	10	16	734	$2,745 00	8	8	3	10	15	4	3
	South Mexico	1880	13	----	29	201	8	11	14	54	21	622	9	11	355	164 00	5	5	----	4	5	2	----
	Total	------	47	----	44	354	65	18	29	68	44	1,722	19	27	1,089	$2,909 00	13	13	3	14	20	6	3
Brazil	North Brazil	1882	79	14	140	657	178	96	75	186	224	5,584	41	50	2,865	$26,210 93	11	11	----	31	18	2	1
	South Brazil	1884	93	57	356	1,627	560	152	100	526	909	9,375	52	173	8,462	56,591 33	16	16	2	32	37	------	----
	Total	------	172	71	496	2,284	738	248	175	712	1133	14,959	93	223	11,327	$82,802 26	27	27	2	63	55	2	1
Argentina	Total	1903	34	4	25	265	30	1	23	26	29	2,321	4	31	1,028	$7,461 55	8	8	----	14	5	------	2
Grand Totals		------	458	115	992	6,347	1925	330	478	1082	2321	47,161	226	668	31,575	$132,371 05	129	125	53	178	471	160	79

ANNUAL

Of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the

1916				
May 4	—To balance per last report to Convention			$ 4,007 20
1917	RECEIPTS.	Gross.	State Expenses.	
May 3	—Alabama	$ 26,160 81	$ 1,100 00	
	Arkansas	13,144 90	1,075 00	
	District of Columbia	2,890 32		
	Florida	8,315 87	499 92	
	Georgia	51,417 23	2,977 75	
	Kentucky	53,442 82	2,395 00	
	Louisiana	10,327 33		
	Maryland	14,043 41		
	Mississippi	28,507 41	1,200 00	
	Missouri	23,079 93	3,869 78	
	North Carolina	55,772 87	2,751 51	
	Oklahoma	10,368 75		
	South Carolina	52,297 81	1,541 00	
	Tennessee	32,057 83		
	Texas	65,882 21		
	Virginia	77,795 37	3,731 94	
	West Virginia	57 00		
	New York	3,695 00		
	Illinois	1,363 99	57 25	
	New Mexico	2,252 50		
	North Dakota	36 00		
	Pennsylvania	6,001 00		
	California	5 00		
	Kansas	3 00		
	Cuba	5 00		
	Mexico	107 00		
	Panama	86 00		
	Brazil	5 00		
	China	130 00		
	Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary	606 78		
	Southern Baptist Convention	50 25		
	Sunday School Board	5,000 00		
	Legacy Mrs. S. E. Tyler (Ground Rent)	90 00		
	C. B. Shaeffer Fund (Interest on)	6 00		
	H. C. Parris Fund (Interest on)	9 00		
	Isaac Davis Fund (Interest on)	273 00		
	Elizabeth Flowers Fund (Interest on)	24 00		
	E. M. Hardin Fund (Interest on)	33 00		
	Maryland Fund (Interest on)	40 00		
	J. G. Bush Fund (Interest on)	339 00		
	Louis P. Maples (House Rent)	43 30		
	Ret. Fee Est, J. H. Sands	2 26		
		$545,767 95	$21,199 15	$524,568 80
	Annuities released			6,700 00
	Legacy of John Ballard (Colored)			3,255 58
	Legacy of Miss Lula Whilden			949 93
	Legacy of Mrs. A. G. Schimp			1,878 01
	Net on account of Debt Campaign			186,019 85
	Loans unpaid			41,866 56
				$769,245 93

LIABILITIES.

Call loans	$ 41,866 56	
Less cash in bank	1,261 49	
	$40,605 07	

Raised on the debt. (Included in totals shown above.)

Alabama	$ 7,709 20	Missouri	$ 4,557 71
Arkansas	1,430 38	New Mexico	297 40
District of Columbia	744 25	North Carolina	14,664 95
Florida	3,043 73	Oklahoma	1,722 58
Georgia	14,015 04	South Carolina	11,217 15
Illinois	633 49	Tennessee	10,004 60
Kentucky	18,941 00	Texas	41,769 88
Louisiana	3,305 24	Virginia	42,816 66
Maryland	8,759 41	Miscellaneous	535 76
Mississippi	4,420 62		
			$190,589 05
Less Expenses			4,569 20
Net on account of Debt Campaign			$186,019 85

REPORT

Southern Baptist Convention, from May 4, 1916, to May 3, 1917.

1916			
May 4 — Debt brought forward			$183,803 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOREIGN FIELDS.

African Missions		$ 18,242 57	
China Missions—			
North	$68,845 71		
Central	54,697 64		
Interior	21,430 34		
South	71,608 43		
Pakhoi	2,872 06		
		219,454 18	
Japan Missions		38,990 98	
European Missions		37,270 90	
Mexican Missions		48,046 57	
Brazilian Missions		130,115 68	
Argentine Missions		37,284 15	
			529,405 03

HOME EXPENSES.

1. Office—			
Salary of Corresponding Secretary	$ 3,500 00		
Salary of Secretary	1,375 00		
Salary of Secretary	3,300 00		
Salary of Treasurer	1,800 00		
Salary of Clerks	2,250 00		
		$ 12,225 00	
Extra help, postage, etc		3,183 81	
Traveling expenses		1,859 53	
Printing		4,298 34	
Rent		1,149 52	
			22,716 20
2. Field—			
Salaries of two Field Secretaries		$ 1,733 70	
Traveling and office expenses of Field Secretaries		695 23	
Expenses of State Members and Association Representatives		1,415 45	
Helps to Secretaries		923 86	
Woman's Missionary Union		7,560 00	
Laymen's Movement Committee		2,600 00	
			14,928 24
3. Miscellaneous—			
Expenses Foreign Mission Journal		$ 1,990 45	
Expenses Missionary News Bureau		110 00	
Expenses Missionary Day in Sunday Schools		1,878 76	
Expenses Student Missionary Movement		100 00	
Expenses Special Committee on Negro Seminary		8 75	
Expenses on Legacies		1 25	
Expenses Southern Baptist Convention		592 19	
Expenses collection charges for year		341 38	
			5,022 78
4. Interest—			
Paid on Anuities		$ 1,679 95	
Paid on borrowed money		10,428 44	
			12,108 39
Balance in bank			1,261 49
			$769,245 93

I have this day had the account of R. R. Gwathmey, Treasurer, carefully examined by Pullen, McKinney & Co., certified public accountants, commencing May 5, 1916, and ending May 3, 1917, and I find them correct and sustained by proper vouchers. There remains in his custody the following securities and cash: $1,000.00 City of Richmond, Va., 4 per cent bonds, belonging to the "Maryland Fund;" $9,100.00 Virginia bonds, belonging to the "Isaac Davis Fund;" $1,100.00 Virginia Century bonds, belonging to the "Mrs. E. M. Hardin Fund;" $800.00 Virginia Century bonds, belonging to the "Elizabeth Flowers Fund;" $300.00 Virginia Century bonds, belonging to the Mrs. H. C. Parris Fund;" $200.00 Virginia Century bonds, belonging to the "C. B. Shaeffer Fund;" $11,300.00 Virginia Century bonds, belonging to the "Bush Fund;" $10,000.00 bonds of Parkersburg, W. Va., Street Railway, annuity of "Washington McGraw and wife;" five shares of Southern Railroad preferred stock, valued at $380.00, legacy of "Lucy Y. Fauntleroy;" a certificate of deposit of National State and City Bank for $217.30 for legacy of "Mrs. Martha S. Prewitt;" annuities invested to amount of $25,525.90 and cash in National State and City Bank, $1,261.49.

Richmond, Va., May 3, 1917.

JAMES D. CRUMP, Auditor.

JUDSON CENTENNIAL

Report of Treasurer, from May 3, 1916, to May 3, 1917.

1916			
May 3 —	Balance on hand		$ 58,069 09
	Loans on demand, to Foreign Mission Board		212,500 00

1917

RECEIPTS.

Alabama	$12,608 36	
Arkansas	8,455 90	
District of Columbia	50 00	
Florida	3,121 59	
Georgia	11,912 28	
Kentucky	6,363 12	
Louisiana	3,704 69	
Maryland	5,946 99	
Mississippi	6,773 77	
Missouri	13,482 74	
North Carolina	14,034 44	
Oklahoma	1,764 80	
South Carolina	11,351 53	
Tennessee	10,651 60	
Texas	24,477 35	
Virginia	26,647 20	
West Virginia	514 50	
Illinois	761 96	
New Mexico	450 05	
Indiana	5 00	
California	2,169 16	
Montana	10 00	
Wisconsin	5 00	
Nebraska	2 00	
Arizona	17 50	
New York	32,047 34	
Kansas	1 00	
New Jersey	51 00	
Michigan	5 00	
Minnesota	10 00	
South Dakota	10 00	
Baptist S. S. Board	2,500 00	
China	93 00	
Brazil	94 07	
Cuba	20 00	
Interest on loans	12,717 02	
		212,829 96
		$483,399 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOREIGN APPROPRIATIONS.

Africa	$ 1,400 00	
South Brazil	46,900 00	
North Italy	1,000 00	
South Mexico	1,000 00	
North China	1,200 00	
Central China	323 00	
Interior China	1,900 00	
South China	12,934 80	
Japan	375 00	
		$ 67,032 80

EXPENSES.

Salary of Field Representatives	$ 1,855 53	
Salary of Clerks	3,132 31	
Traveling expenses	1,086 07	
Office expenses	2,240 08	
Printing	325 09	8,639 08
May 3, 1917, Cash Balance on hand		385,227 17
Loans on call to Board		22,500 00
	$483,399 05	483,399 05

ADDENDA.

A large portion of the money on hand has been appropriated already and missionaries have been authorized to draw for the same.

I have this day had the accounts of R. R. Gwathmey, Treasurer, carefully examined by Pullen, McKinney & Co., certified accountants, commencing May 3, 1916, and ending May 3, 1917, and I find them correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

Richmond, Va., May 3, 1917. JAMES D. CRUMP, Auditor.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOME MISSION BOARD

TO THE

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

IN SESSION AT

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

MAY 16-21, 1917

Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
1004 Healey Building
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"LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS," is the promise of our Lord to those who obey his Commission to Evangelize, to Baptize and to Teach. The promise is not to those who obey one part of the command and neglect the others. As a general proportion, Baptists have excelled in Evangelism, and they have been the Kingdom's best in Baptism, but they have lagged sadly in Teaching. "And out of this," declares Dr. Gambrell, "most of our troubles have come." Our Lord is not with Southern Baptists in allowing conditions of neglect which has lost to us thirty-seven per cent. of all we have baptized in the last twenty years. They have gone to the world and its sins, many of them to pernicious false faiths, some of them to other evangelized bodies. The neglect of nurturing, the lack of a great program looking to more adequate instruction for our converts constitute the great outstanding need of Southern Baptists today, and they cannot dispose of it by saying it is the pastor's duty, and complacently turning away.

APPENDIX B.

Seventy-Second Annual Report
OF THE
Home Mission Board
TO THE
Southern Baptist Convention

B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

1917

IN THIS ANNUAL report of our stewardship, the Home Mission Board is profoundly grateful for the mercies of our Heavenly Father which, amid many distractions and anxieties, have been so abundant throughout the year.

What for months had been our fears, has become a dreadful reality, our entrance into the great world war. As to the outcome we make no prophecy but in the midst of it all our prayer is for the guidance of God that there may issue from it the world's betterment and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The City in Which We Meet.

WE COME FOR the third time to this great city of the South with its genial climate, its hospitable people and great commercial power. New Orleans is peculiarly Southern and yet is national, it is American and yet cosmopolitan. Business and pleasure are here mingled as nowhere else. The civilities of

life constitute the charm of the place, whilst its factories and foundries and banks and business houses, and its great terminals and wharfs, proclaim its commercial and industrial power. Situated at the mouth of the Mississippi and the great valley, it commands the whole interior from the Gulf to the Lakes, and far-seeing prophets predict that in twenty-five years she will surpass in population and power St. Louis herself. We might say the Gulf of Mexico and the Great River combined constitute its harbor and make for it an emporium for the trade of all climates and all continents. It looks straight through the Yucatan Channel to the Panama Canal through which trade will be carried and brought from all centers of the earth. Yet here in this great city our Baptists are weaker numerically and financially in proportion to the size of the city than anywhere within the bounds of the Convention territory.

Southern Baptists have not been unmindful of this city. We have poured out treasures of men and money into this city for more than seventy years. The year the Southern Baptists Convention was organized, 1845, the Home Board did work in New Orleans and has continued during the years since to come constantly with its helpful hand to the support of our cause in the Crescent City. The denomination through the Board has helped every white Baptist church in the city, in most cases buying the lots and erecting buildings thereon and then helping constantly in the support of pastors and missionaries.

Some of the noblest men of the denomination have laid down their lives while in the service of the Home Mission Board as missionary pastors in this city and yet the need for help is still great. All hail to our Baptist brethren of New Orleans! Though few and not strong, they are faithful and true!

A Great Year Under Great Difficulties.

WE ARE HAPPY in being able to present a splendid report, although we have labored under many difficulties. In order not to interfere with the effort to raise the $180,000 debt of the Foreign Mission Board we made no appeal whatever for the regular work of our Board for months. Then the serious illness of the Corresponding Secretary interfered with this phase of the work for two months and made it impossible to make the best use of the Convention period in the Fall, though he did attend hlaf dozen or more Conventions.

The anxiety and unsettled condition of affairs incident to the great world war has had much effect. An unusual number of intra-State financial campaigns has presented a serious situa-

tion. The continued and rapidly spreading ravages of the boll-weevil and destructive floods in large portions of our territory, along with many other untoward conditions, filled us with constant anxiety and threatened to bring us at the year's close with a considerable debt on our current work. So we entered our Spring campaign with receipts about the same as for the previous year, with campaigns for other objects on in a number of the States and with the Secretary burdened with the special direction of the evangelistic force incident to Dr. Bruner's resignation as Superintendent of that Department.

But, notwithstanding all this, we are able to report that we closed the year with all current expenses paid, and our old debt of $72,308 reduced by $34,123, leaving us a debt of $38,185. Under all the circumstances we think we have reason for devout thankfulness and genuine encouragement. In this we have had hearty co-operation of the State papers, our State Members, many of our Associational Representatives, and our noble women. Indeed, at the close it was evident from the hearty response to our appeals that the churches made noble response.

Bequests and Annuities.

WE ARE GREATLY pleased to report also that we have received a number of bequests and annuities. Manifestly our people are thinking seriously as to what they shall do with their means. What they have as well as what they are belongs to God. Our Board makes fine provision for investment in the way of annuities, being able to give a larger interest than is ordinarily given because we invest the same in our Church Building Loan Fund. We respectfully commend this feature of our work to those who wish a safe investment and at the same time to project their usefulness into the coming years.

Church Extension.

A FINE RECORD has been made in this Department for the year. We have had only one agent, Superintendent L. B. Warren. He has been greatly hampered by campaigns in the States which have shut him out. At the Convention in Asheville, one year ago, the Board was instructed to complete our Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund in three years, and we would have succeeded better if there had not been extra campaigns in some of the States which shut us out from fields to which we had been invited to come. We plead earnestly for an open door as far as possible for the next two years. If we are given this opportunity we have every reason to hope for a consummation of the task committed to us.

Our women have pledged themselves to raise $325,000 of the Million Dollar Loan Fund and they propose during the coming Autumn to inaugurate a special campaign for the purpose of completing their part of the fund. That done and with as good success attending our campaign as we have achieved during the past year, we will without doubt win the victory. This done, through the years that are ahead, those who have contributed to this great fund will be lifting the weak and helpless churches into helpfulness and efficiency. We have nothing to compare with this in its far reaching effects. When this great fund has been raised and in operation with its loans to weak churches it will relieve us largely from making gifts and enable us to put the money into the support of additional missionaries.

Evangelism.

THE LORD'S FAVOR continues upon this work. Multitudes have been saved and many of these have been enlisted in the Lord's service. The tendency toward the culture of converts is increasing. The two phases of work, winning and saving, ought to go hand in hand.

Moreover, one of our aims in the Evangelistic work is to incite our pastors to the work of pastoral evangelism. This is the ideal to be striven for, which means that indirectly, even more than directly, our Evangelistic staff will accomplish the winning of the lost. In turn, with the pastor's heart all aglow with the evangelistic spirit, the church membership will be turned into soul-winners and into trainers in church work, so that the church will become a wooing and working body, a conquest and conservation camp. Then the Messiah's reign will be ushered in gloriously.

Publicity.

FOR THE SAKE of economy a great cut was made in our appropriations for publicity. Upon the consolidation of **The Home Field** and **Foreign Mission Journal** we lost some of the direct appeal which **The Home Field** had furnished but we have supplied Home Mission material for the new magazine, **Home and Foreign Fields.**

We made the best use of tracts during the year. They have been sent straight to the mark as well as prepared with special directness for a given purpose. The denominational papers have been supplied with articles on our work and the papers have been generous with their space and supported our appeals by editorial endorsement. We are profoundly grateful for their

help. They are the mightiest agency we have and should receive a heartier support from the denomination.

Our Mission books have been put to fine use during the year. "Country Church in the South" by Dr. Masters has been accorded a splendid endorsement and received a wide circulation, being used as Mission Study Class book as well as for general reading. We commend it most strongly. There is no more helpful book on that phase of denominational life. Our other book, "Baptist Missions in the South," is still in large demand.

We hope for a more general use of our Home Mission literature by our people. They need to know the facts. When they do the great body of them will respond with their help.

Mountain Schools.

IN THE HIGH HILLS the good work goes on with our Mountain Mission Schools. Like the wood-choppers of King Hiram in the cedar forests of the Lebanon hills, Superintendent Brown and that consecrated body of teachers are preparing the material for the service of the King and from those mountain quarries are being fashioned the choicest stones for the King's palace.

Through this great and blessed work of our noble band of Christian teachers the youths of that country are being lifted higher than their highest hills, yea, than Mitchell's top, yes, to heaven, where Christ is. The details set forth about this work are found elsewhere in our report. Their bare recital should be enough to send a thrill of jubilation through our hearts.

Enlistment.

HERE WE STRIKE the weak spot in our denominational life. Here we must camp and plan for the mobilization of our forces and resources.

We are growing in numbers marvelously and in wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. In general education the South is making wonderful progress as in all lines of material growth. In all of this our Baptist people have a liberal share for they constitute a large part of the population.

We make bold to say that the supreme task of Southern Baptists is the proper enlistment and training and use of this vast force, converting it into an army of conquest for Christ. We are impotent everywhere just in proportion as we are weak here. Religiously America holds the key as she does in the great world war. They say if that war lasts through this year then its final issues will depend absolutely on America, and that on America's munitions and food supply, and in turn on the South, since other

sections cannot materially increase their food supply. In the last analysis, they say, it would be the Southern farmers' fight.

Now, a similar line of argument can be applied to the religious task that confronts us. The South, last year, sent $700,000,000 elsewhere to pay for supplies that we ought to have raised ourselves. We must feed and clothe ourselves. And this doctrine must be applied in our religious life. We are as unprepared—even more so—to meet the spiritual demands upon us, as our nation is to meet the exigencies of this world war into which we have been drawn. May we put into our task something of the vigor and bigness that our government is throwing into its job.

Cuba and Panama.

FROM THESE TWO fields come most encouraging reports. Superintendent McCall declares that in steady and constructive work this has been our greatest year in Cuba. The solid foundations of other years are gradually being crowned with a beautiful superstructure.

Two years more of liberality in church building would put us in fine shape on that line and make it feasible to enlarge our missionary force which is so greatly needed.

The needs are set forth strikingly in Dr. McCall's report. Evangelism, entrance into new and inviting fields, and stronger educational work with better equipment, these we must supply.

Now is our day in Cuba. The President of Cuba has tendered his whole army to the United States in the great war. Cuba is grateful for our deliverance of her from the bondage of Spain. The door there is wide open. Shall we not enter it?

The Panama Canal is of far greater significance than the wildest dreamer conceived before its completion. There is the geographical center of the Western Hemisphere; there the lanes of maritime commerce converge. The Canal commands the control of the seas.

Panama City takes on a new significance. Here great commercial establishments will have headquarters for their work in Latin-America. Doubtless in the future Panama in peaceful commerce will rival her influence in the days of the buccaneers who scourged the seas and made the city rich with their spoils.

At one time it was thought that after the completion of the Canal a few thousand people would suffice for its operation, up-keep and defense. But now we know that a vastly population will be required and the religious needs will be correspondingly great.

Our particular need is in the way of equipment. We must finish our splendid house of worship at Balboa Heights (the

Pacific terminus of the Canal) said by Superintendent Wise to be the best church building in Central America owned by any evangelical denomination. We need also a good house at Colon for our white people and one in or near Panama City for our colored people. Then we ought to go into Panama City. Here is a great opportunity.

We are planning for an evangelistic campaign as soon as possible on the Canal Zone. In this campaign we hope to win multitudes of the lost and enlist thoroughly the large number of Baptists down there from the States.

If we are wise to seize the present opportunities in the Canal Zone we will call down upon us the plaudits of the next generation.

Co-operative Missions.

OUR CO-OPERATIVE WORK still furnishes the medium of the closent touch with the work of the States and has been signally blessed during the year. Here nearly all phases of our denominational activity are represented and the unifying function of Home Missions is strikingly set forth. This is the bond of union that has helped more than any one feature of our work to make Southern Baptists a great virile unifying body.

Foreigners, Indians and Negroes.

WE HAVE SET forth under its appropriate division the work of this department, which is under the supervision of the Corresponding Secretary.

More varied problems are connected with these activities than with any other phase of our work. Wisdom and grace and patience are constantly needed for its wise prosecution.

The progress made is steady and the future hopeful. We are trying to do honest, faithful and efficient service. We are striving to reach these peoples from the wisest view point with a sympathetic recognition of their varied antecedents and environments. As in all Departments of our work, training, development, is of prime consideration and on this line our burdens are not greater than our blessings.

Low Administrative Costs.

WE ARE GRATIFIED that the Board has been able to accomplish the greatest year's work in its history with the least percentage of administrative costs. It would be a serious error to stress economy at the expense of efficiency in the conduct of the work of our Board, or of any work the purpose of which is to save and to build up. Such activities have in them a holy principle which

cannot be wholly measured by or modelled after commercial transactions. We earnestly hope that brethren will understandingly consider the character and scope of the work they have set their agencies to do in measuring the administrative costs, especially as a large per cent of these costs in our mission work is really stimulative and educational, rather than administrative.

Still we are glad our Board is able this year to present an administrative percentage of expense which is less than at any time in its own history, and also less than that of any other Home Mission Board in America whose records we have been able to secure. From 1870 to 1880 the administrative expense of this Board was twenty-eight percent. For the next decade it dropped to thirteen percent. It has dropped more for each successive decade since then, until for the three years from 1913 to 1916 it was only 5.3 percent.

For the years 1916-1917, however, our cash receipts (including Church Building Loan) were $474,792, and our administrative costs (including charges for Building Loan Department) were $22,638. That is, our administrative costs have been only 4.7 per cent. We believe a mission activity should have more rather than less administrative costs than a business concern, but the fact remains that our percentage for the past year has been less than half that of most great business concerns.

Finances.

THE YEAR has been one of many difficulties and drawbacks so far as our finances were concerned. We are greatly gratified and thankful to the Lord and the brotherhood for the splendid showing we are able to make.

It will be remembered we brought over a debt from the previous year amounting to $72,308.38. We have closed the year without debt on our current expenses and reduced our debt by $34,123, leaving a debt of $38,185, which is just about half of the burden we brought to the Convention a year ago. In order to accomplish this we economized and cut to the quick in our appropriations at the annual meeting. We likewise included a part of our debt in the appropriations. It seemed throughout the year we would be in danger of a deficit on our current expenses. But by increased gifts from nearly all the States over last year's gifts we were rejoiced at the close to find that our general receipts from the States were $18,608 ahead of last year. This and some unpaid conditional subscriptions enabled us to close the year without a current expense debt and with the old debt reduced by half.

This is a great triumph, for which we are devoutly grateful.

We never had more untoward circumstances to deal with. The wide-spread and increasing ravages of the boll_weevil, with severe floods in various sections of our territory, the terrible European war that has filled our people with constant restlessness and uncertainty and finally the drawing of our own nation into the terrible conflict just as our Spring financial campaign began. All these militated greatly against us.

Moreover, in almost all the States there have been extra campaigns for various and sundry causes, many of them coming just before the campaign for Home and Foreign Missions and others prosecuted during the campaign. These campaigns greatly interfered with our campaign. Indeed, it was well nigh impossible to put any strong current on for Home and Foreign Missions. Likewise this made our uncertainty all the greater during March and April as to the financial outcome at the close of our year.

As usual contributions have been deferred in most of the States until the very last month and in many cases most of it to the last week and last day of the year.

There must be some better co-ordination and co-operation between the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and the various State Boards of Mission in order to greater wisdom and efficiency. We would urge:

1. Regular, systematic monthly giving to missions. That funds be forwarded by the various State Secretaries promptly on the first day of each month.

2. That the State Boards of Missions, where they have the collection of Home and Foreign Mission funds, follow the Kentucky plan of guaranteeing their apportionment, and forward monthly one-twelfth of the amount.

3. That the campaign season for three months, February, March and April, for Home and Foreign Missions be left free without interference by campaigns for other objects.

4. That the question of State Expenses for collecting Home and Foreign Missions be made a matter of co-operative agreement between these Boards and the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Sum of it All.

THUS WE HAVE briefly surveyed the work committed to us. What of it all? Much every way. It is fraught with manifold perplexities, its anxieties are perennial, and its responsibilities are weighty. But the compensations are abundant, the work is glorious, for it is the Lord's, the rewards are ample and its issues are certain. We are grateful for the past, we would be ready for the future.

SUMMARY OF YEAR'S WORK.

	M'tn Schools	Enlistment	Evangelism	Missionaries		TOTALS
				White	Negro	
Number of workers	201	16	*24	1,228	38	1,507
Weeks of labor	....	598	1,103	35,687	1,577	38,905
Churches and Stations supplied	....	....	.....	2,573	.....	2,573
Sermons and addresses	....	2,985	8,532	149,144	8,917	169,578
Number of mountain schools	36	....	.....	.....	.....	36
Number of pupils	5,704	....	.....	.....	.....	5,704
Ministerial students	117	....	.....	.....	.....	117
Religious visits	....	....	.....	319,081	12,375	331,456
Pastoral fields developed	....	76	.....	.....	.....	76
Auxiliaries organized	....	83	.....	.....	.....	83
Associational campaigns	....	35	.....	.....	.....	35
Evangelistic meetings held	....	....	345	.....	.....	345
Personal workers conferences	....	....	463	.....	.....	463
Baptisms	323	23	16,260	18,491	2,627	37,724
Rec'd by letter and otherwise	....	27	4,682	15,548	2,221	22,478
Total additions to churches	323	50	20,942	34,039	4,848	60,202
Volunteers for Minst'y and Mis.	....	....	1,710	.....	.....	1,710
Churches constituted	....	....	.....	216	.....	216
Houses of wors'p b'lt & imp'v'd.	....	....	.....	431	.....	431
Sunday-schools organized	....	....	.....	563	.....	563
Bible conferences held	....	....	.....	.....	814	814
Bibles and Testam'ts distributed	....	....	.....	17,578	.....	17,578

*Does not include special evangelists employed to assist in city campaigns.

STATISTICAL TABLE SHOWING WORK BY STATES.*

STATES	Amount expended by Home Mission Board in this work—independ't	Amount expended by Home Mission Board in this w'k—co-operat've	Amount expended by States in this work.	Number of Missionaries.	Weeks of Labor.	Churches and Stations.	Sermons and Addresses.	Prayer Meetings.	Religious Visits.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	TOTAL ADDITIONS.	Churches Constituted.	Houses of Worship b'ilt & Imp'v'd	Sunday-schools Organized.	Bibles and Testaments.
Alabama	$ 180 00	$ 2,000 00	$ 1,994 90	23	775	26	3,961	839	2,286	738	372	1,110	2	....	....	103
Arkansas	.....	13,000 00	25,171 47	65	1,684	41	8,314	11,131	1,362	2,281	729	3,010	18	46	24	1,265
Cuba	.....	.....	.....	35	1,552	60	2,404	1,507	13,118	152	58	210	2	1	16	1,591
Florida	6,959 00	8,090 00	19,617 84	98	2,370	472	7,899	3,557	29,436	801	735	1,536	11	29	44	318
Illinois	.....	2,683 96	.....	4	184	2	664	129	4,886	11	3	14	....	....	5	895
Kentucky	.....	2,541 67	6,984 00	20	655	162	2,903	327	5,036	676	185	861	2	6	17	120
Louisiana	2,155 25	12,000 00	27,181 57	79	1,799	117	7,224	882	20,682	900	840	1,740	17	10	41	321
Maryland	1,050 00	6,000 00	18,000 00	32	1,533	51	2,862	1,532	26,766	409	225	634	4	3	3	486
Mississippi	.....	4,500 00	29,955 70	202	1,724	248	7,556	1,947	19,574	2,438	1,214	3,652	25	15	40	600
Missouri	800 00	2,566 19	10,000 00	17	670	20	2,039	645	7,593	139	178	317	2	4	2	500
New Mexico	.....	19,000 00	4,996 80	63	1,917	150	7,331	2,351	15,499	557	935	1,492	6	10	12	817
Oklahoma	6,526 10	16,000 00	39,960 55	233	9,274	304	27,962	6,738	41,735	3,415	3,324	6,739	46	106	100	6,859
Panama	.....	.....	.....	4	191	7	682	102	3,721	142	151	293	2	3	1	1,400
Tennessee	900 00	.....	.....	2	100	2	369	64	4,729	33	82	115	....	1	1	39
Texas	7,802 00	14,000 00	111,805 08	346	11,116	900	66,661	558	121,156	5,788	6,512	12,300	79	196	254	2,238
Virginia	1,428 00	550 00	550 00	5	143	11	313	135	1,502	11	5	16	....	1	3	26
Totals	.....	.....	.....	1,228	35,687	2,573	149,144	32,444	319,081	18,491	15,548	34,039	216	431	563	17,578

*This table exhibits work of white missionaries including those laboring among the Indians and Mexicans in the Southern States employed solely by the Home Mission Board, as well as those employed jointly by the Home Board and other mission organizations; also the work in Cuba and Panama. It does not include work in connection with the Departments of Evangelism, Enlistment, Mountain Schools, and work among the Negroes.

In the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia the work here reported has been in part or in whole co-operative. In Missouri, the missionaries have been employed under varying contracts, including fourteen at St. Louis, who are employed jointly by the State Board of Missouri, the St. Louis Association, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and this Board.

In Cuba and Panama the work is exclusively Home Board work.

In addition to the work shown by the above tables, reference may be had to our Evangelistic Department, Enlistment Department, Department of Mountain Schools, and work among the Negroes, special reports of which appear elsewhere. See summary of the entire work of the year elsewhere.

Analysis of Independent and Co-operative Mission Work.

IT IS INSTRUCTIVE to study the mission work of the Home Board in its relation to that of State Mission activities in the various States in the Convention. The table "Summary of the Year's Work" on page 304 of this report shows in tabloid form almost the entire work of the Board. Freighted with meaning as this table is, it will be necessary to study the entire report to fully understand its significance.

Attention is also called to the "Statistical Table, Showing Work by States" on page 305. The Summary includes the independent and co-operative work of the Home Board. The Statistical Table shows separately the co-operative mission work of this and other agencies. It will be understood that the independent mission work of the Home Board is that which it accomplished without the co-operative aid of other missionary agencies.

We are limiting our exhibit here to results shown in baptisms because these results are more susceptible of such treatment than educational and development work. The development of the implanted life is also a mission work of fundamental importance. Our State Mission Boards are doing an immensely valuable service of this kind, as well as maintaining a remarkably successful work in winning the lost; while the cultural service of the Home Board is large and becoming larger annually. This service is measurably indicated in other portions of this report.

The following facts about State Missions for the year 1915 have been gleaned from an examination of the minutes of each State body. They represent the total of the expenditures in each State in the Southern Baptist Convention of money raised for State Missions. In the case of the District of Columbia, we were unable to secure the number of baptisms:

Raised and expended on State Missions in S. B. C. territory $614,221

Baptisms reported, including co-operative results 29,269

The co-operative mission work of the Home Board during the fiscal year just closed, exclusive of Negro co-operative work, resulted in 18,491 baptisms. The State bodies expended in this effort $308,000, and the Home Board $102,841. The Home Board contribution to the Negro work was about sixty per cent. of the amount required to support the missionaries and sixty per cent. of the results are credited to the Home Board. Keeping these

facts in mind, the following tabular statement is instructive:

Baptisms creditable to the Home Board in State Co-operation	4,512
Baptisms creditable to the Home Board in Negro Co-operation	1,576
Cuba and Panama baptisms	294
Mountain School baptisms	323
Evangelism baptisms	16,260
Total baptisms creditable directly to Home Missions	22,945

The largest number of baptisms ever reported in the United States by a Home Mission Board other than ours, so far as we can find out, after examining the annual reports of various Home Boards, was that of the Home Mission Society of Northern Baptists in 1915. This number was 10,823, and it includes the baptisms resultant upon co-operative mission work. Compare this with the 37,724 baptisms, including cooperative work, reported by our Home Board, or the 22,945 baptisms resultant from the work of our missionaries and not creditable to co-operative agencies. The result shows our Southern Baptist leadership in evangelistic missions.

Southern Baptists will do themselves an injustice and will show a lack of appreciation of the rich blessings of God upon the efforts of their Home Mission Board if they fail to take cognizance that their Board is the most successful agency in bringing lost men and women to decide for Christ which serves any Christian body in the United States or the world. By the actual figures, the results of our Board are several times larger. For the amount of money expended, they are many times larger.

Synopsis of Work by States.

THAT WE MAY make an exposition of the work of the Home Board from as many angles as may tend to the competent understanding, we present this Synopsis by States.

It must be remembered that there are considerable activities of the Board impracticable to show in this exhibit. For instance, Evangelism, Cuba, Panama, the Publicity and educational work, and Church Building Loan activities. A perusal of this Synopsis will also impress the reader that the Home Mission Board adjusts its activities in many ways to meet varying local needs.

ALABAMA: In Alabama the Board has aided in the support of twenty-two co-operative missionaries and one missionary

pastor among the Swedes. They have preached 3,961 sermons and addresses, baptized 738 converts, and received into church membership 1,110. They have constituted two churches and distributed 103 Bibles and Testaments. In addition, the Board has assisted in the support of three Enlistment Field Workers and five Negro missionary workers, four Mountain Schools and given $1,300.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

ARKANSAS: In Arkansas the Board has aided in the support of sixty-five co-operative missionaries. They have delivered 8,314 sermons and addresses, baptized 2,281 converts and received into church membership 3,010; they have constituted eighteen churches, organized twenty-four Sunday-schools and distributed 1,265 Bibles. In addition, the Board has aided in the support of three Negro missionaries, one Mountain School and contributed $700.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

FLORIDA: In Florida the Board has aided in the support of eighty-nine co-operative missionaries, one missionary pastor and supported nine missionaries among the foreigners at Tampa. They delivered 1,899 sermons and addresses, baptized 801 converts and received into church membership 1,536; they constituted eleven churches, organized forty-four Sunday Schools and distributed 318 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also contributed $1,300.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

ILLINOIS: In Illinois the appropriation for co-operative mission work was used in the support of four white missionaries among the foreigners and two Negro missionaries. The missionaries among the foreigners delivered 664 sermons and addresses, baptized eleven converts, received into church membership fourteen, organized five Sunday-schools and distributed 895 Bible sand Testaments.

KENTUCKY: In Kentucky the Board aided in the support of twenty co-operative missionaries; they delivered 290 sermons and addresses, baptized 676 converts and received into church membership 861; they constituted two churches, organized seventeen Sunday-schools and distributed 120 Bibles and Testaments. I naddition to this the Board aided in the support of five Enlistment Field Workers, four white mission workers and seven Negro missionaries among the Negroes, also expended $1,450.00 to aid in building houses of worship. Also aided in the support of three Mountain Schools.

LOUISIANA: In Louisiana the Board assisted in the support of seventy-four co-operative missionaries, three missionary pastors in New Orleans and two workers among the foreigners. They delivered 7,224 sermons and addresses, baptized 900 con-

verts, received into church membership 1,740 members, constituted seventeen churches, organized forty-one Sunday-schools and distributed 321 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also aided in the support of two Enlistment Workers, one Negro missionary and contributed $250.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

MARYLAND: In Maryland the Board aided in the support of thirty co-operative missionaries and two workers among Foreigners. They delivered 2,862 sermons and addresses, baptized 409 converts and received into church membership 634. They constituted four new churches, organized three Sunday-schools and distributed 486 Bibles and Testaments.

MISSISSIPPI: In Mississippi the Board aided in the support of 202 co-operative missionaries. They delivered 7,556 sermons and addresses, baptized 2,438 converts and received into church membership 3,652. They constituted twenty-five new churches, organized forty Sunday-schools and distributed 600 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also aided in the support of three Enlistment Workers and three Negro missionaries, also expended $1,800.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

MISSOURI: In Missouri the Board assisted in the support of fourteen co-operative missionaries who are supported jointly by the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, the State Mission Board of Missouri and the St. Louis Baptist Association. The Board also supported two workers among the Foreigners and one missionary pastor and aided in the support of one Negro missionary. Also expended $800.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

NEW MEXICO: In New Mexico the Board assisted in the support of sixty-three co-operative missionaries. They delivered 7,331 sermons and addresses, baptized 557 converts and received into membership 1,492. They constituted six new churches, organized twelve Sunday schools and distributed 817 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also contributed $1,600 to aid in building houses of worship.

OKLAHOMA: In Oklahoma the Board assisted in the support of 225 co-operative missionaries and supported six missionaries among the Indians and two among the foreign population. They delivered 27,962 sermons and addresses, baptized 3,415 converts, received into church membership 6,738 members; they constituted forty-six new churches, organized 100 Sunday-schools and distributed 6,859 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also aided in the support of one Negro missionary and contributed $4,350.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

TENNESSEE: In Tennessee the Board has assisted in the support of two missionary pastors. They delivered 369 sermons and addresses, baptized thirty-three converts, received into church membership 115, organized one Sunday-school and distributed thirty-nine Bibles and Testaments. In addition to the above work the Board has aided in the support of two Negro missionaries, seven Mountain schools and contributed $1,800.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

TEXAS: In Texas the Board has aided in the support of 339 co-operative missionaries and supported seven mission workers among the Mexicans and one missionary pastor, also six missionaries among the Foreign population. They delivered 66,661 sermons and addresses, baptized 5,788 converts and received into church membership 12,300. They constituted seventy-nine new churches, organized 254 Sunday-schools and distributed 2,238 Bibles and Testaments. In addition to this work the Board aided in the support of one Negro missionary and contributed $4,800.00 to aid in building houses of worship.

VIRGINIA: In Virginia the Board has assisted in the support of two co-operative missionaries and three workers among Foreigners. They delivered 313 sermons and addresses, baptized eleven converts, received into church membership sixteen, organized three Sunday-schools and distributed twenty-six Bibles and Testaments. In addition to this the Board aided in the support of three Negro missionaries and contributed $1,800 to aid in building houses of worship.

MISCELLANEOUS

Missionary Day in the Sunday-Schools.

MISSIONARY DAY in the Sunday-schools was again observed and with gratifying results so far as the returns have come in. We heartily recommend the continuance of this important season. Vast good is being done in the education of our children on the question of missions, as well as in the handsome gifts to Home and Foreign Missions.

Laymen's Movement.

WE HAVE CONTINUED our joint payment with the Foreign Mission Board of the expenses of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement. Through our staff of workers also we have taken part in the Laymen's Conventions and Institutes wherever possible.

Secretary J. T. Henderson has pressed the work of stewardship and larger service on the part of our men with excellent force. His work we are confident is accomplishing large and lasting good.

Consolidation of the Magazines.

WE HAVE CARRIED out the instructions of the Convention at the last annual meeting with reference to the consolidation of **The Home Field** and **Foreign Mission Journal.** We made our transfer November first, the earliest date convenient to the Sunday School Board. We had hoped that the transfer might be made sooner but it was not convenient to the Sunday School Board for this to be done.

We have during the year given our heartiest support to the consolidated Journal, **Home and Foreign Fields,** by urging its circulation and from month to month furnishing it with Home Mission information. We bespeak for the new journal the greatest success.

Upon the consolidation of the magazines the work of Dr. V. I. Masters as Editor of Publications, terminated. The full Board at the annual meeting, however, felt that there would still be needed a man for our general publicity work and the supplying of adequate Home Mission material for the new magazine and for our mission educational work. Dr. Masters was therefore

elected to this position with the title of Superintendent of Publicity.

By instruction also of the Board at its annual meeting, in view of the consolidation of the magazines, Bro. M. M. Welch has been engaged for half his time from the first of November, his work as manager of **The Home Field** being closed.

The Sunday School Board.

OUR SISTER BOARD has again shown their sympathy and liberality in most beautiful fashion. They have appropriated $7,500 to our Church Building Loan Fund as a memorial to Dr. J. M. Frost and $500 for the translating of the Teacher Training books of the Sunday School Board into Spanish for use in our Cuban work.

No more suitable direction could be given to their generosity. The first fund will be a perpetual memorial to their great and much beloved Secretary, Dr. J. M. Frost, and the other will help to disseminate the light of our principles where darkness and superstition abound.

The Death of Dr. J. M. Frost.

OVER AGAINST the joy accompanying the generosity of the Sunday School Board must be placed our sorrow over the death of Dr. J. M. Frost, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

Our Board heartily and unanimously adopted the following resolutions presented by the Special Committee:

"The death of Dr. Frost brings great loss to our denomination. He had been a conspicuous leader among us for twenty-five years. His popularity and power increased as time passed. On all hands his fidelity and wisdom and seership were recognized. In his various pastorates he was conspicuous for gentleness of spirit, constructive leadership and instructive preaching.

His contributions to our denominational literature have been notable. His pen was used in defense of the truth, and especially in maintenance of our Baptist principles. There was among us no greater, stronger or truer churchman. He had the rare gift of discussing doctrinal questions in a persuasive and convincing manner.

"The great work of Dr. Frost was done in connection with the Sunday School Board in the founding of which he bore so notable a part. It was ever on his heart. He thought about it, talked about it, and wrote about it. His fine judgment, his sagacious statesmanship and unwavering consecration helped to make it one of the greatest denominational agencies in all the world.

"We shall miss him from our assemblies. The moving pathos of his prayers, and his wise counsel while here in our midst will be felt, though he is gone. Our sympathy and prayers go out for his loved ones, his faithful co-workers and the Sunday School Board.

"We recommend therefore that a copy of this report be furnished the family and the Sunday School Board and a copy be recorded in our files."

Two Other Deaths.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD records with profound sorrow the death of Dr. E. E. Folk, president of the Sunday School Board, whose labors as a denominational leader in Tennessee and throughout the South for a quarter of a century have been of the highest order. Cultured, consecrated and courteous, with clear cut and positive convictions, Dr. Folk did a great work as a denominational leader. We profoundly sympathize with the Sunday School Board over his death.

Dr. T. P. Bell, for years a member of the Home Mission Board, passed to his earthly reward during this conventional year. Our Board has placed on record a testimonial of our esteem for him. Few men in our denomination have been more conspicuous in denominational leadership and none truer in conviction and consecration. For years he was Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, then the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board, and for years past editor of the Christian Index. In all these positions he rendered conspicuous, able service, leaving the impress of his character and culture and consecration upon our denominational life. Grief over our loss over his departure is mingled with joy and thanks-giving for his great and useful life.

State Members.

WE ARE GLAD to report that our State Members have been most diligent and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

By articles for the papers, in the distribution of literature, and in speaking on Home Missions, have been a great factor in our work.

We have likewise had their helpful counsel and co-operation in planning and laying out the year's work at our annual meeting last June.

The following changes in membership have occurred during the year:

On account of his health Bro. J. C. Moss resigned after years of efficient service and Dr. J. F. Vines was elected to succeed

him in Virginia. The place of Dr. P. W. James was made vacant by his removal to Texas and Rev. J. M. Thomas takes his place in Alabama. Dr. H. F. Vermillion's removal to Arkansas created a vacancy in New Mexico, which has not been filled.

Associational Representatives.

WE BEAR GLAD testimony to the fidelity and efficiency of our Associational Representatives. There are over 800 of them. Among so many naturally there are frequent changes in fields of labor, which makes it difficult to keep constantly a correct list. But the list is becoming more permanent and effective every year. Moreover, when changes are made the brethren carry to their new fields the helpfulness achieved in their official work for the Board.

They constitute a vital force in articulating our denominational work with the churches and we need to lay greater stress on this phase of our activities.

Woman's Work.

WE ARE UNDER renewed obligation to the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, for hearty co-operation during the year just closed. They continue their wise and persistent and generous distribution of literature which is helping greatly to increase intelligence concerning our great Home Mission field, its needs and opportunities.

The contributions of our women to Home Missions during the past year show a gratifying increase over those of the previous year and there are tokens of still greater increase in the future.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been most helpful in our campaign for the Million Dollar Building Loan Fund, having promised to raise one-third of the amount. We are rejoiced over their proposal to have a great simultaneous effort during the approaching Autumn to complete their portion of this great undertaking. From their splendid success whenever their efforts have been concentrated on a great object we are confident of their success in this important task.

Whilst the Union suffered a great loss in the death of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, so long President, Mrs. W. C. James, her successor, has proved herself a most capable leader during the past year. Miss Kathleen Mallory, the capable Corresponding Secretary, continues her work with increasing efficiency.

We take pleasure in presenting herewith so much of their annual report as refers to our Home Mission work:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, TO THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

May 1, 1916 to May 1, 1917.

IN A RECENT APPEAL of the President of the United States he said: "Thousands, nay, hundreds of thousands of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and of necessity be excused from that service and be assigned to the fundamental, sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much a part of the great patriotic forces of the nation as the men under fire." It is readily seen that this principle is basal to Home Missions and so in a double measure the Union rejoices in the fundamental, world-reaching work of your Board and wishes for it continued and ever increasing success.

During the past year three of the monthly topics were on strictly Home Mission work and four on closely articulated subjects. During the coming year seven months will be given to Home Mission problems and three others will consider kindred topics such as city and State Missions. It is not expected to lessen thereby the interest in Foreign Mission, but in the spirit of President Wilson's appeal to intensify it by faithful home duty.

One outstanding purpose during the coming year will be to achieve the cherished aim of raising in cash or good pledges $325,000 for the Church Building Loan Fund. Your treasurer's books will show that this ideal is still far in the future but, with the building fund of the W. M. U. Training School practically assured, there is every reason to believe that victory will also come to this effort for the Church Building Loan Fund.

From the reports in the State denominational papers the impression is gained that the March Week of Prayer and Thank Offering for Home Missions was very generally observed. For this week 145,642 programs and leaflets were sent from the Baltimore office to the State W. M. U. headquarters. These programs and leaflets were prepared by W. M. U. workers, many of whom are missionaries of your Board. Thus was the

information not only first-hand but it was also pulsing with a personal love for the work discussed.

Intimate touch with Home Mission problems is also gained through correspondence with the frontier missionaries. In their behalf sixty-four boxes of clothing valued at over $4,500 have been furnished by W. M. U. organizations. Two States have also given signal help in a similar way to the mountain schools. It is to be regretted, especially in view of the severe winter, that appeals for six additional frontier boxes could not be granted.

To a marked degree there has been manifested efficient zeal in mission study. Classes exceeding 2,900 in number have been held since last May, many of which used Home Mission books.

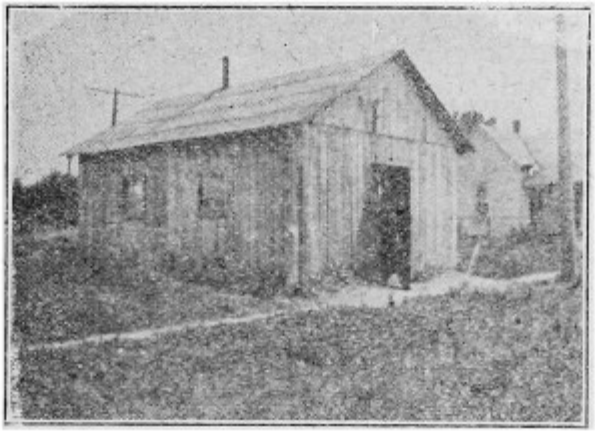
The increased cost of printing and of office supplies in general has not made it easy for the expenses of the Baltimore office to be kept below 3½% of the Union's contributions last year to the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards. With deep gratitude and we trust genuine humility, we are able to report that this has been done. The W. M. U. treasurer has ascertained after careful research that the W. M. U. work in the eighteen Southern States and that of the Baltimore office is accomplished annually through the expenditure of not more than 9 11/18% of Union gifts to the three Boards and to the Margaret Fund and W. M. U. Training School. The rate in four of the States due to local contributions was found out of proportion to that in the others so that for the remaining fourteen and the Baltimore office the rate is only 8 3/14/%. It was found that about one-third of this was used in behalf of the Home Mission work. Most sincerely does the Union thank your Board for its monthly remittances to this expense fund.

MRS. W. C. JAMES,
President.
KATHLEEN MALLORY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Cash Contributions to Home Missions.

Alabama	$ 8,000.00
Arkansas	2,632.69
District of Columbia	389.75
Florida	2,343.50
Georgia	17,725.41
Illinois	919.22
Kentucky	8,758.92
Louisiana	3,127.84
Maryland	1,665.59

Mississippi	6,123.70
Missouri	3,244.77
New Mexico	675.52
North Carolina	11,000.87
Oklahoma	2,290.85
South Carolina	13,270.92
Tennessee	8,103.87
Texas	14,002.00
Virginia	16,556.26
Total Gifts	$120,831.68



One of three thousand inadequate church buildings in the S. B. C.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Albert E. Brown, Superintendent.

THE PAST YEAR in the Mountain School Department has been one of mingled providences. We have suffered during the year from floods, flames and measles.

The latter part of July a portion of the mountains, particularly the North Carolina mountains, was visited by a flood of unprecedented severity. In large sections not only were the crops destroyed but the very farm lands were washed away. Other states, as South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia and Tennessee, suffered severely but not to the extent of the North Carolina mountains. These floods came just two or three weeks before the schools were to open, and it looked for a time like some of our schools would be almost ruined because the patrons had been impoverished to such an extent as to make it impossible for them to bear the small expense required at these schools. But such is the thirst of the mountain youth for an education that even the destruction and impoverishment by these devastating floods could not keep them away from school.

Besetments.

WE HAD TWO buildings destroyed by fire during the year, the girls' dormitory at the Round Hill Academy in North Carolina, and the boys' dormitory at the Eldridge Academy in Alabama. Both properties were partially covered by insurance. In the eighteen years since the mountain school work was projected we have lost five buildings by fire. This indicates a marvelous preservation when we remember that we have 103 buildings, and that these buildings for the most part are heated with stoves and open fire-places. In each instance where a fire has occurred no lives were lost, and the misfortune has served but to stimulate the people to replace the buildings with larger, safer and better structures.

All sections of the mountains have been visited during the year with a severe epidemic of measles. While none of our schools were suspended on account of this, they were all reduced for a time in attendance, one to as low as twenty pupils.

Epidemics like like these affect seriously the finances of a school.

Most Prosperous Year of All.

NOTWITHSTANDING these adversities, this has been the most prosperous year in the history of the work, and our hearts go out in gratitude to God who doeth all things well. The attendance the past session exceeded by about 400 any previous year, and the teaching force was increased by 16, making for the year 5,704 students and 201 teachers. Two new schools were added to the system, being Mountain Home and Maynard Academies in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.

The schools were maintained at a cost for teachers' salaries of $84,891. Of this amount the Board paid $25,700. Permanent improvements and repairs were made during the year at a cost of $48,375. Of this amount the Board paid $12,550.

There graduated from the schools the past session 149 pupils. There entered college last year from these schools 114 students. While the number of graduates is small compared with the number of students enrolled, yet the number of graduates who enter college is remarkably great. We submit that, in view of the remoteness of the mountain people from the colleges, and the limited amount of means in their hands, it is a very fine showing. No student is given a certificate of graduation who does not complete the Bible course, which includes two years of Bible study, the completion of the Sunday-school Teacher Training Course, adopted by the Sunday School Board, and the completion of the following books: Home Missions by Masters, B. Y. P. U. Manual by Levell, Winning to Christ by Burroughs, Doctrines of our Faith by Dargan, Primacy of State Missions by Johnson, and Foreign Missions by Ray.

We have had in the schools during the past session 117 ministerial students. And while we are not able to give the exact number of those who have volunteered to render any service anywhere the Lord should direct, yet we are sure that fully eighty-five per cent. of the students in the high school grades have joined the Volunteer Band.

Some Religious and Social Attainments.

IT IS A RARE thing for a student, who is not already a Christian, to attend one of these schools for two sessions without becoming a Christian. The Superintendent attended the commencement exercises of one of the smaller schools at which there were eleven graduates, everyone a Christian and four of them ministerial students.

The schools never lose sight of the fact that it is little short

of criminal to receive money from the denomination for the erection of buildings, and for the support of teachers, and not train our pupils for definite church work. In other words, we emphasize the training part of the Great Commission as well as the discipling part.

The Mission Study classes prepare programs and visit the near-by churches on Sunday and in this way not only help these churches but increase their own efficiency in such work.

The influence of these schools upon the people among whom they are established, has been marked indeed in every way. Th public schools have been improved to a wonderful extent. We have furnished to the public schools more than 2,500 teachers. They have also had a very marked influence upon the home life of the people. Better homes have been built and provided with many conveniences which were formerly unknown to our people.

Another thing in which there has been a great change is in the attitude toward the temperance question. It can no longer be said that the mountains is the home of the "blockade." Perhaps the strongest temperance sentiment in the whole country is now found in the mountains. Nowhere is there a stronger support given to the movement to destroy the whiskey traffic than is found today in the mountains. In the prohibition election in North Carolina every mountain county gave a large majority for prohibition, and in Yancey County only eleven men were found who voted against it. Not a vote was cast against prohibition in a single township where we had established a school, they simply voted unanimously for prohibition.

While the influence of the schools has been so marked in the educational and social lives of the people, there has been no less marked influence in the church life. This is evidenced by the increased number and efficiency of the Sunday-schools. It has not been so long since there was strong opposition to Sunday-schools. The man who denounced them was hailed as a defender of the faith. But this has changed in a large measure. There are few communities where such a man can get sympathetic hearers now. The last man I heard opposing Sunday-schools was a sturdy old deacon in the Kentucky mountains, and his own children sided with me in the discussion. It is also seen in the better support of their pastors, and in the erection of better church buildings. Among the churches that have erected modern church plants we would name Burnsville, N. C., Sylva, N. C., Hazard, Ky., Salyersville, Ky., and Bridgeport, Ala. These church buildings, with their Sunday-school rooms, have an educational value in themselves, and the pupils of our schools,

who return to their homes after experiencing the conveniences of modern church plants, go to work to improve the church facilities in their local communities.

A Glimpse at the Schools.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, if it were proper, in the brief space allotted to a report to much into details, especially ingiving results of individual pupils, so you must content yourself with a brief detail of each school.

Lee Institute, Pennington Gap, Va. Here we have three brick buildings, about ten acres of ground. The school is supplied with pure water from the mountain side from its own water system.

Oak Hill Academy, Kindrick, Va. Here we have two brick buildings, and a wooden structure used as a dormitory for girls, also a home for the principal. During the past year we built a new dining-room and added some living rooms to the boarding capacity. We have at this school about twenty acres of land, which, notwithstanding its steepness, is being utilized in teaching agriculture and providing the school with vegetables.

Barbourville Institute, Barbourville, Ky. Here we have three brick buildings. 121 students were trained for school teaching. This has been a special feature with this school. The result of it is clearly seen in all that section of the Kentucky mountains.

Hazard Institute, Hazard, Ky. Here we have two brick buildings, and sorely need a dormitory for boys as well as additional equipment. Hazard has become the center of a great coal mining industry. This, with its attendant problems, has brought us face to face with the advisability of moving the school to a country community where more land can be acquired.

Magoffin Institute, Salyersville, Ky. Here we have three wooden buildings heated and lighted with natural gas. The growth of this school compelled the expenditure of more than $1,000 during the year in providing additional room for the girls' boarding hall. The teaching of manual training at this school has become quite popular and will justify its development along broader lines.

Andersonville Institute, Andersonville, Tenn. Here we have three buildings; enrolled last session 165 students.

Cosby Academy, Cosby, Tenn. This school is located on the side of the Smoky Mountains in Cocke County, and has three well arranged buildings. One of them, the home for girls, was built during the past summer at a cost of $3,000.

Chilhowee Institute, Seymour, Tenn. Here we have three

brick buildings. A large, modern, well arranged boys' home was built during the fall at a cost of $10,000. The girls' home needs to be remodeled and enlarged, also additional land should be provided, and a manual training department established.

Doyle Institute, Doyle, Tenn. Here we have two brick buildings on a beautiful campus of about four acres. Here additional ground is needed for raising vegetables for the school.

Stoctons Valley Academy, Helena, Tenn. This school is located in a country community and has two buildings, and about four acres of ground. Arrangements are being made for acquiring additional ground for trucking and pasture. This is one of the most isolated sections of the mountains. The school is already taking hold of the people, and evidences are abundant of its influence. A new church house has been erected along modern lines. The school sorely needs another building and equipment for manual training and domestic science.

Watauga Academy, Butler, Tenn. Here we are very much crowded and need additional land. The past session was one of the best in the history of the school.

Smoky Mountain Academy, Sevierville, Tenn. This school is located in a country community about twelve miles from Sevierville. We have only one building at present.

Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, N. C. This school is located in a country community, seven miles from Hendersonville. It has four buildings and about fifteen acres of ground. Through the kindness of some friends in Washington City a Manual Training Department was established last session. This has proven quite beneficial and the students take great delight in it.

Haywood Institute, Clyde, N. C. The school is located in the little village of Clyde, and has three buildings.

Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. This school is located in the village of Mars Hill, eighteen miles from Asheville. Here we have seven buildings. The enrollment was 380 for the past session.

Mitchell Institute. This school is located in the little town of Bakersville, North Carolina, and has three buildings.

Mountain View Institute, Hays, N. C. This school is located in a country community in Wilkes County, North Carolina. We have 25 acres of land and two well constructed buildings. A third building will be erected during the summer.

Mountain Park Institute. This school is located in a country community in Surry County, North Carolina. We have 75 acres of land and one building.

Round Hill Academy. This school is located in the small village of Union Mills in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and at present has two buildings and about seven acres of ground. One building, the girls' dormitory, was destroyed by fire during the fall term.

Sylva Institute. This school is located in the town of Sylva, North Carolina, and has four buildings. Here, as at many of the other schools, every available boarding space was taken. The enlargement of the boarding facilities is now being made, also other improvements.

Yancey Institute. This school is located in the little town of Burnsville, North Carolina, and has four buildings. The work of enlarging the girls' dormitory, which was undertaken during the fall term, had to be discontinued on account of funds. It is hoped to finish this during the summer, and also provide some other much needed equipment.

North Greenville Academy. This school is located in what was once known as the "Dark Corner" on the south side of the Blue Ridge in Greenville County, South Carolina, and is the school that discovered Dean Crain and rescued him from a blockade distillery. We have here three buildings and 100 acres of land. The young ladies' home is a new building erected during the past summer to take the place of one that burned a year ago. It is one of the best arranged buildings in the system.

Six-Mile Academy. This school is located in a country community in Pickens County, South Carolina. Here we have twelve acres of ground and three buildings. These buildings were taxed to their utmost capacity during the past year. Plans have been perfected for the enlargement of the girls' home during the vacation.

Spartan Academy. This school is located in a country community near Welford, South Carolina. It has fifty acres of land, three splendid buildings. Principal H. L. Riley is utilizing the land belonging to the school to the very best advantage. All of the vegetables, and more, needed by the school are raised on the ground. Besides this a good portion of the meat and milk and butter is produced by the school.

Long Creek Academy. This school is located in a country community eighteen miles from Westminster, South Carolina. Here we have 35 acres of land and one building, another building in the course of construction.

Blairsville Institute. This school is located on the outskirts of the village of Blairsville, Georgia. We have eight acres of

ground and two buildings, one a girls' dormitory, one of the best in the system.

Bleckley Institute. This school is located near Clayton, Georgia, and has nine acres of ground and three buildings. The school was built as a memorial to the late Judge Logan E. Bleckley, a mountain boy who became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, but never lost his love for the mountains and the mountain people.

Draketown Institute. This school is located in a country community in Haralson County, Georgia. We have ten acres of land and one building.

Hiawassee Academy is located in the little town of Hiawassee, Towns County, Georgia, and founded by Dr. F. C. McConnell. Here we have two buildings and seven acres of ground.

North Georgia Baptist Institute. This school is located in a country community in Fannin County, Georgia. We have twelve acres of ground and two buildings.

Beeson Academy is located in a country community on Sand Mountain in Alabama. We have ten acres of land and two buildings.

Tennessee River Institute. This school is located in the town of Bridgeport, Alabama, and has four buildings, the administration building being one of the best in the system.

Eldridge Academy is located in a country community in Walker County, Alabama. We have six acres of ground and two buildings, one having been destroyed by fire during the past session. The boys' dormitory, which was destroyed by fire during the spring term, is to be replaced by a larger and safer building.

Gaylesville Academy. This school is located in the village of Gaylesville, Alabama. Here we have four acres of ground and three buildings.

Mountain Home Academy is located in the country village of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Here we have about twelve acres of land and one building. Prof. H. F. Vermillion, the principal, has plans perfected which will provide an additional building for girls' dormitory during the summer.

Maynard Academy. This school is located, like Mountain Home, in the Ozarks of Arkansas, in the village of Maynard. Here we have three acres of ground and one building.

These Arkansas schools were added to the Home Board System this year. Arrangements for operating them did not give sufficient time for adequate preparation, but they bid fair to render splendid service to their great highland constituents.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL STATISTICS 1916-17.

NAME OF SCHOOL	Teachers	Students	Ministerial Students	Conversions	Income	Value of Improvements	Value of Property
Virginia							
Lee Institute	6	128	1	34	$ 2,700	$ 303	$ 35,000
Oak Hill Academy	6	142	1	....	2,500	1,400	25,000
Kentucky							
Barbourville Institute	8	272	3	20	3,144	.....	35,000
Hazard Institute	5	161	....	....	2,280	50	20,000
Magoffin Institute	5	155	1	....	1,812	1,000	10,000
Tennessee							
Andersonville Institute	6	165	2	10	2,340	50	10,750
Cosby Academy	4	172	2	....	1,930	1,000	11,000
Chilhowee Institute	6	278	6	1	3,276	10,000	35,000
Doyle Institute	10	202	2	23	1,950	140	25,000
Stoctons Valley	4	90	1	5	890	.....	8,150
Watauga Academy	7	166	1	1	2,653	245	14,000
Smoky Mt. Academy	4	207	3	28	1,668	300	6,400
North Carolina							
Fruitland Institute	9	180	4	21	3,900	2,500	30,000
Haywood Institute	5	125	4	8	2,407	.....	16,000
Mars Hill College	12	380	27	18	8,730	2,060	50,000
Mitchell Institute	6	247	....	25	1,654	450	11,000
Mountain View Institute	5	138	....	10	2,248	.....	20,000
Mountain Park Institute	5	128	2	19	1,500	100	10,000
Round Hill Academy	4	82	2	9	2,291	.....	20,000
Sylva Institute	7	98	1	6	2,473	.....	15,000
Yancey Institute	6	250	1	1	2,400	.....	35,000
South Carolina							
North Greenville Academy	6	146	5	16	3,030	6,125	35,000
Six Mile Academy	4	172	9	1	1,942	.....	15,000
Spartan Academy	6	111	9	12	3,900	15,500	40,000
Long Creek Academy	4	47	2	....	1,070	.....	8,000
Georgia							
Blairsville Institute	6	189	4	....	2,000	150	17,500
Bleckley Institute	4	72	2	3	1,550	1,400	20,000
Draketown Institute	5	140	2	....	1,571	52	10,000
Hiawassee Academy	6	224	4	....	1,700	75	8,000
N. Georgia Baptist College	4	175	1	13	2,090	1,350	10,000
Alabama							
Beeson Academy	4	196	2	1	1,080	625	4,000
Bridgeport Academy	4	106	....	8	1,800	162	35,000
Eldridge Academy	4	90	2	....	1,467	45	10,000
Gaylesville Academy	5	123	2	22	3,154	2,600	17,500
Arkansas							
Maynard Academy	3	70	1	7	1,805	43	7,000
Mountain Home Academy	6	77	8	1	1,986	650	15,000
	201	5704	117	323	$84,891	$48,375	$694,300

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

L. B. WARREN, Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR.

Cash received	$ 58,691.71
Subscriptions received	101,956.00
TOTAL	$160,647.71

(Figures from Dr. P. H. Mell, Treasurer.)

Aid rendered by gifts	$ 33.735.00
Aid rendered by loans	43,550.00
TOTAL	$ 77,285.00

(Figures from Mr. M. M. Welch, Office Asst.)

Contributions this year by churches aided:

Home and Foreign Missions	$ 47,406.00
All causes other than local	$135,887.00

(Figures from Associational Reports.)

Acres of Diamonds.

ALI HAFED searched the world for diamonds, and all the while Golconda lay undiscovered at his door.

The Golconda of Southern Baptists lies in the development of our Homeless Churches.

Study these four statements:

1. The churches which have been aided by the Department of Church Extension contributed this year $47,406 to Home and Foreign Missions, and $135,887 to all causes other than local.

See Table I.

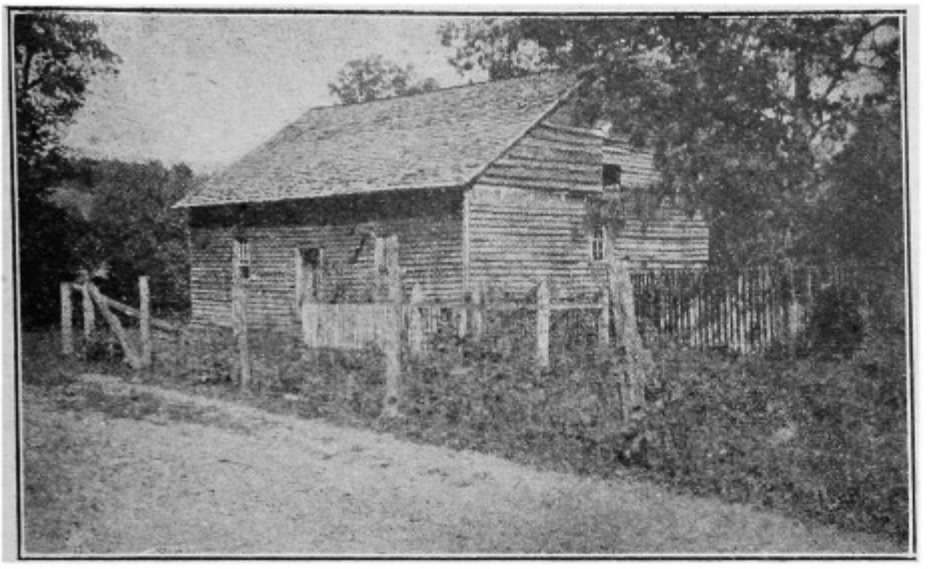
2. The average contribution of these churches—except in Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia—was from one to two hundred per cent. greater than the general average in their States.

See Table II.

3. Had all our needy churches been raised to the plane of contribution, giving in proportion to those which have been aided, we would have received from them $366,331 for Home and Foreign Missions, and $1,054,012 for all causes other than local.

See Table III.

4. Had all of our churches contributed as did those which



An Old Tennessee Rural Church. For more than 100 years it has stood and served. Its associations are sacred, but a more adequate plant is needed.

have been enlisted and vitalized by the Department of Church Extension, we would have raised $2,395,582 for Home and Foreign Missions, and $8,191,054 for all causes other than local.

See Table IV.

Thirty-five years ago resolutions were presented to the Southern Baptist Convention, calling attention to the needs of our Homeless Churches.

Had immediate action been taken for their relief, we would have received from them during the intervening years $12,500,000 for Home and Foreign Missions, and $36,800,000 for all causes other than local.

Suppose this sum were in hand today?

No campaign would be needed for Ministerial Relief.

No campaign would be needed for Education.

No campaign would be needed for the Debts of Mission Boards.

Every necessity of the Home Land would be supplied, and funds would be in bank for the evangelization of the world in the next decade.

An undeveloped Golconda has been lying at our doors, and millions of dollars have been lost because of blindness and misdirected effort.

But, unlike Ali Hafed, our eyes are opened before it is too late, and compensation for past loss is found in the unlimited possibilities of the future years.

When I Make Up My Jewels.

The spiritual birthplace of some Arkansas Ozark Baptists, showing need of improved buildings.

IN THE day that I make up my jewels, they shall be mine who feared the Lord and thought upon his name.

Thinking upon the name of the Lord is an essential element in Christian stewardship.

In most cases the perfection of Christian stewardship is not attained without the reassembling of assets and the reinvestment of funds.

Millions of dollars of Southern Baptist wealth, now deposited in secular concerns, should be withdrawn and deposited where it will strengthen the work of God.

Our **Annuity Bonds** furnish the channel for this reinvestment.

These Bonds are not subject to taxation, and the rate of interest is good.

In many instances the investor will profit by the change. In every instance the work of God will grow.

That God's people are thinking upon his name in this regard is very evident with others, and is becoming evident with us.

Our Southern Methodist brethren have already sold their Bonds in the sum of $150,000, and the Disciples have disposed of theirs in the larger sum of $446,000.

Southern Baptists are awakening, and a number of our Bonds have found market in the past year. Scores of adjustments of affairs are now under way looking to such reinvestments as will, by the aid to our Homeless Churches, strengthen all the lines of our denominational work.

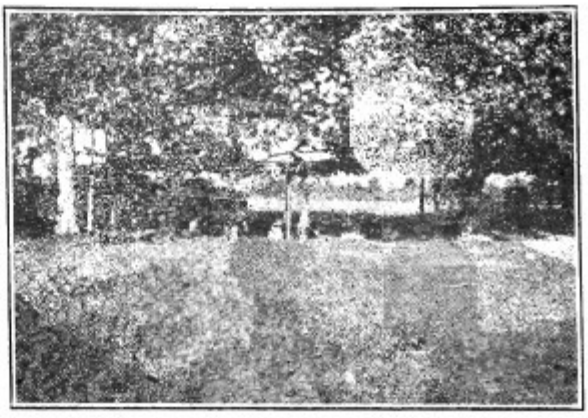
In illustration of the widespread interest, the applications according to States are tabulated:

Ala.	14	La.	2	Okla.	4
Ark.	1	Miss.	3	S. C.	2
Col.	1	Mo.	3	Tenn.	1
Cuba	1	Ky.	1	Tex.	5
Fla.	2	No. C.	7	Va.	14
Ga.	4				

The reinvestment of funds in these scores of instances, and in

the cases of many others who will awaken to a realization of their stewardship obligations, will bring many thousands of dollars into the Kingdom Treasury in the coming year.

At the same time, it will bring financial profit to those "thinking upon his name" and reinvesting for his glory.



It is Difficult to Get Pictures of Houseless Churches. Here is the Bush-Arbor Habitat of One.

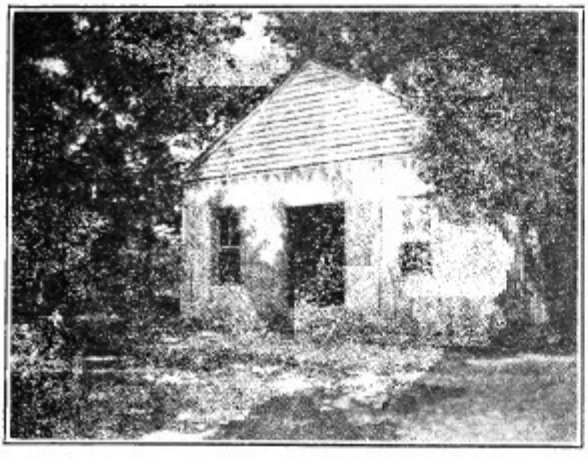
Better Than Great Riches.

"The Man of Ninevah wrote on bricks of clay
That memory of his deeds should never die.
The changing years the record hath undone
And left it barren to the human eye.

The Man of Nazareth wrote upon the sand,
Sad faced and thoughtful, recking not of fame;
But, lo, the world still has his record
And the nations know and reverence his name."

The erection of a lasting monument is not easy, when men build with things material. Dinocrates tried it, and Cheops and Alexander, and they failed.

But the erection of a lasting monument is very easy, when the building is in vital touch with the renewing power of God.



Two Generations Have Worshipped Here. Erected in Their Poverty, the Church Members Still Hold on To It.

Many monuments of this kind have been builded during the past year by the establishment of **Memorials in the Hall of Fame.**

Our great Sunday School Board has graciously established the **"J. M. Frost Memorial"** in the sum of $7,500.

The noble women of Illinois have designated the whole of their apportionment to the Church Building Loan Fund for the establishment of two memorials to **Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Throgmorton.**

One noble servant of the Master, whose name may not be given here, has established two memorials of $5,000 each, to be known as **"The Homeless Church Memorials."** They appear in the Hall of Fame, accompanied by a picture of Him who for us was homeless and who asks of us homes for his little ones today.

Another, whose heart is burdened for the Master's work, has established memorials in the name of her mother and her sister in the sum of $6,000 each.

Scores of others have this year memorialized their loved ones. Wives have builded in their husband's names monuments far better than those of crumbling marble or cankered bronze. Children have builded for their parents memorials more lasting than those of Khammurabi or Amenemhat. Missionary Societies have placed the names of former presidents and present members in the Hall of Fame, and churches have linked their names with a long and ever growing list of other churches which will be aided through their gifts.

Many other memorials are now in process of preparation, but could not be completed in time for publication in the present issue of the Hall of Fame. These, and we trust many others, will be published in the next edition.

Her Price is Above Rubies.

THE WOMAN'S Missionary Union has promised to raise, as its Jubilate offering, $325,000 towards the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund. Concerning this pledge, the Annual Report of the Union says:

"Since its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1913 the Union has had as an aim for one of its anniversary gifts the raising of $325,000 for the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board."

The Judson Centennial, the foreign mission debt and the building fund of the W. M. U. Training School have been three very imperative reasons why the Union has not concentrated its full strength towards the raising of this altogether essential fund.

It is encouraging when a leading State like North Carolina agrees to raise $11,000 for this fund during each of the next

three years. It is believed that a majority of the States will adopt similar and equally effective plans so that **by next May the Union will report that its full $325,000 has been secured** either in cash or certified pledges."

Other States besides North Carolina have already accepted the apportionment suggested by the Central Committee, and are forming definite plans.

Illinois, the latest accession to Southern Baptist ranks, was the first to cover her apportionment with definite pledges.

We have from the first regarded the pledge of the Woman's Missionary Union as virtually cash in hand.

Any promise made by the Baptist women of the South is underwritten by a record which guarantees fulfillment.

TABLE I.

The churches which have been aided by the Department of Church Extension contributed this year $47,406 to Home and Foreign Missions, and $135,887 to all causes other than local.

State	No. of Churches.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Everything Except Local Expense
Ala.	41	$ 478.23	$ 967.79	$ 3,710.19
Ark.	37	1,667.54	2,228.27	8,102.08
D. of C.	3	985.00	1,292.00	3,858.00
Fla.	75	2,194.76	2,236.58	.....
Ga.	7	290.22	438.29	1,811.10
Ky.	27	*5,530.00		11,954.00
La.	15	1,311.18	332.47	2,650.75
Md.	24	1,140.00	2,257.00	13,380.00
Miss.	10	460.00	613.00	8,419.00
Mo.	16	532.78	1,067.18	7,268.94
N. M.	14	746.53	928.13	3,702.80
N. C.	21	2,183.00	3,415.00	12,607.00
Okla.	147	*5,501.33		18,414.00
S. C.	18	792.29	1,684.22	22,930.00
Tenn.	19	577.18	828.41	2,436.16
Texas	50	2,362.41	2,165.23	14,012.52
Va.	3	70.28	129.96	631.34
TOTAL	521	$47,406.26		$135,887.88

*Associational Reports do not separate Home and Foreign Missions.

TABLE II.

The average contribution of the churches aided by the Department of Church Extension—except in Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia—was from one hundred to two hundred per cent. greater than the general average.

State	Average Contribution of all Churches		Average Contribution of Churches Aided	
	Home M.	Foreign M.	Home M.	Foreign M.
Alabama	$ 9.30	$ 13.25	$ 11.40	$ 27.00
Arkansas	5.65	6.65	45.06	60.00
Dis. of Columbia	392.00	539.00	368.00	430.00
Florida	11.10	18.40	29.25	29.80
Georgia	15.30	31.30	41.45	62.60
Kentucky	*89.00		*204.00	
Louisiana	9.85	16.15	87.41	22.16
Maryland	115.00	282.00	47.50	94.00
Mississippi	17.00	27.00	46.00	61.00
Missouri	9.00	19.00	53.00	107.00
New Mexico	25.12	20.00	53.32	C6.28
North Carolina	23.00	40.30	100.00	162.00
Oklahoma	*18.14		*37.45	
South Carolina	29.00	45.00	44.00	93.00
Texas	15.75	21.60	30.37	43.60
Tennessee	13.00	11.50	47.25	43.30
Virginia	44.00	120.00	23.43	43.32

*Associational Report does not separate Home and Foreign Missions.

TABLE III.

Had all our needy churches been raised to the plane of contribution, giving in proportion to those which have been already aided, we would have received from them $366,331 for Home and Foreign Missions, and $1,054,012 for all causes other than local support.

State	No. of Churches.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Everything Except Local Expense
Ala.	212	$ 2,416.00	$ 5,624.00	$ 37,544.00
Ark.	300	13,518.00	18,000.00	30,600 00
Fla.	250	7,312.00	7,450.00	.....
Ga.	43	1,784.00	2,687.00	11,100.00
Ky.	300	*61,200.00		132,600.00
La.	200	17,482.00	4,432.00	35,342.00
Miss.	88	4,048.00	5,368.00	74,008.00
Mo.	350	18,550.00	37,100.00	254,100.00
N. M.	70	3,710.00	4,620.00	16,480.00
N. C.	120	12,000.00	19,440.00	72,000.00
Okla.	681	*25,503.00		85,125.00
S. C.	38	1,672.00	3,534.00	52,630.00
Tenn.	227	6,680.00	9,761.00	28,283.00
Texas	800	37,800.00	34,640.00	224,200.00
TOTAL	3,679	$366,331.00		$1,054,012.00

*Associational Reports do not separate Home and Foreign Missions.

TABLE IV.

Had all of our churches contributed as did those which have been enlisted and vitalized by the Department of Church Extension, we would have raised $2,395,582 for Home and Foreign Missions, and $8,-191,054 for all causes other than local.

State	No. of Churches.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Everything Except Local Expense
Ala.	2,133	$ 24,316.00	$ 57,591.00	$ 196,236.00
Ark.	1,630	73,350.00	97,800.00	357,340.00
Fla.	698	20,419.00	20,800.00	.....
Ga.	2,337	71,000.00	150,000.00	496,000.00
Ky.	1,857	*378,828.00		820,794.00
La.	719	62,061.00	15,733.00	125,464.00
Miss.	1,324	60,904.00	80,764.00	1,112,160.00
Mo.	1,858	98,000.00	185,000.00	1,301,064.00
N. M.	125	6,666.00	8,250.00	33,062.00
N. C.	1,542	147,872.00	248,000.00	1,053,000.00
Okla.	969	*36,389.00		121,125.00
S. C.	1,120	40,280.00	104,160.00	1,385,000.00
Tenn.	1,363	33,572.00	45,766.00	174,464.00
Texas	3,623	171,186.00	156,875.00	1,015,345.00
TOTAL		$2,395,582.00		$8,191,054.00

*Associational Reports do not separate Home and Foreign Missions.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM.

Year	Number of Evangelists	Baptisms.	Total Additions	Volunteers for Ministry and Mission work	Net cost
1907	5	699	1,047	120	.....
1908	5	1,677	2,468	134	.....
1909	11	1,999	3,082	146	.....
1910	12	2,292	3,589	109	.....
1911	18	3,082	4,577	455	.....
1912	18	3,739	5,381	683	.....
1913	24	4,982	7,006	1,202	.....
1914	25	8,414	12,248	1,120	.....
1915	27	12,673	17,057	1,301	$17,522.02
1916	28	20,709	27,714	1,386	19,306.26
1917	24	16,260	20,942	1,710	.....

Resignation of Dr. Bruner.

DR. WESTON BRUNER resigned the Superintendency of our Evangelistic Department March first, 1917, to become the pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Upon his resignation the Board appointed a special committee

to prepare a suitable expression of the Board's esteem for Dr. Bruner and their appreciation of his services while connected with our work. The committee's report, following herewith, was heartily approved by the Board:

"Dr. Bruner's resignation brings our Board to contemplate anew his remarkable success as the Superintendent of Evangelism and also to mark the exceedingly important service which he rendered our denomination in that Department of our work.

"Your Committee would express our deep regret at losing from the head of our Evangelistic work such a wise, considerate and dearly loved leader. The men who have served our denomination as evangelists and singing evangelists, under the guidance of Dr. Bruner, with one accord, honor in an unstinted way his life and service with them.

"Dr. Bruner goes to be the pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, where we may still expect the blessings of God upon his gifted life and our Board shall have in him a hearty and warm supporter as one of the pastors whose cooperation makes our work effective.

"The entire Board will follow Dr. Bruner with prayers for his increased usefulness. May God's blessings rest upon him in all the providential lines of his life and may he carry with him recollections of his cherished place in the hearts of the brethren with whom he spent seven of the most mature of his years."

At the request of the Board the Corresponding Secretary took special charge of the Evangelistic force, pending the securing of a successor to Dr. Bruner. We were hoping the new man might be speedily found, but, disappointed in this after earnest efforts for some weeks, the Board postponed the matter till our New Year.

In the meantime the Corresponding Secretary had the general direction of the Department. This extra burden was all the more taxing because it came near the close of the year, when the stress of the financial campaign was on, along with the winding up of the year and the preparation of the Annual Report.

Fortunately the evangelists came forward nobly to the relief of the Secretary by filling their engagements and making readjustments when necessary, and also in making new engagements. They have done nobly and earned our heartiest plaudits in making it possible for the Secretary to give his time chiefly to the financial campaign and to other features of the Board's work.

Summary of the Work for the Year.

Number of Evangelists	24
Sermons and addresses	8,532
Conversions	19,493
Baptisms	16,260
Received by letter	4,682
Total additions	20,942
Volunteers for Ministry	1,718
Personal Workers' Conferences	463
Evangelistic Meetings	345

The results as shown by the tabulated statement are somewhat smaller than those of last year. This is in part accounted for by the fact that our staff was some smaller than it was the previous year. We believe, however, that as to permanent and far-reaching results, which are often times not within the compass of mere figures, the year shows up splendidly.

Particular stress has been laid upon the incessity of sincere repentance, genuine faith and real conversion.

The spirituality of our churches in many places has been at a low ebb. Their vitality has been sapped by worldliness and materialism. They have the form of Godliness without the power. The message, direct and pungent, from the God-annointed evangelists, is needed.

A soul winning church is impossible apart from a spiritually vitalized church. The need of the times is a richer enduing of the Holy Spirit, with a more faithful preaching of the Word of God. With this will come the graces of the spirit with a riper, deeper and richer experience in the divine life, as well as a passion for lost souls and for their growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

True evangelism is not simply preaching the gospel to, but into the lost. As soon as disciples are won they must be taught the "all things" commanded by their Saviour and Lord.

The evangelist wins a man's heart and in so doing wins his soul, and therefore, has a docile disciple to teach the way of the Lord more perfectly. What a mighty influence has the evangelist over the new convert he has won to Christ. To take him from the pit, his feet out of the miry clay and to place his feet upon the Rock of Salvation, that is glorious,—it puts a new song in his mouth, but that the song may ring clear and steady, his "goings" must be established.

Just here comes the need for constructive leadership. The

young convert is pliant, his heart is tender and his mind docile; Christ, his Saviour, thrills his heart. He needs to see Christ as Lord whose Word he must obey, whose commands he must follow. It is our purpose, more and more, in this work to combine soul-winning and life-enlisting.

ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT.

Under Direction of B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary.

DURING the past year seventeen Enlistment Field Workers have been engaged for all or a part of the time. Five have labored in Kentucky, two in Louisiana, three in Mississippi, two in North Carolina, two in South Carolina, and three in Alabama. The work accomplished may be estimated by the following table:

Number of workers engaged	17
States in which services are rendered	6
Institutes held with churches	266
Services in these institutes	2,770
Sermons and addresses in institutes	2,985
Asso. Campaigns held	35
Churches reached in Asso. Campaigns	367
Number of services in Asso. Campaigns	313
Pastoral fields developed	76
Churches which increased preaching services	22
Churches grouped into pastoral fields	85
Churches started with envelope system	63
Every Member canvasses	99
Pastorless churches served	64
Services conducted in these	191
Buildings projected, built or improved	29
Pastors' salaries increases (from $13,361.65 to $22,340.88)	$ 8,979.13
Local support advanced from canvasses (from $11,499.66 to $21,110.93)	9,611.27
Missions and Benevolences Advances (from $2,257.36 to $7,848.70)	5,591.34
Advances to all objects	**24,181.34**
Cash raised for State Missions	4,046.22
Cash raised for Home Missions	583.49
Cash raised for Foreign Missions	400.77
Cash raised for other objects	1,777.30
Cash raised for local expenses	1,711.06
Cash raised for all objects	**8,518.84**
Subscriptions raised for pastors' salaries	27,576.65

For Missions and Benevolences	8,754.93
For Church Building	19,823.20
For pastoriums	2,100.00
For land	270.00
Total subscriptions raised	**58,524.78**
Auxiliary societies organized	83
Subscriptions secured to denominational papers and magazines	498

The above presents a comprehensive view of the work accomplished through our Enlistment men. It fails to record the power of personal touch and influence which has gone with our workers into hundreds of churches and the lives of thousands of our men and women. Enlistment surely is no unfamiliar term in this great and notable year when more than half the world is enlisted in war.

The question of nurturing our untaught people is the most serious one that confronts Southern Baptists. We have only touched the edges of this work. The vast field lies before us for cultivation.

A renewed sense of its importance has come to our thinking men in recent months. It is indeed the most urgent and supremely important task confronting our people. The culture and growth of our people is our great need. It overshadows every other question. It is the great doctrine of the concentration of our forces and the application of our development for greater efficiency. Every phase of our denominational life has suffered because of arrested development. As we come to see aright the question of convert-culture and the larger development of our Baptist hosts, it will cease to be looked upon in the light of an expense agency, but will be considered as a matter of life and growth and power and expansion.

Our vast numbers and our marvelously increasing wealth must have a more rational and thorough treatment. We can never become a vital and conquering force, that we nominally stand for, unless we give more serious attention to the matter of enlisting and combining and directing these energies of our denomination for conquest at home and abroad.

We rejoice that our people are awaking to the seriousness of this great problem of development. Our life, to say nothing of our growth, depends on it.

The course of the United States government in its preparedness program since entrance upon the great war is worthy of consideration by our denomination, with its application to our own condition as a denomination in view of our obligation to hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom throughout the earth.

REPORT OF CUBAN WORK

M. N. McCALL, Superintendent.

OUR FIELD COMPRISES the four western provinces of Cuba, a territory of 20,000 square miles, with a population of a little over 1,750,000, an average of about 88 per square mile. The population is rapidly increasing and the growth of some of the towns and cities has been phenomenal.

Practically all sections of this territory are easily accessible by railroad or otherwise, but there are great stretches where we have not as yet preached. We became responsible eighteen years ago for the presentation of the Baptist message to the nearly two millions of western Cuba, but, although we have made an excellent beginning, our task is just well begun. God has added His blessing to the efforts of His servants in Cuba from the beginning, but century-old prejudices are not broken up in a day, and the task is great for the forces on the field.

Work Done and Workers Added.

DURING the year just ending thirty preachers have supplied sixty churches and stations, delivering over two thousand sermons and addresses, holding fifteen hundred prayer meetings and making over thirteen thousand religious visits. A total of 211 have been received into our churches, 152 of whom have been by baptism. As compared with last year, this marks an increase of effort put forth and a gratifying increase of baptisms. The workers have been blessed with health and strength, and there have been advances along many lines.

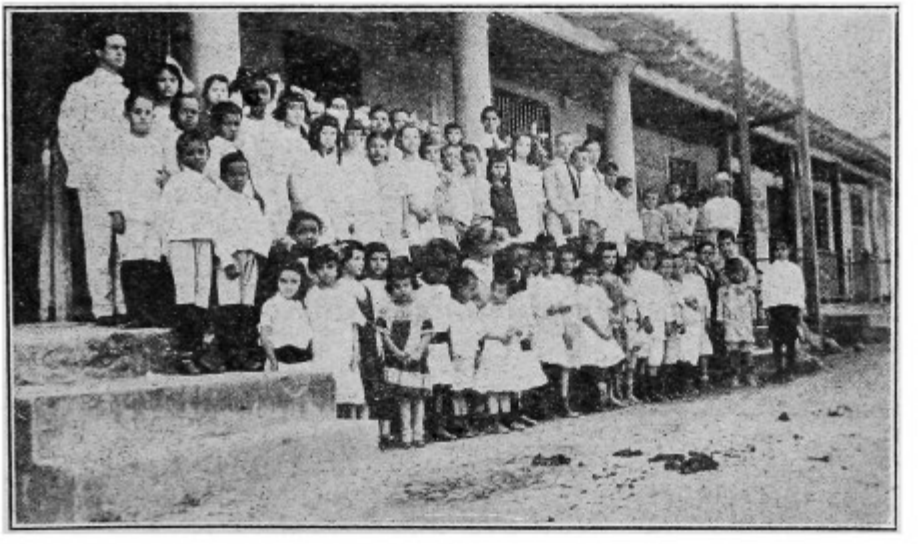
Our mission circle was saddened by the death of Mrs. Cova in November. She was the most capable and consecrated companion of Bro. J. V. Cova, one of the veteran missionaries of our Board on the Island.

An unfortunate political uprising in the latter part of our conventional year interrupted for a little while the work in some places. The operations of armed forces were almost entirely outside of our territory, but the reflex influence occupied public attention to the exclusion of other things.

Our force has been strengthened during the year by the coming of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Miller, of Virginia, and Miss Effie Wright Chastain, the accomplished daughter of one of our beloved missionaries to Mexico. These have taken the places of others made vacant by sickness or resignation. Bro. and Mrs. Miller are in charge of the Cuban American College and under their energetic administration there has been a marked in-

A Cuban Baptist Sunday-school Group.

crease in the school enrollment during the year. Miss Chastain is Bible teacher for the school, except the theological students, and is engaged in city mission work, for both of which tasks she is admirably fitted.



Another Cuban Sunday-school Group.

Present Occupation of Field.

OUR FIELD is at present occupied as follows:

Pinar del Rio Province.

Guane. Rev. Rene Alfonso. One organized church, two stations, one school.

San Juan y Martinez and San Luis. Rev. Antonio Echevarria. Two organized churches, two stations.

Pinar del Rio. Rev. A. S. Rodriguez. One organized church, two stations.

Vinales and San Andres. Rev. Angel Pinelo. One organized church, two stations.

Consolacion del Sur. Rev. A. T. Bequer. One organized church, four stations, one school.

Havana Province.

Baptist Temple. Revs. M. N. McCall, W. B. Miller, M. M. Calejo, J. V. Cova, Miss Luella Bell, Miss Effie Wright Chastain, Mrs. Carmen Pons. One organized church, two schools, five stations.

Vibora and Arroyo Apolo. Rev. V. B. Clark. Two stations. Bro. Clark also teaches in Theological Department of Cuban American College, and is in charge of Printery.

Vedado. Rev. J. F. Rodriguez. Four stations, one school.

Bethel Church (Colored). Rev. Ramon Aroche. One organized church, one station, one school.

Batabano and Isle of Pines. Rev. J. J. Negrin. Two organized churches, one station.

Matanzas Province.

Matanzas. Rev. R. R. Machado. One organized church, one station.

Colon. Rev. J. B. Silva. One organized church, one station, one school.

Cardenas. Rev. G. de Cardenas. One organized church, one station.

Santa Clara Province.

Sagua la Grande. Rev. A. U. Cabrera. One organized church, one station.

Santa Clara and Esperanza. Revs. E. L. Barlow and M. R. Ponce, Miss Lehman, Mrs. Palet. Two organized churches, one station, one school.

Sancti Spiritus. Rev. F. Pais (temporarily Rev. E. Calejo). One organized church, two stations, one school.

Guayos. Rev. Ignacio Guerra. Two stations, one school.

Cruces. Rev. F. J. de Armas, Miss Cruz de Armas. One organized church, one station, one school.

Lajas. Rev. M. A. Calleiro. One organized church, one station.

Palmira and Camarones. Rev. Emilio Planos. Two organized churches.

Arriete. Rev. Alejandro Pereira. One organized church, one station.

Cienfuegos. Rev. Domingo Ponce. One organized church, one station.

Trinidad. Rev. Edelmiro Becerra. One organized church, one station, one school.

Cumanayagua. Rev. Rafael Fraguela. One organized church, two stations.

School and Evangelistic Work.

IT WILL BE seen that there are twelve day-schools in operation. These have an enrollment of considerably over five hundred pupils, who receive, in addition to secular instruction, daily classes in Bible. They are sustained as a whole with very little additional outlay by the Board, for tuition charges are made in them all. Most of them need better equipment and more adequate teaching force. In Cuba the mission school is one of the best evangelizing agencies. It trains children in a Christian atmosphere, and gives them systematic Bible study. Our schools are worthy of more attention and more help.

Seven theological students are in training in the Cuban American College under the instruction of Brethren Miller, Clark and Cova.

Some evangelistic work has been done during the year, aside from the regular work in the missions, and with gratifying results. Our plans for a general campaign during the dry winter season were interrupted in part by disturbed political conditions in the Island.

The Committee of Conference in Cuba, an extension committee of the Panama Conference, of interdenominational character, has proposed and advocated union evangelistic campaigns, but Baptists have refrained from entering into their plans. A small, well prepared evangelistic team, consisting of preachers and singers, selected perhaps from our present force for special work during certain seasons of the year, would render excellent service. The plan would occasion some small additional outlay, but we think would amply justify the expense and effort.

Buildings Erected and Printery.

ONE NEW CHURCH plant has been dedicated during the year at Consolacion del Sur, in Pinar del Rio Province. It consists of chapel, with school annex, and pastor's home. The chapel has a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty when used in connection with the school rooms. The school has a desk capacity of sixty. The pastor's home is a comfortable, one-story structure of seven rooms and bath. Both buildings are substantially made of brick and the whole plant was built at a cost of $5,700.00. The lot was purchased and deeded to the Board by the local congregation.

One of our most pressing needs has always been gospel literature. By a well selected tract the missionary can multiply his audience many times. To supply in part this need a small printery has been purchased by local subscription and installed in one of the unused corners of the Temple in Havana. This is just beginning and is rendering good service, but is far from adequate to our needs. Baptists ought to have a centrally located publishing house to supply all our Spanish speaking fields. The central location of Havana is a strong recommendation in her favor as a suitable location for such a plant.

Needs.

OUR NEEDS may be summed up as follows:

(1) The projection of our work into the unoccupied territory. The unoccupied regions are more extensive than the occupied. There are numerous calls for the preaching of the gospel which we cannot supply. This means that we need more workers, both native and foreign, to push the work into new places. The rural districts of Cuba are an inviting and fruitful field to the missionary and have been already too long neglected.

(2) More efficient school work. Our present schools, with the exception of the Cuban American College of Havana and the Colegio Bautista of Santa Clara, are almost without equipment and need a larger teaching force. American lady teachers would be a great blessing to us. If we could have three more this year they would mean much for the efficiency of these schools. We ought also to establish at least three more primary schools during the year.

(3) Literature and Colportage. The dearth of clean reading matter for our young people is appalling. We should have at least one colporteur in our field, to sell such books as are at present available and to distribute pamphlets and tracts. The present supply of evangelical books should be increased and we

ourselves should publish large quantities of tracts for free distribution. The means at our command have not as yet permitted us to do this.

(4) Evangelistic work. Special preparation should be made for evangelistic campaigns at certain seasons of the year. It would be well worth while to relieve some of our pastors for a time from their present charges and form a small evangelistic team of preachers and singers for this work. They would need a gospel tent and other equipment that would incur expense, but it would be money well expended.

(5) Permanent equipment. Southern Baptists have been liberal to our work in supplying houses of worship. But the advantages of chapels are so great that we cannot say the need has ceased to exist till all our struggling congregations are housed. A modest chapel in Vibora, where Bro. Clark has a promising work, and another in Cruces, where the Board has owned a beautiful lot for five years, should be the minimum of our aim for this year.

Some parts of the Jane property are in need of repair. Our Board purchased this property thirty-two years ago. Since then only parts of it have been repaired. Five years ago, it was found necessary to rebuild a section on Zulueta Street. This was put in first-class condition for school and residence purposes. The part facing Dragones Street is in need of a thorough renovation.

Statistical Report.

THE FOLLOWING is a summary of the year's work:

Number of workers, including teachers	35
Total weeks of labor	1,552
Churches and stations supplied	60
Sermons and addresses delivered	2,409
Prayer meetings conducted	1,507
Received by baptism	152
Received by letter	58
Total number received into churches	210
New churches constituted	2
Houses of worship built	1
Pastors' homes built	1
Amount expended on new buildings	$5,700
Sunday-schools organized	16
Bibles, Testaments and portions distributed	1,591
Tracts distributed (number of pages)	71,044
Total present membership	1,643

MISSION WORK PANAMA, CANAL ZONE.

J. L. WISE, Superintendent.

I HEREBY SUBMIT my twelfth annual report. The year has been one of constant growth and increase in every department of our work, notwithstanding the high cost of living, due to the great European war, and the shadow it has cast over our great country. Since the depopulation of the Zone, our work, although not as extensive as it was in the days of Canal construction, has become more permanent, and it will not be many years before we will have these centers well manned with buildings and churches of our own. Much of our work during construction days was done in buildings that belonged to our government.

A new feature of our work and one that is destined to be constantly on the increase is the number of our soldiers coming here. We have more than 6,000 here now. Many of these boys are unsaved—in fact nine-tenths have never made any profession of faith. To reach them is a difficult work but one that should call forth our best effort. Every scheme and device known in the realms of evil are held out as enticements for their ruin. The presence of the soldiers greatly adds to our already heavy problems. We have 60,000 in Panama City, 20,000 in Colon, and 30,000 in the Canal Zone.

We hope to establish during the coming year a regular evangelistic campaign through the assistance of the Home Board. This part of our work has been sadly neglected, especially among our American people. The reason is we have not had buildings of our own in which to hold revivals.

Our collections during the year have been the best of any in the past. The total collections for all purposes were $6,160.85. This is a healthy increase over our banner year during construction days. The total number of baptisms were 142. Total membership 694. Total in Sunday-schools 1,020. Total value of church property $46,000.00.

The forces in the employment of the Board are the same as last year. They are as follows: Rev. S. Witt, Gatun, Canal Zone; Rev. S. Moss Loveridge, Culebra, Canal Zone; Rev. J. L. Wise, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. We have one colored man, Henry Clarke, who gives all his time to the work, but is paid out of the funds of the local churches.

Our Needs.

MORE THAN anything else our people in the Zone need to

realize that they are the servants of Christ. Life does not consist in what a man gets but in what he does and gives. "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." "For even Christ pleased not himself."

Some of our Baptists here, while they are from the rock-ribbed, orthodox Southland, or some strong Baptist fold north of the Mason and Dixon's Line, have gone wild with Y. M. C. A. dancing, Y. M. C. A. Sunday moving pictures, Y. M. C. A. Sunday pool and billiards. Some of our so-called church people feel no compunction of conscience when they sleep late on Sunday morning and miss Sunday-school and church, go to Sunday afternoon base-ball and yell for two hours.

If Christian people should get up such enthusiasm over the Lord's work, these Sunday sportsmen would call them fanatics.

I emphasize our supreme need again: It is a vitalized Christianity which places Christ and all he stands for first. Baptist preachers who have children living on the Zone ought to urge their children to line up with our Baptist work here, and pastors who know that they have members here ought to do the same thing. Baptists who move to the Zone ought to be encouraged to take their letters and line up with our work. A letter written to me or one of the pastors on the Zone would help a great deal and prevent waste.

We also need a good church building in Cristobal for our American people, similar to the one we have in Balboa. It will cost at least $25,000. Colon and Cristobal are twin cities on the Atlantic side, as Balboa and Panama on the Pacific. Our colored people in Colon and Cristobal are well provided for, but our white American Baptists are left alone to drift and go on the rocks. We ought to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes in Panama City also. Land is high and building material is going higher all the time, but we cannot quit as we have laid our hands to the plow and pledged our faith to God until the end.

Balboa Heights Baptist Church (White Americans).

Our church here occupies one of the most important situations perhaps in all Central America. Our situation is ideal and our new building, although not quite finished, was opened for service January 7th, the first Sunday in the new year. The building, up to date, has cost us $20,675, and it will take about $3,000 more to finish. We could have saved several hundred dollars if we could have finished several months ago as material has gone so much higher. The building measures 97x38 feet over

all, Colonial in type, and has ten Sunday-school rooms, closets and lavatories, and a large auditorium. No Protestant denomination in all Central America has a building equal to it.

We have lost several members during the year by removal to the States; but our most serious loss was the death of our senior deacon, S. H. Harrison. He had been helpless for the last seven years. One of his last good deeds was to make provision for our church to receive $100 out of his small estate at his death. Our loss has been somewhat overcome by the reception of twelve new members recently and three of these by baptism. On the first Sunday in April we will ordain four new deacons.

This church has one of the best Sunday-schools in this country. We have 143 enrolled, with an average attendance of 115. We have ten teachers and four officers and they are among the most faithful I have ever known. It was organized just two years ago with thirty members. On March 25, our Sunday School Missionary Day, we had about 150 present and collected nearly $40 for missions. Total church members 30; total Sunday-school enrollment 143; total collections $1,354.00. Value of church and pastor's home $30,000.00.

Chorrillo Baptist Church (Colored).

The work here has now been established two and a half years, during which time steady progress has been made in spite of the setback caused by the European war resulting in increased cost of living; more unemployed, with a corresponding increase in poverty; while many have had to go elsewhere in search of work. It speaks well for the churches that while there are so many unemployed, the proportion of church members out of work is very small, showing that the church members represent the more steady, reliable element even though in many instances the pay that they do earn is barely more than enough to keep body and soul together. At Chorrillo, services or meetings of one kind or another, are held every night in the year. During the past year, in connection with this church alone, 723 meetings were held with a total attendance of 66,577. In connection with the work Bible Classes, Prayer Meetings, Christian Endeavor Meetings and open-air meetings are held in addition there is a branch of the Bible Reading Association which is doing good work. District Visitor Henry Clarke has continued to render faithful service in visiting among the homes of the people, also in assisting in the conducting of some of the services. The following is a brief resume of some of the varied activities:

Sunday-school scholars, 214; Sunday-school teachers, 15; day-school scholars, 130; day-school teachers, 2; number baptized, 70; number restored, 38; number of members, 220; total contributions, $1,520.16; value of church property, $6,000.00.

Corozal Road Baptist Church (Colored).

This work was begun last February in response to an appeal on the part of many, to meet the need in this growing district, there being no mission of any kind in the immediate neighborhood, apart from two separate factions of an irresponsible religious sect calling themselves Bedwardites, both of which, since the commencement of our work in the district, have ceased to exist. Good work has been done in a small rented room measuring 28′ 3″ x 22′ 6″, originally intended for the purpose of a store; for this store we have to pay $22.50 U. S. Currency a month, and have thrown in free of charge all the noise of the neighborhood. Families living in single rooms overhead, many more behind, others on either side, and still more across the street, making it at times difficult for the speaker to make himself heard. In this room is now carried on a flourishing work with a Sunday-school having an average attendance of over 100, divided into some ten classes. A Sunday congregation averaging the same number, and services held there every night in the week. In the formation of this church some thirty-two members were transferred from Chorillo, as their homes are in this district. Since the opening in February (10½ months), some 410 services have been held with a total attendance of 17,302. Number of Sunday-school scholars, 112; Sunday-school teachers, 8; day-school scholars, 44; day-school teachers, 1; number baptized, 15; number restored, 30; number transferred, 32; total membership, 77; total contributions, $414.18.

Cirio Baptist Church (Colored).

The work in this Mission has progressed quietly and steadily. The work originated as a continuation of the much larger work at Culebra, after the depopulating of the former place and the disbanding of the church. During the year 366 services were held, with a total attendance of 12,698. Number of Sunday-school scholars, 130; Sunday-school teachers, 8; number baptized, 4; restored, 11; number of members, 40; total contributions, $525.93.

Colon Baptist Church (Colored).

We have had another year of blessing and progress. The baptizing of forty-nine candidates and the reception of sixty-

three by letter and restoration indicates but a small part of the work done. The church building, which seats 550, is too small for the crowds that attend. The average attendance in the Sunday-school is 290. Five or six open-air meetings are held in different parts of the city every week. The attendance at the weekly prayer meeting is rarely less than 100 and sometimes over 150. The church building is open for some kind of service every night in the year. In addition to the regular church work we conduct a prosperous Dime Bank, a Burial Society and an industrial school. Our opportunities for expansion and development are great but are hindered for want of efficient workers and money. Our membership is 290 and the value of the church property $8,000. Total collections for the year are $1,916.50

Gatun Baptist Church (Colored).

The work has suffered because of the forcible depopulation of this section. The Canal Zone authorities have also taken away our church building for military purposes so that we are now without a church home. The church, however, is continuing its work in the homes of its members. The membership is seventeen. Two were baptized last year. Total collections, $170.33.

New Providence Church (Colored).

We organized a new church at this place on May 26, with seventeen members and since then have received three, making the present membership twenty. We hold no property here but have laid the foundation stone for a building on our own lot and have commenced to build. Total collections for the year $29.75.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.

VICTOR I. MASTERS, Superintendent of Publicity.

THE IMAGINATION is staggered in trying to grasp the tremendous volume of printed matter which is at the present teeming from the printing press. Of the colossal output the increase in religious publications has not kept pace with the secular, and of the religious publications the ratio of increase in material which has definitely to do with the activities and principles of responsible denominational bodies has probably been less than that of non-denominational agencies and of such false faiths as Russellism and Mormonism.

In its Publicity Department the Home Mission Board is seeking to make for and to our Baptist people a worthy contribution through the printed page of such informational and educational material as may have to do with the work and underlying principles of Home Missions. This Department engages all the time of the Superintendent of Publicity, except that which is given to conducting the rapidly increasing mission educational work for which the denomination is making calls upon the Board, or to assisting the Corresponding Secretary in field work or in other work of the Board. In detail the work in the Publicity Department for the past year has included:

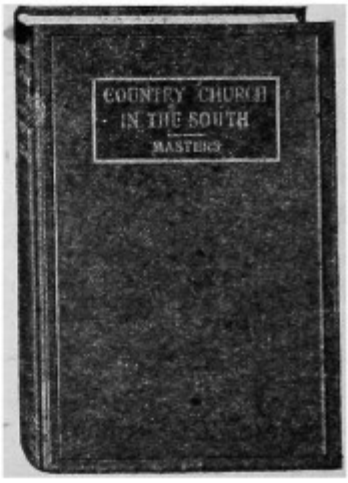
1. **The Magazine.** Following the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention **The Home Field** was merged with **The Foreign Mission Journal** into **The Home and Foreign Fields**, and the combined publication was taken over by the Sunday School Board. But the Sunday School Board was not ready to take over the publication until November. In the meantime **The Home Field** was produced by the Home Board at a greatly added cost for material and with a pronounced falling off in subscriptions, owing to the confusion incident to the proposed merging of publications. A result was for five months an unprecedented expensiveness in producing of the magazine and the consumption of an abnormal proportion of the Board's appropriation for the Publicity Department. Since the coming of the **Home and Foreign Fields** our Publicity Department has freely furnished Home Mission material monthly for the use of that publication.

2. **Tracts.** The abnormal cost in connection with the magazine made necessary the curtailment of the tract output of the Board, so far as this could be accomplished without an actual failure to furnish material to meet urgent recognized needs The Department has prepared and circulated during the year a total of between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 pages of tracts on Home Missions, and has sought to keep up the stock of evangelistic

tracts used by the Evangelistic Department. As the Publicity appropriation does not provide for the evangelistic tracts a slight charge is made for them. But all of our regular Home Mission tracts have been and are furnished free to churches and workers throughout the South.

3. **Our Newspapers.** We have sought to render a service to our approximately twenty-five Baptist newspapers that would be at once satisfactory to them and helpful to the Home Mission work. Realizing the dislike of most of our editors for what are known as "syndicated" or duplicated articles, we have as far as practicable furnished separate and distinct Home Mission articles for the different papers. We have not, however, been able to live up to the desires of some of the papers in this matter nor up to our own ideals on the subject. Our newspapers have given us their space cordially and generously, but they have had many themes to present and they have properly not been without concern to maintain interest in their columns by variety and spice in the contributed articles. For a Mission Board publicist to furnish articles for so many papers which meet these requirements is no inconsiderable task. In fact, the Home Board is aware that our Publicity Department has not reached the ideal in this service. While we record our sincere appreciation of and thanks to our Baptist papers for their unvarying readiness to give us space, we plead in extenuation of our having not rendered a more helpful service in their columns, the limitations which grow out of lack of time to render to so many publications a service which shall be always of the best. We ask the continued helpful kindness and patience of our brethren, the editors, and promise to do better service, if we can, in token of our appreciation.

4. **Books.** Publicity for a great religious activity will necessarily be educational. The educational, however, has become so large a part of the work done by the Home Board Publicity Department that it merits the special recognition which is undertaken in this paragraph. The growth of the missionary educational work of the Home Board has been in response to rapidly enlarging demands from our people in all sections of the Convention's territory. For sev-



eral years the Publicity Department has yearly produced a new Mission Study book, and these have developed a popularity and vogue which has been beyond our fondest hopes. Throughout the South these books are being used in Mission Study Classes, and they are also in sustained demand on the part of pastors and laymen for the value of the instructive material they contain for the general reader. "Baptist Missions in the South," which was issued in an edition of 5,000, a little more than a year ago, sold out and the demand was so great a new edition was published in December, 1916. This new edition is also now almost exhausted. "Country Church in the South," by our Superintendent of Publicity, a work of 223 pages, was issued in December, 1916, in an edition of 5,000, both in cloth and paper. The edition is now almost exhausted. This book has received the universal commendation of our Baptist people and also that of country church and life experts who are not Baptists.

We cannot but regard it a most favorable omen that our people so promptly embrace the opportunities which are afforded them to use Mission Study Books which approach the various subjects covered from the standpoint of our own section of the country, of our own work, and of our own denomination. This is perfectly consistent with the sincerest fellowship and good will to other Christian bodies. Also this approach gives proper respect to a sound pedagogical principle, which leads the student from that which he already in some measure understands into fields of study which shall gradually take him out to larger contacts. The opposite method is faulty even from the standpoint of the pedagogue, and more so from that of a Christian statesmanship.

Handbooks for Leaders are furnished free to classes which use our books. The educational work of our Board through the sale of books promises from the present to be self-sustaining, in this respect differing from the tract output, which is given by the Board free to our Baptist people.

We regard the large success and favor which have attended the issuance of our Mission Study books as the best evidence of the approval of the denomination, and shall expect to continue a constructive service in this channel as rapidly as the needs shall indicate.

5. **Letters.** The Publicity Department is the clearing house for an amount of educational and informational correspondence which is large and increasing. This correspondence originates largely in requests for information or for special facts which come up from pastors, women's societies, class leaders, readers

of reports, etc., from throughout the South. Requests for information bearing on Home Missions which originate among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists find their way to this Department. To these are added in recent years requests which bear upon Mission Study Classes and books. It is manifestly impossible to provide in tract form all the information sought by alert and inquisitive minds. With the Home Board this has become no inconsiderable service of its Publicity Department. In addition, this Department is always available to assist our Corresponding-Secretary in letters to the pastors, women leaders, the Home Board Associational representatives, moderators, etc., of the South, a service which is important and of which the total volume is large.

6. **Institutes, Charts, Slides, etc.** The Publicity Department keeps on hand twenty sets of Home Mission stereopticon slides, for free loan among the churches. These slide sets are in almost continual use and with fine results.

The Board has a set of five large and handsome wall charts which have been found of great value in setting forth Home Missions to the eye. They are suitable for the church walls and are sold postpaid for fifty cents.

The Superintendent of Publicity gives a part of his time to conducting Mission Study Classes and presenting lectures in Institutes and Conferences, a service in which the Board seeks to contribute its due part to encourage Mission study and institute work among our people. Book sales for the year have been about $2,000, while stock on hand and in the hands of dealers has a value of about $1,000.

7. **Field Work.** The terms of the engagement of the Superintendent of Publicity of the Home Board require him, at the call of the Corresponding Secretary, to render such service in representing the Board on the field, as may be necessary. This he has done in the past year as usual.

Recurring, in conclusion, to the introductory statement about the large increase of printed matter which seeks the reading of the people, and that there has not been a corresponding increase from the religious press, especially that part of it which represents the responsible religious thought and service of our country, we express the conviction that Southern Baptists should give their cordial endorsement to every judicious effort to enlarge the output and circulation of tracts, books, papers and periodicals which shall instruct our people in the truth of the Scriptures and concerning the work of the Kingdom of Christ in which our spiritual body is engaged. Though not itself a pub-

lication agency, except in so far as publication work ministers to the informational and educational ends which strengthens it for its great evangelizing and nurturing tasks, the Home Mission Board cordially pledges its sympathy and good-will to every paper and publishing agency of our body and promises its own diligent and faithful attention to rendering that service in this field which shall be its fit contribution to this great effort the common weal of the denomination.

WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS.

THE LULL IN the mimigrant movement from Europe into this country which has transpired since the opening of the World War in 1914, has not lessened the opportunity for mission work among foreigners, though it has made necessary the readjustment of the activities of a few of our port workers.

In fact the let-up in the flow of immigrants through our ports has tended to give a certain stability to our work for the newcomers, which has suffered from the confusion incident to rapidly changing and increasing numbers. Though the immigrant problem is still small in the South as compared with other sections of the country, it is much larger than all the evangelical agencies have satisfied through which effort is being put forth to Christianize and Americanize this population.

There are about 4,000,000 persons of foreign birth or parentage in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. To meet the opportunity created by their presence, the Home Mission Board last year employed thirty-one missionary workers who preached the gospel in French, German, Italian, Flemish, Swedish, and Spanish. In addition to these tongues, many distinct dialects are used in evangelizing the Indians. The list of Home Board Mission workers among foreigners during the last year has been:

Italian Workers: Rev. Anthony Sisca, Willisville, Ill.; Rev. Pascal Arpaio, and Rev. J. M. Barra, Tampa, Fla., and the following mission school teachers, all at Tampa, Fla.: Misses Bertha Mitchell, Fannie H. Taylor, Nell Dekle, and Martha A. Dabney.

Workers Among Cubans at Tampa. Revs. J. B. Silva and F. J. Paez, and the following teachers: Misses Gertrude Joerg, Anna J. Merryman, and Rowena Williams.

Workers Among Mexicans in Texas (not including co-operative missionary pastors). Rev. Chas. D. Daniel, Superintendent, Box No. 428, El Paso, Texas; Rev. A. Velez, preacher and

teacher, El Paso, and the following teachers, all of El Paso: Misses Annie M. Long, Lillie Mae Weatherford ,and Maria Paredes.

Other Workers Among Foreigners: Mrs. Ida R. McIntosh, DuQuoin, Ill.; Miss Mary E. Kelly, Herrin, Ill.; Rev. C. F. Wahlberg, Swedish Missionary, Silver Hill, Ala.; Miss Grace McFarland, Bourg, La.; Miss Eula Maud Batchelor, Chataignier, La.; Miss Marie Buhlmaier, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Kate D. Perry, McAlester, Okla.; Miss Minna Pruess, Coalgate, Okla.; Rev. John H. Meyers, Galveston, Texas; Rev. Ralph Wegner, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Axel Wester, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. J. P. Brunner, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Margaret Tweedy, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Jennie Graham Bright, Norfolk, Va.

The above list does not include the co-operative Mexican pastors in Texas, or the co-operative workers among French and Italians in Louisiana.

The names of the Mexican Missionaries, who are associated with Superintendent C. D. Daniel in Texas, are: Felix Buldain, G. B. Mixim, W. A. Moye, M. E. Garcia, M. D. Castillo, D. S. Barocio, J. B. Reyes, P. C. Bell, Emelio Camacho, M. L. Pardo, Joel Garcia, Walter Garnett, Caetano Carcia, S. P. Mireles, Refugio Holguin, Clen Garnett, Silvestre Rios and Mrs. B. Dowen.

In Louisiana the State Board within recent years has come bravely to the task of seeking to spread the gospel among the great foreign population, chiefly French and Catholics, in Southern Louisiana, and the Home Board, which for many years has shared largely in maintaining the Baptist missionary impact in this State, has gladly participated in this new work, which has proven wonderfully successful and has been attended by many thrilling experiences on the part of the missionaries. The following co-operative workers were in this foreign service in Louisiana during the last year:

J. F. Arceneaux, Maurepas, La.
L. O. F. Cotey, New Orleans, La.
C. Derouen, Branch, La.
O. Derouen, French, La.
A. A. Fusilier, Mamou, La.
S. O. Olivier, Abbeville and Chataignier, La.
C. Savoie, Bourg, La.
C. A. Voyles, Jennings, La.
L. C. Smith, Ville Platte, La.
Noah Young, Elba, La.
Lawrence Zarrilli, Amite and Independence, La.

Gibson W. Taylor, Faqutaique and Mamou, La.
H. W. Salassie, Port Barre and Couley Cro.
Miss Emily Guillory, Ville Platte, La.

While the Home Board does not undertake to publish the names of all the co-operative mission workers supported by it, the very general interest which is felt in the foreign work in Southern Louisiana leads us to publish above the list of the co-operative missionaries in this service, as constituted in 1916.

Though these fields are all new, the work distinctly young and the people nearly all traditionally Roman Catholic, there were ninety-seven baptisms reported last year and $6,373 was raised for pastors' salary and $561 for missions and benevolence. The work has had the open and continual hostility of the priests.

Romanism has had its opportunity for a long time in Southern Louisiana, and has left the people in neglect and ignorance. The work of our missionaries is bringing both the light of faith and of intelligence and better living conditions.

Not only in Louisiana, but in Texas, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri and Alabama, and to a less extent in other States, there are many foreigners who are in the so-called Christian South, but who have not heard of the Christ. This work calls for steady support and enlargement by Southern Baptists.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

ABOUT ONE-THIRD of the Indians in the United States are in Oklahoma. Largely on account of the Home Mission work among them which was done two generations ago and more by Southern Baptists, there are today a number of Baptist churches which are self-supporting, and about half of the Indians who patronize the government schools in Oklahoma give the Baptists as their religious preference.

The number of Indian Baptist churches in Oklahoma is, by Dr. F. M. McConnell, State Secretary, given as being 123, while the membership is 4,591, and the Indian Baptist preachers number 184. The Methodists, according to Dr. McConnell, have 2,450 members and eighty-seven churches among the Indians of Oklahoma and the Presbyterians 1,279 members and fifty-eight churches. In addition there are four Menonite churches, and one Episcopalian and two Reformed churches.

There are five Indian District Associations, and the Seminoles have ten churches with 365 members, not organized into an Association. The Associations are:

	Churches	Members
Oklahoma Blanket Indian Association..	17	1,528
Cherokee Association	33	1,062
Creek Association	22	1,019
Choctaw Association	29	428
Chickasaw Association	10	189
Seminole Churches	10	365

The churches among the Five Civilized Tribes are mainly the fruit of Southern Baptist work years ago. Our work among these Tribes now is done in co-operation with the Oklahoma State Board of Missions. At present this work consist of ten missionaries and Superintendent A. G. Washburn, himself an Indian.

Last year these workers reported 186 baptisms. The missionaries collected for all objects $8,720.75, which would certainly not compare unfavorably with the response usually given in Anglo-Saxon mission churches.

At present the district work of the Home Mission Board among the Red Men is the maintenance of mission activities among three Blanket Indian tribes, the Osages, Pawnees, and Otoes, and the support of a missionary to the leading Indian government schools in the State. Our missionary personnel is as follows:

D. Noble Crane, Osages, Pawhuska, Okla.
Miss Grace Clifford, Assistant, Osages, Pawhuska, Okla.
Orlando Kinworthy, Interpreter, Osages, Pawhuska, Okla.
Harry Bock, Sr., Pawnees and Otoes, Pawnee, Okla.
Miss Mary Jayne, Asst., Pawnees and Otoes, Pawnee, Okla.
David Gillingham, Pawnees and Otoes, Pawnee, Okla.
Robert Hamilton, Missionary to Schools, Shawnee, Okla.

There are four organized churches, the Osage church at Pawhuska, the Pawnee Church at Pawnee, the Otoe Church at Red Rock, and the Chilocco Student Church at Chilocco College.

Rev. Robert Hamilton, missionary to the schools, has a monthly itinerary of twelve schools, in each of which he conducts religious services. This itinerary embraces the pastoral care of the Student Baptist Church at Chilocco Indian College at Chilocco, Oklahoma. This church numbers seventy-four members and is a great force for religious training among the young Indians who will be the leaders in their various tribes. This Indian student church is in every way unique and it is full of blessed potentialities.

The Osages are pestered by their great per capita wealth, which is more than $30,000. This, Romanist influences, and the

unaccustomed vices of the white man, make it exceptionally difficult for the Osages to receive the Jesus Way religion. During the last year, however, under the able and consecrated leadership of Rev. D. Noble Crane, who has had the unfaltering and devoted assistance of Miss Clifford, the Osage work is making better progress. The membership is fifty-five.

The church at Pawnee has for years been prosperous and popular as compared with most churches among the Wild Tribes. This in part has followed from the early conversion and the influential leadership of many of the Chiefs and leading tribal families. The Christian faith is a precious thing to those Pawnee converts. But, like some of the churches established by Paul, they are fresh from generations of heathen tradition, and are beset by snares and temptations of which the churches of an established civilization are unaware. Unpracticed in the ways of the new life and of church organization, the Indian convert must not only fight the pull of personal sin, as everyone must, but the customs, traditions and friends who make up the whole of the world in which he and his ancestors moved.

The Pawnee church has about 160 members, and during the last year gave letters to thirty who went into the organization of the Otoe church, twenty-five miles northwest of Pawnee, at the Otoe Reservation Agency. The present membership of the Otoe church is eighty-four.

Missionary Bock and Miss Jayne serve both the Pawnee and Otoe Missions, living at Pawnee. Each gives two weeks a month to the Otoe church, alternating in the time of their visits. Our Pawnee Interpreter, Brother Gillingham, magnifies his office and is really a valuable missionary. Brother Bock is indefatigable and devoted, and Miss Jayne is a woman of fine gifts and large experience in Indian service.

Our Indian work has not prospered more since the Civil War than it is doing now. The Red men are coming to Christ, and they are rejoicing with a great joy in their new-found faith. It is a work which presents all the characteristic phases of Foreign Missions, though it is at our very doors. Foreign Missions is entitled to all the vogue and momentum it can create, and we would not seek to create sympathy for Indian Missions or any other mission work in America by a comparison with Foreign Missions. Please God, we shall grow Baptists who will give their whole heart to the work of the Lord everywhere. When we do, we shall have no difficulty in presenting the appeal of the Red Man of the Plains for the aid of all who believe Christ can really save the heathen.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

THIRTY-EIGHT workers have been engaged during the year in meeting the missionary needs of the Negroes. Twenty of these missionaries are Negro men who have been employed in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, half of whose salaries are paid by our Home Board.

While the reported results show mainly evangelistic effort, it is also sought through these workers to train and develop the churches and leaders for ministerial and other church service. Our Negro brethren very much need help of this kind from the white Baptists of the South. The Home Mission Board gladly recognizes the tremendous worth of that unofficial and personal aid which our people are giving to Negro Baptists in all sections of the South. On every account this kindly help from white Baptists to the Negroes around them should be encouraged and enlarged, while at the same time the formal missionary aid given them should be increased as rapidly as it can be done judiciously. In addition to work in the churches, aid has been given in maintaining theological education in institutions at Rome, Georgia, and Selma, Alabama.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell is authority for the declaration that the major part of the so-called Negro problem is a problem of the white man. The white man is and will remain dominant in the South. The main question is, on what plane shall that dominance be placed? If it is pitched on the plane of superior material power unscrupulously used, it will be hard on the Negro, but even worse for the whites. The Negro may be purified through unjust suffering, but the white man will inevitably be corrupted, if he shall mete out to the humbler, less dominant race, hardness and injustice rather than kindness, fair-dealing and encouragement.

There is no shunning the fact that the Negro is the supreme test of whether or not we have a gospel which is genuine and virile enough to save other races than our own. It is equally a test of the quality and adequacy of our concern for saving other races. If we care not for the souls of the Negroes whom we see daily, how shall we make ourselves believe that we care for the souls of races whom many of us never see at all?

We would emphasize the importance of a larger attention to the religious instruction of the Negroes on our own farms and in our own kitchens and yards. And we would urge especially that our white ministers use every occasion to help Negro ministers, to assure them of our Christian concern for them, and when practicable to speak in their churches. In a committee

report before the Southern Baptist Convention in 1890 the present Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board urged that our white pastors throughout the South give all possible gratuitous help in preaching to and teaching Negro churches and preachers. Much of this has been done and with a blessed fruitage. We urge that there shall be a continuance of this aid. Not only for the instruction imparted, but as a means of expressing to the Negro leaders that spirit of goodwill and fellowship which exists, but which suffers for lack of expression, this service has almost immeasurable potentialities for good.

At the same time Southern Baptists should through the Home Board increase their effort to help the Negroes in missionary work, as fast as practicable means of doing so may be found. The statistics of the Negro work done during the last year are given below, except that which was accomplished through three Negro workers in the Evangelistic Department.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE AMONG THE NEGROES.

Work in Connection with National Baptist Convention.

	Number of Missionaries	Weeks of Labor	Sermons and Religious Addresses	Religious Visits	Baptisms Reported	Additions by Letter, etc.	Total Additions	Bible Conferences Held	Preachers and Others in Attendance	Dist. Associations attended
Alabama	2	99	732	402	184	193	377	154	3,549	42
Arkansas	3	130	800	895	110	171	281	62	3,172	63
Georgia	4	156	1,277	1,742	249	117	366	44	19,711	58
Kentucky	2	104	699	808	132	109	241	27	5,324	24
Louisiana	1	12	171	203	51	30	81	2	226	1
Mississippi	3	126	743	497	146	58	204	25	373	38
Oklahoma	1	23	371	132	210	980	1,190	2	357	10
South Carolina..	1	50	138	127	39	8	47	3	831	13
Tennessee	2	102	605	171	89	....	89	50	2,173	46
Texas	1	52	382	170	26	52	78	18	3,087	15
Totals	20	854	5,909	5,147	1,236	1,718	2,954	387	38,803	310
*Other work....	18	723	3,008	7,228	1,391	503	1,894	427	68,883	146
Grand Totals	38	1,577	8,917	12,375	2,627	2,221	4,848	814	107,686	456

*The figures on this line represent work done by four white mission workers and five Negro missionaries in Kentucky and by eleven other Negro missionaries who are not connected with the co-operative work of the National Baptist Convention, but are working under different plans in the States of Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri and Virginia.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

From May 2nd, 1916, to May 2nd, 1917.

RECEIPTS GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from States:

Alabama	$ 19,195.10	
Arkansas	13,105.00	
District of Columbia	2,207.90	
Florida	7,215.06	
Georgia	33,706.77	
Illinois	3,679.78	
Kentucky (including $404.52 from Seminary)	35,066.02	
Louisiana	10,553.15	
Maryland	8,879.98	
Mississippi	21,615.44	
Missouri	15,438.53	
New Mexico	2,313.25	
North Carolina	33,805.17	
Oklahoma	9,303.78	
South Carolina	31,349.22	
Tennessee	23,282.89	
Texas	48,381.13	
Virginia	43,858.22	
		$362,956.39

The following States have contributed to the payment of the debt through the Laymen's Movement:

Alabama	$ 26.09	
Arkansas	66.18	
Florida	25.00	
Georgia	62.50	
Kentucky	121.93	
Maryland	1,034.50	
Missouri (most of this from the W. M. U.)	83.45	
North Carolina	25.00	
Oklahoma	30.00	
South Carolina	205.72	
Tennessee	453.53	
Virginia	10.00	
Virginia	254.68	
Havana, Cuba	37.00	
		$ 2,435.58

Receipts from Evangelists:

Alabama	$ 2,799.99	
Arkansas	3,096.45	
District of Columbia	3.13	
Florida	638.79	
Georgia	1,107.13	
Illinois	523.10	
Kentucky	450.23	
Louisiana	760.00	
Maryland	176.98	
Mississippi	874.71	
Missouri	1,025.49	
New Mexico	180.00	
North Carolina	4,165.39	
Oklahoma	799.59	
South Carolina	1,491.22	
Tennessee	285.06	
Texas	1,093.03	
Virginia	1,400.54	
		$ 20,870.83

Supplemental Receipts:

Sale of books, tracts and charts	$ 123.82	
"Fsherman, Tackle and Bait"	100.23	
"Baptist Home Missions"	12.89	
"Home Missions in Pictures"	27.17	
"Baptist Missions in the South"	1,208.75	
"Country Church in the South"	716.37	
		$ 2,189.23

Legacies:

Mrs. Lou Redd, Alabama	$ 28.00	
Mrs. Olivia Brand, Missouri—Interest	28.75	
Mrs. Brand—Matured bonds	300.00	
Mrs. E. G. Budwell, South Carolina	50.00	
Levi Warner, North Carolina	100.00	
Mrs. C. A. Hardin, Missouri—Interest	50.00	
Mrs. M. S. Prewitt, Kentucky—Interest	10.00	
Mrs. Fannie A. Stocks, Georgia—Interest	1,913.25	
Mrs. Fannie A. Stocks—Reinvestment	1,437.50	
Mrs. Mary A. Williams, Kansas	5,000.00	
		$ 8,917.50

Co-operative missions refunded	$ 22.50	
Received from G. W. Norton, Treasurer S. B. C.	50.25	
Insurance on Eldridge School building burned	800.00	
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.	50.00	
Ground rents—Galveston, Texas; Baltimore, Md.	325.00	
Home Field	825.62	
Cuban Field by Dr. M. N. McCall	6,239.37	
Cuban Church	10.18	
Canal Zone Churches by J. L. Wise	210.00	
Sale of Unaka Institute	6,000.00	
Sale of lots in Laredo, Texas	702.96	
Pawnee Indian Church, Oklahoma	62.50	
C. O. Booth from Salary	15.00	
Redeemed checks	5.25	
		$ 15,318.63

Miscellaneous receipts	$ 192.85	
Gifts to churches returned not used	450.00	
Mountain Schools equipment checks refunded	2,430.00	
Money appropriated for Georgia returned	250.00	
		$3,322.85
Total General Fund		$416,011.01
Bills Payable		98,500.00
		$514,511.01
Building and Loan Fund		74,393.54
Grand Total		$588,904.55

Bills Payable:

Balance May 1, 1916	$ 12,500.00	
Amount added as per details below	12,500.00	
Total Due May 2, 1917		$ 25,000.00
Loans from Banks	$ 86,000.00	
Loans from individuals	12,500.00	
Total receipts	$ 98,500.00	
Less repayments	86,000.00	
Net receipts from bills payable		$ 12,500.00
Bills payable		25,000.00
Building and Loan Fund	$184,518.36	
Less loans to churches	134,596.86	
		$ 49,921.50
		$ 74,921.50

Less cash in banks:		
Lowry National Bank	$ 20,651.42	
Third National Bank	16,085.00	
		36,736.42
Debt May 2, 1917		$ 38,185.08

GENERAL FUND.
Disbursements.

Overdraft at bank, May 2, 1916		$ 3,704.11
Fixed Charges:		
Administration Expenses:		
Salary of Corresponding Secretary	$ 3,999.97	
Expenses of Corresponding Secretary	231.55	
Salary of Superintendent Church Extension	3,000.00	
Expenses Superintendent and Department	777.02	
Salary of Editor of Publications	**3,000.00**	
Expenses of Editor of Publications	291.50	
Treasurer's salary	1,800.00	
Salary of Office Assistant	1,999.98	
Expenses of Office Assistant (travel)	45.95	
Salary of Attorney	360.00	
Salaries of stenographers	2,107.50	
Extra help	169.03	
Office rent	1,860.00	
Postage, express and freight	1,517.53	
Printing and stationery	792.82	
Office supplies	251.05	
Telegraph and telephone	284.36	
Treasurer's bond	50.00	
Auditing books of office	280.00	
		22,818.26
Interest:		
Interest on borrowed funds	$ 7,717.80	
Interest paid Mrs. Brand for loan	35.00	
		7,752.80
Repairs to Church:		
El Paso, Texas, churches	$ 200.15	
New Orleans, La., churches	750.14	
		950.29
Unclassified:		
Taxes paid on Augusta, Ga., property		6.55
Sunday-school Mission Day		1,283.03
Expenses of Home Mission Board members		939.52
Woman's Missionary Union expenses		5,000.00
Laymen Movement expenses		1,400.00
One-half interest Stock's Fund for Georgia indigent ministers		941.00
Convention Annual		897.21
Virginia Campaign	$ 14.65	
Special Campaign in Kentucky	560.00	
		574.65
Insurance on property		472.75
"Country Church in South" cost of issue	$ 1,291.16	
Second edition "Baptist Missions in the South"	1,053.00	
		2,344.16
Taxes Laredo property		44.47
Redeemed checks		4.50
Illinois collection expenses for 1916—not carried in last report		1,250.00
Oklahoma note and interest retained		6,279.49
Investment of Funds:		
Mrs. Mary A. William legacy	$ 5,026.67	
Mrs. Mina Olivia Brand legacy	279.75	
Mrs. Fannie A. Stocks legacy	1,523.20	
Mrs. Schimp Estate	1,810.39	
		8,640.01
Sundries Undistributed:		
Travel expenses Miss Buhlmaier and Miss Patrick		61.00
Refused checks		28.25
Miscellaneous		1,662.26

State Expenses for Collecting Funds:		
Alabama	$ 916.64	
Arkansas	1,500.00	
Florida	499.92	
Georgia	1,583.21	
Illinois	1,289.32	
Kentucky	1,549.95	
Mississippi	1,000.00	
Missouri	2,180.63	
North Carolina	1,959.60	
South Carolina (W. M. U.)	1,004.74	
Virginia	1,366.10	
		14,850.11
Publicity	$ 4,016.91	
Home Field	3,642.66	
"Fisherman and Tackle"	37.50	
		7,697.07
Evangelism:		
Superintendent's salary	$ 2,527.74	
Superintendent's expenses	486.17	
Evangelists' salaries	34,215.35	
Evangelists' expenses	6,828.63	
Extra help	400.00	
General expenses	412.02	
		44,869.91
Enlistment:		
Alabama	$ 2,099.88	
Kentucky	1,635.00	
Lousiana	2,824.96	
Mississippi	1,533.28	
North Carolina	1,125.00	
South Carolina	1,750.08	
		10,968.20
Mountain Schools, Administration Expenses:		
Superintendent's salary	2,499.96	
Superintendent's expenses	685.36	
Office expenses	600.00	
Mountain School Conference	500.00	
		4,285.32
Improvement to School Property:		
Alabama	150.00	
Kentucky	1,000.00	
North Carolina	6,650.00	
South Carolina	3,000.00	
Tennessee	1,000.00	
Virginia	750.00	
		12,550.00
Maintenance of Schools:		
Alabama	2,955.00	
Arkansas	1,800.00	
Georgia	1,800.00	
Kentucky	2,700.00	
North Carolina	7,045.00	
South Carolina	2,700.00	
Tennessee	5,000.00	
Virginia	1,700.00	
Insurance on School property	1,257.62	
		43,837.94
CO-OPREATIVE MISSIONS:		
Alabama	2,000.00	
Arkansas	13,000.00	
Florida	8,000.00	
Illinois	3,319.61	
Kentucky	2,800.00	
Louisiana	12,000.00	
Maryland	6,251.27	
Mississippi	4,500.00	
Missouri	2,315.89	
New Mexico	18,999.95	
Oklahoma	16,000.00	
Tennessee	666.66	
Texas	14,000.00	
Virginia	516.63	
		104,369.01

CUBA		
Salaries and other expenses	35,008.02	
Collected by Dr. M. N. McCall and spent on field	6,231.42	
		41,239.44
Panama—Canal Zone,		
Salaries and expenses	5,600.00	
Church building	5,300.00	
		10,900.00
MISSIONARIES,		
Foreigners:		
Alabama	189.25	
Florida	6,435.18	
Illinois	53.00	
Kentucky	112.00	
Louisiana	650.00	
Maryland	1,054.67	
Missouri	835.75	
Oklahoma	1,242.03	
Texas	5,675.68	
Virginia	1,295.67	
		17,543.23
General Missions:		
Florida	600.00	
Louisiana	2,437.18	
Missouri	64.29	
Tennessee	900.00	
Texas	1,356.67	
Virginia	16.66	
		5,374.80
Indians:		
Oklahoma		5,395.79
Negroes:		
Alabama	2,027.46	
Georgia	325.00	
Kentucky	250.00	
Missouri	175.01	
Virginia	629.87	
National Baptist Association	5,877.50	
		9,284.84
GIFTS FOR CHURCH BUILDING:		
Tabernacle Church, Mobile, Ala.	$ 1,300.00	
New Home Missionary Church, Ark.	50.00	
Pottsville Church, Ark.	150.00	
Hortio Church, Ark.	150.00	
First Church, Womble, Ark.	100.00	
First Church, Adona, Ark.	50.00	
First Church, Hoxie, Ark.	250.00	
Fruitland Park Church, Fla.	100.00	
Avon Park Church, Fla.	100.00	
Sealrage Church, Fla.	100.00	
Altha Church, Fla.	100.00	
Malone Church, Fla.	150.00	
Port St. Jo Church, Fla.	100.00	
Ona Church, Fla.	50.00	
Homestead Church, Fla.	100.00	
Auburndale Church, Fla.	100.00	
Lake Weir Church, Fla.	150.00	
Valrico Church, Fla.	100.00	
Pasco, Church, Fla.	50.00	
Miakko City Church, Fla.	100.00	
Calvary Church, Ky., debt interest	50.00	
Fleming Church, Ky.	1,000.00	
Yerkes Church, Ky.	150.00	
Second Creek Church, Ky.	150.00	
Mount Olivet Church, Ky.	150.00	
Other churches in Ky., by Dr. W. D. Powell.	1,800.00	
Baltimore Extension Society	8,000.00	
Amory Church, Miss.	1,800.00	
Calvary Church, Mo.	400.00	
Caruthersville Church, Mo.	400.00	

First Church, Artesia, N. Mex.	1,000.00	
First Church, Grady, N. Mex.	400.00	
First Church, Des Moines, N. Mex.	400.00	
First Church, Cloudcroft, N. Mex.	500.00	
First Church, Roy, N. Mex.	200.00	
First Church, Capitan, N. Mex.	300.00	
First Church, Mount Airy, N. C., debt int.	77.50	
Wake Forest Church, N. C.	2,500.00	
Red Springs Church, N. C.	1,200.00	
Watts, Church, Okla.	150.00	
Valley View Church, Okla.	150.00	
First Church, Lamar, Okla.	150.00	
First Church, Butner, Okla.	150.00	
First Church, Fargo, Okla.	200.00	
Cedar Canyon Church, Hydro, Okla.	200.00	
First Church, Gotebo, Okla.	250.00	
First Church, Broken Bow, Okla.	250.00	
First Church, Weatherford, Okla.	200.00	
Mount Pleasant Church, Okla.	150.00	
First Church, Talala, Okla.	300.00	
First Church, De War,, Okla.	200.00	
First Church, Skiatook, Okla.	250.00	
Liberty Hill Church, Okla.	100.00	
First Church, Edmond, Okla.	1,000.00	
Calvary Church, Muskogee, Okla.	550.00	
Dibble Church, Okla.	100.00	
City View Church, Greenville, S. C.	300.00	
North Augusta Church, S. C.	250.00	
Monaghan Church, Greenville, S. C.	300.00	
Westside Church, Greenwood, S. C.	1,000.00	
Fants Grove Church, Pendleton, S. C.	250.00	
First Church, Whitmire, S. C.	500.00	
Boulevard Church, Memphis, Tenn.	1,800.00	
First Church, Paris, Teen.	4,800.00	
Wythersville Church, Va.	1,300.00	
		38,682.50
Kentucky, retained for church building.		1,800.00
Total disbursements		423,867.15
Loans paid	$ 86,000.00	
" "	36,736.42	122,736.42
Petty cash on hand.		29.87
		546,633.44
Loans to churches.	41,700.00	
Interest B. and L. Fund.	571.11	
		42,271.11
		$588,904.55

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUNDS.

Receipts.

Balance from 1915-16.		$ 49,341.20
Receipts from States:		
Alabama	$ 1,299.88	
Arkansas	10.00	
District of Columbia.	100.00	
Florida	586.68	
Georgia	3,002.43	
Illinois	331.43	
Kentucky	1,775.61	
Louisiana	2,630.61	
Maryland	733.95	
Mississippi	5.00	
Missouri	71.75	
Oklahoma	35.00	
South Carolina	501.05	
Tennessee	687.20	
Texas	370.75	
Virginia	1,782.95	
		13,924.29

Interest:		
Jones Estate	$ 200.00	
Stevenson legacy	270.00	
Interest from loans	4,112.88	
Paid from General Fund	1,800.00	
		6,382.88
Principal returned by churches		16,028.79
Annuity contracts		27,800.00
Sunday School Board for Frost Memorial		7,500.00
Legacies:		
A. G. Sinclair	$ 500.00	
J. C. Crouch	100.00	
J. L. King	285.00	
Mrs. Anna G. Schimp	1,872.58	2,757.58
		$ 74,393.54

Disbursements.

Loans to churches:		
First Church, Atmore, Ala.	$ 2,500.00	
Tuxedo Church, Ensley, Ala.	500.00	
Avondale Church, Birmingham, Ala.	5,000.00	
Burdine Church, Kentucky	1,000.00	
Jenkins Church, Kentucky	1,000.00	
Louisville Church, Mississippi	3,800.00	
Camden Church, Mississippi	500.00	
First Church, Sumner, New Mexico	200.00	
First Church, Roswell, New Mexico	5,000.00	
First Church, Edmond, Oklahoma	1,500.00	
First Church, Anadarka, Okla.	3,000.00	
First Church, Coalgate, Okla.	1,000.00	
First Church, Carmen, Okla.	200.00	
First Church, Kerrville, Texas	4,000.00	
South Greenville Church, Texas	500.00	
First Church, Kirbyville, Texas	1,000.00	
First Church, Bishop, Texas	3,000.00	
First Church, Tenaha, Texas	1,500.00	
Melrose Church, Roanoke, Va.	6,000.00	
Anadarka Church	500.00	
		$ 41,700.00
Interest paid on annuities		571.11
		$ 42,271.11

I hereby certify that I have made a careful and thorough examination of the records of P. H. Mell, Treasurer Baptist Home Mission Board, have checked all vouchers, and entries on all books, and found same correct. The above statement is a true statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the year ending May 2, 1917.

J. H. DREWRY, Public Accountant.

Having in a general way, gone over Treasurer Mell's books and vouchers for the last Conventional Year, and believing that the certificate given by Brother J. H. Drewry, the official accountant of the Board, to be correct, I hereby join with said official accountant in said certificate as to the correctness of Treasurer Mell's books and vouchers for said last Conventional Year.

CHAS. A. DAVIS, Auditor.

Atlanta, Ga., May 11, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MELL, Treasurer.

EDGAR ESTES FOLK, D.D.

BORN BROWNSVILLE, TENN., SEPTEMBER 6, 1856.
DIED NASHVILLE, TENN., FEBRUARY 27, 1917.

PRESIDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
1895-1917.

APPENDIX C.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Report

OF THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

(To the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, La.)

I. J. VAN NESS, Acting Corresponding Secretary
Nashville, Tennessee

MAY, 1917

The Sunday School Board during the past year has suffered greatly. Dr. Frost's death was not unexpected, but it caused us no less of grief or loss. The death of Dr. E. E. Folk came as a sudden surprise, while shortly before this had come the unexpected death of Mr. C. C. Slaughter, for many years a member of the Board and its attorney. Toward the end of the year Professor J. E. Bailey, a member from the first organization, also died unexpectedly. All of these men deserve well of the denomination for years of faithful and unselfish service to this Board. Mr. R. M. Turner, for years our trusted bookkeeper, also must be numbered among those taken from us by sudden death.

We have already put on record our appreciation of the character and labors of Dr. J. M. Frost, who served as Corresponding Secretary from 1891 to 1893 and then again from 1896 to 1917. His connection with the Board really antedated 1891, for it is a matter of history that from him came the suggestions which led to the organization of the Board. Those who were most closely connected with him recognized most clearly the indebtedness of the denomination through these years to him, and the achievements which are to be registered to his credit. A suitable memorial making a permanent record of his life and achievements will be placed in the building, which is in and of itself a monument to his labor.

It may perhaps be unnecessary to say that after the death of Dr. Frost and Mr. Turner, both of whom were bonded officers,

the books and funds were all examined by the auditor and found to be in every way correct. Mr. Slaughter handled no funds, and all papers relating to loans made by him were in proper order.

The Board at its March meeting elected Dr. William Lunsford as its President to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Folk's death. Mr. Roger Eastman resigned as Auditor and F. P. Provost was elected to that position. Rev. J. R. Gunn, J. T. Lellyett, J. W. Winn, and R. M. Dudley have been elected to fill the existing vacancies in the Board.

In view of the long service of Dr. Frost and his work in creating and directing its affairs, we thought it but just to continue his salary to his widow for the remainder of the Convention year for which he was elected. This ceases with May 1st, and thereafter in view of the fact that Dr. Frost gave himself unstintedly to the Board's service and accumulated nothing for himself beyond his home and life insurance, an annuity of $100 a month will be continued to her.

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It was not unnatural that there should be a feeling that the many changes which have come during this year might have in some way impaired or retarded the Board's efficiency. The local Board because of these very changes was led to give a new scrutiny to all its affairs and to its methods. A Committee of Seven was appointed, with instruction to examine into all the work of the Board and to report at its pleasure. This study of our work continued over a period of three months. The first official act was to recommend the election of I. J. Van Ness as Acting Corresponding Secretary, which was done on November 28th. Finally, in order that the denomination might be assured as to the conditions, it was also deemed best to call a special meeting of the state members, though even before this meeting we kept in correspondence with them. This special meeting was held on March 15th, at which time comprehensive reports regarding all the Board's activities were made and the report which is herewith submitted represents, therefore, the action of the entire membership of the Board. It is the belief of this full Board that you will see with us that the work has been well established, that it is today in the very best condition, with its funds intact and well invested, and that during this interval we have re-examined every aspect of its affairs, and so broadened and reorganized its operations where necessary as to make it newly effective as an agency for denominational service and progress.

Receipts and Resources.—We present a statement of the receipts to April 30th:

Cash Receipts.	May 1, 1916, to April 30, 1917
Periodicals, Graded, and Merchandise	$483,602 10
Home and Foreign Fields	9,295 00
Advertising space sold	4,875 00
Interest	15,951 79
Bible Fund	1,178 75
Rent	837 00
Students' Missionary Proceedings	81 50
Total Receipts	$515,821 14

The receipts for this year show an increase of $63,011.90, the largest gain of any year in our history, and for the first time we have gone past the half million mark.

We also present a statement of the business condition of the Board to the same date:

Resources.		
Loans and Securities		$355,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		6,552 04
House and Lot, Eighth Avenue		220,000 00
Merchandise, Periodicals, Etc. (est)		38,690 48
Accounts unpaid		40,855 79
Accounts Due from Agents		6,557 83
Cash in Bank and Office		12,710 95
Insurance		800 00
		$681,167 09
Liabilities.		
Bowen-Jewell Stock	$1,000 00	
Three Book Endowments	1,500 00—	2,500 00
Net resources		$678,667 09

Business Readjustments.

Invested Funds.—We have made several changes in the methods by which we care for the invested funds of the Board. The new system involves the following safeguards: (1) All investments must be authorized by the Business Committee and must be reported in full to the Board at its next meeting; (2) the securities are in the custody of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, whose bond is fixed at $25,000.00; (3) all bank accounts representing funds are in the name of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and checks are drawn by the bookkeeper on written in-

struction from the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who also sign all checks; (4) a security ledger containing a full record of all investments and all funds awaiting investment is kept by the bookkeeper and in duplicate in the office of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; (5) the negotiable securities of the Board are now kept in a safe deposit vault which is entered only by authorized representatives and always by two persons.

It has for many years been our policy to invest our funds in real estate loans. Up to recent months this could be done at a good rate of interest, but now the rate is falling. Nor have we been able to secure enough good loans to keep our funds continuously invested. Therefore, at a recent meeting it was decided to begin the investment of a part of these funds in bonds which would yield a return of approximately 5 per cent. Bonds amounting to $96,562.50 (par value $100,000) have accordingly been purchased, and are now in our possession, the net rate of interest being slightly over 5 per cent. About half of these bonds are listed, and so have a daily market, permitting us to realize on them quickly if needed.

Our present invested funds amount to $355,000. Of this amount, $213,150.00 represents local real estate loans and mortgages; $96,562.50 is in bonds; $1,000.00 in Bowen-Jewell stock, while the balance is temporarily invested at interest pending a more permanent form of investment. These investments represent the following funds which the Board has from time to time established with the consent of the Convention: Bible Fund, $45,000.00; Reserve Fund, $50,000.00; Equipment Fund, $160,000.00, and $100,000.00 held by us on account of the appropriation to Ministerial Relief. The wisdom of keeping these funds intact is manifest during these times of uncertainty. The Board needs constantly to keep itself where it can at any time put in a first class equipment if this is necessary, though we see no present reason for abandoning the present contract system which has proved of such an advantage to us. Conditions may easily arise where despite this we should need at once these sums of money or even more.

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The Current Business.—The current business of the Board has in recent years assumed such proportions as to require some changes in organization and methods, and the following plan of business organization is now in effect:

1. As in the past, the Corresponding Secretary, as the executive officer of the Board, is in direct control of the business de-

partment and of all invested funds, and acts as Treasurer, proper authorization for all payments being given by him.

2. The business department for efficiency is organized into three divisions: (1) a bookkeeping and cashier's department; (2) an order and mailing department; and (3) a sales department, the latter being a new department to which is intrusted the exploitation of periodicals and books, and the extension of our sales. Two of these departments are now in charge of Mr. M. E. Dunaway and Rev. H. C. McGill, the latter having recently been added to our force. The remaining position is yet to be filled.

This new organization went into effect on April 1st, at which time the heads of the departments mentioned above were appointed as a special committee to examine all the business methods of the Board and to suggest changes and improvements. They have gone over the entire business system and we have now the task of carrying into effect their recommendations. As a result we hope to have a much better business system, not only so far as economy is concerned, but more efficient and with modern cost systems, which will enable us to keep in touch with every department.

Our New Printing Contract.

The Board has been working under a printing contract running for three years with the Marshall & Bruce Company of this city. This contract expires with the issues of 1917. As we shall begin work upon the periodicals for 1918 in August, it becomes necessary in the immediate future to give consideration to the printing of these periodicals. Our printers had the foresight to protect themselves, and therefore to protect us, by a paper contract running through the life of the printing contract. This contract has produced for us many thousands of dollars in profits, and both the printing company and the paper manufacturers deserve well of us for the faithfulness with which they have held to their contract during a period when the paper market has doubled its prices for all grades of material. There is every reason to believe that we can renew our old contract on a very favorable basis, save as the prices are affected by the present market price of paper. Our present contract is based upon the market price of 1914, and the price today is approximately $70.00 a ton more for the same grade of paper, with daily uncertainty as to future values. It is impossible at this writing to conjecture as to the probable condition of the paper market in the future.

Tentative estimates based upon the present paper market have been furnished to us. These figures are tentative in so far as this one item is concerned, but so far as the work and other material is concerned, are upon the basis on which the printer proposes to bid for the new contract. A very careful computation has been made on the basis of these figures, and this is presented below.

To understand what the increased prices will mean, to our business, let us keep clearly in mind that there are three departments which at present are being run at a profit: the Merchandise Department, the Graded Lesson Department, and the Uniform Lesson Department. The two former have already been affected to some extent by the higher prices, and will show this continuously, taking away to some extent the expected profit from these sources. The statement which is to follow applies only to the Uniform Lesson periodicals. These have been our great money-makers, and through the years have been the foundation of all the Board's work. Let us also understand that during the new Convention year 1917-1918 we have still six months at the old contract prices, and then will have six months at the new prices. We have, therefore, a very favorable opportunity to adjust ourselves to the new market conditions.

The tentative prices referred to above show that our production cost for the Uniform Lesson periodicals on a basis of the present market price for paper will be increased to approximately $69,000 per year. Two of the periodicals, *Kind Words* and the *Teacher*, will, by this increase in the cost, be put upon a losing basis. The three big quarterlies in circulation are the *Advanced*, the *Intermediate*, and the *Junior*, with a circulation, respectively, of 600,000, 295,000, and 320,000. The increased cost on these three periodicals alone will be $38,693 a year, practically bringing these three, which have been the chief money-makers, to a close margin line where the profit will be inconsiderable and the margin even dangerous. It must be remembered that these three quarterlies have come to us through the Board's entire history, and have been sold for the low price of 2 cents for each copy. The other quarterlies and periodicals which have been introduced during the last few years all bear a higher proportionate price.

When we consider the vast interests which have grown up about our teacher training and field work, all of which depend on our business profits, and realize that these lines of work must not be abandoned, we will see that such a large excess of increased cost cannot be borne, if the profits from the other departments should also be cut to any extent, without great hazard.

It may be imperative, therefore, for the Board to consider as to whether some slight increase in prices may not be necessary under the new conditions. Even here we meet with some difficulty. The three quarterlies, the *Advanced*, the *Intermediate* and the *Junior*, could easily and without becoming a serious burden to the schools, be increased from 2 cents to 2½ cents each. This would yield an additional income of $24,000 a year. *Kind Words* could also be increased from its present price of 13 cents per quarter to 15 cents per quarter, and this would yield about $7,800. The *Teacher* could also be increased to 60 cents, and this would yield about $4,000 in addition. It ought to be said also that practically all Sunday school publishing houses have already made similar advances in their prices. Our fortunate contract alone has enabled us to avoid this up to this time. All such increases, however, would not by more than half make up for the losses which we will sustain if the present price of paper prevails.

Perhaps the most delicate situation the Board has faced in many years will be found in the next few months as we try to adjust ourselves to the basis of this new contract. In addition, we must share with the business world the daily anxieties of a national situation which may have its effect on all prices.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CONVENTION.

I. The Convention at Asheville took the following action:

"That the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Home Field* be consolidated and put in charge of the Sunday School Board as early as practicable, and the W. M. U. be invited to consolidate *Royal Service* with this publication."

At as early a date as possible negotiations were begun with the other Boards in regard to consolidating the existing missionary journals. Owing to the conditions prevailing in the paper market it was impracticable for us to issue the new periodical before October. By agreement with the Home and Foreign Boards, the *Home Field* and the *Foreign Mission Journal* were therefore continued by them through the October issue.

With the November issue the Sunday School Board took charge, issuing a large thirty-two page periodical bearing the name, "*Home and Foreign Fields*". In planning for this magazine we decided that the regular office force and bookkeeping department should as far as possible handle the business features, and that the editorial management of the magazine should be under the management of the editorial department, but with a special editor who

should make this his chief work. Rev. G. S. Dobbins, of New Albany, Miss., was later selected as one of the editors of the Sunday School Board and the magazine was assigned to him as his chief task. He began his work on January 1, 1917, and has already demonstrated his fitness for this particular task.

The combined circulation of the two missionary journals which we took over, when the lists has been brought together so as to avoid duplication, showed approximately 25,000 subscribers. We are now sending the paper to approximately 32,000 subscribers. It requires great diligence and constant watchfulness to maintain the circulation at present figures and to make a slight gain. We carried all subscribers to completion.

We submit also the financial statement of *Home and Foreign Fields* to May 1st, showing a deficit above receipts, though not an excessive one, nor more than we anticipated for the inauguration of the venture:

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries and traveling expense of editor	$	1,101 16
Furniture and fixtures		1,220 49
Printing, mailing and postage		11,584 76
Salaries of clerks		1,420 04
	$	15,326 45
Receipts		9,295 00
Deficit	$	6,031 45

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II. The following resolution was also adopted at the Asheville meeting:

"*Resolved*, That in view of our great need of a history of the Baptists of the South, the Sunday School Board be requested to make provision for the preparation of such a work."

Owing to Dr. Frost's illness it was not possible to take definite steps in regard to this matter until late in the winter, though the matter was under consideration.

We now have to report that definite arrangements have been made with Dr. B. F. Riley, of Birmingham, Ala., to prepare such a history. An Advisory Committee has been appointed consisting of Brethren W. J. McGlothlin, W. W. Barnes, E. C. Dargan, J. T. Christian, H. C. Moore and Lansing Burrows, who has also been associated with the work in connection with some special matters. This Committee is to advise with Dr. Riley as to the scope of the history, and any special matters incident to

its preparation. They are also to be at his disposal during the progress of the work and the manuscript when completed is to be submitted to them. The proper officials of the Board will also be associated with the enterprise until it is carried to completion.

By arrangements with the Board, Dr. Riley will give his time largely to this work during the current year. It is probable that this history will be issued in one large volume of approximately six hundred pages, will be illustrated, and no expense will be spared to make it the authoritative expression of the history of our Southern Baptist people. The Advisory Committee has already held one meeting and with Dr. Riley outlined plans for a comprehensive study of the subject preparatory to the actual writing.

MATTERS UPON WHICH THE CONVENTION'S ACTION IS DESIRED.

Ministerial Relief.—At its January meeting the Board voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention at its coming session to consider the appointment of a commission to examine the various plans now being operated for Ministerial Relief in the various states, and pending the submission of this recommendation to the Convention and the report of such a commission if appointed, the Board set aside the sum of $100,000.00 to be held intact as a contribution to such a fund when established. The Board has no special plan for advancing this work, nor is its gift connected with any other movement of this kind. When the matter was first suggested we had no information of any other action along similar lines. We have been glad to hear that various State Conventions have taken action and will present memorials at this meeting.

The Sunday School Board, therefore, requests the appointment at the present session of a special committee to whom this proposition shall be referred, and to whom the Convention if it deems best may refer all similar requests from other sources, the said committee to report to this session as to the whole matter. The entire $100,000 for this fund is now in hand and is included with the invested funds of the Board. It will be held subject to the decision of the Convention.

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Education Commission.—We have also received a communication from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist

Convention informing us that it is their purpose in their annual report to ask for an appropriation of $3,000.00 from the Sunday School Board for the expense of their work during the coming year, this amount being similar to that voted last year.

The Board took the following action in regard to this request:

"That we express our appreciation of the fact that the Education Commission has brought this appropriation to our attention before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"That if the Convention so orders, we shall be pleased to co-operate in this matter with the Education Commission.

"That while the Board realizes its obligation to strictly obey the instructions of the Convention, especially in the distribution of its excess funds, it asks the Convention to give consideration as to the wisdom of ordering appropriations to be paid by the Board without previous consultation."

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Appropriations.—The Board has made appropriations to the State Mission Boards carrying on Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work as follows:

$500.00 for a Sunday School Secretary.
300.00 if an additional man is put in the field with him.
300.00 for an Elementary worker.
500.00 for a B. Y. P. U. worker.

In accordance with the above, $12,300.00 has already been given to the various states.

Other appropriations made in accordance with our usual practice are as follows:

$5,000.00 to the Foreign Board, on the same terms and conditions as last year.

$2,500.00 to the Japan Publishing House through the Judson Centennial Fund.

$7,500.00 to establish a Frost Memorial Church Building Fund in connection with the Home Mission Board.

$500.00 to be set aside for the Home Board, to be used through the year as it may be deemed wise, to translate the various teacher training books into Spanish, these to be available for use in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries as well as in Cuba.

$600.00 to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for its department of Religious Education.

$10,000.00 to the W. M. U. Training School for their building fund.

$1,700.00 to the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

All the above are in addition to the gift of $100,000 for the Ministerial Relief Fund, and gifts of books, tracts, and periodicals amounting to $15,671.80.

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The following statement of policy was also adopted, and is here brought to the attention of the Convention:

"That hereafter it shall be the policy of the Sunday School Board, save in very exceptional cases, to dispose of its surplus funds systematically according to the following plan:

"1. To maintain and develop its own field work for both the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.

"2. To co-operate with the State Boards in their Sunday school work in an increasing degree, and especially to encourage on the part of these State Boards adequate plans for reaching the town and country districts, the Sunday School Board co-operating in these plans to the fullest extent of its ability.

"3. To extend its system of free tract distribution.

"4. To extend the Bible and colportage work of the Board as far as may be wise and prudent, co-operating to the fullest extent with all State Boards and other institutions.

"5. To make such contributions to the work of the Foreign and Home Boards as will secure on their fields the development of Sunday school, publication, church building and tract work, such appropriations hereafter to be based upon definite programs on the part of these Boards for this character of work.

"6. To assist the educational institutions in so far as they may become definite helpers in the work of Sunday school extension."

Some Special Matters.

During the year the Board has made one material change in its policy for gifts of Bibles, books and tracts for free distribution or cheap sale. The uniform practice among all religious concerns has been to charge these appropriations at retail prices. The state men complained, however, that this at times puts them at a disadvantage. The Board after consideration decided to change the basis and hereafter to place all such appropriations upon a wholesale basis; that is, the appropriations to be charged at the same rate as a similar purchase of goods would be charged. This has given great satisfaction to those in the various states who carry on colportage work.

We have now at our disposal for Bible distribution the annual income on $45,000, in addition to the sum annually contributed

by the Woman's Missionary Union. Yet during the last year, though we met all applications, only $1,165.49 of these amounts was needed. Is it not evident from this that we need to enlarge our plans for Bible distribution, and that as Baptists we are able to finance all effective plans for Bible distribution without seeking other agencies? If it is the will of the Convention, your Board will invite during the new year from the Foreign Board and the Home Board and the various State Boards, proposed plans for adequately supplying the Scriptures on all fields where Southern Baptists are working, and if our present funds do not justify us in financing these plans, we will not hesitate to set aside other funds, or to appeal to the denomination for help. Our appeal is that Southern Baptists shall not be dependent upon others, but in a spirit of self-respect and co-operation, shall do their own Bible work as it ought to be done by a people whose fundamental contention is for the open Bible as the rule of faith and practice.

At a recent meeting the Board authorized an announcement through the various State Mission Boards offering to supply free a special edition of the New Testament bound in khaki and with an American flag on the cover, for distribution in the mobilization camps in the South. All requests for these to come through the state boards.

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At its January meeting the attention of the Board was called to the schools held in the various states under the auspices of the State Mission Boards, for preachers of limited opportunities. As a result, the Board voted to give the text-books used in these schools free of charge to the genuine *bona fide* students.

In accordance with this action, we have furnished books to Alabama and Arkansas, and have made a similar promise to Kentucky and Georgia. Donations already made amount to $1,267.85.

Many expressions have come to us from the pupils of these schools, expressing their pleasure and giving their promise of co-operation. We believe this is a field of great usefulness where the Board can be of service.

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For many years we have been doing a limited measure of advertising in the Baptist state papers. With January 1st, however, an experiment was started along this line. The amount of space used was more than doubled. The copy was so planned in advance as to systematically present the various lines of mer-

chandise we offer for sale. The experiment has proven to be successful, though the full force of such a campaign cannot be estimated for at least a year. Our dealing with the papers has been purely on a business basis, and will continue so, yet it is proper to record the appreciation of the men who control these papers under such great difficulties.

THE REGULAR WORK OF THE BOARD.

Book Publishing.—We have given special attention to the Board's book business. We have carried on an extensive business in books, and especially books of strictly denominational character or connected with our various training courses. There has been a very general demand that the Board's publishing work shall take on a larger scope. A general study of this subject shows that any successful book publishing on our part aside from books which are related to our training courses, must depend upon the solving of two fundamental questions: *First*, we must create better markets for our books. Our facilities for distribution are limited. We hope through our new sales department to overcome this difficulty. *Second*, we have not hitherto had adequate facilities for binding. It is now believed that improved facilities are being offered to us here, and if these do not prove satisfactory, we shall be compelled to have our binding done where we can get the best modern results.

In the meantime, the Board has issued during the year:

1. A memorial volume to Dr. Frost, containing his last sermon, a personal statement, and the relation of a remarkable experience. This booklet is for free distribution and is a memorial to Dr. Frost.

2. A Commentary on Philippians, by Dr. T. P. Bell. The concluding chapter being finished by Dr. William Lunsford. This is the sixth volume in our Commentary Series. Price, 75 cents.

3. "Church Organization and Finance," a manual for Baptist churches, prepared by a commission appointed at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Price, 60 cents.

4. The Life of Dr. R. J. Willingham, by Elizabeth W. Willingham. Price, $1.50.

We have also made arrangements for the immediate publication of several other books:

1. A Commentary on Hebrews, by Dr. S. J. Porter.

2. The first of a series of volumes by Dr. Len G. Broughton, presenting his weekly Bible lectures and outlines for use in public Bible classes.

3. "The Course of Christian History," by Dr. W. J. McGlothlin. This is a brief survey of church history prepared for young people and for class work in schools and colleges.

4. "The Intermediate Department of the Sunday School," by L. P. Leavell.

5. "Sunday School Architecture," by Dr. P. E. Burroughs. An unusually fine presentation of effective plans for Sunday school buildings.

6. By joint arrangement between the Sunday School Board and the American Baptist Publication Society, and by the desire of the author, we will publish in the South the new book on theology by Dr. E. Y. Mullins.

Other volumes are now being considered about which announcements will be made later. Among these is a song book for prayer meetings, evangelistic service, the Sunday school, etc.

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Tract Distribution.—At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention the Board reported the preparation of two tract series: A Denominational Series and an Evangelistic Series—twenty-two in all. At that time the first edition had been exhausted. Since that time we have had two additional printings, and in all 1,760,000 copies have been published, and practically all of these have been put into circulation. We are now furnishing these tracts free to all pastors upon application, not only in sets for general distribution, but also in packages of specially selected tracts for use in the every-member canvass or revival meeting. During the year this free distribution of tracts has cost the Board about $6,500.00. Let us emphasize again that these tracts are for pastors to use. We want them to be used. They are free, the only restriction being that they shall be used—not wasted. We are ready to cooperate with any pastor for an effective campaign on his field.

We believe this to be one of the most far-reaching of the Board's recent ventures. We had expected to have ready by this time an additional series, to be called the Church Work Series. Plans have been partly matured, but the events of the last few months have so occupied the time of those responsible for the preparation of these new tracts that it has been impossible to proceed with this and other series. We still have the matter in hand, however, and hope shortly to outline the topics and writers of this second series.

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Our Periodicals.—The periodicals of the Board have continued in popularity and our sales have greatly increased. We have made no addition during the last year to our list of publications in the Uniform Lessons. In the Graded Series we have

added a Third Year Senior Course on the Old Testament, prepared by Dr. J. R. Sampey. The most noticeable feature has been the increase in the sales of the Graded periodicals. The largest net increase during the year in any of the departments is to be credited to the Graded periodicals.

It must not be forgotten that the Board's life is vitally connected with its periodicals. These are the chief source of its revenue. Our profits from book-making will always be meager and the profit from church and Sunday school supplies is limited. The periodicals, however, for both the Uniform and the Graded Lessons are the source to which the Board must look for maintaining its work.

Many improvements should be made in these periodicals and especially in connection with the introduction of the Improved Uniform Lessons which begin with 1918. But all editorial plans must wait on the all-important question of increased costs and can hardly be even considered until we can see our way in the new conditions.

A table will be found at the conclusion of this report giving the list of the Board's periodicals with the prices of both the Uniform and Graded Lessons, and also a statement of circulation. We are sure this will be interesting to our people.

For members of the Southern Baptist Lesson Committee we nominate: E. C. Dargan, B. H. DeMent, J. B. Gambrell, J. P. Greene and J. R. Sampey, with the Corresponding and Editorial Secretaries of the Board.

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The B. Y. P. U.—The work of the Baptist Young People's Union has continued with great success. Our two special field workers, Mr. Arthur Flake and Mr. E. E. Lee, have to their credit a most remarkable movement for young people's work. The Board has also increased its appropriations to the states, and as a result several new State B. Y. P. U. Secretaries have been put in the field.

The relations between the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Young People's Union have been of the most intimate character. The great impetus in this work, however, comes in the various states where the B. Y. P. U. work is related directly to the State Mission Boards. It is well to understand that in the South the B. Y. P. U. work has been in a peculiar way related directly to our regular denominational organizations. State and city organization have come into existence and proved wonderfully serviceable, yet the work has been carried on through the

State Boards. The close relationship of all young people's organizations with our general denominational agencies has been one of the strong features of our work in the South, and accounts largely for its preeminent success. This has served to make our work compact, conservative and aggressive. The Sunday School Board has had the most intimate relations with all the state workers, and our plans for young people's work are heartily co-operated in by all these workers on our field.

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Special Days in the Sunday School.—The several special days which have become such a feature of our Sunday school life in the South have been carried through during this year as before. Missionary Day in the Sunday School, which is the last Sunday in March, is observed in connection with the Home and Foreign Boards, who bear the expense of exploitation, though we co-operate with them in all the plans and this year largely supervised the preparation of the material and its distribution. Baptist State-wide-go-to-Sunday School Day, on the last Sunday in September, is a great rally and state mission day. In the preparation for this day we co-operate with a committee of the organization of State Secretaries.

We shall this year, in co-operation with the Education Commission, do our part to help establish a new day, the last Sunday in June, to be devoted to Christian Education. A more detailed report of this will be made by the Education Commission. We are glad to co-operate with this new official agency of the Convention in doing all in our power to bring the subject of Christian education before our Sunday schools. Great things are expected through this day in June from an educational standpoint, though money returns are expected in most of the states.

By the establishment of these three special days we have been able to relate the Sunday school directly to our organized work for missions and education. We hope ultimately some plan may be worked out by which the Sunday schools may be as directly related to the philanthropic work of the denomination.

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Our Plans for the Training of Teachers.—These plans include:

The Convention Normal Course.
The Convention Post-Graduate Course.
The Lecture Course with Certificate.
The Reading Course with Certificate.

The most important of these and the one especially emphasized is the Convention Normal Course. Comprising eight courses of study and covering the lines of investigation and instruction most vital to the teacher, this Normal Course has demonstrated its power and usefulness in the inspiration and uplift of Sunday school workers. By Sunday school leaders in our own as well as in other denominations this continuous effort to train teachers and officers is regarded as the most practical and the most permanent of all methods ever adopted to secure better Sunday school fruitage. We have now passed the experimental stage and are able to see, in better Sunday school organization, in improved Sunday school housing, in more thorough teaching throughout our bounds, some first-fruits of the labors of these years.

The Board has expended much time and effort in seeking to bring the Normal Course itself up to the highest standard, to the end that both in content and in method the Course might yield the best results. In pursuance of this purpose, as is elsewhere announced, the Board has during the past year issued a book entitled "The Home Department of the Sunday School," written by Miss Lilian S. Forbes. This book has taken its place among the option departmental books in section 5, and has demonstrated its value. A new book to serve in this same section of the Normal Course entitled "The Intermediate Department of the Sunday School," written by Mr. L. P. Leavell, will be issued in a few weeks. A Guide for Teachers of the New Normal Manual has been recently issued and it is hoped that this Guide will serve well in encouraging workers to undertake the leading of our classes. Special and constant attention will be devoted to the effort to bring the Normal Course up to the highest efficiency that it may serve our people in the most effective ways.

The Board views with joy and satisfaction the increasing acceptance with which its efforts meet in this work of training teachers. As indicating the extent to which this work has found its way among our people, 38,792 workers hold our Diploma; 3,026 hold our Blue Seal; 186 hold our Gold Seal, the highest award ever devised in teacher training. As further indicating the reach of this movement, we mention that in its various editions the Normal Manual has reached a total issue of 137,000 copies, while the various books published by the Board for use in this Course have been sent out to the number of 227,448.

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The Field Work.—One new field secretary, Mr. H. L. Strickland, has been added to the force this year. He has already made

a name for himself as a worker of force and vision. Mr. L. P. Leavell is again serving as Professor of Sunday School Pedagogy at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for the spring term, and during this period is not available for our work. Our force is none too large for the work to be done. Perhaps the most pressing need is for a Junior B. Y. P. U. worker.

The Board has also given much consideration to its field work. Plans so far adopted are only tentative, as a work so vital must grow into shape. We have already perfected plans, however, by which the work will be carried on more systematically and with perhaps more clearly defined direction. Both the Board and the workers are now concerned to have this work directed so as to more adequately reach the smaller towns and country districts. We all recognize that the state Sunday school workers have done and will do most of this work. Accordingly we have increased our appropriations to these state workers, and announced our willingness to co-operate in all well-planned efforts to carry the Sunday school movement far and wide in city, town and country. Our own field force will welcome such new developments. What has been so magnificently done through the field forces of the Board and the states for the cities and the schools and colleges, has in a measure been done, and can and will be done in a greater measure, for the towns and the country.

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Our Organized Class Plans.—The developments of recent years have amply demonstrated both the wisdom of the Board's policy and the resourcefulness of our field forces in dealing with the delicate and difficult conditions arising in connection with organized class work. Without antagonizing other class movements, we offered our own classes, as follows:

The Convention Class for men and women.
The T. E. L. Class for mothers.
The Berean Class for young men.
The Fidelis Class for young women.
The King's Teacher Class for prospective teachers.

These classes have gradually won their way, increasing constantly in popularity and influence. Besides these special class names and schemes, which we have especially emphasied, we offer a complete schedule of names and plans for all classes from the Junior Department up through the Adult Department. Thus we have the most complete plans for organized classes ever offered by any denomination. During the past year we have made special

provision for the registration of Intermediate classes and have issued a suitable Registration Certificate especially for classes in this department. As indicating something of the extent to which our Organized Class Department is serving our people, 2,287 classes have enrolled with us and these classes have a total membership of 60,574.

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The Woman's Missionary Union.—This organization has co-operated with us with its accustomed effectiveness. In conference it was mutually agreed that it was not best to consolidate *Royal Service* with the new missionary magazine, but the co-operation promised along other lines has been most effective. The women have been our best helpers for *Home and Foreign Fields*, and without them it would hardly be possible to keep it going.

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As we present this, the twenty-sixth annual report of the Board, we do so believing that the year past has been one of the most important in our history. It has been above all else, a year of changes, yet we feel sure that the report which we have been able to bring shows that the work of the Board is today not below its best. Back of it all is the solid foundation of a quarter of a century, yet as we confront new times and new conditions we present the work to you with our face to this future.

We believe that every aspect of our work is today well organized and effective. We realize, however, that it is one thing to plan to reorganize and to rearrange, and another thing to accomplish. We feel confident, however, that in the new year to which you will send us we shall be able to do more effective work than ever in our history and to become more truly the servant of the denomination. Our mission is to affect the thinking of our people; it is to give; it is to help, sometimes with money but more often in greater ways of service. Though we face many business difficulties and may not have as large a profit to report, we do hope that in the greater things of service to the ideals and the spirit of our people we may go even beyond the measure of past years. God has helped us hitherto and he will still lead and bless. What the year shall bring of change to America and to this section we do not know, for no one knows. We know only that God will sit on his throne and rule, the one unchallenged King; that God's truth will be unchanged and that a new generation will be eagerly asking for guidance and instruction. In this spirit of alert and eager consecration we dedicate ourselves to the old tasks in a new day.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

April 30, 1917. *Cash Receipts.*

Balance on hand May 1, 1916		$ 30,605 48
Periodicals, merchandise, advertising space, etc	$497,853 60	
Interest on investment funds	15,951 79	
Contributions to Bible Fund and Colportage Fund	1,178 75	
Rent for rooms	837 00	515,821 14
		$546,426 62

Disbursements.

Denominational Work—		
Negro Theological Seminary	$ 8 75	
Laymen's Missionary Movement	75 80	
S. S. Council	53 50	
Baptist History	825 50	
Annual meeting of members	604 55	
Convention Annual S. B. C	720 79	
Convention exhibit	146 59	
Education Commission	1,700 00	
Expense Fund, W. M. U	438 75	
Lesson Committee (International and S. B. C.)	550 70	
State Mission Boards	12,300 00	
Home Mission Board	7,500 00	
Foreign Mission Board	7,500 00	
Educational Department	6,285 25	
S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work	29,379 81	
Training School Building Fund, W. M .U	10,000 00	
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	600 00	
Special meeting of State members	511 48	
Old Ministers' Fund (special fund held for investment pending further action by the Convention)	100,000 00	
	$179,201 47	
Graded—		
Literature, printing, manuscripts	$ 27,494 11	
Periodicals—		
Paper, composition, presswork, binding	125,207 12	
Lesson pictures, lesson cards	18,516 30	
Mailing Department—		
Salaries and extra help	8,801 05	
Wrapping paper, etc	6,910 79	
Postage on periodicals	20,981 84	
Editorial Department—		
Secretary's salary	$3,600 00	
Stenographers and printing	1,490 00	
Manuscripts	9,222 70	
Electros and illustrations	5,136 41	
Traveling expenses of editor	121 25	19,570 36
Home and Foreign Fields—		
Furniture and fixtures	$ 1,220 49	
Salary and traveling expenses of editor	1,101 16	
Salary of clerks	1,420 04	
Printing, mailing and postage	11,584 76	15,326 45
Miscellaneous—		
Merchandise purchased—Books, Bibles, Testaments, song books, etc		42,886 34
Merchandise manufactured—Books, Records, Class Books, etc		11,679 36
		$297,373 72
Operating Expenses—		
Advertising in denominational papers and otherwise		$ 2,749 96
Blank books and stationery		2,876 68
Circulars and order blanks and postage on same		3,057 69
General expenses (sundry items)		6,742 35
Freight and express		5,958 47
Furniture and fixtures (bought during year)		1,021 55
Insurance (paid for during year)		415 82
Light, fuel and water		1,164 13

Maintenance and improvements	$ 306 45	
Money refunded and forwarded	1,982 43	
Postage on circulars and letters	4,783 56	
Salaries—Bookkeepers, Order Clerks and extra help	21,020 54	
Salary Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer (continued to Mrs. J. M. Frost from October 30th to May 1st)	4,200 00	
Traveling expenses of Cor. Secretary and others	860 85	
	$ 57,140 48	
Total for Denominational Work, Manufacturing Periodicals, Miscellaneous and Operating Expenses		533,715 67
Balance on hand to date		$ 12,710 95

Memorandum of Invested Funds—		
Cash and securities on hand May 1, 1916	$255,000 00	
Added during year	100,000 00	
Balance cash and securities	$355,000 00	

I have carefully examined the books of the Board, especially as to Dr. J. M. Frost's and R. M. Turner's connection with same, and find them correct.

I have also examined the securities kept by Dr. Frost and find them intact.

This examination is from May 1, 1916, to the time of the death of each of these brethren (December, 1916).

ROGER EASTMAN, *Auditor.*

December 16, 1916.

I have had the books and foregoing account of I. J. Van Ness, Treasurer, examined by Allen B. Fisher, Certified Public Accountant, who has certified to them as being correct, and have myself verified the balances and securities and find them correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

F. P. PROVOST, *Auditor.*

April 30, 1917.

Report of Business Condition.

April 30, 1917. *Resources.*			
Loans with securities (including $100,000 Ministerial Relief Fund)		$355,000 00	
Real estate and office equipment:			
Furniture and fixtures	$ 6,552 04		
New building and lot	220,000 00	226,552 04	
Current resources:			
Merchandise, Periodicals, Graded Lessons, as per invoice	$ 38,690 48		
Accounts, unpaid subscriptions	40,855 79		
Accounts due from agents	6,557 83		
Cash in bank and office	12,710 95		
Insurance still in force	800 00	99,615 05	
Total resources			$681,167 09
Liabilities.			
Bowen-Jewell Stock	1,000 00		
Three Book Endowments	1,500 00	$ 2,500 00	
Balance, net resources		$678,667 09	$681,167 09

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Reserve Fund	$ 50,000 00
Endowment and Equipment Fund	160,000 00
Permanent Bible Fund	45,000 00
Ministerial Relief Fund	100,000 00

Book Endowments.

No. 1 Matthew T. Yates Publishing Fund, Given by the Board, December 31, 1897	500 00
No. 2. Eva Garvey Publishing Fund, Given by B. E. Garvey, January 21, 1899	500 00
No. 3. Constance Pollock Publishing Fund, Given by P. D. Pollock, LL.D., President Mercer University, March 8, 1902	500 00

Annuity Gift.

No. 1. Given June 5, 1899	1,000 00

ANNUAL TABULAR STATEMENT.

Year	Total Receipts	Current Bible Fund	Perma't Bible Fd.	Appropriations	Reserve Fund.	Building Fund.	Seminary Guarantee Fund.	Net Assets.
1892	$19,574 83	$ 14 50	This fund came from the business earnings.	$ 355 32	----------	Since completion of new build'g (1913) this represents an equipment fund.	The designation of this fund is for the convenience of the Board.	$4,081 63
1893	43,078 71	----------		4,717 82	----------			7,562 94
1894	48,539 16	45 66		3,857 15	----------			9,876 51
1895	58,099 59	7 82		5,916 83	$ 1,000 00			11,786 17
1896	63,141 12	----------		9,912 01	2,500 00			14,312 30
1897	66,280 41	91 31		11,477 09	†			22,511 63
1898	*64,626 90	673 16		11,855 40	10,000 00			32,787 76
1899	66,766 35	1,374 04		13,688 28	19,000 00			39,818 93
1900	71,602 42	1,306 97		14,538 18	30,000 00			52,819 38
1901	78,810 97	3,130 95		14,786 47	44,000 00			68,359 53
1902	89,345 71	4,088 44		16,087 17	50,000 00	$12,000 00		84,314 22
1903	97,518 45	4,156 67		17,171 59	‡21,251 10	¶----------		106,281 81
1904	109,782 76	5,323 76		21,096 46	32,000 00	----------		118,435 04
1905	120,088 40	4,500 15	$ 5,115 00	21,782 90	42,000 00	5,115 00		133,810 44
1906	146,468 31	4,222 00	7,000 00	27,204 86	50,000 00	10,000 00	$ 6,000 00	156,913 35
1907	161,439 07	3,200 30	10,000 00	28,287 00	50,000 00	25,000 00	10,500 00	181,042 10
1908	179,020 37	5,155 29	10,000 00	50,513 62	50,000 00	31,000 00	11,000 00	195,060 96
1909	205,362 17	4,553 10	12,000 00	39,701 15	50,000 00	50,000 00	15,000 00	227,714 47
1910	234,836 46	2,990 63	12,000 00	50,900 01	50,000 00	60,000 00	15,000 00	251,444 38
1911	278,446 69	4,027 21	12,000 00	61,143 26	50,000 00	68,500 00	15,000 00	275,435 31
1912	300,276 51	3,210 80	12,000 00	51,390 15	50,000 00	68,500 00	‖----------	306,267 91
1913	338,145 70	4,915 94	13,000 00	52,770 87	50,000 00	§----------	----------	487,753 74
1914	374,383 33	4,099 15	25,000 00	53,602 95	50,000 00	160,000 00	----------	556,277 20
1915	401,956 37	959 91	40,000 00	81,808 11	50,000 00	160,000 00	----------	591,078 78
1916	452,729 24	966 87	45,000 00	121,793 52	50,000 00	160,000 00	----------	613,408 67
1917	515,821 14	1,178 75	45,000 00	179,201 47	50,000 00	160,000 00	**100,000 00	678,667 09

*Reduction in price of periodicals.
†Used in buying Cherry Street House.
‡Drawn on to buy Church Street House.
¶Used to purchase Church Street House
‖Used in purchase of Eighth Avenue property.
§Used in new building.
**Ministerial Relief Fund.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

From May 1, 1916 to April 30, 1917.

DENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES BY STATES.	CASH.	PERIODICALS	BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.		BOOKS AND TRACTS.			TOTAL VALUE.
		Value.	Copies.	Value.	Copies Books.	Copies Tracts.	Value.	
Alabama	$ 300 00	$ 137 72	364	$ 192 83	1,797	87,144	$ 1,239 68	$ 1,870 23
Arkansas	800 00	297 10			2,276	61,180	810 24	1,907 34
Florida	500 00	26 49	30	6 90	163	45,552	291 20	824 59
Georgia	1,000 00	275 26	6	42	1,700	92,885	1,285 14	2,560 82
Illinois	500 00	83 44	443	19 00	77	40,377	213 08	815 52
Kentucky	1,600 00	363 41	1,861	271 39	2,523	103,305	1,030 03	3,264 83
Louisiana	500 00	74 81				45,036	542 11	1,116 92
Maryland	500 00	43 81	1,125	99 64	16	18,906	117 79	761 24
Mississippi	1,000 00	69 85	36	8 64	83	68,261	396 57	1,475 06
Missouri		108 43	74	19 20	33	102,117	582 48	710 11
New Mexico	500 00	45 26	2	2 50	2	13,916	98 85	646 61
North Carolina	1,000 00	240 79	1	3 00	131	86,107	522 30	1,766 09
Oklahoma	1,000 00	109 85			2,011	7,3531	646 02	1,755 87
South Carolina	800 00	82 73	1,099	343 53	2,080	59,342	544 55	1,770 81
Tennessee	800 00	684 66	265	117 92	255	100,007	649 39	2,251 97
Texas	1,000 00	363 15	284	65 27	625	209,857	1,276 92	2,705 34
Virginia	500 00	134 22	51	15 25	515	147,030	812 86	1,462 33
Other States		58 45			54	33,805	69 73	128 18
Home Mission Board	7,500 00							7,500 00
Foreign Mission Board	7,500 00	177 94						7,677 94
Field Work, Sunday School Board	29,379 81							29,379 81
Southwestern Theological Seminary	600 00							600 00
Baptist Training School, W. M. U. Fund	10,000 00							10,000 00
Total	$67,279 81	$3,377 37	5,641	$1,165 49	14,341	1,389,158	$11,128 94	$82,951 61

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, MAY 1, 1916, TO MAY 1, 1917.

With hushed hearts the Union would express to your Board its sympathy in the loss of Dr. J. M. Frost. His notable career as your corresponding secretary was almost coincident with the life of the Union, and during these many years he was its sincere friend and unfailing counsellor. His signal interest in the W. M. U. Training School is known to all and is gratefully cherished in every W. M. U. heart, but only the files at the Nashville and Baltimore headquarters can reveal the many other ways in which he carefully safeguarded Union interests. In a very true sense your loss is ours.

With sincere gratitude we would also thank your acting corresponding secretary, Dr. I. J. Van Ness, for his genuine co-operation during the past year. This has been especially manifested in the regular remittances to our expense fund, in the generous space given to the W. M. U. department in *Home and Foreign Fields*, and in the splendid $10,000 gift to the building fund of the W. M. U. Training School. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Van Ness at the cornerstone laying of this building, which is now rapidly progressing. The contract calls for its completion by the middle of July, but the almost unprecedented severity of the winter greatly retarded the work and there is little hope of the building being finished in July. It is, however, confidently expected that it shall be ready by the opening of the school term in October. By that time it is also hoped that the entire $150,000 for this building and its equipment will have been paid in or guaranteed by good pledges. On April 15 over $106,000 of this total had been thus secured in cash or certified pledges.

In June a meeting was held with Dr. Van Ness of the committee directly concerned with the publishing of *Royal Service*. At this meeting the plans of the consolidated magazine were discussed, in the unfolding of which it became very evident that the new magazine did not purpose covering the work done by the Union's monthly, *Royal Service*. It was, therefore, definitely decided to continue the publication of *Royal Service*, but that the Union should also contribute a regular monthly W. M. U. department in the consolidated magazine and should endeavor to gain subscriptions to it. The monthly department has been reg-

ularly contributed, and the editor of the magazine has announced that over 90 per cent of its subscribers are women.

As usual, our members have been interested in making contributions to your Current and Permanent Bible and Colportage Fund and in assisting toward the observance of missionary day in the Sunday school. From almost every state word comes that this assistance was valuable to the success of the day.

With great interest the book department plans of your Board have been read. It is the earnest hope of many Union workers that after the New Orleans meeting it may be able to secure the services of this department in the immediate publishing and sale of a Manual of W. M. U. Methods. May your success in this and every other department of your work be abundantly blessed during the coming year.

MRS. W. C. JAMES,
President.

KATHLEEN MALLORY,
Corresponding Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATES.

Name of States.	*Bible Fund.*
Alabama	$ 131 83
Arkansas	25
Florida	35 57
Georgia	12 00
Illinois	1 54
Kentucky	181 81
Louisiana	19 29
Maryland	35 01
Mississippi	100 00
Missouri	17 64
New Mexico	
North Carolina	4 25
Oklahoma	8 75
South Carolina	390 85
Tennessee	64 78
Texas	18 93
Virginia	150 25
Mixed	6 00
Total	$1,178 75

RECEIPTS FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

1892-1895	$	169,202 29
1896-1899		260,814 78
1900-1903		337,277 55
1904-1907		537,778 54
1908-1911		897,665 69
1912-1915		1,414,761 91
1916-1917		968,550 38
Total	$	4,586,051 14

RECEIVED FOR THE BIBLE FUND (INCLUDED ABOVE).

1892-1895	$	67 98
1896-1899		2,138 51
1900-1903		12,683 03
1904-1907		17,246 21
1908-1911		16,726 23
1912-1915		12,225 89
1916-1917		2,145 62
Total	$	63,233 47

THE BOARD'S GIFTS TO BENEVOLENCE AND MISSIONS.

1892-1895	$	14,547 12
1896-1899		46,932 87
1900-1903		62,583 41
1904-1907		98,371 22
1908-1911		202,258 04
1912-1915		239,602 08
1916-1917		204,745 13
Total	$	869,039 87

THESE GIFTS WERE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

Periodicals to Mission Sunday Schools	$	80,825 00
Field Work of Sunday School Board		305,069 50
To the Several States through State Boards		173,515 95
To the Foreign Mission Board		85,920 38
The Chinese Publication Society		12,700 00
Brazil Publishing Society		3,000 00
To the Home Mission Board		61,008 08
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary		60,246 60
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary		12,100 00
To the Woman's Missionary Union		7,800 00
The Woman's Training School		40,587 83
Ministerial Relief Fund		100,000 00
To Other Denominational Interests		24,372 13
Total	$	967,145 47

INVESTMENTS FROM BUSINESS EARNINGS.

Furniture and Fixtures	$	6,552 04
Permanent Bible Fund		45,000 00
Reserve Fund		50,000 00
New Building and Lot, Eighth Avenue		220,000 00
Equipment Fund from Sale of Church Street Property		160,000 00
Other Assets (of current business)		99,615 05
Total	$	581,167 09

STATEMENT OF TEACHER TRAINING WORK TO APRIL 30, 1917.

	Total to Date.			Post Graduate Work —To Date—	
	Diplomas.	Red.	Blue.	Incomplete. Diplomas.	Complete. Diplomas.
Alabama	3,187	592	310	70	27
Arkansas	858	162	63	4	3
Florida	759	108	43	8	3
Georgia	4,035	519	258	71	20
Illinois	529	87	43	5	2
Kentucky	4,847	961	551	45	21
Louisiana	1,606	257	134	16	5
Maryland	180	44	6	0	0
Mississippi	3,356	479	214	28	14
Missouri	1,311	242	110	17	7
New Mexico	120	4	1	0	0
North Carolina	4,211	490	157	12	5
Oklahoma	1,632	212	113	23	10
South Carolina	1,489	149	77	4	2
Tennessee	2,008	488	242	62	24
Texas	7,012	1,071	569	96	50
Virginia	2,203	354	144	11	2
Dist. of Columbia	63	9	6	0	0
Foreign	325	88	46	2	1
Total	39,731	6,316	3,087	474	196

STATEMENT OF A-1 SCHOOLS AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS ENROLLMENTS, TO APRIL 30, 1917.

	A-1 Schools. Total to Date.	Enrollment Total to Date.	Total Enrollment.
Alabama	20	147	2,816
Arkansas	1	53	1,086
Florida	3	42	908
Georgia	30	157	3,233
Illinois	2	19	761
Kentucky	8	61	1,605
Louisiana	3	58	1,387
Maryland	0	18	382
Mississippi	17	69	1,422
Missouri	2	49	1,038
New Mexico	0	6	103
North Carolina	16	558	17,335
Oklahoma	5	46	934
South Carolina	1	128	3,801
Tennessee	5	123	2,885
Texas	15	419	10,660
Virginia	7	369	10,946
Foreign	0	3	58
Total	135	2,325	61,360

CIRCULATIONS OF THE BOARD'S PERIODICALS.

Uniform Series:	
Home Department Magazine	64,000
Teacher	58,000
Superintendent's Quarterly	7,000
Adult Bible Class Quarterly	210,000
Advanced Quarterly	600,000
Intermediate Quarterly	295,000
Junior Quarterly	320,000
Children's Quarterly	155,000
Lesson Leaf	80,000
Primary Leaf	25,000
B. Y. P. U. Quarterly	98,000
Junior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly	24,000
Kind Words	98,000
Youth's Kind Words	7,000
Baptist Boys and Girls	58,000
Child's Gem	56,000
Organized Class Magazine	9,500
Bible Lesson Pictures	2,250
Picture Lesson Cards	275,000
Graded Series:	
Beginners Teacher, First Year	1,495
Pupil's, First Year	31,850
Pictures, First Year	490
Beginners' Teacher, Second Year	1,146
Pupil's, Second Year	21,075
Pictures, Second Year	337
Primary Teacher, First Year	1,300
Pupil's, First Year	24,500
Pictures, First Year	389
Primary Teacher, Second Year	1,200
Pupil's, Second Year	22,550
Pictures, Second Year	305
Primary Teacher, Third Year	990
Pupil's, Third Year	19,550
Pictures, Third Year	268
Junior Teacher, First Year	1,550
Pupil's, First Year	22,700
Junior Teacher, Second Year	1,335
Pupil's, Second Year	19,460
Junior Teacher, Third Year	1,150
Pupil's, Third Year	17,100
Junior Teacher, Fourth Year	1,000
Pupil's, Fourth Year	14,300
Intermediate Teacher, First Year	1,080
Pupil's, First Year	13,875
Intermediate Teacher, Second Year	845
Pupil's, Second Year	11,000
Intermediate Teacher, Third Year	675
Pupil's, Third Year	8,050
Intermediate Teacher, Fourth Year	485
Pupil's, Fourth Year	5,600
Senior Teacher, First Year	250
Pupil's, First Year	4,600
Senior Teacher, Second Year	210
Pupil's, Second Year	3,425
Senior Teacher, Third Year	68
Pupil's, Third Year	1,150

Sunday School Board Workers—

I. J. Van Ness Editorial Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
P. E. Burroughs, Educational Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Field Secretaries—

B. W. Spilman, Kinston, North Carolina.
L. P. Leavell, Oxford, Mississippi.
H. Beauchamp, Dallas, Texas.
E. E. Lee, Dallas, Texas.
Arthur Flake, Baldwyn, Mississippi.
W. S. Wiley, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Elementary Helpers—

Miss A. L. Williams, Birmingham, Alabama.
Miss Margaret A. Frost, Nashville, Tenn.

Under the State Mission Boards—

Harry L. Strickland, Birmingham, Alabama.
Doak S. Campbell, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Rev. W. W. Willian, Jacksonville, Florida.
George W. Andrews, Atlanta, Georgia.
Thomas C. Ury, Jonesboro, Illinois.
Rev. Walter L. Brock, Louisville, Kentucky.
J. B. Moseley, Shreveport, Louisiana.
Rev. Kingman A. Handy, Baltimore, Maryland.
J. E. Byrd, Mount Olive, Mississippi.
————, Missouri.
C. Ross Payne, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, North Carolina.
Rev. W. D. Moorer, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Rev. Thomas J. Watts, Columbia, South Carolina.
W. D. Hudgins, Estill Springs, Tennessee.
William P. Phillips, Dallas, Texas.
Rev. Joseph T. Watts, Richmond, Virginia.

APPENDIX D.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Compiled by LANSING BURROWS, Statistician,
From the Associational Minutes of 1916,
Save in the Instances Which
Are Indicated by *

ALABAMA.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools.		Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions.			
				Number.	Enrollment.		Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
1 Alabama	14	33	913	12	474	$ 7 200	$ 514 91	$ 77 61	$ 51 63	$ 644 15
2 Antioch	14	20	924	11	571	9 550	2,291 80	251 65	77 62	2,621 07
3 Baldwin Co	21	91	1,219	14	951	25 275	12,788 12	399 42	138 83	13,326 37
4 Bethel	30	161	2,917	25	2,130	56,800	6,183 08	917 05	328 78	7,428 91
5 Bethlehem	29	87	2,618	18	1,181	23,300	3,218 70	710 14	323 72	4,252 56
6 Bibb Co	33	158	3,404	33	2,311	33,198	6,288 83	970 54	429 49	7,688 86
7 Big Bear Creek	39	127	2,776	27	1,640	13,000	2,198 57	162 90	39 22	2,400 69
8 Bigbee	26	49	1,476	16	1,173	39,875	6,858 22	1,270 34	467 75	8,596 31
9 Birmingham	77	477	13,268	70	12273	558,048	83,700 03	12,934 59	5,636 53	102,271 15
10 Blount Co	41	189	3,250	30	2,439	27,385	4,912 05	209 59	205 23	5,326 87
11 Butler Co	31	149	2,960	26	1,631	45,350	7,178 93	1,393 66	514 89	9,087 48
12 Cahaba	29	79	2,809	27	1,328	63,800	8,134 31	1,917 03	894 55	10,945 89
13 Calhoun Co	54	447	6,821	50	4,101	145,500	17,324 72	6,229 41	1,463 66	25,017 79
14 Carey	32	118	3,384	19	2,162	66,940	18,083 94	806 01	832 48	19,722 43
15 Cedar Bluff	17	72	1,160	15	968	8,200	1,711 11	102 45	218 81	2,032 37
16 Centennial	16	20	1,072	14	665	28,575	3,967 29	814 96	355 10	5,137 35
17 Central	18	58	1,659	15	830	24,100	2,858 95	312 74	205 98	3,377 67
18 Cherokee Co	26	137	2,050	25	1,395	18,400	2,672 20	265 64	357 09	3,294 93
19 Chilton Co	25	152	3,162	16	1,040	20,000	2,197 45	138 10	115 89	2,451 44
20 Clarke Co	48	276	5,096	37	2,215	57,492	8,750 46	3,329 14	364 48	12,444 08
21 Clay Co	23	92	2,189	19	1,526	13,475	3,694 92	127 29	97 47	3,919 68
22 Clear Creek	40	241	3,003	17	1,153	18,100	7,094 85	103 15	86 79	7,284 79
23 Cleburne	28	157	2,461	16	1,176	20,000	1,381 37	59 47	1,803 37	3,244 21
24 Coffee Co	27	198	3,747	17	2,164	57,140	5,107 11	797 31	299 46	6,203 88
25 Colbert	16	78	2,151	13	1,048	41,750	6,771 46	654 88	284 82	7,711 16
26 Columbia	47	271	5,909	39	3,000	85,000	9,559 34	906 30	652 63	11,118 27
27 Conecuh Co	25	121	2,366	24	1,585	42,000	5,029 94	1,299 75	238 28	6,567 97
28 Coosa River	42	270	5,105	37	2,731	111,000	18,104 78	2,753 03	1,233 86	22,091 67
29 Coosa Valley	14	67	1,556	11	1,200	12,600	1,787 80	222 29	184 84	2,194 93
30 Crenshaw Co	18	125	1,594	13	1,000	14,850	2,240 94	442 82	340 07	3,023 83
31 Cullman	53	349	4,666	34	2,764	52,400	8,375 47	730 30	733 59	9,839 36
32 Dale Co	31	259	4,013	29	2,422	39,450	6,438 12	793 09	304 56	7,535 77
33 DeKalb Co	52	330	4,558	40	3,142	30,145	6,610 00	583 86	320 90	7,514 76
34 Elmore Co	26	145	2,998	22	1,861	35,235	6,152 55	885 39	629 13	7,667 07
35 Escambia	28	181	2,446	21	1,651	47,380	10,982 18	1,190 66	375 24	12,548 08
36 Etowah	35	348	3,657	30	3,515	76,200	11,251 30	1,215 15	533 02	12,999 47
37 Eufaula	19	81	2,059	12	913	55,325	5,494 17	1,421 97	615 83	7,531 97
38 Geneva	25	167	2,832	22	2,106	30,985	6,047 74	578 23	429 00	7,054 97
39 Gilliam Springs	25	189	2,260	23	2,000	10,660	1,640 59	74 67	37 51	1,752 77

ALABAMA—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
40 Harmony Grove	14	63	1,090	10	761	$ 12,900	$ 1,567 05	$ 107 65	$ 38 50	$ 1,713 20
41 Judson	22	104	2,637	18	1,471	38,125	3,637 47	395 40	422 58	4,455 45
42 Lamar Co	13	28	830	7	400	6,950	1,367 87	219 50	110 83	1,698 20
43 Lauderdale	17	38	1,263	7	670	30,200	4,659 42	593 43	216 41	5,469 26
44 Liberty East	24	113	3,223	20	1,904	60,000	7,532 93	1,951 57	1,091 38	10,575 88
45 Limestone Co†	15	122	1,375	12	1,457	19,511	4,216 46	608 42	277 53	5,102 41
46 Macedonia	15	30	836	12	419	4,100	1,306 20	94 93	38 96	1,440 09
47 Madison Lib'ty‡	19	75	1,912	16	1,272	43,960	11,258 94	971 09	548 97	12,779 00
48 Marshall	35	304	4,571	31	2,970	38,480	7,634 22	1,539 35	514 78	9,688 35
49 Mineral Springs	13	77	890	11	690	7,550	1,232 99	77 55	55 56	1,366 10
50 Mobile	28	221	3,561	24	3,103	243,005	26,868 04	4,055 96	1,403 49	32,327 49
51 Montgomery	25	194	4,051	21	3,139	252,300	22,709 29	4,415 30	1,777 71	28,902 30
52 Mt. Carmel*	15	------	827	6	400	5,000	152 83	21 65	7 30	181 78
53 Mud Creek	20	------	867	3	200	5,700	500 00	20 00	20 00	540 00
54 Muscell Shoals	49	367	5,635	40	3,361	109,910	18,757 62	2,751 52	1,288 39	22,797 53
55 New River	17	45	1,474	11	626	12,470	50 55	20 72	23 55	94 82
56 North River	39	222	3,669	27	2,512	39,800	9,058 74	943 21	455 51	10,457 46
57 North St. Clair	23	102	1,748	21	1,400	18,200	3,442 94	136 09	191 21	3,770 24
58 Pine Barren	22	52	1,398	14	837	25,200	5,283 86	1,073 55	581 78	6,939 19
59 Pleasant Grove	15	65	861	10	561	4,528	1,098 19	56 67	63 94	1,218 80
60 Randolph Co	30	156	3,257	27	2,050	53,950	4,109 46	1,418 27	631 49	6,159 22
61 Russell Co	17	43	1,640	16	1,217	36,880	9,091 78	761 76	188 60	10,042 14
62 Salem Troy	28	149	2,978	18	1,600	81,000	7,478 31	2,255 27	829 88	10,563 46
63 Sardis	16	101	1,422	9	900	6,600	455 95	27 98	33 58	517 51
64 Selma	19	115	2,003	17	1,252	113,600	11,609 57	3,582 49	2,641 34	17,833 40
65 Shady Grove	22	41	1,707	19	955	9,100	1,914 53	73 28	59 99	2,047 80
66 Shelby Co	31	117	2,775	27	2,156	41,300	7,185 98	791 37	687 24	8,664 59
67 Sipsey	16	55	1,430	11	475	9,180	712 10	27 62	24 51	764 23
68 Sulphur Spgs	16	80	1,274	13	887	8,725	1,595 90	179 74	359 73	2,135 37
69 Tallapoosa	22	135	2,734	17	1,409	10,663	7,755 61	2,010 27	877 39	10,643 27
70 Tennessee River	35	136	3,038	32	2,094	28,765	5,144 73	573 83	722 05	6,440 61
71 Tuscaloosa	38	312	5,164	35	3,862	106,595	15,766 63	2,871 55	1,653 50	20,291 68
72 Tuskegee	29	138	2,641	27	2,171	85,875	12,618 80	2,101 83	848 09	15,568 72
73 Union	38	174	3,589	30	2,267	42,800	7,510 06	1,258 50	366 27	9,134 83
74 Unity	32	178	3,445	31	2,377	32,500	7,829 52	714 44	471 20	9,015 16
75 Washington	20	110	1,500	15	954	18,850	4,118 26	401 27	210 99	4,730 52
76 Weogufka*	18	------	1,140	3	125	5,000	------	------	------	------
77 Zion	41	408	4,491	33	2,200	74,500	9,561 23	1,037 57	1,122 68	11,721 48
Total	2126	11,548	213,432	1640	135741	$3,809,455	$575,392 37	$88,193 18	$43,079 01	$703,664 56

*No minutes received; last reported figures.
†New Association.
‡Formerly *Liberty North, Southwestern* is reported disbanded.

ARKANSAS.

1 Bartholomew	76	608	7,050	43	3,497	$ 103,300	$ 720 04	$ 483 04	$ 1,272 17	$ 2,835 25
2 Benton Co., 1	22	87	1,442	12	675	11,000	3,148 64	168 76	289 23	3,606 63
3 Benton Co., 2	16	65	1,488	14	1,103	32,800	7,429 99	836 47	198 73	8,465 19
4 Big Creek	16	39	931	3	321	4,000	207 65	59 75	10 90	278 30
5 Black River	14	47	825	9	939	29,100	4,758 08	561 52	821 54	6,141 14
6 Blue Mountain*	15	------	936	2	------	10,000	------	------	------	------
7 Buckner	43	327	3,255	29	2,069	23,000	9,710 33	1,264 95	521 28	11,496 56
8 Buckville	27	25	1,414	14	600	5,800	263 05	148 93	20 15	432 13
9 Caddo River	15	38	720	3	150	5,900	1,094 87	148 67	160 95	1,404 49
10 Caddo Valley*	8	------	319	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
11 Carey†	17	72	1,457	11	919	28,600	5,448 61	495 11	407 65	6,351 37
12 Caroline	74	606	9,733	52	5,756	364,950	40,243 33	9,805 56	18,272 46	68,321 35
13 Carroll Co	14	33	1,273	10	659	23,000	3,722 15	46 07	218 20	3,986 42
14 Clear Creek	27	112	1,846	11	671	24,000	3,882 91	864 05	277 71	5,024 67
15 Columbia	42	175	3,439	12	750	24,000	76 21	609 94	417 03	1,103 18

ARKANSAS—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
16 Concord	44	373	4,267	24	2,914	$ 114,450	$ 18,036 20	$ 2,265 29	$ 2,555 01	$ 22,856 50
17 Crooked Creek	29	171	1,500	12	650	5,000	2,652 45	882 59	361 69	3,896 73
18 Current River	20	71	1,534	10	450	9,900	2,257 71	10 00	41 60	2,309 31
19 Dardanelle	44	308	2,920	18	1,557	37,000	6,268 04	1,372 38	833 47	8,473 89
20 Fayetteville	30	128	2,400	19	2,006	64,200	5,569 55	1,128 93	343 32	7,041 80
21 Fourche Valley	18	67	862	11	559	5,625	1,943 11	385 65	258 28	2,587 04
22 Friendship	24	299	3,784	23	1,882	92,800	16,010 83	3,305 59	2,622 13	21,938 55
23 Gainesville	42	190	3,413	23	1,000	35,600	10,602 69	734 27	589 68	11,926 64
24 Grand Prairie	34	130	1,986	10	500	18,750	9,994 78	1,165 77	1,021 63	12,182 18
25 Greenbrier	35	258	3,334	14	1,500	49,450	6,124 63	1,802 08	410 11	8,336 82
26 Hope	26	130	2,798	10	1,563	131,500	15,060 22	5,129 29	3,639 15	23,828 66
27 Howard Co	27	103	1,812	12	------	8,000	1,956 65	242 29	143 10	2,342 04
28 Independence	32	212	2,061	13	500	29,100	2,057 16	580 06	593 95	3,231 17
29 Jonesboro	19	78	1,438	9	450	9,350	1,373 21	233 69	86 18	1,693 08
30 Judson	32	97	2,194	17	898	13,350	2,235 33	106 82	152 68	2,494 83
31 Liberty	47	237	4,595	38	2,800	62,100	13,048 06	5,835 65	2,410 44	21,294 15
32 Little Red River	11	153	1,203	9	820	7,500	2,990 49	562 49	539 01	4,091 99
33 Little River	16	54	1,572	10	------	32,800	4,635 55	1,013 05	1,035 29	6,683 89
34 Madison Co	11	14	321	----	------	2,000	206 18	66 85	4 30	277 33
35 Mount Vernon	32	192	2,321	19	1,865	106,000	17,494 70	2,633 38	3,110 88	21,438 96
36 Mount Zion	64	576	5,284	45	4,343	195,868	45,418 64	3,819 95	3,039 48	52,278 07
37 Ouachita*	20	------	1,177	16	1,133	16,728	2,600 00	500 00	100 00	3,200 00
38 Pee Dee	16	25	670	4	250	4,000	252 10	89 40	18 41	359 91
39 Pike Co	17	46	1,234	9	650	4,450	1,114 12	64 54	57 23	1,235 89
40 Pine Bluff	55	274	4,710	30	2,238	27,300	7,749 25	427 88	961 39	9,138 52
41 Pulaski Co.‡	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
42 Red River	32	228	4,265	25	2,316	69,850	9,802 81	2,033 09	2,991 84	14,827 74
43 Rocky Bayou	30	99	1,909	6	------	6,500	1,251 92	302 56	68 96	1,623 44
44 Russellville	28	200	1,786	26	2,007	24,100	2,019 42	942 70	325 73	3,287 85
45 Saline	52	241	4,372	31	2,323	95,000	7,923 78	1,218 92	437 55	9,580 25
46 Southwestern*	16	------	642	----	------	10,000	----	----	----	----
47 Spring River	21	36	1,275	5	250	10,000	1,043 94	54 11	99 35	1,197 40
48 State Line	9	16	665	6	200	3,500	302 98	176 43	----------	479 41
49 Stevens Creek*	30	------	1,388	10	400	3,000	----	----	----	----
50 Trace Ridge	8	18	266	5	------	7,500	13 81	5 85	5 85	25 51
51 Union*	30	------	3,000	21	2,000	3,000	----	----	----	----
52 Union, 2	12	10	500	----	------	9,000	8 20	----------	----------	8 20
53 United*	28	------	1,875	8	550	8,250	2,500 00	250 00	----------	2,750 00
54 White River	24	129	1,419	13	552	11,500	1,760 96	535 06	815 46	3,111 48
Total	1488	7,397	118,930	786	59,243	$2,031,770	$304,985 33	$55,729 43	$50,761 15	$411,475 91

*No minutes received; last reported figures.
†New Association.
‡New Association, whose statistics are principally in Caroline Association.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(Co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.)

1 Columbia	10	461	5,215	10	6,132	$ 501,600	$ 58,199 53	$10,567 25	$ 5,919 51	$ 74,686 29

Note—This entire Association consists of 22 churches, three of which contribute through this Convention and seven practically dividing with it and the Northern Convention, it being impossible to show this division. The entire body has a membership of 10,201, reporting 694 baptisms, a total Sunday school enrollment of 12,018, church property of $1,106,800, and total contributions of $291,572.12.

FLORIDA.

1 Alachua	21	44	1,626	20	1,447	$ 37,860	$ 8,237 02	$ 826 16	$ 217 72	$ 9,280 90
2 Bethel	25	139	1,672	20	1,030	9,983	1,664 34	187 86	566 14	2,418 34
3 Beulah	17	86	1,286	11	839	32,300	5,411 70	725 94	646 77	6,784 41
4 Black Creek	17	65	787	6	272	5,608	1,507 47	175 07	58 17	1,740 71
5 Caloosa†	----	------	----------	----	------	----------	----------	----------	----------	----------
6 Central	12	73	946	8	550	13,760	2,200 03	196 43	107 95	2,504 41

FLORIDA—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
7 Florida	41	172	2,640	27	2,082	$ 90,850	$ 13,912 65	$ 1,485 06	$ 491 39	$ 15,898 10
8 Graves	40	143	2,345	19	880	22,920	2,435 52	1,218 08	228 37	3,881 97
9 Harmony*	18	------	1,343	11	880	21,546	2,250 00	50 00	75 00	2,375 00
10 Indian River	11	26	506	8	557	27,600	5,007 46	984 54	274 51	6,266 51
11 Jacksonville	33	181	3,704	24	3,120	357,723	28,705 17	2,758 88	1,110 66	32,574 71
12 Lafayette	21	108	1,537	5	180	4,500	766 67	67 38	12 60	846 65
13 Little River*	4	------	399	4	214	3,475	400 00	30 00	----------	430 00
14 Marion	38	158	2,555	24	1,832	70,035	13,269 08	1,451 18	940 18	15,660 44
15 Miami	11	122	1,461	10	1,292	96,947	10,666 21	2,003 35	844 01	13,513 57
16 Middle Florida	40	154	3,134	16	1,108	28,716	6,991 47	954 73	704 67	8,650 87
17 New River	14	37	919	7	330	12,000	1,477 62	262 34	34 46	1,774 42
18 New Santa Rosa	24	77	1,508	16	1,077	12,300	1,743 03	86 47	7 00	1,836 50
19 Pasco	17	25	1,024	12	750	19,680	3,180 98	462 49	65 93	3,709 40
20 Peace River	49	186	3,768	28	2,637	102,089	22,435 78	2,750 94	3,721 53	28,908 25
21 Pensacola Bay	25	110	2,375	24	1,654	56,742	7,983 80	868 85	781 36	9,634 01
22 Rocky Creek	18	78	1,048	7	294	6,041	147 06	90 75	27 35	265 16
23 St. Johns River	23	103	1,584	16	820	52,673	11,747 26	840 05	415 38	13,002 69
24 Santa Fe River	18	40	1,682	14	972	53,615	7,117 45	1,031 38	593 72	8,742 55
25 Seminole	23	169	2,115	18	2,109	126,805	28,320 03	2,695 06	985 10	32,000 19
26 South Florida	60	309	4,916	35	3,436	128,375	26,851 73	3,490 75	3,352 78	33,695 26
27 Suwanee	25	63	2,121	11	734	39,180	4,309 67	686 25	134 25	5,130 17
28 Tampa Bay	31	337	4,607	36	4,123	279,700	38,372 32	10,873 35	1,914 97	51,160 64
29 Wekiva	26	130	2,038	18	2,061	108,150	17,296 14	1,818 76	654 13	19,769 03
30 West Florida	45	156	3,428	29	2,303	71,512	18,789 76	2,473 27	1,736 56	22,999 59
Total	747	3,291	59,074	484	39,583	$1,892,683	$293,206 42	$41,545 37	$20,702 66	$355,454 45

*No minutes received; last reported figures.
†New Association whose figures are included in *Peace River*.

GEORGIA.

1 Appalachee	32	257	4,131	27	2,667	$ 100,070	$ 13,457 35	$ 1,488 90	$ 1,322 44	$ 16,268 69
2 Atlanta	50	874	18,061	66	14,361	1,120,825	136,859 64	23,923 72	12,544 76	173,328 12
3 Baptist Union	11	65	849	7	477	17,775	1,936 90	143 23	295 93	2,376 06
4 Bethel	47	265	4,718	35	3,095	118,165	19,879 26	3,636 68	2,622 21	26,138 15
5 Bethlehen	8	41	1,072	4	140	4,000	128 45	6 95	13 75	149 15
6 Bowen	36	227	2,602	25	1,821	37,901	10,212 64	1,197 95	489 02	11,899 61
7 Bullock Co	20	150	2,416	20	1,464	44,760	6,987 24	1,532 39	852 04	9,371 67
8 Campbell	19	129	2,243	16	1,225	20,750	4,864 47	761 82	509 56	6,135 85
9 Carrollton	32	242	4,730	27	2,879	109,230	11,720 77	1,270 36	563 45	13,554 58
10 Catoosa Co	13	37	1,255	13	1,500	11,625	2,365 16	104 44	103 17	2,572 77
11 Centennial	23	135	2,588	16	1,397	70,020	7,467 13	1,324 48	940 37	9,731 98
12 Central	33	137	2,983	30	2,364	70,763	12,400 95	2,643 39	1,501 85	16,546 19
13 Central Western	11	44	1,200	3	150	5,000	26 79	24 92	6 85	58 56
14 Chattahoochee	39	319	7,702	36	4,610	117,260	11,373 38	2,016 74	985 19	14,375 31
15 Chattooga	24	87	2,546	19	1,630	30,400	3,989 40	763 26	410 06	5,162 72
16 Chestatee	13	42	956	----	------	1,500	17 90	----------	----------	17 90
17 Clarkesville	17	68	1,690	14	1,035	10,485	1,160 70	364 24	270 46	1,795 40
18 Colquitt Co	30	243	3,335	24	2,199	82,905	12,869 32	7,427 98	2,986 62	23,283 92
19 Columbus	31	278	4,135	27	2,450	166,235	16,841 41	6,108 80	1,140 26	24,090 47
20 Concord	21	224	2,775	23	2,330	27,826	3,563 04	369 98	233 82	4,166 84
21 Consolation*	28	------	2,743	31	2,361	20,250	5,000 00	1,500 00	500 00	7,000 00
22 Coosa	23	175	3,118	23	2,469	34,450	33,541 34	691 11	472 21	34,704 66
23 Coosawattie	7	39	544	6	332	2,000	15 00	----------	7 72	22 72
24 Daniell	35	233	3,451	30	2,178	40,120	9,710 81	1,327 98	865 03	11,903 82
25 Dodge Co	32	205	2,824	27	1,680	26,515	4,846 04	527 71	610 68	5,984 43
26 Ebenezer	27	81	2,183	15	914	23,500	4,612 71	481 14	381 94	5,475 79
27 Ellijay	16	37	1,115	14	200	4,000	53 21	24 70	----------	77 91
28 Emanuel	21	97	1,680	14	993	31,000	6,469 92	364 25	310 05	7,144 22
29 Enon	17	90	1,943	13	651	7,950	682 66	51 50	24 85	759 01
30 Fairburn	27	240	3,398	24	1,879	42,950	5,947 90	488 28	473 55	6,909 73
31 Flint River	44	234	5,946	38	3,714	137,375	18,672 87	6,223 23	3,666 03	28,562 13

GEORGIA—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
32 Floyd Co.	36	207	6,125	37	4,444	$ 84,466	$ 17,507 82	$ 3,015 87	$ 2,535 37	$ 23,059 06
33 Friendship	45	214	4,413	33	4,254	133,950	20,342 95	4,034 56	1,487 76	25,865 27
34 Georgia	49	475	7,131	50	4,907	140,640	23,419 37	7,228 92	4,136 72	34,785 01
35 Gilmer-Fannin	6	18	546	5	------	----------	64 60	----------	----------	64 60
36 Good Samaritan	12	59	978	8	458	8,515	420 57	35 14	44 57	500 28
37 Gordon Co.	25	102	3,487	21	1,762	36,500	4,256 56	412 45	306 43	4,975 44
38 Haralson Co.†	13	64	1,505	11	888	14,000	2,757 31	542 63	939 17	4,239 11
39 Hebron	43	442	7,569	40	4,172	74,538	14,054 20	4,013 40	2,017 28	20,084 88
40 Hepzibah	45	436	6,342	34	3,983	230,100	34,784 18	8,302 82	4,041 76	47,128 76
41 Hiawassee	14	50	1,502	14	812	7,500	824 65	133 06	131 69	1,089 40
42 Hightower	57	328	9,485	38	2,858	49,903	6,020 97	117 30	175 90	6,314 17
43 Houston	27	165	3,397	23	2,958	102,550	16,518 30	3,294 31	1,822 17	21,634 78
44 Jasper	38	122	5,365	9	435	12,500	49 15	----------	4 37	53 52
45 Kilpatrick	29	154	3,510	26	2,487	60,600	9,066 52	1,376 29	896 90	11,339 71
46 Kimbell	20	121	2,495	20	1,873	62,700	8,855 22	1,436 24	742 13	11,033 59
47 Laurens	40	274	4,822	31	2,750	88,970	11,474 16	3,659 93	1,258 15	16,392 24
48 Lawrenceville	33	247	3,961	30	3,166	54,001	14,146 51	661 57	692 46	15,500 54
49 Liberty	26	115	2,965	18	1,712	26,100	2,622 59	233 98	218 33	3,074 90
50 Little River	43	380	5,273	36	3,196	89,133	22,759 81	2,803 79	2,016 22	27,579 82
51 Lookout Valley	11	20	521	10	586	2,325	278 72	26 88	27 97	333 57
52 Mallary	23	87	2,948	22	1,805	92,819	10,643 50	1,332 53	853 16	12,829 19
53 Mell	30	172	3,750	25	2,930	99,160	24,056 02	10,041 79	715 35	34,813 16
54 Mercer	23	148	2,895	20	1,864	95,885	16,895 44	3,823 94	1,990 27	22,709 65
55 Middle	39	218	4,843	38	2,306	75,695	17,291 25	2,675 83	1,833 40	21,800 48
56 Middle Cherokee	28	168	3,488	19	2,471	103,500	9,027 41	1,264 15	764 97	11,056 52
57 Miller	8	35	690	1	23	3,500	1,104 21	78 05	----------	1,182 26
58 Morganton	16	114	1,857	16	1,335	16,300	2,023 52	366 96	188 44	2,578 92
59 Mountain	14	16	1,012	7	------	6,000	157 90	15 30	----------	173 20
60 Mountaintown	14	25	1,027	9	472	5,500	148 50	101 25	25 00	274 75
61 Mount Vernon	24	194	3,090	22	1,775	45,575	7,126 03	684 86	742 91	8,553 80
62 Mulberry	23	210	3,734	22	1,680	25,250	2,757 55	207 76	150 75	3,116 06
63 New Hope	32	100	2,444	2	------	11,800	49 31	10 00	24 98	84 29
64 New Sunbury	25	229	4,898	23	2,704	157,692	26,282 96	4,259 87	2,824 67	33,367 50
65 New Union	9	22	634	5	348	7,500	835 06	48 30	5 00	888 36
66 Noonday	31	229	5,431	29	4,496	112,000	17,716 12	3,342 54	2,480 76	23,539 42
67 North Georgia	40	130	4,973	33	3,054	59,305	6,287 78	495 77	292 78	7,076 33
68 Notla River	21	57	1,778	20	1,311	7,500	479 26	33 36	37 32	549 94
69 Piedmont	49	163	4,299	33	2,810	128,617	19,240 57	961 27	4,861 38	25,063 22
70 Pine Mountain	26	58	2,295	22	1,473	38,625	5,685 94	797 95	427 28	6,911 17
71 Pleasant Grove	15	83	1,369	9	580	----------	35 35	----------	44 85	80 20
72 Pleasant Valley	22	80	1,909	10	530	----------	28 10	----------	10 00	38 10
73 Polk Co.	19	90	2,421	17	1,893	40,315	5,132 16	809 47	667 23	6,608 86
74 Pulaski Co.	22	187	2,756	21	1,842	39,790	9,056 05	2,042 47	1,179 90	12,278 42
75 Rabun Co.	15	102	1,525	15	1,341	11,980	1,537 50	118 92	133 16	1,789 58
76 Rehoboth	40	376	6,694	42	5,480	315,575	52,779 60	14,298 56	7,889 75	74,967 91
77 Roswell	15	75	1,511	10	786	14,200	984 80	42 67	71 91	1,099 38
78 Salem	12	43	835	9	500	4,850	10 00	----------	----------	10 00
79 Sarepta	60	428	10,029	51	6,440	235,000	33,596 39	7,290 26	2,832 51	43,719 16
80 Smyrna	30	195	2,568	21	1,468	48,000	9,301 14	430 84	694 97	10,426 95
81 South River	17	52	1,824	17	1,194	15,000	1,038 68	39 89	84 22	1,162 79
82 Southwestern	11	48	758	5	278	6,000	10 60	49 36	4 31	64 27
83 Stone Mountain	21	73	2,638	20	1,932	89,975	10,048 64	1,354 10	833 25	12,235 99
84 Summerhill	18	108	1,490	14	1,040	40,600	6,324 19	1,162 59	485 67	7,972 45
85 Tallapoosa	18	141	2,501	18	1,410	21,410	3,533 26	192 66	162 07	3,887 99
86 Tattnall	17	188	1,731	12	965	20,515	1,617 88	1,173 80	613 29	3,404 97
87 Taylor	15	79	1,598	9	715	28,720	2,357 02	651 44	292 76	3,301 22
88 Telfair	23	64	1,842	16	956	32,200	4,671 77	442 22	390 80	5,504 79
89 Tucker	28	232	3,211	17	1,534	70,144	7,190 89	1,902 46	892 80	9,986 15
90 Tugalo	39	439	6,835	40	3,841	56,465	9,559 34	1,979 06	1,150 03	12,688 43
91 Turner	21	75	1,692	11	870	18,740	4,529 46	655 57	353 79	5,538 82
92 Valdosta	34	235	3,270	18	1,460	107,700	15,309 36	2,065 03	1,021 56	18,395 95
93 Washington	33	203	4,705	31	3,072	145,450	18,527 95	4,274 38	2,446 83	25,249 16
94 Western	55	381	7,219	44	3,963	190,600	38,335 51	6,133 72	5,739 62	50,208 85
Total	2269	15,440	311,341	2063	184499	$6,469,305	$915,342 90	181,811 55	101,666 89	1,198,821 34

*No minutes received; last reported figures. †Formerly *Harmony*.

ILLINOIS.

(Co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.)

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
1 Alton*	40	319	6,447	33	5,834	$ 259,835	$ 43,042 55	$11,844 82	$ 1,948 83	$ 56,836 20
2 Antioch	12	102	716	----	----	----------	533 91	789 19	----------	1,323 10
3 Apple Creek	10	7	772	7	398	20,000	3,244 95	209 50	38 00	3,492 45
4 Bay Creek	7	18	685	5	310	8,175	1,204 50	57 97	6 75	1,269 22
5 Big Saline	21	56	1,367	7	414	20,000	23 50	50 05	----------	73 55
6 Central	16	51	1,717	15	1,200	48,300	6,511 70	150 31	93 78	6,755 79
7 Clear Creek	45	357	4,989	38	2,655	70,475	12,699 66	2,113 00	517 00	15,329 66
8 Fairfield	28	160	4,478	25	2,200	90,250	9,221 44	1,618 99	299 85	11,140 28
9 Franklin	35	189	3,833	31	2,479	53,845	14,180 45	1,646 00	965 00	16,791 45
10 Kaskaskia	26	174	1,922	24	1,045	43,450	6,225 48	981 57	66 99	7,274 04
11 Louisville	18	45	1,573	12	995	32,700	4,937 01	530 43	57 54	5,524 98
12 Macoupin	27	97	2,919	21	1,871	73,560	12,481 16	906 56	----------	13,387 72
13 Mattoon	9	14	519	6	397	7,240	965 28	99 84	8 73	1,073 85
14 Mount Erie	28	167	2,267	23	1,560	25,535	4,591 37	1,542 76	76 00	6,210 13
15 Nine Mile	34	227	4,726	25	2,852	129,550	17,262 74	3,283 20	1,116 52	21,662 46
16 Olney	13	75	961	11	683	27,000	1,967 07	362 96	141 15	2,471 18
17 Palestine	23	83	1,774	17	1,397	30,880	7,986 07	1,150 22	462 88	9,599 17
18 Rehoboth	34	150	2,863	27	1,812	54,915	7,723 89	1,232 91	103 44	9,060 24
19 Salem, South	27	88	2,371	24	1,651	20,670	8,218 44	723 50	106 83	9,048 77
20 Saline Co	27	392	3,571	19	4,071	133,295	8,901 19	1,419 65	2,517 99	12,838 83
21 Sandy Creek	37	64	3,497	33	1,964	54,200	6,122 73	1,089 82	25 13	7,237 68
22 Shelby	8	10	499	6	340	5,000	2,064 72	----------	----------	2,064 72
23 Union	31	190	2,227	15	1,283	35,980	6,562 55	404 38	335 15	7,302 08
24 Westfield	10	32	1,145	9	857	23,240	4,596 13	346 87	84 36	5,027 36
25 Williamson	34	289	5,351	21	2,978	126,865	18,980 18	2,463 47	1,807 55	24,251 20
Total	600	3,356	63,189	454	41,246	$ 1,394,960	$211,248 67	$35,017 97	$10,779 47	$257,046 11

*Only partially co-operating.

KENTUCKY.

1 Allen	23	208	2,761	16	1,404	$ 34,500	$ 5,607 62	$ 787 48	$ 145 91	$ 6,541 01
2 Baptist	15	149	2,525	14	1,144	43,100	15,841 78	474 15	429 66	16,745 59
3 Barren River	50	200	5,330	18	1,195	35,200	2,933 43	746 27	42 73	3,722 43
4 Bell Co	40	265	2,761	32	1,866	32,400	14,520 12	381 04	52 07	14,953 23
5 Bethel	42	444	6,567	40	4,062	256,759	33,221 51	10,366 32	4,215 38	47,803 21
6 Blackford	26	148	2,960	21	1,686	26,000	1,910 15	723 72	47 10	2,680 97
7 Blood River	43	376	5,698	31	2,987	53,750	13,341 01	5,777 70	1,358 83	20,477 54
8 Boones Creek	18	91	2,480	15	1,744	107,700	36,369 91	2,245 34	1,152 49	39,767 74
9 Booneville	29	101	2,401	16	1,000	5,500	----------	8 71	20 65	29 36
10 Bracken	31	147	3,163	34	2,319	157,050	37,270 72	2,083 95	2,243 56	41,598 23
11 Breckinridge	16	124	2,122	14	1,117	21,700	4,870 14	712 79	98 81	5,681 74
12 Campbell Co	18	192	2,902	18	2,982	112,250	18,915 07	3,256 11	2,338 02	24,509 20
13 Central	13	143	2,555	13	1,625	71,900	8,977 48	1,048 68	1,199 37	11,225 53
14 Clover Bottom	9	------	546	----	------	----------	6 71	----------	----------	6 71
15 Concord	24	118	3,673	18	1,773	71,500	10,705 48	1,721 16	1,278 79	13,705 43
16 Crittenden	18	146	2,608	16	1,066	26,700	350 22	801 73	267 08	1,419 03
17 Daviess Co	46	284	8,792	39	4,707	198,400	36,442 28	6,219 50	1,018 06	43,679 84
18 East Lynn	12	55	,1928	11	592	12,000	2,259 53	331 10	138 11	2,728 74
19 East Union	24	198	2,678	14	2,139	65,109	11,541 80	2,631 98	933 40	15,107 18
20 Edmonson	15	72	1,433	10	630	8,000	1,247 48	176 52	12 21	1,436 21
21 Elkhorn	31	517	9,144	33	6,153	486,500	56,459 95	11,885 11	3,092 30	71,437 36
22 Enterprise	25	93	1,335	20	1,555	41,450	5,333 53	1,055 69	994 79	7,385 01
23 Franklin*	14	------	3,496	15	2,015	57,400	8,530 85	2,235 26	631 66	11,397 77
24 Freedom	13	34	1,005	12	761	12,950	1,293 79	169 40	115 00	1,578 19
25 Gasper River	21	------	2,395	21	1,375	23,000	1,918 51	308 21	70 00	2,296 72

KENTUCKY—*Continued.*

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26	Goose Creek*	12	------	1,679	----	------	$ 5,700	----------	----------	----------	----------
27	Goshen	17	63	1,503	10	956	20,000	$ 3,932 31	$ 1,284 47	$ 466 55	$ 5,683 33
28	Graves Co	32	153	4,486	22	3,334	88,300	12,894 33	4,208 52	851 08	17,953 93
29	Green River	21	65	1,785	----	------	4,000	20 95	3 75	17 55	42 25
30	Greenup	39	151	2,938	31	2,960	104,355	12,146 64	1,275 05	277 71	13,699 40
31	Greenville	12	24	608	2	70	3,500	15 00	44 43	8 25	67 68
32	Henry Co	11	69	1,942	10	1,127	35,800	6,457 66	1,737 13	1,415 03	9,609 82
33	Irvine	20	70	1,598	5	530	6,575	413 51	34 45	5 00	452 96
34	Landmark	11	11	1,157	5	225	4,000	187 85	----------	----------	187 85
35	Laurel River	36	210	3,744	20	1,885	17,600	2,101 59	123 85	111 70	2,337 14
36	Liberty	42	244	4,849	22	1,812	59,350	11,081 94	1,475 52	645 60	13,203 06
37	Little Bethel	36	214	5,506	27	2,222	87,506	20,835 13	1,062 10	796 49	22,693 72
38	Little River	49	298	6,004	33	2,832	70,070	15,156 06	3,961 54	4,842 36	23,959 96
39	Logan Co	21	156	2,304	15	918	20,100	2,266 41	739 55	448 79	3,454 75
40	Long Run	49	831	16,187	53	11,602	865,818	125,622 41	31,186 51	2,128 38	158,937 30
41	Lynn	31	353	4,693	21	1,948	34,675	4,387 70	540 81	186 22	5,114 73
42	Lynn Camp	19	141	1,771	12	610	9,100	790 72	15 00	72 83	778 55
43	Mount Zion	30	290	3984	20	2,084	60,000	9,584 41	4,051 05	11,091 64	24,727 10
44	Muhlenberg	38	268	5,198	34	3,062	72,600	8,034 23	1,800 66	1,153 30	10,988 19
45	Nelson	21	217	4,057	18	1,956	114,300	12,540 33	3,308 27	1,552 37	17,400 97
46	North Bend	23	387	4,321	27	3,787	195,150	29,687 50	3,177 58	967 65	33,832 73
47	North Concord	26	31	2,152	12	715	11,700	2,368 09	378 21	2,252 28	4,998 58
48	Ohio Co	40	169	5,633	36	3,540	55,700	8,730 46	945 65	566 84	10,242 95
49	Ohio River	39	270	4,168	33	2,510	67,900	15,773 03	3,028 67	1,000 83	19,802 53
50	Ohio Valley	39	353	6,110	29	3,827	184,400	33,053 69	4,568 13	1,836 90	39,458 72
51	Oneida	10	22	672	4	478	7,500	208 96	214 70	67 27	490 93
52	Owen	10	44	1,651	8	615	10,700	1,757 95	415 00	48 10	2,221 05
53	Pulaski Co	36	261	4,546	32	3,536	61,300	12,030 80	1,899 27	1,833 02	15,763 09
54	Rockcastle	27	283	2,917	23	2,105	16,900	2,540 85	285 31	183 65	3,009 81
55	Russell Co.†	25	67	1,561	15	902	10,820	2,105 76	435 54	11 23	2,552 53
56	Russells Creek	42	176	4,578	30	1,946	87,700	26,301 25	1,742 21	1,549 56	29,593 02
57	Salem	25	172	3,225	19	1,790	46,800	24,147 77	1,184 33	316 28	25,648 38
58	Severn Valley	21	258	3,605	20	1,908	52,200	10,226 99	3,365 49	1,049 64	14,642 12
59	Shelby	23	294	4,606	22	2,240	95,100	13,488 53	3,173 79	2,507 67	19,169 99
60	Simpson	13	117	2,279	12	1,096	35,300	6,819 43	2,231 19	932 16	9,982 78
61	South Concord	16	131	2,214	10	865	8,300	287 42	19 50	----------	306 92
62	South District	29	523	6,112	28	3,429	93,650	26,774 72	5,411 79	1,205 75	33,392 26
63	South Kentucky	22	258	2,672	19	1,573	28,300	6,221 88	1,355 48	286 24	7,863 60
64	South Union	24	114	2,404	14	864	10,650	167 75	5 00	14 71	187 46
65	Stocktons Val.†	6	26	694	1	136	4,125	50 00	----------	7 00	57 00
66	Sulphur Fork	20	138	3,177	20	1,590	74,533	8,342 38	1,534 96	611 83	10,489 17
67	Tates Creek	25	313	4,110	23	2,076	61,350	13,070 55	854 15	379 22	14,303 92
68	Ten Mile	15	96	2,611	12	745	27,600	5,690 87	738 98	352 65	6,782 50
69	Three Forks*	19	------	1,679	23	1,850	36,100	870 15	400 90	229 79	1,500 84
70	Union	21	129	2,184	14	1,306	88,700	22,471 27	1,340 19	1,369 11	25,180 57
71	Upper Cumberland	16	162	986	9	872	7,000	3,438 31	167 44	170 10	3,775 85
72	Warren	26	141	4,482	19	2,380	174,950	12,210 42	2,446 08	1,435 10	16,091 60
73	Wayne Co	22	95	2,230	15	1,136	32,000	2,890 39	724 29	145 77	3,760 45
74	West Kentucky	38	237	3,957	30	2,878	86,675	10,486 28	1,574 98	691 21	12,752 47
75	West Union	30	296	4,750	24	3,278	130,200	25,562 22	4,852 91	3,033 81	33,448 94
76	Whites Run	12	98	1,902	12	1,123	34,950	6,675 33	1,514 99	1,026 12	9,216 44
	Total	1903	13,595	256,814	1446	145126	$5,492,420	$656,356 81	122,493 04	$57,056 09	$835,905 94

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†Tennessee churches not included.
‡New Association.

LOUISIANA.

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1 Amite River	19	110	1,732	10	520	$ 12,400	$ 1,796 34	$ 142 41	$ 106 90	$ 2,045 74
2 Bayou Macon	22	221	2,428	16	1,371	80 000	12,015 49	2,700 24	2,054 55	16,770 28
3 Bethlehem	39	332	3,613	24	1,528	30,500	8,000 73	681 01	1,191 19	9,872 93
4 Big Creek	30	302	3,733	20	1,860	25,000	15,185 87	850 68	709 85	16,746 40
5 Caddo	18	277	3,523	14	1,817	143,700	22,429 65	7,588 27	1,473 97	31,491 89
6 Calcasieu	45	546	3,886	30	2,262	144,000	12,535 32	794 09	476 66	13,806 07
7 Carey	29	174	2,556	18	1,944	80,700	15,351 45	3,357 06	2,950 17	21,658 68
8 Central	28	226	2,728	13	1,068	23,000	6,546 40	699 18	880 41	8,125 99
9 Concord	28	179	3,437	21	1,403	35,658	4,728 71	711 25	416 91	5,856 87
10 Deer Creek	25	180	2,350	16	1,202	----------	5,446 45	902 83	1,487 53	7,836 81
11 Eastern	28	135	3,119	22	1,493	15,700	3,525 49	377 94	588 77	4,492 20
12 Everett	27	180	2,503	12	543	20,000	2,395 89	167 15	136 10	2,699 14
13 Grand Cane	25	195	2,423	20	1,818	28,605	12,086 75	6,551 60	5,098 75	23,737 10
14 Judson	9	115	1,224	11	1,075	35,489	8,696 08	2,005 42	1,728 70	12,430 20
15 Liberty	21	90	2,566	12	1,200	49,486	8,243 69	1,921 01	888 90	11,053 66
16 Louisiana	22	197	3,069	20	1,940	66,686	13,802 09	4,003 69	2,643 90	20,449 68
17 Magees Creek	6	61	1,070	6	400	3,650	1,291 58	71 07	29 25	1,391 90
18 Mount Olive	25	317	2,552	11	1,048	19,413	6,848 67	622 38	799 10	8,270 15
19 Natchitoches	15	93	1,113	12	908	14,050	2,928 66	254 92	255 60	3,439 18
20 No. Louisiana	15	45	997	10	499	9,500	2,534 37	200 98	160 61	2,895 90
21 North Sabine	28	120	2,899	24	1,554	24,000	3,795 93	583 44	824 85	5,204 22
22 Orleans St. Tammany	16	58	1,915	17	1,562	239,200	16,377 19	1,997 18	1,628 55	20,002 92
23 Ouachita	39	168	2,452	22	1,750	20,250	3,292 10	354 80	312 22	3,957 12
24 Palestine	8	28	513	----	----------	----------	271 60	40 90	----------	312 50
25 Red River	38	157	4,292	23	1,383	30,600	6,322 80	868 22	632 56	7,823 58
26 Sabine	26	96	2,194	16	791	11,350	2,418 34	103 42	196 65	2,718 41
27 Shady Grove	14	90	1,088	10	428	4,000	500 73	15 25	47 75	563 73
28 State Line*	7	------	591	----	----------	----------	200 00	75 00	----------	275 00
29 Tangipahoa	16	104	1,647	12	1,000	17,935	8,337 84	560 87	971 55	9,870 26
30 Vernon	37	185	3,013	15	1,742	14,500	4,622 87	570 25	571 03	5,764 15
31 Washington	21	126	2,669	17	2,137	25,300	9,621 21	875 97	899 50	11,396 68
32 West Pearl River*	12	------	1,024	8	350	6,000	----------	----------	----------	----------
Total	738	5,107	74,919	482	38,476	$ 1,230,672	$222,150 29	$40,648 48	$30,162 57	$292,961 34

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MARYLAND.

1 Eastern	27	477	4,277	28	4,704	$ 355,775	$ 37,370 56	$ 8,009 52	$ 1,535 12	$ 46,915 20
2 Middle	23	425	4,105	21	4,196	353,000	44,984 01	28,044 74	5,231 92	78,260 67
3 Western	34	685	6,362	31	5,791	600,200	62,697 68	11,743 59	2,312 43	76,753 70
Total	84	1,587	14,744	80	14,891	$ 1,308,975	$145,052 25	$47,797 85	$ 9,079 47	$201,929 57

MISSISSIPPI.

1 Aberdeen	33	199	3,055	23	2,338	$ 70,800	$ 17,759 09	$ 3,602 22	$ 1,831 13	$ 23,192 44
2 Bay Springs	28	109	2,935	19	1,780	36,800	5,310 11	940 62	201 71	6,452 44
3 Bethel	8	14	702	----	------	3,000	25 05	2 50	----------	27 55
4 Bogue Chitto	21	310	4,265	22	2,127	50,000	16,607 01	2,754 79	2,543 40	21,905 20
5 Calhoun	43	188	4,215	17	1,304	22,100	2,189 36	683 69	180 01	3,053 06
6 Carey	14	80	1,596	11	500	35,500	5,712 76	1,158 88	338 80	7,210 44
7 Central	40	272	5,965	31	3,241	235,400	27,970 07	8,913 93	5,190 29	42,074 29
8 Chester	36	187	4,130	21	1,376	34,300	3,735 68	696 94	378 07	4,810 69
9 Chickasahay	32	150	2,942	22	1,806	44,800	7,237 87	1,267 55	1,173 00	9,678 42
10 Chickasaw	44	237	5,386	30	2,751	35,510	6,368 49	2,855 15	835 26	10,058 90
11 Choctaw	17	64	1,188	8	350	10,000	26 55	68 06	30 10	124 71
12 Coldwater	43	287	4,148	35	2,581	87,250	17,991 02	3,595 88	6,194 16	27,781 06
13 Columbus	26	102	3,079	20	2,600	165,000	20,576 36	4,093 97	3,894 94	28,565 27
14 Copiah	25	262	4,222	25	2,241	49,675	12,119 75	2,930 42	3,243 12	18,293 29
15 Deer Creek	33	164	3,176	23	2,300	227,914	42,512 50	8,681 00	6,427 00	57,620 50

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16 Gulf Coast	30	232	2,693	22	2,210	$ 81,400	$ 13,861 92	$ 1,876 74	$ 1,976 80	$ 17,715 46
17 Harmony	29	119	2,096	12	650	15,000	2,211 30	603 68	153 77	2,968 75
18 Hobolochitto	30	63	2,660	17	1,334	28,950	4,853 95	376 99	455 25	5,686 19
19 Hopewell	21	162	1,842	14	550	8,900	5,459 47	1,071 79	702 57	7,233 83
20 Jeff'n Davis Co.	13	52	2,094	11	930	17,500	4,390 37	1,063 17	828 55	6,282 09
21 Jones Co.†	29	192	3,506	19	2,041	36,516	9,079 61	1,754 78	593 43	11,427 82
22 Judson	23	58	2,457	5	261	7,000	1,986 58	31 70	23 60	2,041 88
23 Kosciusko	37	206	3,862	18	1,213	26,000	4,541 95	1,491 83	1,862 33	7,896 11
24 Lauderdale	29	595	4,743	27	4,004	126,550	21,470 38	5,229 19	6,810 62	33,510 19
25 Lawrence Co.*	21	.....	2,778	22	1,400	22,600	4,000 00	1,000 00	.....	5,000 00
26 Leaf River*	17	.....	1,615	15	1,150	12,700	3,000 00	350 00	300 00	3,650 00
27 Lebanon	21	214	4,294	18	2,978	112,430	36,511 32	3,494 46	3,319 82	43,325 60
28 Liberty	19	60	1,483	12	800	12,000	1,367 68	58 61	57 51	1,483 80
29 Lincoln Co.	38	349	5,973	36	3,341	79,150	18,177 45	2,452 64	1,586 49	22,216 58
30 Louisville	31	193	3,241	22	1,396	44,530	24,866 15	1,050 33	170 63	2,687 11
31 Mississippi	27	232	4,152	28	2,064	39,275	10,866 67	1,749 22	1,062 72	13,678 61
32 Monroe	14	76	1,122	9	500	19,600	3,021 88	503 01	372 03	3,896 92
33 Montgomery†	16	138	1,725	11	1,131	30,000	6,819 60	533 47	854 16	8,207 23
34 Mount Pisgah	45	247	3,669	24	1,743	21,250	4,521 41	550 90	472 06	5,544 37
35 New Choctaw	7	12	148	5	80	1,756	80 54	53 46	.....	134 00
36 New Liberty	52	210	4,592	25	1,563	23,000	2,940 72	390 87	77 95	3,409 54
37 Oktibbeha	25	123	2,352	11	663	18,000	2,642 27	264 87	.....	2,907 14
38 Oxford	27	181	3,102	17	1,459	76,000	11,063 52	2,693 86	3,116 93	16,874 31
39 Pearl Leaf	24	115	3,160	22	2,043	28,117	6,569 03	1,483 11	1,259 99	9,312 13
40 Pearl River	19	120	2,667	16	1,504	44,800	5,594 30	1,327 47	1,104 89	8,026 66
41 Pearl Valley*	20	.....	1,200	7	.....	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
42 Perry Co.*	13	.....	985	11	680	9,450	1,500 00	200 00	.....	1,700 50
43 Rankin Co.	26	79	2,737	20	1,150	20,800	3,046 40	933 50	457 07	4,436 97
44 Red Creek	32	97	1,800	6	298	10,000	71 45	342 63	.....	414 08
45 Strong River	30	146	4,071	24	2,560	25,820	5,649 00	1,295 10	699 61	7,643 71
46 Sunflower	31	114	1,556	17	1,380	59,950	28,846 41	4,452 30	3,454 19	36,752 90
47 Tallahala‡	8	.....	462	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48 Tippah	32	213	3,866	16	1,455	35,000	9,721 24	2,173 05	1,208 57	13,102 86
49 Tishomingo	48	823	4,569	20	2,106	79,310	16,567 31	2,008 67	1,568 08	20,144 06
50 Tombigbee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51 Trinity	23	120	2,470	15	650	12,000	1,484 47	161 63	70 20	1,716 30
52 Union	17	55	1,107	10	461	19,393	3,479 62	770 22	546 31	4,796 15
53 Walthall	12	199	2,642	8	.....	.....	11,503 76	539 30	644 89	12,687 95
54 West Judson	29	.....	4,432	12	800	30,500	6,521 96	2,097 89	3,464 50	12,084 35
55 Yalobusha	28	91	2,392	20	1,494	52,300	9,472 51	1,851 83	813 75	12,138 09
56 Yazoo	46	156	4,106	27	1,819	45,600	11,855 41	1,520 39	1,810 78	15,186 58
57 Zion	25	98	3,331	15	1,443	35,000	4,373 22	840 67	350 27	5,564 16
Total	1507	8,765	164,750	975	74,599	$2,504,146	$510,132 50	$92,888 93	$74,711 31	$677,732 74

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‡Disbanded, but these churches have not made any Associational relationship.

MISSOURI.

1 Audrain	19	68	2,545	16	1,732	$ 59,800	$ 12,620 71	$ 1,370 19	$ 480 27	$ 14,471 17
2 Barry Co.	34	172	2,940	19	2,321	47,190	10,287 23	781 57	6 20	11,075 00
3 Barton Co.	9	171	774	9	847	16,700	6,814 30	591 74	170 37	7,576 41
4 Bear Creek	22	87	1,565	16	889	25,600	4,175 61	363 95	148 75	4,688 31
5 Benton Co.	16	96	1,157	16	979	15,400	3,217 55	713 17	443 02	4,373 74
6 Bethel	26	174	4,335	25	3,060	124,728	23,718 55	3,587 09	1,909 71	29,215 35
7 Black River	25	197	3,001	18	1,771	47,680	8,235 63	358 15	540 47	9,134 25
8 Blue River	61	1401	14,362	54	11,012	896,050	35,428 79	26,654 29	9,296 31	71,379 39
9 Bourbois	11	29	616	8	560	6,900	1,181 49	112 85	6 83	1,301 17
10 Butler	29	294	2,468	26	2,243	40,575	11,126 85	1,164 81	1,109 27	13,400 93
11 Caldwell-Ray	25	162	2,562	19	2,226	54,570	10,092 59	1,113 00	531 64	11,737 23
12 Camden Co.	21	147	1,518	7	482	10,150	820 40	156 47	13 13	990 00
13 Cane Creek	32	128	2,445	22	1,754	56,665	8,018 49	287 28	.....	8,305 77
14 Cape Girardeau	17	151	1,905	18	1,553	34,550	8,238 79	713 86	422 87	9,375 52
15 Cedar Co.	17	58	904	9	468	12,200	1,255 27	102 35	23 90	1,381 52
16 Charleston	23	200	2,194	19	2,196	100,547	28,819 52	1,725 13	1,229 79	31,774 44

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17 Christian Co.	31	226	2,584	21	1,504	$ 21,640	$ 6,226 46	$ 680 10	$ 617 48	$ 7,524 04
18 Concord	39	573	5,693	37	4,151	88,383	18,729 17	2,073 78	2,139 36	22,942 31
19 County Line	15	50	1,041	5	346	4,100	352 74	31 28	11 85	395 87
20 Cuivre	21	88	2,133	19	1,489	33,800	7,440 38	847 70	412 87	8,700 95
21 Dade Co.	15	95	1,131	13	834	13,250	2,929 79	248 81	10 00	3,188 60
22 Dallas Co.	12	84	1,031	11	858	27,730	1,957 96	278 20	18 70	2,254 86
23 Daviess Co.	22	195	2,078	18	1,480	49,550	8,638 21	508 25	340 83	9,487 29
24 Dixon	20	109	1,967	16	1,752	13,881	4,712 98	641 59	179 46	5,534 03
25 Dry Fork	19	69	1,467	4	518	29,200	3,789 34	468 91	----------	4,258 25
26 Eleven Pts. Riv.	12	38	856	9	568	18,222	2,064 24	173 37	95 70	2,333 31
27 Franklin	28	349	3,871	23	2,676	62,265	14,044 20	459 31	372 38	14,875 89
28 Franklin Co.	20	175	1,141	13	732	13,884	1,314 93	56 50	28 97	1,400 40
29 Gentry	20	52	1,914	17	1,462	41,930	7,928 31	389 80	381 28	8,699 39
30 Greene Co.	43	605	6,672	41	5,233	124,275	21,751 46	2,774 82	120 00	24,646 28
31 Harmony	21	294	3,377	21	2,758	99,445	14,148 34	1,571 60	1,464 96	17,184 90
32 Howell Co.	21	49	1,420	13	938	23,989	3,294 81	456 51	152 97	3,904 29
33 Jefferson Co.	23	73	1,600	14	694	14,950	2,730 65	436 48	80 18	3,247 31
34 Johnson Co.	24	285	2,785	17	1,711	58,300	15,180 71	2,096 26	799 50	18,076 47
35 Laclede Co.	21	178	1,744	14	1,020	17,525	3,821 75	505 08	109 62	4,436 45
36 Lafayette Co.	16	178	2,154	16	1,525	66,575	13,356 17	1,751 35	646 28	15,753 80
37 Lamine	27	215	2,883	19	2,087	46,150	16,577 37	1,199 95	665 64	18,442 96
38 Lawrence Co.	34	227	3,769	23	2,531	81,365	12,763 33	2,687 44	377 70	15,828 47
39 Linn Co.	21	197	2,511	19	1,872	109,600	11,517 02	1,332 22	463 64	13,312 93
40 Little Bonne Femme.	41	330	5,752	36	3,335	195,250	30,378 63	6,248 18	2,981 13	39,607 94
41 Livingston	17	240	1,855	17	1,541	43,395	9,127 78	463 99	798 42	10,390 19
42 Macon	31	380	3,378	21	2,116	87,060	15,771 53	803 15	494 56	17,069 24
43 Meremec	14	------	838	9	340	15,220	20 80	310 03	7 25	338 08
44 Miller Co.	24	141	2,398	15	1,395	40,900	7,159 00	379 80	63 40	7,602 20
45 Missouri Valley.	28	164	3,138	17	1,876	92,500	12,151 96	1,380 42	444 00	13,976 38
46 Monroe	15	67	1,644	15	869	38,750	14,762 76	1,171 79	741 53	16,676 08
47 Mount Moriah	11	52	872	7	520	13,400	2,746 95	259 15	7 50	3,013 60
48 Mount Pleasant.	37	208	4,189	27	1,274	138,300	23,480 11	2,313 26	1,328 03	27,121 40
49 Mount Salem	15	35	956	9	347	17,000	2,670 95	166 91	108 40	2,946 26
50 Mount Zion	26	238	2,632	22	1,686	73,000	15,771 55	1,453 29	666 80	17,891 63
51 Nevada	22	218	2,593	21	1,669	48,271	9,337 14	702 75	374 37	10,414 26
52 New Madrid	20	63	1,583	15	1,622	21,750	5,404 99	130 93	264 87	5,800 79
53 North Central	17	108	1,231	14	895	28,660	3,631 36	175 28	331 58	4,138 22
54 North Grand River.	32	291	3,909	27	1,986	114,800	33,327 56	888 66	420 84	34,637 06
55 North Liberty	38	305	4,062	30	2,860	130,000	29,512 58	2,697 39	3,862 98	36,072 95
56 North Missouri.	13	27	831	6	395	23,000	5,638 77	65 09	69 91	5,773 77
57 Northwest	24	128	2,202	19	1,907	74,289	12,982 11	2,627 25	886 64	16,496 00
58 Old Path	21	46	1,700	15	819	9,350	1,609 11	107 08	224 16	1,940 35
59 Phelps Co.*	13	------	612	4	400	4,000	----------	----------	----------	----------
60 Pleasant Grove.	22	121	2,113	19	1,607	36,010	10,307 71	517 81	918 43	11,743 95
61 Polk Co.	34	272	4,323	32	2,357	42,625	10,658 07	1,211 23	682 17	12,551 47
62 Pulaski Co.	26	95	1,756	20	1,155	12,400	3,406 32	404 97	179 26	3,990 55
63 Reynolds Co.	25	65	2,010	11	709	21,000	2,478 15	338 15	450 59	3,266 89
64 Saint Clair	21	71	1,495	16	1,215	19,760	6,746 04	114 36	182 33	7,042 73
65 Saint Francois.	25	119	2,418	17	1,389	29,600	4,886 54	727 22	752 96	6,366 72
66 Saint Joseph	38	401	5,675	36	4,258	318,950	50,496 79	5,040 24	5,696 99	61,234 02
67 Saint Louis	36	511	9,752	35	8,383	913,705	99,688 05	23,687 61	20,463 49	143,839 15
68 Saline	25	157	3,167	23	2,504	85,775	15,635 14	2,955 37	1,949 48	20,539 99
69 Salt River	26	226	3,157	22	2,227	72,040	15,160 00	2,921 26	506 48	18,587 74
70 Shannon Co.	16	16	704	6	283	3,550	827 33	38 80	60 97	927 10
71 Shoal Creek	40	162	3,306	32	3,045	54,520	14,622 84	1,195 06	312 57	16,130 47
72 Spring River	36	406	5,011	31	4,888	145,630	21,293 28	2,763 02	609 66	24,665 96
73 Stoddard Co.	17	36	1,436	15	1,517	33,375	8,409 17	350 69	447 90	9,207 76
74 Taney	6	4	144	3	64	500	36 00	----------	----------	36 00
75 Tebo	24	173	3,160	21	2,423	52,000	12,168 73	1,123 47	232 93	13,525 13
76 Texas Co.	33	54	2,133	18	1,262	17,000	2,839 49	143 98	142 11	3,125 58
77 Washington	20	43	862	4	234	10,199	792 55	106 40	----------	898 95
78 Wayne Co.	32	118	2,504	17	1,422	16,600	2,199 71	231 32	76 31	2,507 34
79 Webster	28	106	2,169	22	1,596	25,525	4,568 38	564 88	428 81	5,562 07
80 West Fork	12	89	816	8	767	36,000	7,089 36	105 68	572 50	7,767 54

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81 Wright Co	23	26	1,953	20	1,292	$ 15,550	$ 3,278 29	$ 509 08	$ 215 39	$ 4,002 76
82 Wyaconda	29	147	3,947	27	2,707	96,550	17,733 08	1,710 75	1,124 29	20,568 12
Total	1965	14,398	211,499	1504	148188	$ 5,877,073	$920,128 80	130,570 96	$75,903 89	1,125,603 65

*No minutes received; last reported figures.

NEW MEXICO.

1 Central	15	60	806	9	882	$ 23,850	$ 10,442 13	$ 1,496 44	$ 33 16	$ 11,971 73
2 Lincoln	12	69	431	11	746	16,300	3,375 34	950 05	29 50	4,354 89
3 Northeastern	33	154	1,405	14	1,136	27,900	8,584 19	1,459 17	39,08	10,082 44
4 Pecos Valley	9	38	950	7	1 030	77,400	9,097 64	1,551 02	35 50	10,684 16
5 Portales	40	160	1,725	15	1,628	23,350	8,295 50	2,514 74	356 52	11,166 76
6 Southeastern	15	56	440	8	480	3,700	1,329 41	464 64	15 75	1,809 80
7 Southwestern	11	63	518	6	461	15,850	5,177 85	1,316 03	63 00	6,556 88
8 Tucumcari†	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Total	135	600	6,275	70	6,363	$ 188,250	$ 46,302 06	$ 9,752 09	$ 572 51	$ 56,626 66

†Recently organized; statistics in *Northeastern*.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1 Alexander	30	226	4,202	24	1,758	$ 17,150	$ 1,836 95	$ 292 51	$ 298 69	$ 2,428 15
2 Alleghany	8	10	352	7	320	5,100	192 81	95 00	33 75	321 56
3 Anson	14	48	1,466	14	988	13,420	2,999 94	313 68	224 84	3,538 46
4 Ashe	34	133	2,184	29	1,692	18,425	3,941 28	260 09	204 14	4,405 51
5 Avery	19	93	1,548	17	1,325	10,665	1,589 86	101 70	232 56	1,924 12
6 Beulah	22	132	2,224	20	1,243	33,300	4,556 36	928 93	1,078 61	6,563 90
7 Bladen	27	64	1,877	20	1,418	28,550	2,713 33	909 07	880 30	4,502 70
8 Brier Creek	29	170	3,858	29	2,545	14,275	1,076 55	117 86	189 08	1,383 49
9 Brunswick	26	120	2,171	24	1,513	15,000	2,500 00	328 12	206 15	3,034 27
10 Brushy Mtn	24	107	2,967	21	2,085	50,075	3,897 40	683 94	711 23	5,292 57
11 Buncombe	36	419	5,529	36	4,592	191,000	27,484 01	5,486 75	4,662 55	37,633 31
12 Caldwell	41	272	4,288	41	3,534	39,000	8,513 59	869 56	757 71	10,140 86
13 Cape Fear-Columbus	39	324	5,101	41	3533	46,751	11,850 42	1,734 09	2,374 46	15,958 97
14 Carolina	37	146	4,478	39	3,317	71,000	7,363 77	1,364 92	1,111 10	9,839 79
15 Catawba River	22	144	2,219	18	2,199	33,300	7,189 79	1,423 45	1,062 08	9,675 32
16 Central	31	327	5,424	38	5,348	185,700	24,662 41	9,146 18	4,867 51	38,676 10
17 Chowan	60	666	11,385	64	8,342	207,950	38,468 61	7,473 39	4,550 73	50,492 73
18 Cumberland	28	74	3,338	31	3,123	73,350	9,372 05	1,735 48	2,417 99	13,525 52
19 Eastern	40	154	4,562	41	3,919	76,350	14,360 29	3,683 45	3,037 39	21,081 13
20 Elkin	11	127	1,388	11	746	7,000	153 00	23 73	44 35	221 08
21 Flat River	37	384	6,325	41	4,030	73,600	13,255 14	4,666 34	3,134 25	21,055 73
22 French Broad	31	131	3,609	29	2,627	30,000	7,189 94	674 00	521 00	8,384 94
23 Green River	47	250	5,216	42	3,130	62,400	10,785 34	1,529 61	1,420 88	13,735 83
24 Haywood Co	22	254	2,630	21	2,047	62,300	9,115 12	961 05	1,088 33	11,164 50
25 Johnston Co	44	344	4,986	30	4,285	95,500	15,223 22	2,605 68	2,603 48	20,432 38
26 Kings Mountain	42	298	8,379	40	5,479	137,256	13,229 95	3,576 10	3,020 68	19,826 73
27 Liberty	25	151	3,381	37	3,518	117,900	9,672 04	1,858 76	1,938 98	13,469 78
28 Liberty-Ducktown†	25	50	2,110	29	1,335	6,500	891 41	36 65	31 53	959 59
29 Little River	27	293	4,044	23	2,841	98,300	14,212 96	1,763 51	1,606 88	17,583 35
30 Macon Co	30	104	3,325	33	2,384	29,000	2,158 15	376 81	381 58	2,916 54
31 Mecklenb'g-Cabarrus	28	468	6,421	29	5,854	221,600	34,229 20	7,530 32	3,132 89	44,892 41
32 Montgomery	22	163	2,017	22	1,480	21,340	4,952 86	956 74	810 74	6,720 34
33 Mount Zion	49	681	9,975	46	8,459	248,615	49,451 47	8,379 08	6,420 33	64,250 88
34 Neuse-Atlantic	63	374	5,818	59	5,325	237,950	44,195 27	5,916 06	5,278 34	55,389 67
35 New Found	22	87	1,776	20	1,271	17,900	1,137 28	85 35	175 57	1,398 20
36 Pee Dee	21	201	2,916	22	2,462	112,450	34,507 09	3,403 28	1,883 22	39,793 59
37 Piedmont	37	369	4,854	35	5,858	182,200	38,857 21	6,095 20	3,781 01	48,733 42
38 Pilot Mountain	61	433	8,411	64	7,481	218,300	40,478 28	6,067 97	5,812 26	52,358 51
39 Raleigh	33	320	5,983	34	6,310	142,100	28,177 59	5,774 68	4,678 35	37,630 62

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40 Roan Mountain	24	155	2,707	25	2,527	$ 20,700	$ 2,089 78	$ 437 28	$ 529 91	$ 3,056 97
41 Roanoke	64	600	7,610	63	7,062	304,950	89,590 26	9,307 05	10,928 76	109,826 07
42 Robeson	54	423	7,503	56	6,732	166,735	29,334 77	6,519 39	6,580 83	42,434 99
43 Sandy Creek	50	235	5,164	44	3,838	69,766	13,978 77	3,029 13	2,749 73	19,757 63
44 Sandy Run	39	433	7,075	38	5,754	82,350	14,909 51	2,765 85	1,925 72	19,601 08
45 South Fork	58	523	7,614	59	7,451	174,000	41,352 64	4,998 38	2,885 76	49,236 78
46 South Mounatin	20	129	1,983	19	1,295	11,150	1,483 48	138 77	196 13	1,818 38
47 South River	29	131	3,190	25	2,723	29,500	5,000 00	1,464 88	770 98	7,235 86
48 South Yadkin	42	479	5,045	40	5,107	125,000	18,811 42	3,732 39	2,728 42	25,272 23
49 Stanly	30	278	3,932	29	3,367	56,725	15,981 30	847 32	1,758 64	18,587 26
50 Stone Mountain	29	103	1,832	23	1,363	11,600	317 25	33 67	76 60	427 52
51 Stony Fork	13	55	1,237	8	311	7,000	972 72	19 13	9 36	1,001 21
52 Surry	34	191	2,665	29	2,236	32,500	4,075 15	236 80	140 60	4,452 55
53 Tar River	60	413	8,465	64	6,009	169,750	19,319 05	5,730 47	5,023 45	30,072 97
54 Tennessee River	43	429	4,603	46	3,556	27,500	5,604 47	432 00	425 68	6,462 15
55 Three Forks	36	207	3,608	36	2,739	30,010	9,334 81	564 28	634 50	10,533 59
56 Transylvania	25	146	2,554	22	1,847	26,600	3,494 92	538 97	1,032 08	5,065 97
57 Tuckasiegee	30	130	2,998	34	2,368	21,000	3,353 67	389 99	409 11	4,152 77
58 Union	39	313	5,872	42	3,965	67,800	12,287 08	1,853 56	2,829 76	16,970 40
59 West Buncombe	8	30	726	8	692	6,000	636 26	142 08	327 92	1,106 26
60 West Chowan	58	495	13,480	67	8,280	167,500	47,072 19	13,187 13	8,811 42	69,070 74
61 Western	28	148	2,947	34	2,082	23,900	4,056 65	468 32	617 00	5,141 97
62 Wilmington	34	393	5,292	38	4,281	149,900	20,085 64	3,095 72	4,110 46	27,291 82
63 Yadkin	27	149	3,753	26	2,675	24,300	2,784 36	482 68	544 96	3,812 00
64 Yancey Co	34	139	3,503	32	2,468	38,300	5,372 91	526 78	414 47	6,314 16
Total	2152	15,938	278,095	2128	215641	$ 5,097,108	$916,740 98	160,171 11	133,127 77	1,210,039 86

†Tennessee Churches not included.

OKLAHOMA.

1 Atoka	28	48	1,281	10	750	$ 21,050	$ 3,841 72	$ 275 05	$ 186 42	$ 4,303 19
2 Banner	32	149	2,177	10	1,198	22,150	7,208 11	903 66	570 13	8,681 90
3 Baron Fork	15	71	1,217	5	350	----------	3,212 71	314 01	212 36	3,739 08
4 Beaver Co	8	17	311	7	444	6,700	2,885 59	111 16	129 02	3,125 77
5 Beckham Co	22	205	1,879	13	1,131	25,250	22,871 86	449 00	297 21	23,618 07
6 Bryan Co	32	65	2,236	13	1,316	27,000	5,786 16	965 05	891 19	7,642 40
7 Caddo	31	282	2,686	25	2,265	33,000	13,053 54	1,392 66	876 29	15,322 49
8 Central District	30	363	5,758	24	4,735	287,460	53,034 57	4,384 99	1,997 39	59,416 95
9 Cherokee*	25	------	1,185	----	------	10,000	----------	62 63	24 11	86 74
10 Chickasaw	24	113	2,015	17	2,000	63,000	7,548 46	1,117 55	491 40	9,157 41
11 Chickasha	10	18	189	7	300	----------	183 80	430 04	43 40	657 24
12 Choctaw*	25	------	525	6	200	6,000	----------	87 07	61 07	148 14
13 Comanche Co.*	28	------	2,019	13	1,225	22,800	5,000 00	704 90	569 69	6,274 59
14 Concord	24	135	2,591	14	1,628	34,000	11,875 42	2,156 01	1,328 78	15,360 21
15 Delaware	43	475	4,253	30	5,078	229,500	47,241 45	3,670 73	1,896 66	52,808 84
16 Enon	40	173	2,786	21	1,950	39,500	9,628 92	1,944 12	1,800 21	13,373 25
17 Frisco	30	233	2,263	19	1,773	25,000	10,861 95	979 93	659 79	12,501 67
18 Greer Co	9	46	1,352	6	650	54,000	4,773 60	766 31	506 92	6,046 83
19 Harmon Co	18	107	1,554	16	1,193	25,300	5,011 57	1,777 15	663 00	7,451 72
20 Harper Co	10	23	332	9	564	9,350	6,146 99	462 20	317 30	6,926 49
21 Haskell Co	18	118	1,179	8	739	11,264	6,073 86	648 58	94 41	6,816 85
22 Jackson Co	23	164	2,358	15	1,500	43,700	10,520 43	2,154 89	1,667 70	14,343 02
23 Jefferson Co.*	17	------	1,106	9	815	12,900	3,000 00	882 37	499 82	4,382 19
24 Kiowa Co	10	99	1,214	9	949	25,450	6,060 00	825 00	99 00	6,984 00
25 Leflore-Latimer	48	220	3,420	25	1,789	47,250	11,782 77	2,238 05	1,324 53	15,345 35
26 Lincoln Co	25	100	1,265	11	934	18,000	3,034 78	257 60	111 26	3,403 64
27 Little River	16	98	1,257	10	885	11,750	2,032 81	453 95	344 77	2,831 53
28 Mayes Co.*	13	------	713	3	400	7,375	2,000 00	260 04	136 00	2,396 04
29 McClain Co	15	147	1,003	9	1,012	18,769	5,998 10	623 25	834 28	7,455 63
30 McIntosh Co	16	58	980	4	450	7,550	2,760 24	78 75	85 52	2,924 51
31 Mills Co	12	74	583	8	585	8,253	2,858 80	62 28	145 33	3,066 41

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32 Mullins	34	138	2,476	17	1,520	$ 37,600	$ 8,835 39	$ 1,110 35	$ 956 94	$ 11,902 68
33Muscogee-Wichita*	21	.....	626	.....	.....	.....	1,200 00	600 00	300 00	2,100 00
34 Muskogee	27	257	2,622	24	3,886	111,200	26,163 37	4,034 99	11,765 97	41,964 33
35 North Canadian	39	308	2,501	21	1,640	33,000	13,004 34	1,446 07	956 33	15,406 74
36 Northeastern	30	259	2,122	23	2,231	42,750	20,089 49	1,331 30	740 74	22,161 53
37 Oklahoma, Ind.	20	150	1,704	6	260	.....	3,269 53	765 77	219 75	4,255 05
38 Pawnee	16	95	1,158	10	1,542	58,500	22,871 86	449 00	297 21	23,618 07
39 Perry	30	108	2,823	22	1,883	21,000	19,023 73	1,425 72	708 37	21,157 82
40 Philadelphia	23	139	1,262	9	825	14,200	3,583 59	849 77	739 61	5,172 97
41 Pittsburg Co	27	204	2,168	23	1,962	99,675	12,263 86	1,225 21	1,678 19	15,167 26
42 Pontotoc Co	27	86	1,550	11	1,227	15,000	7,363 20	788 90	507 65	8,659 75
43 Pottawottomie	33	125	2,426	26	2,500	72,025	6,650 95	1,995 13	568 08	9,214 16
44 Salt Fork Valley	19	122	1,632	18	1,759	44,641	19,173 76	1,471 73	797 79	21,443 28
45 Southwestern	5	21	438	5	245	6,835	1,611 07	109 65	148 52	1,869 24
46 Texas-Cimarron	20	146	840	11	908	20,325	6,263 00	1,743 02	1,045 29	9,051 31
47 Tillman Co	26	300	2,572	20	1,670	47,675	14,367 36	4,353 10	1,940 00	20,660 46
48 Washita Co	14	27	488	.....	.....	5,000	288 35	191 38	.....	479 73
49 Woodward-Ellis	28	152	1,442	15	1,171	39,340	14,206 57	1,001 51	872 85	16,080 93
Total	1136	6,238	84,627	636	64,037	$ 1,822,177	$476,517 63	$57,331 58	$43,108 25	$576,957 46

*No minutes received; some of these are composed of Indians and possibly some print no minutes; financial statistics furnished by the Mission Boards. Sequoyah-Adair disbanded, churches going to *Baron Fork.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1 Abbeville	29	136	3,863	28	3,443	173,450	$ 25,185 82	$ 5,941 68	$ 4,167 88	$ 35,295 39
2 Aiken	31	149	3,464	20	2,027	58,000	12,021 66	1,741 85	1,323 68	15,087 18
3 Barnwell	40	234	5,138	32	2,465	100,300	18,349 50	5,199 85	3,361 78	26,911 13
4 Beaverdam	50	255	5,552	35	3,849	63,260	13,118 40	2,554 76	1,605 78	17,278 94
5 Broad River	47	351	8,704	41	6,045	151,150	21,399 90	5,483 79	2,190 14	29,073 83
6 Carolina	22	104	1,710	10	644	14,000	1,167 88	65 46	325 66	1,559 00
7 Charleston	34	236	4,245	32	4,270	222,200	27,626 32	5,648 87	6,734 43	40,009 62
8 Chester	19	90	2,101	16	1,600	58,400	7,939 45	2,950 52	1,509 72	12,399 69
9 Chesterfield	34	295	3,679	32	2,751	31,950	5,991 12	1,023 85	869 78	7,884 75
10 Colleton	26	66	3,354	20	1,500	40,720	4,300 96	1,137 17	470 96	5,909 09
11 Dorchester†	8	.....	561	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....
12 Edgefield	21	95	3,436	20	2,020	75,500	8,823 92	2,856 10	1,100 64	12,780 66
13 Edisto	17	172	2,245	15	1,079	22,200	5,688 26	1,407 21	1,034 80	1,130 27
14 Fairfield	36	248	4,326	32	3,986	282,000	29,793 09	7,176 75	4,966 25	41,936 09
15 Florence	18	209	3,047	17	2,566	84,200	18,034 53	4,197 55	3,100 10	25,332 18
16 Greenville	47	588	9,722	42	7,825	311,000	51,578 11	9,633 61	5,926 91	67,138 63
17 Kershaw	26	200	3,410	20	1,700	35,300	5,382 42	709 54	348 58	6,440 54
18 Laurens	34	219	4,233	29	2,309	102,350	16,086 54	7,712 88	3,152 76	26,952 18
19 Lexington	24	165	2,639	22	2,052	29,000	6,103 16	777 57	354 45	7,235 18
20 Moriah	24	280	4,176	23	2,436	58,800	11,712 36	2,985 68	1,912 44	16,610 48
21 North Greenville	38	475	6,341	35	4,065	60,500	11,187 67	2,489 38	1,455 88	15,132 93
22 North Spartanburg	27	258	4,963	24	4,248	98,050	12,505 65	3,267 69	2,626 84	18,400 18
23 Orangeburg	36	289	4,832	30	3,704	179,850	22,524 92	3,328 19	2,011 82	27,864 93
24 Pee Dee	45	453	6,132	43	5,289	235,400	28,954 82	7,410 10	2,850 29	39,215 21
25 Pickens	13	101	2,019	12	995	15,500	2,456 86	615 51	371 35	3,443 72
26 Piedmont	25	320	3,895	24	2,979	43,400	8,544 43	1,186 35	984 55	10,715 33
27 Reedy River	14	87	1,378	11	1,118	46,000	6,784 95	2,187 93	718 45	9,691 33
28 Ridge	18	157	3,572	18	2,651	102,900	12,995 12	4,686 74	2,205 69	19,887 55
29 Saluda	49	513	10,360	44	6,320	230,200	40,046 91	13,602 70	8,274 89	61,924 50
30 Santee	25	123	3,239	23	2,508	132,015	30,882 46	6,738 42	3,279 38	40,900 26
31 Savannah River	47	185	4,295	40	2,619	102,850	17,556 18	3,938 19	1,952 65	23,447 02
32 Southeast	36	179	3,237	29	2,406	100,800	15,973 27	1,994 09	958 35	18,925 71
33 Spartan	31	307	6,687	31	5,463	229,800	31,879 16	6,542 46	4,502 56	42,924 18
34 Twelve-Mile River	28	107	2,711	18	1,290	16,500	1,749 36	178 31	165 91	2,093 58
35 Union Co	24	218	3,280	22	2,598	77,550	11,462 95	3,543 70	1,236 18	16,242 83
36 Waccamaw	40	184	3,957	30	2,644	43,500	3,470 20	905 53	527 18	4,902 91
37 Welsh Neck	25	197	4,157	24	3,626	188,100	26,435 05	7,124 02	2,692 92	36,251 99
38 York	19	184	2,331	19	2,285	70,350	14,233 22	2,977 95	2,633 88	19,845 05
Total	1126	8,429	156,990	913	111374	$3,887,595	$589,946 58	141,921 93	$83,905 51	$815,774 04

†Reported disbanded.

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1 Beech River	45	173	3,630	33	1,933	$ 30,500	$ 5,282 09	$ 662 79	$ 142 43	$ 6,087 31
2 Beulah	50	212	5,253	38	3,288	91,350	15,336 35	1,920 96	903 57	18,160 88
3 Big Emory	34	163	3,758	33	3,500	45,000	8,539 92	1,045 40	364 73	9,950 05
4 Big Hatchie	29	154	3,575	25	2,247	117,100	22,466 10	3,368 06	1,829 11	27,663 27
5 Bledsoe	16	146	1,928	10	1,004	27,000	5,757 89	969 07	488 77	7,215 73
6 Campbell Co	32	177	3,063	26	2,148	26,850	5,376 53	400 64	299 28	6,076 45
7 Central	51	460	8,933	48	4,890	300,500	32,330 95	5,557 21	3,574 08	41,462 24
8 Chilhowee	37	289	6,315	37	5,276	116,357	27,633 75	3,232 15	1,790 62	32,656 52
9 Clinton	34	136	4,238	31	1,719	52,000	3,856 48	693 29	140 49	4,690 26
10 Concord	34	219	2,983	31	2,999	84,500	17,383 36	2,652 10	1,249 25	21,284 71
11 Cumberland	25	117	2,726	22	2,310	30,000	20,067 96	4,378 57	1,773 60	26,220 13
12 Cumberland Gap	51	210	4,891	30	2,330	27,200	42 48	59 25	75 49	177 22
13 Duck River	40	221	3,953	33	2,961	66,000	19,005 61	2,568 29	576 88	22,150 78
14 Eastanollee	37	153	3,637	25	1,702	23,000	4,126 51	210 55	157 35	4,494 41
15 East Tennessee	31	138	3,071	31	3,018	48,000	4,630 35	890 04	1,480 32	7,000 71
16 Ebenezer	37	205	2,577	23	1,577	39,800	11,011 83	2,017 46	667 32	13,696 61
17 Enon	21	100	2,332	13	851	15,800	703 91	214 97	186 92	1,105 80
18 Friendship	48	241	5,331	41	3,040	71,100	16,617 04	3,057 71	1,078 91	20,753 66
19 Harmony*	13	------	695	6	250	----------	----------	----------	----------	----------
20 Hiawassee, 1*	14	------	1,078	4	200	----------	----------	----------	----------	----------
21 Hiawassee, 2*	13	------	525	----	----	4,000	----------	----------	----------	----------
22 Holston	56	262	6,880	40	3,939	122,000	18,860 16	2,573 40	1,546 57	22,980 13
23 Holston Valley	27	179	2,383	26	2,198	24,155	3,615 10	842 61	255 75	4,713 46
24 Indian Creek	30	118	1,905	22	1,833	15,500	2,583 69	458 58	130 70	3,172 97
25 Judson	17	61	819	11	778	10,650	2,429 04	371 07	148 16	2,948 27
26 Liberty-Ducktown†	7	16	536	4	249	2,600	348 85	5 50	5 00	359 35
27 Little Hatchie	20	86	1,713	14	765	24,475	6,278 54	810 65	259 40	7,348 59
28 Midland	20	133	2,023	17	1,209	18,300	2,070 07	185 47	74 20	2,329 74
29 Mulberry Gap	49	300	4,825	40	2,454	22,000	46 53	120 40	42 57	209 50
30 Nashville	27	365	6,102	27	6,188	452,500	80,507 66	12,969 42	5,987 50	99,464 58
31 New River*	37	------	2,020	16	725	19,401	350 00	25 00	25 00	400 00
32 New Salem	32	131	3,575	26	2,016	45,675	8,628 75	2,391 50	820 83	11,841 08
33 Nolachucky	62	383	7,684	47	5,440	173,662	21,691 79	3,190 41	271 45	25,153 65
34 Northern	36	132	3,841	31	2,607	23,500	675 25	131 31	94 87	901 43
35 Ocoee	59	783	8,865	46	7,018	267,175	47,050 05	10,534 73	4,644 22	62,229 00
36 Providence	24	70	2,062	20	1,518	17,300	1,263 25	61 52	31 96	1,356 73
37 Riverside	26	176	1,527	14	1,295	10,400	1,658 24	149 86	53 54	1,861 64
38 Robertson Co	17	142	3,591	17	1,655	20,000	8,785 56	3,906 01	1,668 07	14,359 64
39 Salem	31	346	4,164	26	2,305	37,800	6,429 33	1,440 41	1,351 23	9,220 97
40 Sequatchie Valley	15	32	1,018	12	854	18,300	2,728 13	185 75	182 11	3,095 99
41 Sevier	48	436	6,280	47	4,426	41,700	5,682 33	885 59	286 28	6,854 20
42 Shelby Co	31	293	6,773	30	6,393	321,900	59,392 93	8,097 14	1,822 10	69,312 17
43 Southwestern	39	224	4,078	25	1,104	22,000	4,111 77	185 05	187 17	4,483 99
44 Stewart Co	13	49	770	9	455	3,150	713 75	15 25	9 22	738 22
45 Stocktons Valley†	15	15	1,015	2	100	9,575	264 10	39 12	36 90	340 12
46 Sweetwater	59	538	7,890	43	4,226	108,500	17,638 15	1,901 70	656 57	20,196 42
47 Tennessee	62	897	13,819	56	11,327	374,537	56,151 14	16,713 07	3,992 76	76,856 97
48 Tennessee Valley	18	65	1,525	13	1,029	12,500	1,796 26	149 74	83 45	2,029 45
49 Union	17	32	968	7	439	6,500	1,077 32	62 10	68 95	1,208 37
50 Unity	49	335	4,280	27	1,572	42,650	6,023 46	1,304 40	431 24	7,759 10
51 Walnut Grove	11	14	922	5	269	5,000	187 08	----------	----------	187 08
52 Watauga	34	433	5,192	26	3,190	69,417	8,092 91	1,218 59	681 14	9,992 64
53 Weakley Co	36	188	3,482	24	2,142	32,340	4,547 73	606 56	742 03	5,896 32
54 Western	25	78	3,230	21	2,163	42,600	1,996 93	4,431 42	3,012 66	9,441 01
55 West Union	52	180	3,906	19	763	----------	38 72	167 81	----------	206 53
56 William Carey	32	228	2,466	22	1,622	31,750	6,163 92	776 45	331 82	7,272 19
57 Wiseman*	24	------	2,805	12	795	24,000	4,000 00	400 00	100 00	4,500 00
Total	1849	11,304	209,424	1417	137442	$3,689,568	$614,047 60	111,206 10	$46,814 54	$772,068 24

*No minutes received; latest reported figures.

†Churches in adjoining States not included.

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1 Alvarado	44	517	6,572	42	5,067	$ 131,600	$ 35,223 78	$ 6,383 08	$ 7,355 32	$ 48,962 18
2 Anderson Co.	13	10	430	2	50	7,000	73 00	10 85	7 50	91 35
3 Angelina	25	227	2,387	12	500	10,000	8,546 76	1,112 85	1,965 48	11,625 09
4 Archer Co.	15	36	587	4	200	3,700	1,416 23	444 45	245 66	2,106 34
5 Austin	38	270	4,472	24	3,367	202,745	57,684 06	7,634 35	2,769 73	68,088 14
6 Baggett Creek*	13	------	481	4	------	4,350	------	------	------	------
7 Baylor Co.	9	73	660	7	585	24,250	18,817 64	1,228 57	1,557 47	21,603 68
8 Bethlehem	24	------	1,200	8	300	12,000	48 80	330 60	36 60	416 00
9 Big Spring	29	167	1,816	20	1,723	43,200	11,859 68	2,060 45	2,382 26	16,302 39
10 Blanco	38	170	2,542	24	1,996	53,400	13,375 94	3,099 09	2,609 93	10,084 96
11 Bowie Co.	14	------	988	----	------	4 000	40 72	59 75	25 25	125 72
12 Brady	27	270	1,802	11	1,639	26,450	7,400 53	1,914 50	1,821 96	11,136 99
13 Brown Co.	32	341	3,928	20	2,300	58,950	21,156 92	3,170 00	20,316 37	44,643 29
14 Brownfield	20	221	1,555	12	900	18,200	8,787 95	1,400 85	771 19	10,959 99
15 Buck Creek	27	54	1,233	----	------	4,000	2,348 33	1,041 22	372 25	3,761 80
16 Burnett-Llano	12	63	1,001	6	639	23,890	5,616 36	1,355 77	1,503 51	8,475 64
17 Callahan Co.	22	130	1,937	20	1,525	27,350	7,583 74	845 55	1,013 57	9,442 86
18 Cameron-Hidalgo*	14	------	726	12	811	20,000	6,455 34	1,821 81	1,259 44	9,536 59
19 Canadian	9	58	738	5	------	31,350	14,273 60	865 42	795 16	15,934 18
20 Central	16	116	1,182	11	984	12,450	3,583 19	838 15	1,544 67	5,966 01
21 Central Texas	33	276	3,886	17	1,502	96,500	12,475 64	2,966 39	4,043 49	19,485 52
22 Cherokee*	34	------	3,798	13	------	36,000	7,250 00	600 00	400 00	8,250 00
23 Cherokee Co.*	16	152	1,439	----	------	------	------	------	------	------
24 Cisco	38	259	3,710	18	2,200	50,500	11,186 46	1,909 36	3,554 08	16,649 90
25 Clay Co.	24	148	1,838	16	1,506	46,667	16,435 80	1,173 17	1,450 21	19,059 18
26 Coke Co.	8	88	573	4	394	10,000	1,720 34	238 60	221 15	2,180 09
27 Coleman	30	204	2,419	18	1,557	41,000	27,757 26	1,568 00	1,807 50	31,132 76
28 Collin Co.	54	659	8,870	51	5,253	285,400	29,431 67	7,542 60	15,300 50	52,274 77
29 Collingsworth	16	136	1,604	9	1,308	30,450	10,526 00	1,615 01	1,158 88	13,299 89
30 Colorado	47	311	4,249	29	3,123	159,600	27,924 16	4,282 78	5,215 58	37,422 52
31 Comanche	27	196	2,702	21	1,742	34,650	7,037 10	2,034 81	1,409 11	10,481 02
32 Concho Valley	32	208	2,756	17	2,013	75,322	20,256 50	3,040 04	3,625 48	26,922 02
33 Corpus Christi	23	241	2,027	12	1,244	86,400	13,920 91	1,767 36	2,356 59	18,044 86
34 Corsicana	14	172	2,749	17	2,289	60,550	15,370 74	2,004 35	3,180 38	20,555 47
35 Creath	40	135	3,635	27	2,386	49,474	11,572 10	1,540 84	1,805 99	14,918 93
36 Dallas Co.	19	110	1,800	15	1,234	48,950	10,980 27	1,474 94	646 30	13,101 51
37 Dallas Mis'ry	40	348	10,029	30	11,231	683,700	91,335 47	35,260 37	56,624 75	183,220 59
38 Del Rio-Uvalde	23	133	1,692	16	1,404	44,275	11,595 38	3,642 14	3,366 50	18,604 02
39 Delta Co.	15	121	1,191	12	969	21,800	3,573 69	945 90	255 60	4,775 19
40 Denton Co.	32	333	4,124	28	3,156	77,650	15,583 31	2,894 97	1,882 94	20,361 22
41 Dickens Co.	15	33	825	8	580	----------	5,830 34	1,056 73	1,230 24	8,117 31
42 East Fork	15	59	1,004	5	459	15,000	2,454 83	354 10	259 45	3,068 38
43 East Texas*	----	----	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	------
44 Ellis Co.	32	188	3,578	19	1,942	52,000	10,584 25	2,003 50	1,269 78	13,857 53
45 Ellis Missionary	15	104	2,645	15	2,075	211,775	14,306 73	2,176 96	3,435 71	22,919 40
46 El Paso	10	119	1,904	9	1,870	145,000	21,724 63	4,021 20	3,468 26	29,214 09
47 Enon	29	179	2,783	13	1,018	28,475	4,471 89	935 02	855 56	6,262 47
48 Erath Co.	39	279	3,952	28	2,849	50,900	11,020 01	2,425 70	3,680 50	17,126 21
49 Fairland*	8	------	408	2	100	5,000	1,000 00	250 00	----------	1,250 00
50 Falls Co.*	34	------	3,668	25	2,500	65,000	------	------	------	------
51 Fannin Co.	34	318	4,631	24	3,131	74,769	15,987 72	2,705 77	4,899 28	23,592 77
52 Fisher Co.	20	190	1,314	12	1,120	19,950	6,703 12	1,498 95	1,086 45	9,288 52
53 Freestone Co.	20	53	1,446	8	502	12,500	1,149 73	388 00	193 34	1,731 07
54 Freestone-Leon†	7	42	958	4	629	15,075	3,399 39	908 41	808 88	5,116 68
55 German	13	52	922	13	908	44,050	9,454 97	2,441 45	1,652 29	13,548 71
56 Grayson Co.	30	130	2,004	15	750	20,000	2,009 45	571 55	113 20	2,694 20
57 Grayson Missionary	45	435	6,617	33	4,818	169,915	32,978 96	7,050 85	5,366 88	45,396 69
58 Hamilton Co.	21	200	1,876	14	1,400	26,000	5,355 51	1,617 75	1,634 36	8,607 62
59 Harmony*	16	------	1,566	----	------	------	------	------	------	------
60 Haskell Co.	29	196	2,505	23	1,934	36,825	12,394 75	2,828 85	2,733 37	17,956 97
61 Henderson	29	76	2,173	13	725	9,500	3,517 01	1,203 85	1,722 80	6,443 66
62 Hill Co.	30	440	4,471	23	3,259	101,200	22,293 67	3,768 99	3,794 73	29,857 39
63 Hillsboro	23	51	1,359	7	600	20,000	470 81	89 65	84 85	645 31
64 Hopewell	24	111	2,467	9	300	11,650	62 00	87 45	70 20	219 65
65 Hopkins Co.	19	57	1,308	10	------	10,500	1,785 22	794 34	446 52	3,026 08

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66 Hunt Co.	56	324	6,739	47	4,304	$ 120,000	$ 31,288 85	$ 5,243 13	$ 6,049 04	$ 42,581 02
67 Jack Co.	16	28	1,372	10	725	15,000	3,263 70	821 71	381 15	4,466 56
68 Jones Co.	32	280	3,528	23	2,676	114,449	20,718 02	2,533 14	2,782 40	26,033 56
69 Kaufman	25	211	2,953	17	2,200	68,950	11,259 52	2,530 95	3,958 43	17,748 96
70 Lake Creek	9	26	600	7	535	12,000	3,090 76	708 78	159 48	3,959 02
71 Lamar Co.	37	148	3,671	20	1,578	60,000	8,705 07	2,412 54	3,638 58	14,756 19
72 Lampassas	20	139	2,106	16	1,298	43,250	7,741 58	1,522 30	2,137 45	11,401 33
73 Lavaca River	25	85	1,825	17	1,053	95,700	7,968 78	5,501 59	4,466 23	17,936 60
74 Leon River	27	150	2,885	14	1,975	33,450	7,026 68	979 50	2,095 52	10,101 70
75 Liberty	32	155	2,699	11	.....	17,000	609 70	253 06	170 15	1,032 91
76 Limestone Co.	27	290	3,487	26	2,357	63,450	25,473 78	2,528 42	4,803 57	32,805 77
77 Little River	28	.....	3,959	23	2,046	76,675	24,794 59	4,065 64	3,153 97	32,014 20
78 Medina River	17	89	1,372	11	1,121	24,500	10,438 96	2,707 69	1,785 76	14,932 41
79 Meridian	26	131	2,301	12	1,200	40,000	8,062 87	1,336 46	1,243 54	10,642 87
80 Mills Co.	21	128	1,276	16	1,020	12,500	5,496 90	859 70	1,161 90	7,518 50
81 Montague	25	67	1,746	13	1,300	32,700	6,309 83	1,707 79	2,072 02	10,089 64
82 Mount Zion	40	78	2,376	.....	.....	.....	49 90	310 30	80 53	440 73
83 Nacogdoches	20	107	1,981	12	933	22,200	5,681 01	891 95	2,108 19	8,681 15
84 Navarro Co.	27	191	2,765	19	1,790	21,850	5,999 10	1,422 59	1,383 63	8,805 32
85 Navasota River	20	67	1,420	8	700	7,500	12 90	197 28	143 50	353 68
86 Neches River	52	253	3,802	24	1,757	68,000	13,284 34	1,512 14	1,688 37	16,484 85
87 New Bethel	34	172	2,710	12	750	21,000	5,388 50	522 65	499 40	6,410 55
88 North Colorado*	12	.....	500	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
89 Palo Duro	13	126	1,712	12	1,573	74,400	16,933 28	4,924 70	6,873 74	28,731 72
90 Palo Pinto	26	166	2,246	19	1,582	32,000	6,686 68	1,825 59	1,854 61	10,366 88
91 Paluxy	25	102	2,085	17	1,200	21,650	4,835 62	518 75	958 86	6,313 23
92 Panhandle	18	122	1,576	9	1,203	60,500	17,691 94	2,272 70	3,155 15	23,119 79
93 Panola Co.†	9	51	687	4	.....	13,050	6,620 98	689 22	935 95	8,246 15
94 Parker Co.	38	170	3,713	31	2,705	52,250	10,044 38	2,757 00	1,467 66	14,269 04
95 Parker Landmark*	8	.....	430	.....	.....	1,800	.....	.....	.....	.....
96 Pecos Valley	13	82	1,378	8	900	50,000	14,422 83	6,094 59	5,706 90	26,224 32
97 Pedernales	16	37	793	8	494	7,250	1,430 43	189 23	219 33	1,838 99
98 Pittsburg	35	220	4,711	22	2,502	110,650	14,473 11	2,446 63	4,696 60	21,616 34
99 Polk Co.	16	20	863	4	.....	4,400	949 65	74 75	51 30	1,075 70
100 Red Fork	17	170	1,838	9	1,676	56,000	9,269 48	2,050 17	2,228 57	13,548 22
101 Red River Co.	19	41	878	5	200	5,600	445 30	14 50	24 75	484 65
102 Red River Mission'y	25	166	2,013	22	1,661	26,600	6,018 83	1,040 58	831 01	7,890 42
103 Rehoboth	54	421	6,252	35	3,642	120,000	19,494 47	4,562 40	5,083 16	29,140 03
104 Rio Grande	28	147	2,243	20	1,572	51,550	11,924 34	2,102 36	1,794 19	15,820 89
105 Round Grove	19	94	1,861	17	800	18,000	4,570 23	599 58	839 85	6,009 66
106 Runnells Co.	22	260	2,502	14	1,894	38,900	22,748 56	3,440 77	3,862 74	30,052 07
107 Rusk Co.	12	135	1,387	7	498	15,000	5,533 86	1,063 75	1,645 78	8,243 39
108 Sabine River*	17	.....	1,563	8	835	24,000	3,000 00	500 00	250 00	3,750 00
109 Salado	49	523	6,479	32	4,000	153,925	52,487 55	6,117 80	9,719 74	68,316 09
110 Salem	28	138	2,913	15	750	22,700	2,533 54	330 55	1,030 56	3,894 65
111 Saline	17	133	1,852	8	.....	49,000	4,107 80	921 54	742 97	5,772 31
112 San Antonio	46	666	7,124	39	5,486	241,297	63,516 45	9,030 67	17,162 52	89,709 64
113 San Marcos	27	249	3,193	16	2,312	63,850	18,736 50	3,400 08	9,880 42	32,017 00
114 San Saba	17	132	1,127	10	850	15,000	3,241 63	952 45	691 75	4,885 83
115 Scurry Co.	14	35	1,025	11	1,234	17,500	644 89	567 64	547 61	1,670 14
116 Shelby Co.	40	96	2,523	.....	.....	.....	37 65	163 60	68 40	269 65
117 Shiloh	31	285	2,984	26	2,562	45,000	15,556 47	2,880 27	5,335 23	23,771 97
118 Smith Co.	35	158	3,773	25	3,000	125,600	17,066 81	4,455 39	5,038 92	26,561 12
119 Soda Lake	20	150	2,930	14	1,881	100,500	17,026 93	2,182 91	2,121 65	21,331 49
120 Southeast	53	416	5,934	34	3,628	216,600	43,960 00	7,683 99	8,342 41	59,986 40
121 South Panhandle	11	72	681	7	400	10,000	14,062 10	1,145 45	635 36	15,842 91
122 South Texas	12	46	717	.....	.....	.....	1,535 87	366 78	85 87	1,988 52
123 Staked Plains	29	226	3,035	18	1,965	51,000	19,247 66	5,550 82	15,737 09	40,535 57
124 Stephens Co.	12	56	573	5	313	5,500	1,884 12	358 61	206 57	2,449 30
125 Stonewall	18	91	874	10	556	7,900	7,424 59	1,100 41	768 00	9,293 00
126 Sweetwater	55	416	6,011	36	5,065	139,742	37,511 78	6,932 55	7,297 08	51,741 41
127 Tarrant Co.	54	853	9,311	44	7,859	330,000	57,346 61	20,862 40	14,645 28	92,854 29
128 Texarkana	22	166	2,152	11	982	73,500	15,788 39	2,077 56	1,038 57	18,904 52
129 Thornton	20	74	1,270	14	772	12,950	2,336 21	817 84	242 30	3,396 35
130 Throckmorton*	10	.....	500	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TEXAS—*Continued.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total Membership	Sunday Schools. Number.	Sunday Schools. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Reported Contributions. Home Purposes.	Missions.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
131 Tierra Blanco	13	65	1,167	6	692	$ 34,700	$ 8,741 56	$ 2,732 65	$ 3,202 20	$14,676 41
132 Trans-Canadian	12	37	543	8	597	13,000	269 62	429 25	164 03	862 90
133 Trinity River*	26	.....	1,513	7	460	9,500	1,500 00	100 00	100 00	1,700 00
134 Tryon	9	29	424	.....	.....	.....	60 00	81 47	56 71	198 18
135 Tryon-Evergreen	29	111	2,106	19	1,300	24,500	6,381 50	1,092 50	1,169 88	8,643 88
136 Union	50	573	6,722	47	4,615	373,637	58,634 68	19,070 44	28,641 30	106,346 42
137 Unity	14	76	925	5	350	19,000	2,916 79	1,574 57	2,407 17	6,898 53
138 Van Zandt Co.	24	129	2,056	9	500	17,000	2,147 41	262 05	208 25	2,617 71
139 Van Zandt Miss'ry*	24	.....	2,103	13	1,134	10,000	7,500 00	800 00	500 00	8,800 00
140 Waco	48	685	9,722	46	6,702	363,150	72,605 60	11,993 71	25,780 05	110,379 36
141 Walker Co	16	91	1,428	11	1,039	20,009	4,249 57	895 14	918 90	6,063 61
142 Western Branch	21	62	1,351	12	1,025	16,800	4,462 01	637 58	775 65	5,875 24
143 Wheeler Co	10	33	662	8	593	6,500	3,927 30	986 05	774 77	5,688 12
144 Wichita Co	9	14	1,542	8	1,658	46,000	8,793 21	3,606 11	5,411 02	17,810 34
145 Wilbarger	18	53	1,443	15	1,416	40,050	8,981 20	2,291 60	2,848 33	14,121 13
146 Wise Co	42	266	4,061	35	2,834	64,710	13,332 50	2,816 05	6,797 64	21,946 19
147 Wood Co	27	96	2,337	5	270	13,000	32,77	656 40	212 66	901 83
148 Young Co	27	68	1,715	16	1,419	35,700	13,878 41	1,684 70	1,062 28	16,625 39
Total	3647	23,293	269,677	2249	226840	$8,345,439	1,766,398 45	358,644 17	465,187 10	2,590,229 72

*No minutes received; latest figures obtainable.
†New Association.

VIRGINIA.

1 Accomac	30	316	4,497	31	4,714	174,400	30,091 88	5,891 50	2,792 51	38,775 89
2 Albemarle	28	193	4,159	28	3,306	100,150	18,762 91	5,472 15	1,159 15	25,394 21
3 Appomattox	42	342	6,051	47	4,363	167,625	38,693 51	5,572 23	3,025 55	47,291 29
4 Augusta	40	297	4,970	33	4,567	197,340	52,658 31	5,109 55	2,652 47	60,420 33
5 Blackwater	29	284	6,928	30	5,332	228,500	29,157 21	10,929 88	3,622 14	43,709 23
6 Blue Ridge	37	107	2,363	21	1,696	45,625	6,666 36	1,289 50	821 44	8,777 30
7 Clinch Valley	28	75	1,836	15	1,841	73,700	8,016 21	1,353 85	696 23	10,066 29
8 Concord	44	332	5,404	44	4,204	111,063	29,642 56	5,821 17	1,926 41	37,390 14
9 Dan River	29	239	5,331	33	3,447	168,600	21,755 86	4,261 78	1,471 74	27,489 38
10 Dover	55	1,198	20,234	53	18,336	949,725	153,111 37	51,800 03	9,296 51	214,207 91
11 Goshen	47	340	9,444	47	5,244	153,700	21,440 23	7,238 42	1,407 06	30,085 71
12 Hermon	25	323	4,102	25	3,266	80,450	14,755 05	5,812 18	2,012 70	22,579 93
13 James River	27	131	2,348	27	1,489	55,490	5,218 90	1,565 60	1,124 65	7,909 15
14 Lebanon	45	226	3,940	45	3,129	135,375	25,982 23	2,871 91	1,796 75	30,650 89
15 Middle District	37	315	5,290	33	4,541	115,500	24,399 93	3,572 43	1,501 75	29,474 11
16 New Lebanon	45	193	3,334	25	2,406	78,000	5,271 81	4,482 07	1,723 28	11,477 16
17 New River	26	123	1,958	22	1,769	27,965	3,002 26	357 98	209 29	3,569 53
18 Peninsula	27	311	5,410	30	5,073	223,200	38,362 28	7,387 70	4,892 35	50,642 33
19 Petersburg	31	263	4,646	34	4,146	200,800	38,505 04	8,854 76	2,866 86	50,226 66
20 Piedmont	31	180	3,771	30	2,191	60,185	9,136 93	1,449 17	1,469 21	12,055 31
21 Portsmouth	39	798	12,099	39	9,728	729,125	115,611 51	18,157 95	6,663 21	140,432 67
22 Potomac	62	393	7,250	62	5,302	228,013	45,956 54	4,828 06	3,157 81	53,942 41
23 Powells River	26	112	1,988	22	1,042	20,380	3,280 45	752 92	202 95	4,236 32
24 Rappahannock	61	546	11,318	71	7,937	215,533	40,662 63	10,697 57	3,477 12	54,837 32
25 Roanoke	42	486	7,660	42	5,517	185,110	39,667 79	9,074 76	2,116 58	50,859 13
26 Shenandoah	25	180	3,080	20	2,075	137,080	17,995 21	2,047 43	969 84	21,012 48
27 Shiloh	41	358	5,068	42	3,439	81,600	12,312 65	4,681 03	3,999 35	20,993 03
28 Strawberry	55	434	9,319	50	6,928	216,000	42,638 67	10,110 84	6,839 53	59,589 04
29 Valley	66	655	11,298	56	8,541	355,745	67,967 88	10,598 04	8,246 02	86,811 94
Total	1120	9,750	175,096	1057	135569	$ 5,515,979	$960,724 17	212,042 46	$82,140 46	1,254,907 09

HISTORICAL TABLE

Of the Southern Baptist Convention Since its Organization.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Presidents.	Secretaries.	Preachers.
1845...	Augusta, Ga.....	William B. Johnson, S. C.....	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia.....	
1846...	Richmond, Va.....	William B. Johnson, S. C.....	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama; James C. Crane, Virginia.....	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1849...	Charleston, S. C.	William B. Johnson, S. C.....	James C. Crane, Virginia; Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama ...	W. B. Johnson, South Carolina.
1851...	Nashville, Tenn.	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.....	James C. Crane, Virginia; William Carey Crane, Miss. ..	J. B. Jeter, Virginia; J. L. Reynolds, S. C.
1853...	Baltimore, Md.....	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.....	H. K. Ellyson, Virginia; William Carey Crane, Miss.....	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia; S. Baker, Ky.
1855...	Montgomery, Ala....	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.....	William Carey Crane, Miss.; James M. Watts, Alabama..	A. D. Sears, Kentucky.
1857...	Louisville, Ky.....	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia.....	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Maryland	William Carey Crane, Mississippi.
1859...	Richmond, Va.....	Richard Fuller, Maryland.....	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Maryland	Duncan R. Campbell, Kentucky.
1861...	Savannah, Ga.....	Richard Fuller, Maryland.....	William Carey Crane, Miss.; George B. Taylor, Virginia.	William H. McIntosh, Alabama.
1863...	Augusta, Ga.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	George B. Taylor, Virginia; Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1866...	Russellville, Ky.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	George B. Taylor, Virginia; W. Pope Yeaman, Ky.	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1867...	Memphis, Tenn.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	A. Fuller Crane, Maryland; A. P. Abell, Virginia	W. T. Brantley, Maryland.
1868...	Baltimore, Md.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.....	T. E. Skinner, Tennessee.
1869...	Macon, Ga.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	A. P. Abell, Virginia; A. F. Crane, Maryland.....	E. T. Winkler, South Carolina.
1870...	Louisville, Ky.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	J. Russell Hawkins, Kentucky; E. C. Williams, Maryland	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1871...	St. Louis, Mo.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Alabama..	William Williams, South Carolina.
1872...	Raleigh, N. C.....	James P. Boyce, So. Carolina.	E. Calvin Williams, Md.; Truman S. Sumner, Alabama..	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1873...	Mobile, Ala.....	James P. Boyce, So. Carolina.	M. B. Wharton, Kentucky; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.....	T. G. Jones, Tennessee.
1874...	Jefferson, Texas.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	G. R. McCall, Georgia; W. O. Tuggle, Georgia.....	E. G. Taylor, Louisiana.
1875...	Charleston, S. C.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	W. O. Tuggle, Georgia; G. R. McCall, Georgia.....	T. H. Pritchard, North Carolina.
1876...	Richmond, Va.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	C. C. Bitting, Virginia; E. Calvin Williams, Maryland ..	George C. Lorimer, Massachusetts.
1877...	New Orleans, La.	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	O. F. Gregory, Alabama; W. E. Tanner, Virginia	Henry McDonald, Kentucky.
1878...	Nashville, Tenn.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia	B. H. Carroll, Texas.
1879...	Atlanta, Ga.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; W. E. Tanner, Virginia	J. C. Furman, South Carolina.
1880...	Lexington, Ky.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, South Carolina	P. H. Mell, Georgia.
1881...	Columbus, Miss.	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	C. E. W. Dobbs, Kentucky; Lansing Burrows, Kentucky	Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia.
1882...	Greenville, S. C.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina	T. T. Eaton, Kentucky.
1883...	Waco, Texas	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Kentucky; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina	John A. Broadus, Kentucky.
1884...	Baltimore, Md.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, N. Carolina ..	Lansing Burrows, Georgia.
1885...	Augusta, Ga.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Louisiana....	J. L. M. Curry, Va.; J. L. Burrows, Va.
1886...	Montgomery, Ala....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	J. B. Hawthorne, Georgia.
1887...	Louisville, Ky.....	P. H. Mell, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	George Cooper, Virginia.
1888...	Richmond, Va.....	James P. Boyce, Kentucky...	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	Francis M. Ellis, Maryland.
1889...	Memphis, Tenn.....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	J. P. Greene, Missouri.
1890...	Fort Worth, Texas..	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	J. W. Carter, North Carolina.
1891...	Birmingham, Ala....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	Carter H. Jones, Tennessee.
1892...	Atlanta, Ga.....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	J. B. Gambrell, Mississippi.
1893...	Nashville, Tenn.....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	W. E. Hatcher, Virginia.
1894...	Dallas, Texas.....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	F. H. Kerfoot, Kentucky.
1895...	Washington, D. C. ..	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	Geo. B. Eager, Ala.; W. H. Whitsitt, Ky
1896...	Chattanooga, Tenn..	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	Chas. A. Stakely, District of Columbia.
1897...	Wilmington, N. C...	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	R. A. Venable, Mississippi.
1898...	Norfolk, Va.....	Jonathan Haralson, Alabama.	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	B. L. Whitman, District of Columbia.
1899...	Louisville, Ky.....	W. J. Northen, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	Geo. W. Truett, Texas.
1900...	Hot Springs, Ark....	W. J. Northen, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Maryland..	J. J. Taylor, Virginia.

HISTORICAL TABLE—*Continued.*

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	PREACHERS.
1901...	New Orleans, La.....	W. J. Northen, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Maryland....	E. Y. Mullins, Kentucky.
1902...	Asheville, N. C.....	James P. Eagle, Arkansas.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Maryland....	F. C. McConnell, Georgia.
1903...	Savannah, Ga.....	James P. Eagle, Arkansas.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Alabama.....	W. J. Williamson, Missouri.
1904...	Nashville, Tenn.....	James P. Eagle, Arkansas.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Alabama.....	W. W. Landrum, Georgia.
1905...	Kansas City, Mo.....	E. W. Stephens, Missouri.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Alabama.....	W. H. Felix, Kentucky.
1906...	Chattanooga, Tenn...	E. W. Stephens, Missouri.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	W. R. L. Smith, Virginia.
1907...	Richmond, Va.....	E. W. Stephens, Missouri.....	Lansing Burrows, Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	A. J. Dickinson, Alabama.
1908...	Hot Springs, Ark.....	Joshua Levering, Maryland....	Lansing Burrows Tennessee; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	Henry W. Battle, North Carolina.
1909...	Louisville, Ky.....	Joshua Levering, Maryland....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	Edwin C. Dargan, Georgia.
1910...	Baltimore, Md.....	Joshua Levering, Maryland....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	W. L. Pickard, Georgia.
1911...	Jacksonville, Fla.....	Edwin C. Dargan, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	C. S. Gardner, Kentucky.
1912...	Oklahoma, Okla.....	Edwin C. Dargan, Georgia	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Virginia.....	Z. T. Cody, South Carolina.
1913...	Saint Louis, Mo.....	Edwin C. Dargan, Georgia.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia; O. F. Gregory, Maryland	T. W. O'Kelley, North Carolina.
1914...	Nashville, Tenn.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia	O. F Gregory, Maryland; Hight C. Moore, North Carolina	Geo. W McDaniel, Virginia.
1915...	Houston, Texas.....	Lansing Burrows, Georgia	O. F. Gregory, Maryland; Hight C. Moore, North Carolina.	J. W. Porter, Kentucky.
1916...	Asheville, N. C	Lansing Burrows, Georgia.....	O. F. Gregory, Maryland; Hight C. Moore, North Carolina.	Chas. W. Daniel, Georgia.
1917...	New Orleans, La.....	James Bruton Gambrell, Texas.	O. F. Gregory, Maryland; Hight C. Moore, North Carolina.	C. W. Duke, Florida.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDING OFFICER.	SECRETARY.	IN CHARGE OF MISSIONS.	MEETING, 1917.
Alabama State Convention.....	Mr. Henry B. Foster, Tuscaloosa..	Rev. M. M. Wood, Pinson.....	W.F.Yarborough, D.D., Mont'y.	Sylacauga, Nov. 13
Arkansas State Convention.....	Prof. J.W. Conger, LL.D.,Conway	Rev. E. P. J. Garrott, Heber Spgs.	J. S. Rogers, D.D., Little Rock..	Jonesboro, Dec. 5.
Florida State Convention.....	Mr. Frank Bentley, Tampa.....	C. L. Collins, D.D., DeLand....	S. B. Rogers, Jacksonville.....	Tallahassee, Jan. 15, 1918.
Georgia State Convention.....	Jno. D. Mell, D.D., Athens.....	B. D. Ragsdale, D.D., Macon....	A. C. Cree, D.D., Atlanta.....	Newnan, Nov. 13.
Illinois Baptist Association.....	Mr. W. S. Wilson, Pinckneyville..	G. W. Danbury, D.D., Duquoin.	Rev. B. F. Rodman, Du Quoin..	East St. Louis, Oct. 22.
Kentucky General Association...	Hon. A. Gatliff, Williamsburg....	Prof. Jno. L. Hill, Georgetown....	W. D. Powell, D.D., Louisville...	Paducah, Nov. 13.
Louisiana State Convention.....	Mr. C. Moss, Winnfield.....	Rev. C. P. Roney, De Ridder...	G. H. Crutcher, D.D., Shreveport	Lake Charles, Nov. 20.
Maryland Union Associarion.....	Mr. Joshua Levering, Baltimore..	O. F. Gregory, D.D., Baltimore..	Rev. W. H. Baylor, Baltimore....	Baltimore, Oct. 24.
Mississippi State Convention.....	Rev. J. E. Byrd, Mount Olive...	Rev. Walton E. Lee, Como.....	J. B. Lawrence, D.D., Jackson...	Brookhaven, Nov. 14.
Missouri General Association.....	Hon. C. P. Storts, Slater.....	Rev. S. E. Ewing, Saint Louis...	Rev. J. P. Jacobs, Kansas City..	Springfield, Oct. 23.
New Mexico Baptist Convention.	Rev. R. F. Jenkins, Roswell.....	Rev. C. T. Taylor, Albuquerque.	Rev. E. B. Atwood, Albuquerque	Portales, Oct. 31.
North Carolina State Convention	Mr. Jno. A. Oakes, Fayetteville..	Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Louisburg..	W. N. Johnson, D.D., Raleigh....	Durham, Dec. 4.
Oklahoma General Convention...	Mr. J. C. Stalcup, Mountain View	Rev. W. P. Blake, Shawnee.....	F. M. McConnell, D.D.Oklahoma	McAlester, Dec. 5.
South Carolina State Convention	Hon. T. T. Hyde, Charleston....	Rev. E. S. Reaves, Honea Path...	W. T. Derieaux, D.D., Columbia.	Columbia, Dec. 5.
Tennessee State Convention.....	Prof. G. J. Burnett, Murfreesboro	Rev. Fleetwood Ball, Lexington..	J. W. Gillon, D.D., Nashville....	Memphis, Nov. 14.
Texas State Convention.....	Pres. S. P. Brooks, LL.D., Waco.	Rev. D. R. Pevoto, Houston....	J. B. Gambrell, D.D., Dallas....	Houston, Nov. 22.
Texas Missionary Association....	Rev. E. D. Gaddy, Sulphur Spgs.	Rev. S. S. Bussell, Dallas.....	Rev. Edgar Parker, Dallas.....	Waxahachie, Nov. 14.
Virginia General Association.....	Mr.Westwood Hutchison, Manasas	Hugh C. Smith, D.D., Bedford..	Mr. Wm. Ellyson, Richmond....	Roanoke, Nov. 20.

SUMMARY OF DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS FOR 1916.

STATE.	Associations.	Churches.	Increase By: Baptism.	Increase By: Letter and Statement.	Increase By: Restoration.	Decrease By: Letter.	Decrease By: Exclusion and Erasure.	Decrease By: Death.	Total Membership.	Sunday Schools: Number.	Sunday Schools: Enrollment.	Value of Church Property.	Contributions for Home Use.	Contributions for Missions.	For Other Benevolence.	Aggregate Contributions for all Purposes.
Alabama	77	2,126	11,548	8,278	483	8,214	3,960	1,361	213,432	1,640	135,741	$ 3,809,455	$ 575,392 37	$ 88,193 18	$ 43,079 01	$ 703,664 56
Arkansas	54	1,488	7,397	4,659	337	3,775	1,629	870	118,930	786	59,245	2,031,771	304,985 33	55,729 43	50,761 15	411,475 91
Florida	30	747	3,291	3,144	438	2,700	1,501	446	59,074	484	39,583	1,892,685	293,206 42	41,545 37	20,702 66	355,454 45
Georgia	94	2,269	15,440	12,960	866	12,818	2,593	2,512	311,341	2,063	184,499	6,469,305	915,342 90	181,811 55	101,666 89	1,198,821 34
Illinois*	25	600	3,356	1,389	294	1,296	791	606	63,189	454	41,246	1,394,960	211,248 67	35,017 97	10,779 47	257,046 11
Kentucky	75	1,903	13,595	7,461	889	6,150	3,748	2,332	256,814	1,446	145,126	5,492,420	656,356 81	122,493 04	57,056 09	835,905 94
Louisiana	32	738	5,107	3,799	471	3,001	1,063	577	74,919	482	38,476	1,230,672	222,150 29	40,648 48	30,162 57	292,961 34
Maryland	3	84	1,587	465	253	468	478	138	14,744	80	14,891	1,308,975	145,052 25	47,797 85	9,079 47	201,929 57
Mississippi	56	1,507	8,765	6,273	373	6,026	1,427	1,132	164,756	975	74,599	2,504,146	510,132 50	92,888 93	74,711 31	677,732 74
Missouri	82	1,965	14,398	7,983	612	7,068	4,482	2,090	211,499	1,504	148,188	5,877,073	920,128 80	130,570 96	75,903 89	1,125,603 65
New Mexico	8	135	600	913	39	392	183	45	6,275	70	6,363	188,250	46,302 06	9,752 09	572 51	56,626 66
North Carolina	64	2,152	15,938	10,068	1,537	9,536	2,817	3,249	278,095	2,128	215,641	5,097,108	916,740 98	160,171 11	133,127 47	1,210,039 86
Oklahoma	49	1,136	6,238	6,518	206	4,137	1,428	569	84,627	636	64,037	1,822,177	476,517 63	57,331 58	43,108 25	576,957 46
South Carolina	37	1,126	8,429	6,507	537	3,879	2,520	1,329	136,991	913	111,374	3,887,595	589,946 58	141,921 95	83,905 51	815,774 04
Tennessee	56	1,849	11,304	5,983	1,703	5,634	2,546	1,873	209,424	1,417	137,442	3,689,568	614,047 60	111,206 10	46,814 54	772,068 24
Texas	148	3,647	23,293	31,653	1,790	20,767	4,667	2,088	369,677	2,249	226,840	8,345,437	1,766,398 45	358,644 17	465,187 10	2,590,229 72
Virginia	29	1,120	9,750	5,453	449	4,007	3,711	1,735	175,096	1,057	135,569	5,515,979	960,724 17	212,042 46	82,140 46	1,254,907 09
Dist. of Columbia*	1	10	461	358	42	142	150	42	5,215	10	6,132	501,600	58,199 53	10,567 25	5,919 51	74,686 29
Totals	920	24,602	160,497	123,864	11,319	100010	40,674	22,994	2,744,098	18,394	1,784,992	$61,159,186	$10,182,873 34	$1,898,333 47	$1,334,677 86	$13,415,884 67

Other States, Am. B. Year Book	1,338,759
Colored in Southern States	2,150,900
Total in United States	6,233,757
Dominion of Canada, official	137,922
Mexico, West Indies and Central America	57,943
Brazil, Argentine, Chili, official	16,853
Great Britain	408,029
Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, estimated	115,614
Baptist membership in the world	6,970,118

NOTES.

Sunday school figures in some instances furnished by Secretaries of Sunday school work; in other instances as shown in minutes, but in some States the minutes give very little attention to this important feature as a general rule.

Contributions for Missions include Associational, State, Home and Foreign enterprises, but reports in minutes do not show in many cases individual gifts sent direct to Boards.

The distressing conditions in Europe have naturally interfered in obtaining statistics, so that accuracy is impossible while the total may be considered as approximately correct.

*Co-operating with the Convention.

LIST OF PASTORS

WITHIN BOUNDS OF THE

Southern Baptist Convention

NOTE.—This list of pastors engaged in the active work of the ministry is compiled from the Association minutes of 1916, together with such alterations as have resulted from the scrutiny of the denominational press since the period of the Association meetings up to May 1 of this year. Some names have been omitted for want of knowledge of correct postal address, since the only value to such a list is to make it a method of communication which an omitted or incorrect address would render of no avail. Notification of errors or changed residence will be appreciated by the compiler. **Pastors changing their address after January 1 of each year should send postal card with such information to insure correctness.** The attention of "student pastors" is called especially to this. Since the annual appears just before college-closing, they should acquaint the compiler of their subsequent postal address.

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† Where this sign occurs, R. F. D. (Rural Free Delivery) should be added to the postoffice indicated.

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Adams, M. T., Munford
Adams, S. A., Mobile
Adams, S. M., Clanton
Adams, W. R., Opelika
Adams, W. W., Sterrett†
Adams, W. Y., Bangor†
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Akin, G. W., Hollywood
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Alexander, W. A., Albertville
Allen, D. C., Florala
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Andrews, G. E., Enterprise†
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Armstrong, W. R., Arkadelphia†
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Arnold, R. B., Ozark
Atkinson, E. S., Notasulga
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Baker, R. A., Birmingham
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Barnes, F. M., Guntersville
Barnes, J. E., Mobile
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Barnett, F. W., Birmingham
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Black, W. H., Louisville
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Bradley, L. M., Birmingham
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Briscoe, A. W., Camp Hill
Brock, J. F., Thomasville
Brock, L. N., Sylvan
Brooks, A. J., Black
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Brooks, J. W., Samson
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Johnson, H. G., Reform
Johnson, J. E., Tennille
Johnson, J. S., Notasulga
Johnson, Melvin, Heflin
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Johnson, S. W., Newton
Johnson, W. H., Guntersville
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Jones, Jas. W., Moulton
Jones, Lamar, Dothan
Jones, L. M., Cottonwood

Jones, P. M., Newton
Jones, W. B., Clairmont Sp'gs
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Kelly, J. C., Madrid
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Kennedy, W. D., Arley
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Killian, W. A., Porterville
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Mason, H. M., Healing Sp'gs
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McLeod, R. T., Greenville
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Mitchell, J. H., Brent
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Moseley, P. L., Hartford
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Weldon, W. N., Jacksonville
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West, D. M., Belton
West, E. P., Houston
West, F. M., Marysville
West, J. A., Hillsboro
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Westbrook, C. A., Nacogdoches
Wester, A. M., Elgin
Wester, J. J., Reagan
Whatley, H. R., Brownwood
Wheeler, C., Stockman
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White, E. H., Eustace
White, I. J., Nixon
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White, W. B., Anson
White, T. M., Anson
White, W. R., Goldthwaite
Whitesides, R. B., Sulphur Springs
Whitfield, D. W., Montalba†
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Wiggs, J. R., Mount Calm
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Willeford, J. W., Larue†
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Williams, G. K., Hughes Springs
Williams, J. A., Ladonia
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Williams, J. G., Linden
Williams, J. H., Dallas
Williams, J. T., Mineola
Williams, Jno. W., Abilene
Williams, M. D., Brownfield
Williams, M. L., Grapeland
Williams, R. H., Abilene
Williams, S. H., Cisco
Williamson, W. L., Colorado
Willingham, I. H., Flatonia
Willingham, L. A., Harleton
Wilsford, H. P., Miami
Wilson, A. C., Bedias
Wilson, C. L., Mount Vernon
Wilson, C. Y., Leaday
Wilson, G. H. M., San Marcos
Wilson, R. A., Staley
Wilson, R. D., Galveston
Wilson, R. M., Wills Point
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Wilson, W. O., Paluxy
Windsor, I., Kerens
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Wolfe, J. N., Penelope
Womack, R. H., Marietta
Wood, A. C., Como
Wood, W. K., Rusk
Woods, A., Carlton
Woods, H. B., Laredo
Woods, T. D., Burkeville
Woods, W. W., Kirbyville
Woodson, W. E., Stephenville
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Wroton, H. H., Yoakum
Wynn, W. H., Terrell

Yancey, W. S., Archer City
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Yelvington, J. L., Jewett
York, S. M., Houston
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Young, W. L., Rosenburg
Young, W. S., Jasper
Youngblood, C. J., Edgewood
Youngblood, V. V., Beaumont
Younger, W. H., Canyon

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Bagwell, R. W., New Canton
Baker, Geo. T., Leesburg

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Barb, J. G., Bacons Castle
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Barker, J. A., Manchester
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Beall, Chas. T., Dilwyn
Beazley, W. O., Lexington
Bellamy, H. W., Abingdon
Billings, C. M., Farnham
Billings, E. W., West Point
Black, W. M., Norfolk
Blevins, A. A., Chilhowie
Blevins, E., Seven Mile Ford
Bloxom, M. W., Hampton
Boda, Austin O., Portsmouth
Bradford, J. C., Washington, D. C.
Bragg, W. M., Grant
Brannock, W. H., Ridge†
Bremmer, W. D., Taylorsville
Bristow, Weston, Stormont
Britt, W. L., Healing Sp'gs
Broadus, And., Sparta
Broadus, Julian, D.D., Berryville
Brooks, A. B., Coeburn
Brooks, C. W., Sumerduck
Brown, J. R., Broadway
Brown, T. P., Estes
Broyles, G. H., Roanoke
Bryant, A., Buffalo Ridge
Bundick, Geo. C., Culpepper
Burfoot, A. W., Fentress
Burnett, E. F., Burnleys
Buyck, A. S., Boyce

Cabaniss, F. G., Phenix
Callison, S. G., Iron Gate
Campbell, T. H., Tazewell
Carter, W. B., Novrum
Cash, J. S., Kerrs Creek
Cawley, R. L., Java
Charles, A., Kelsa
Chocklett, G. A., Phenix
Clark, T. D. D., Manassas
Clark, W. T., Richmond
Clement, Chas., Jeffersonton
Cobb, J. S., Church Road
Cole, S. W., Charlestown, W. Va.
Coleman, Jas. M., Thaxton
Compton, C. M., Yuma
Connelly, Geo. M., Newland
Conrad, A. B., Lynchburg
Cook, C. V., D.D., Charlottesville
Cook, Geo. F., Luray
Cook, J. B., Falmouth
Cooper, Wm., Pennington Gap
Corr, H. L., Roanes
Couch, J. H., Bassetts
Council, V. H., Warrenton
Cox, C. C., D.D., Newport News
Cox, F. L., Kindrick
Cox, Geo. W., Battery Park
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Davidson, A. D., Lloyds
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Davis, Perry E., Blacksburg
Davis, Wirt L., Richmond
Dearing, W. G., Huntly
Decker, W. J., Lahore
Doan, Jno. R., South Boston
Dodge, R. T., Chester
Donahue, George M., Bowling Green
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Duling, W. B., Backbay
Dunaway, A. B., D.D., Accomac
Dunaway, J. M., Cheriton
Dunaway, T. S., Jr., Smithfield
Dunaway, W. F., Jr., Princeton, W. Va.
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East, H. P., Parksley
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Ferrell, Gould, Cleveland
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Franklin, J. H., Bluefield, W. Va.
Franklin, J. M., Greenville
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Frazer, M. C., Beulahville
Fuller, F. H., Clintwood

Garrett, R. B., D.D., Portsmouth
Gibson, C. H., Nickelsville
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Gibson, W. E., D.D., Richmond
Gilbert, H. F., Fincastle
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Graves, A. W., Ferrell
Grimsley, Barnett, Castleton
Grizzard, R. W., Martinsburg, W. Va.
Gwaltney, J. D., Hewlett

Hable, S. T., Belle Haven
Haga, N. B., Konnarock
Haislip, W. B., Church View
Haley, J. T., Hampton
Hall, Chas. A., Richmond
Hall, T. A., Gordonsville
Hall, W. M., Petersburg
Halstead, W. T., Red Oak
Hamilton, H. V., Roanoke
Hamilton, W. W., D.D., Lynchburg
Hardcastle, E. L., Irvington
Harmonson, H., Yale
Harrell, A. B., Petersburg
Harris, E. M., Marion
Harris, G. A., Oysterpoint
Harris, J. H., Wingina
Hart, F. B., Winterpock
Harte, T. W., Well Water
Harwood, S. G., Jarratt
Hash, W. A., Kindrick
Hatcher, E. B., Christiansburg
Hawkins, T. B., Bedford
Hedley, Wm., Ashland

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Hicks, Jos. E., D.D., Danville
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Higginson, E. T., Lynnhaven
Hinkle, A. S., Vicco
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Hobbs, V. M., Colonial Beach
Hoffman, H. C., Ballsville
Holland, J. C., Danville
Horton, J. W., Hillsville
Hoskins, J. T., Millers Tavern
Hubbard, R. C., Norton
Hudson, C. W., Achilles
Hudson, T. J., Gretna
Hughes, W. G., Bedford
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I'Anson, V., Darlington Hts.
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Ivey, E. S., Schoolcraft
Jackson, E. B., D.D., Alexandria
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Jackson, W. S., Fredericksburg
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Johnson, J. R., Richmond
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Jones, A. W. H., Village
Jones, H. M. B., Portsmouth
Jordan, H. B., Manchester
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Keefe, W. R., Chatham
Kendrick, R. G., Portsmouth
Kerfoot, F. W., Chatham
Kilgore, Elbert, Coeburn
Kincannon, C. T., Scottsburg
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Lankford, W. E., Drewry
Lavender, F. G., Fork Union
Lawless, J. L., Holland
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Leake, W. S., Hopewell
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Love, A. R., Petersburg
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Luck, Julian M., Crozet
Luck, Norman, Brandywine
Lukens, F. J., Herndon
Lumpkin, G. T., Suffolk
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Lynn, A. T., Fredericksburg
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Major, M. B., Danville
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Mason, B. K., Portsmouth
Mason, E. T., Modest Town
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Massie, J. H., Bowman
Matthews, R. L., Petersburg
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McCabe, J. P., Martinsville
McCarter, Jesse, Saluda
McDaniel, Geo. W., D.D., Richmond
McDowell, Guy, Matoaca
McElroy, C. W., Appomattox
McFadden, W. S., Washington
McGuire, V. B., Danville
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McManaway, J. M., D.D., Pennington Gap
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Moncure, Jno., Williamsburg
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Moses, S. B., Cambria
Naff, W. L., Clifton
Northen, L. C., Rio Vista
Northern, E. E., Richmond
O'Brien, R. L., Phoebus
Overton, S. B., Bowling Green
Owen, S. C., Petersburg
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Page, W. P., Richmond
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Parker, W. H., Hardy
Paulette, L. F., Newsoms
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Peyton, E. V., Orange†
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Poe, W. D., South Hill
Pool, E. Y., Rocky Mount
Popkins, G. W., Washington, D. C.
Poteat, J. E., Boone Mill
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Powers, J. H., Galax
Putney, F. W., Norfolk
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Reamy, A. J., Edwardsville
Reamy, T. M. L., Foneswood
Reedy, E. W., Volney
Reeves, J., Nelson
Reid, L. T., D.D., Onancock
Reynolds, Jas. W., Powhatan
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Robertson, C. M., Farmville
Robertson, F. P., Salem
Robertson, W. E., Richmond
Robinson, B. F., Locust Dale
Robinson, S. S., Victoria
Rocke, G. L., Newcastle
Roper, L. M., D.D., Petersburg
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Rouse, C. T., Seven-Mile Ford
Rowe, J. E., Pendleton
Royal, M. W., Danville
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Rudd, A. B., D.D., Richmond
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Ryland, J. S., Cedon

Sams, O. E., Lynchburg
Sanders, C. E., Brokenburg
Sanford, T. R., Chatham
Savage, W. V., D.D., Churchland
Sawyer, O. W., Chincoteague Island
Schaible, C. E., Dumbarton
Sessoms, J. O., Palmyra
Seymour, T. Y., Laurel Hill
Sheppard, A. G., Roanoke†
Sheriff, G. H., King William
Shiflett, C. E., Fordwick
Showalter, D. T., Passapatansy
Shumate, A. L., Buchanan
Simmons, D. M., Newport
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Smith, C. W., Wytheville
Smith, E. T., Manchester
Smith, G. C., Salem
Smith, Hugh C., D.D., Bedford
Smith, L. W., Richmond
Snyder, W. A., West Norfolk
Soyers, H. N., Johnson Sp'gs
Soyers, P. O., Gladys
Spencer, J. J., Buckingham
Staples, R. F., Emporia
Stapleton, G. H., Hurley
Stevens, H. T., Roanoke
Stinson, J. T., Lebanon
Stodghill, J. R., Matthews
Stone, C. W., Belspring
Stork, C. W., Fredericksburg
Straton, J. R., D.D., Norfolk
Street, J. M., Appomattox
Strong, J. H., Fincastle
Stuart, W. P., Hampton
Suddith, L. H., Quinton
Sumpter, E. E., Buena Vista
Swann, Porterfield, Goshen
Swift, E. L., Fredericksburg

Taylor, Clarence E., Pamplin
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Taylor, J. M., Abingdon
Taylor, J. R., Cartersville
Taylor, W. C., Martinsburg, W. Va.
Terrell, G. T., Ashland
Terry, O. L., Honaker
Thomas, D. A., Vinton
Thomas, W. S. O., Falls Church
Thornhill, L. R., Lynchburg
Throckmorton, P. E., Richmond
Torbert, R. W., Portsmouth
Trainham, C. W., Bruington
Triplett, O. W., Alexandria
Tucker, J. T., Amelia C. H.
Tyler, W. B., Richmond

Underwood, P. A., East Radford

Vaughan, E. S., Floyd
Vinson, H. P., Jetersville
Virgin, H. W., D.D., Roanoke
Vines, J. F., D.D., Roanoke

Wade, J. W., Boone Mill
Walker, A. C., Alfonso
Walton, Jesse F., Lodi
Walton, L. H., Scottsville
Walton, M. C., Virgilina
Warren, T. R., Grant
Warren, W. E., Shiloh
Watson, W. F., D.D., Harrisonburg
Wayts, W. R., Alexandria†
Welsh, J. Atwood, Waverly
White, Jno. E., Drakes Branch
White, R. D., Manchester
Wicker, J. J., D.D., Richmond
Wildman, J. W., Yancey Mills
Wiley, J. L., Gordonsville
Wilkinson, H., Bedford
Williams, H. T., Chase City
Williams, Jno. B., Brookneal
Williams, R. A., Norfolk
Willoughby, J. A., Grotons
Wilmer, E. C., Marlbrook
Winfree, R. H., Midlothian
Winfrey, E. W., D.D., Culpepper
Wingfield, W. T., Roanoke
Witt, James E., Ben Hur
Wood, F. G., Vinton
Woodhouse, W. T., Burkeville

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ORDINATIONS.

The ordination of the following ministers has been noted in the religious press up to May 1, 1917:

Arceneaux, J. F., Acy., La., Apl. 7, '16.
Barrick, C. R., Speermore, Okla., Sept. 28, '16.
Bassett, J. B., Kempsville, Va., July 16, '16.
Bateman, R. F., Augusta, Ga., July 10, '16.
Batterton, F. M., Beardstown, Ill., Apl. 30, '16.
Belgard, Arbellus, Rapides co., La., Sept. 10, '16.
Bell, Robt. J., Long Beach, Miss., Mar. 13, '17.
Bennett, H. P., Columbia, S. C., Oct. 19, '16.
Black, J. W., Morehead, Ky., June 1, '16.
Blackman, L. E., Wayne co., N. C., Oct. 5, '16.
Booth, —., Cobb co., Ga., Apl. 1, '17.
Borum, Winston, Jackson, Miss., Oct. 15, '16.
Boyer, Jno. S., Leadwood, Mo., May 19, '16.
Brame, J. D., Macon, Miss., Aug., '16.
Braun, M. L., Asheville, N. C., Jan. 28, '17.
Brewster, Thos., Camden, Ark., July 2, '16.
Brittain, Jno. P., La., June 25, '16.
Brookshire, H. T., Jackson co., Ga., Sept., '16.
Brown, J. W., Fulton co., Ky., Dec., '16.
Browning, T. M., Scott co., Ky., Oct. 25, '16.
Bunch, J. S., Paducah, Ky., July 30, '16.
Burrell, T. A., Greenville, S. C., May 4, '16.
Butler, Clarence, Arnett, Okla., Aug. 6, '16.
Carter, J. L., Gainesville, Tex., July 2, '16.
Cavanaugh, Omer, Russellville, Ky., Oct. 18, '16.
Chandler, Vestal, Bluffton, Ark., Aug. 27, '16.
Clark, I. S., Hominy, N. C., Jan. 7, '17.
Cobb, C. H., Manning, Ark., June 17, '16.
Corn, J. A., Transylvania co., N. C., June 24, '16.
Craig, S. Y., Louisville, Ky., Apl. 25, '17
Croom, Wm. F., La., June 25, '16.
Cullen, A. H., Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 18, '17.
Dansey, C. D., Henrico co., Va., Dec. 3, '16.
Davenport, T. J., Tenn., Nov., '16.
Davidson, W. T., Honoraville, Ala., May 28, '16.
Davis, Hale V., Oklahoma, Okla., June 13, '16.
Dellashaw, J. G., Madill, Okla., Aug. 23, '16.
DeRoos, A. B., Dallas, Tex., May 28, '16.
Dieterle, Fred., St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4, '17.
Diggs, King, Roane co., Tenn., June 17, '16.
Dodge, John, Rapides co., La., Sept. 10, '16
Eason, J. N., Carroll co., Ga., Nov. 5, '16.
Eavenson, Ira, Coldwater, Miss.
Farrar, H. K., Ascension co., La., July 6, '16.
Farris, H. H., Charlotte co., Va., June 16, '16.
Feezor, F. C., Davidson co., N. C., Sept. 17, '16.
Fesmire, W. J., Lexington, Tenn., Jan 26, '17.
Field, B. G., Pickens co., S. C., Sept. 29, '16.
Finn, J. A., Jr., Mt. Vernon, Ill., Nov. 30, '16.
Fletcher, M. R., Nashville, Tenn., June 14, '16.
Gadd, H. W., Laclede co., Mo., July 30, '16.
Gallimore, A. R., Lexington, N. C., July 9, '16.
Gehring, F. A., Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 18, '17.
Gentry, J. J., Landrum, S. C., June 18, '16.
Goodfellow, A. J., Tarrant co., Tex., Apl. 23, '16.
Goss, Geo. A., Weatherford, Okla., May, '16.
Gotcher, S. A., Oklahoma, Okla., Apl. 8, '17.
Gray, —., Chicot, Ark., Dec. 31, '16.
Grigg, Saml., Woburn, Ill., Nov. 3, '16.
Hancock, E. G., Dallas, Tex., June 7, '16.
Hargrove, J. B., Little Rock, Ark., Mar. 20, '17.
Harlow, O. V., Mt. Vernon, Ill., Sept. 3, '16.
Harris, Jean, Teague, Tex., Feb. 18, '17.
Harris, J. H., Pleasureville, Ky., Sept. 7, '16.
Haynes, L. Q., Clyde, N. C., Nov. 26, '16.
Haynie, W. R., Clinton, Miss., Mar. 29, '17.
Herring, B. O., Dallas, Tex., June 7, '16.
Hind, Chas., Labelle, Mo., Apl. 30, '16.
Hollowell, W. H., Chowan co., N. C., June 4, '16.
Hood, Frank C., Pettis co., Mo., Mar. 4, '17.
Huddleston, Fred., Campbell co., Ky., Dec. 12, '16.
Hudson, J. M., Haywood co., Tenn., Apl. 15, '17
Humphrey, J. L., Robeson co., N. C., Oct. 22, '16.
Jackson, J. E., Edgefield co., S. C., Oct. 1, '16.
Jackson, T. H., Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 29, '16.
James, R. Lee, Macon, Ga., Sept. 17 ,'16.
Jennings, R. M., Oconee co., Ga., Dec. 24, '16.
Jobe, J. R., Dardanelle, Ark., Mar. 4, '17.
Johnson, Roy, Independence, Mo., June, '16.
Johnson, Whitt, Greenwood co., S. C., Oct. 1, '16.
Johnston, J. O., Little Rock, Ark., Mar. 1, '16.
Joiner, Wm. H., Marshall, Tex., Nov. 20, '16.
Jolly, F. M. C., Glen Dean, Ky., Apl. 29, '16.
Jordan, S. B., Godfrey, Ga., Dec. 31, '16.
Keller, A. J., Ill., June 30, '16.
Kelly, L. M., Louisville, Ky. May 3, '16.
King, Lee, Jacksonville, Tex., Apl. 18, '17
Lawson, —., Eldon, Mo., Dec. 10, '16.
Linney, W. L., Willacoochee, Ga., June, '16.
Linton, C. A., Hanceville, Ala., July 30, '16.
Livingston, E. A., Montgomery co., N. C., Mar. 18, '16.
Love, E. A., Butler co., Mo., July 30, '16.
Lyerle, W. D., Joplin, Mo., Nov. 13, '16.
MacKenzie, T. S., Dallas, Tex., Jan. 19, '17.
Manning, J. F., Craighead co., Ark., Apl. 25, '17
Martin, A. C., McCullough co., Tex., Sept. 24, '16.
Martin, J. B., Huffman, Ala., Apl. 8, '17
Massey, R. E., Clinton, Miss., Jan. 7, '17.
Mast, Geo. W., Chillicothe, Mo., Oct. 8, '16.
McBrayer, Elmer, Gordon co., Ga., Dec., '16.
McCall, A. C., Johnston co., N. C., Sept. 1, '16.

McCall, D. A., Blue Mountain, Miss., July 23, '16.
McCray, Raymond, Mo., July 9, '16.
McIver, Jno. A., Waco, Tex., Oct., '16.
McPeake, J. E., Henderson co., Tenn., Aug. 18, '16.
Mitchell, Horatio, La., Mar. 11, '17.
Moore, A. L., Hennessey, Okla., July 30, '16.
Moss, B. R., Logan co., Ky., Oct. 15, '16.
Myers, S. B., Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 29, '17.
Neighbor, C. E., Augusta, Ga., July 10, '16.
Olander, Jos., Clinton, Miss., May 1, '16.
O'Neal, M. D., Dalark, Ark., Aug., '16.
Penny, Lee, Benton co., Mo., Mar. 8, '17.
Pettigrew, G. N., Chappells, S. C., July 2, '16.
Pool, Frank K., N. C., Aug. 23, '16.
Porter, Jos. W., Helena, Ark., Oct. 4, '16.
Price, E. A., Empire, Ga., July, '16.
Prince, C. B., Fairforest, S. C., July 2, '16.
Quisenberry, J. R., Orange co., Va., July 30, '16.
Ragan, W. C., Gasconade co., Mo., Oct. 28, '16.
Rainwater, H. S., Kansas City, Mo., Apl. 20, '16.
Rankin, M. D., Durham, N. C., Nov. 18, '16.
Reavis, Preston, Sadler, Tex.
Reeb, C. H., Farmville, Ala., Dec., '16.
Reed, M. D., Hall co., Ga., Sept. 8, '16.
Reid, G. E., Abilene, Tex., Oct. 11, '16.
Rice, Hallie, Greensburg, Mo., Apl. 30, '16.
Richardson, W. M., Clinton, Miss., May 1, '16.
Rogers, Walter, Longview, Tex., Mar. 11, '17.
Rose, Saml., Whitfield co., Ga., July, '16.
Ross, Clarence, Durham, N. C., Oct. 22, '16.
Sager, —., Pujol, Ill., Jan. 17, '17.
Salasi, M. W., Ascension co., La., July 9, '16.
Savoie, Clay, Lafourche, La., Dec. 3, '16.
Schultz, Paul, Kyle, Tex., Nov. 21, '16.
Sebastian, S. D., Madison co., Ky., Apl. 15, '16.
Seise, P. H., Atmore, Ala., Jan., '17.
Shannon, R. O., Audrian co., Mo., July 29, '16.
Sharrah, Lester, Daviess co., Mo., June 4, '16
Shepherd, P. N., Thomas co., Ga., Oct. 29, '16
Showalter, D. P., Stafford co., Va., Apl. 30, '16.
Skinner, R. T., Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 13, '16.
Skinner, Wm. C., Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 13, '16.
Smith, Homer F., Mascot, Tenn., Oct. 8, '16.
Smith, H. W., Umatilla, Fla.
Smith, J. C., Murphy, N. C., Mar. 19, '17.
Smith, J. K., Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 26, '16.
Smith, Oswell, Savannah, Ga., June 20, '16.
Smothers, Geo., Williamson co., Ill., Apl. 22, '17
Snell, M. G., Ohio co., Ky., Dec. 24, '16.
Spiller, Henry, Ill., Sept., '16.
Springer, G. C., Dallas, Tex., Jan. 7, '17.
Sprinkle, W. J., Cowpens, S. C., Nov. 19, '16.
Stagg, M. L., Palo Pinto co., Tex., Mar. 11, '17.
Stanley, H. B., Madison, N. C., Aug. 8, '16.
Stansel, Jackson, Pickens co., S. C., July 22, '16.
Stewart, E. J., Sapulpa, Okla., Nov. 23, '16.
Stidham, L. E., Brashear, Tex., Dec. 3, '16.
Stone, W. A., Slayden, Miss., July 9, '16.
Stout, C. O., Jackson co., Mo., June 18, '16.
Stroud, J. T., Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 21, '17.
Styles, B. B., Yancey co., N. C., Feb. 20, '16.
Sullivan, A. A., Palo Pinto co., Tex., Mar. 11, '17.
Sullivan, J. S., Smith co., Miss., '16.
Tinnin, J. V., Natchez, Miss., Mar. 21, '17.
Tippett, J. T., Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 10, '16.
Tittle, Paris, Bonnie, Ill., Oct. 12, '16.
Todd, N. J., Bertie co., N. C., June 18, '16.
Treadwell, M. A., Clinton, Miss., Jan. 18, '17.
Tyner, G. T., Hall co., Ga., Sept. 8, '16.
Ullom, Jesse, Vera, Ill., Aug. 25, '16.
Veal, W. G., Washington co., Ga., July 22, '16.
Watson, R. J., Chicot, Ark., Dec. 31, '16.
Watts, Thos., Camden, Ark., July 2, '16
Wells, Q. E., Honoraville, Ala., May 28, '16.
White, Roy, Ill., Nov. 11, '16.
Wilbanks, C. E., Jena, La., July 20, '16.
Wilcox, W. P., Jackson, Tenn., May 28, '16.
Wilcoxson, W. A., Purnell, Okla., Mar. 5, '17.
Wilderman, Orren, Bond co., Ill., June 9, '16.
Williams, Jno. K., Tugalo As'n., Ga., Dec. 30, '16.
Williams, T. H., Greensboro, N. C., Apl. 8, '17.
Williamson, Jno. D., Ill., July 30, '16.
Williamson, N. F., Rome, Ga., Sept. 24, '16.
Wilson, Jesse R., Austin, Tex., Feb. 27, '17.
Wilson, W. J., Ga., Nov., '16.
Winn, J. S., Elbert co., Ga., July 7, '16.
Winstead, Bert, Scott co., Miss., Oct. 12, '16.
Woodson, Edw., Hico, Tex., Oct., '16.
Yates, Kyle M., Wake co., N. C., Aug. 27, '16.
Yeakley, E. M., Archer City, Tex., June, '16.
Zachert, R. E., Louisville, Ky., May 14, '16.

Total number reported, 192.

MINISTERS DIED.

The death of the following ministers has been noted in the religious press up to May 1, 1917:

Allen, Jos., Benton co., Tenn., Dec., '16.
Allen, J. R., Talking Rock, Ga., Mar., '17.
Allen, J. Y., Thomaston, Ga., Jan. 8, '17.
Allen, Lloyd L., Swain co., N. C., Feb. 1, '17.
Allison, H. T., Milton, N. C., Feb. 9, '17.
Bagwell, G. L., Auburn, Ga., June 14, '16.
Baker, Jno. D., Jackson co., Okla., Jan. 31, '17.
Beeson, I. E. M., Morrillton, Ark., Apl., '16.
Bell, J. E., Fayette, Ala., Nov. 2, '16.
Bell, J. H., Campbell co., Ga., Aug. 15, '16.
Bell, T. P., D.D., Asheville, N. C., Oct. 2, '16.
Bernard, H. R., D.D., Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12, '16.
Binford, J. E., Alto, Tex., Feb. 6, '17.
Birdwell, G. P., Troup, Tex., Aug. 13, '16.
Bittick, O. D., Joplin, Mo., Dec., '16.
Borum, Jno. E., Marion, Ill., Apl. 13, '17
Bowling, M. J., Hall co., Tex., Mar. 28, '16.
Brannon, A. S., Roanoke, Ala., Oct. 10, '16.
Brown, A. J., Wewoka, Okla., Jan. 4, '17.
Brown, J. A., D.D., Kingsburg, S. C., Sept. 5, '16.
Bruner, I. W., Louisville, Ky., Feb. 23, '17
Bruton, W. H., D.D., Colliersville, Tenn., Mar., '17.
Callaway, S. B., Batesville, Ark., May 7, '16.
Carner, W. H., Duquoin, Ill., Apl. 1, '17.
Cassiday, J. A., Texline, Tex., Jan. 6, '17.
Caughman, L. J., Mendenhall, Miss., Oct. 14, '16.
Chambliss, J. A., D.D., Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 9, '16.
Chilton, L. S., Turners Station, Ky., Feb. 2, '17.
Church, A. S., Marshall co., Ala., Dec. 19, '16.
Clark, Henry T., Richmond, Va., Nov. 25, '16.
Cobb, A. H., Wise co., Tex., May 9, '16.
Copeland, J. P., Coushatta, La., June 17, '16.
Council, Jno. G., Clarendon, Va., June 1, '16.
Cravens, H. P., Dahlgren, Ill., Jan. 31, '17.
Crews, P. J., Neshoba co., Miss., Dec. 20, '16.
Curry, J. H., Selmer, Tenn., Jan. 25, '17.
Davis, Frank P., Little Rock, Ark., Apl., '17
Davis, J. H., Ralston, Tenn.
Dixon, B. F., Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 3, '17.
Dixon, J. B., Jasper, Fla., June 1, '16.
Dobbs, C. E. W., D.D., Louisville, Ky., Sept. 28, '16.
Donahoo, J. C., Tex., Jan. 7, '17.
Dunaway, W. F., D.D., Brookvale, Va., June 20, '16.
Dyer, W. M., Sharpe, Ga., Feb. 21, '17.
Eastes, T. J., Brushcreek, Tenn., May 29, '16.
Edens, Geo. W., Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 20, '17.
Ellis, Chas. B., Macon, Ga., May 9, '16.
Evans, A. J., Alba, Tex., March 17, '16.
Farthing, L. W., Watauga Falls, N. C., Feb. 11, '17.
Ferguson, H. A., Sumner, Miss., Mar. 6, '17.
Ferguson, J. T., Palestine, Tex., Apl. 14, '16.
Finley, J. L., Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 25, '17.
Folk, E. E., D.D., Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 27, '17.
Frost, J. M., D.D., Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 30, '16.
French, J. A., D.D., Columbia, Ala., Nov. 4, '16.
Fulgham, J. T., Madison co., Ala., June 10, '16.
Gaddy, W. M., Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22, '17.
Gaines, W. A., Seneca, S. C., May 27, '16.
Garland, Jno. A., Okla., Jan. 20, '17.
Garrett, S. H., Fentress co., Tenn., Apl. 5, '16.
Griffith, J. T., Manor, Tex., Mar. 28, '16.
Haley, L. J., D.D., Mineral, Va., Feb. 8, '17.
Hatch, B. N., Handsboro, Miss., Mar. 1, '17.
Hawkins, E. P., Spottsylvania co., Va., June 16, '16.
Haynes, J. J., Mena, Ark., Nov. 9, '16.
Hedges, Wm. C., Ina, Ill., Apl. 17, '17
Hester, Snowden, Bladen co., N. C., July 7, '16.
Hill, A. M., Madison co., Tex., June 9, '16.
Hines, M. L., Garrison, Tex., Aug. 16, '16.
Hoge, Geo. F., Boonville, N. C., Apl. 9, '17.
Holcroft, N. S., Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 6, '16.
Hopper, C. F., Sampson co., N. C., June 25, '16.
Hubbard, W. G., Eoline, Ala., Apl. 3, '16.
Hull, W. F., McDowell co., N. C., Apl. 9, '17.
Hungerford, B. F., Shelbyville, Ky., Oct. 5, '16.
Inman, W. G., D.D., Jackson, Tenn., June 24, '16.
Jackson, J. A., McDonough, Ga., Jan. 21, '17.
Jenkins, R., Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 2, '16.
Jimmerson, G. T., Boulder, Ill., Aug. 3, '16.
Johnson, C. S., Anniston, Ala., Mar. 13, '16.
Jones, J. W., Chauncey, Ga., Feb. 19, '17.
Keller, Wm. A., Watauga co., N. C., Jan. 29, '16.
Kendall, J. T., Clayton, Ga., Aug. 25, '16.
Kimbro, W. C., M.D., Tyro, Ark., Dec. 22, '16.
Kincheon, J. D., Comanche co., Tex., Feb. 26, '17.
King, H. M., Tampa, Fla., Feb. 16, '17
Kirk, J. O., Richmond, Va.
Kirtley, Luke, Vandalia, Mo., Jan., '17.
Kytle, J. W., Clarkesville, Ga., Apl., '16.
Lackey, W. H., DeKalb co., Ala.
Loftin, I. N., Elizabeth City, N. C., Apl. 12, '17
Loggins, J. U., Walton co., Ga., Apl. 2, '17.
Long, Benj., Bond co., Ill., May 14, '16.
Lowry, I. S., Gallatin, Mo.
Maddox, J. D., Owensboro, Ky., May 31, '16.
Maddox, W. J., Douglas, Ga., May 12, '16.

Mangus, J. C., Grayson co., Tex., Dec. 23, '15.
Martin, Jno., Stillmore, Ga., Apl., '17
Massey, C. F., Starke, Fla., Oct. 16, '16.
McCracken, T. P., Laurel co., Ky., May 3, '16.
McGarrity, W. B., Belton, Tex., May 21, '16.
Meador, A. R. L., Piedmont, Mo., Dec. 9, '15.
Melton, H. H., Conway, Ark., May 26, '16.
Merrifield, A. T., Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 7, '16.
Milam, G. W., Dunmor, Ky., Feb. 2, '17.
Miller, W. T., Rochester, Tex., Nov. 24, '16.
Mitchell, Jas. M., Columbia, S. C., Mar. 2, '17.
Moore, J. B., DeSoto co., La., June, '17.
Moore, W. H., Caldwell co., Ky., July 17, '16.
Munroe, Jas., Birmingham, Ala.
Myers, J. J., Congaree, S. C., Feb. 24, '17.
Mynatt, M. H., Knox co., Tenn., Dec. 12, '16.
Newell, J. R., Mobile co., Ala., Sept. 5, '16.
Newton, Jas. B., Tomahawk, N. C., Dec. 16, '16.
Nicholson, C. C., Franklin, Tex., Dec. 17, '16.
Ollis, W. H., Ingalls, N. C., Dec. 1, '16.
Palmay, Jos., Houston, Tex., Feb., '17.
Pardue, P. M., Lenoir City, Tenn., Apl. 18, '16.
Pendleton, E. B., Dyersburg, Tenn., July 12, '16.
Pettit, C. C., Pickens co., Ga., Feb. 8, '16.
Powell, C. R., Ark., Aug. 4, '16.
Powers, T. M., Wayne co., Ky., May 13, '16.
Powers, W. E., Fairfield, Ky., Nov. 26, '16.
Prince, Peter, Aledo, Ill., Apl. 24, '17
Pruett, J. W., Dover, Tenn., June 22, '16.
Ragan, W. B., Texas co., Mo., Jan. 29, '16.
Ramsey, D. W., M.D., Pineapple, Ala., Mar. 9, '16.
Rice, J. F., Davidson co., Tenn., July 17, '16.
Rice, Stephen F., Medora, Ill., Sept. 6, '16.
Rogers, Edwin L., Springfield, Mo., Nov. 19, '16.
Rowland, L. E., Hamilton co., Tenn., Aug. 21, '16.
Sammons, J. M., Bogalusa, La., Oct. 6, '16.
Sanders, T. E., Woodstock, Ala., Aug. 22, '16.
Saunders, D. P., Frederick, Okla., Jan. 31, '17.
Seago, P. H., Lilesville, N. C., Feb. 24, '17.
Sellers, W. G., Greenwood, Ga., Apl. 6, '17.
Selvidge, W. H., Ardmore, Okla., July 18, '16.
Shutt, C. A., Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Mar. 12, '16.
Smith, Josiah D., Salisbury, Mo., Jan. 22, '17.
Smith, N. T., Eminence, Mo., Aug. 26, '16.
Smith, W. C., High Point, N. C., Jan. 22, '17.
Sparkman, T. J., Palmetto, Fla.
Stamper, Asa M., Girard, Ill., July 13, '16.
Stamps, B. F., Clinton, Ky., Jan. 7, '17.
Stephens, J. A., Ohoopee, Ga., Apl., '17.
Stuart, J. P., Kandas City, Mo., Feb. 18, '17.
Tartt, Jas. T., Alpine, Tex., Dec. 16, '16.
Taylor, F. A., Greensboro, Ga.
Thomas, T. M., Arlington, Ga., May 23, '16.
Thornton, E. E., Houston, Miss., Feb. 22, '17.
Titus, P. H., Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 20, '16.
Tucker, Alex., Lonsdale, Ark., Spet. 3, '16.
Underwood, W. W., Blue Ridge, Ga. Apl. 3, '17.
Wallace, I. E., Calvert City, Ky., Dec. 15, '16.
Ward, A. C., D.D., Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 20, '16.
Ward, F. L., Talbotton, Ga., Oct. 20, '16.
Ward, Jno. R., Caneyville, Ky., Jan. 29, '16.
Watson, J. W., Manteo, N. C., Oct. 31, '16.
Weathers, J. W., Caldwell co., Tex., May 31, '16.
Weaver, G. W., Kingston, Tenn., May 31, '16.
Webb, G. M., Shelby, N. C., Jan. 11, '17.
White, C. N., Albany, Mo., Oct. 22, '16.
Whitmire, A. S., Pickens co., S. C., Jan. 26, '17.
Williams, B. W., Haralson, Ga., Oct. 14, '16.
Williams, Jas. H., Mexia, Ala., Mar. 2, '17.
Wingfield, G. C. N., Albemarle co., Va., Nov. 19, '16.
Wood, J. M., Decatur, Ill., July 26, '16.
Wood, Wm. M., Henderson co., Tex., June 3, '16.
Woolam, J., Terrell, Tex., June 29, '16.

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