

THE THIRD REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

AMERICAN

BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1835.

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NOTICES.

Communications to be addressed to the Rev. Jonathan Going, Corresponding Secretary to the A. B. H. M. Society, at Clinton Hall, corner of Nassau and Beekman streets, New-York.

Donations and subscriptions to be addressed to William Colgate, Esq. Treasurer of the Society, at No. 6, Dutch-street, New-York.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the Society, will be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, of which due notice will be given.

APPLICATIONS FROM CHURCHES.

The Executive Committee request that all applications from feeble churches for aid in supporting the preaching of the gospel, should contain the following particulars:

1. The name of the church or congregation; the number of communicants and average number of attendants on public worship; the denomination and size of congregations immediately contiguous; the amount of pecuniary aid which the applicants will be able themselves to afford their minister; the whole amount which they propose to allow him, and the least sum that will be sufficient from this Society in aid of the design. These statements should be signed by the trustees or deacons, or by a committee of the congregation, and confirmed by the certificate of some minister acquainted with the facts.

2. The name and post-office address of the minister whose services they desire to secure, his credentials, and the certificate of one or more ministers of known standing, as to his general character for piety, zeal and acceptableness as a minister of the gospel.

As a general rule the appropriations of the American Baptist Home Mission Society are for twelve months, at the end of which time, if further aid be needed, a new application must be made.

MISSIONARIES.

It is requested, in the case of ministers applying or proposed by others, for employment as Missionaries of this Society, that there be forwarded the post-office address of such minister, his credentials and accompanying certificate, as is above required in the case of churches.

AUXILIARIES.

It is respectfully requested that Auxiliary Societies, when formed, report themselves without delay to the Corresponding Secretary, transmitting the names and residence of their officers, the post-office address of their Secretary, and a copy of their constitution; and all are requested to report at least once a year to the Executive Committee of the parent society, (through the Cor. Secretary,) so that their reports may be received by the first of April.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

The clerks of State Conventions, and the clerks of Associations, (in those States where such Conventions have not yet been formed, or are not accustomed to publish with their proceedings a tabular view of the condition of the churches within their bounds,) are respectfully requested to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary, copies of their minutes.

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PRESENTED AT ITS

ANNIVERSARY IN RICHMOND, (VA.) MAY 4, 1835,

WITH THE

TREASURER'S REPORT;

AND AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING FORMS OF CONSTITUTION, &c.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. The great object of the Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a director for life; and any person on paying a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life; and any Baptist Church, or Association, or State Convention, or Missionary Society, that contributes annually to the objects of this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one or more delegates, in its annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE V. The Officers and Life Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of thirteen persons, including the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary, residing in the city of New-York and its vicinity, five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board and of the Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labours; shall dispose of the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all moneys contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied only to that particular object; shall create such agency or agencies for the appointment of missionaries and for other purposes as the interests of the Society may require; and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society. All the Officers, Executive Committee, Agents and Missionaries of the Society shall be members of some regular Baptist Church, in general union with the body of that denomination.

ARTICLE VI. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Missionary Society may become auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its constitution and annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE VIII. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary, or missionaries to labour in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to that of its contributions: provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ARTICLE IX. The officers of Auxiliary Societies shall be ex officio Directors of this Society, and their members shall be members of this Society.

ARTICLE X. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place, as the Society shall determine at a previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor, unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

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 " Jonathan Wade, Burmah, by Enon Baptist church, Cincinnati, O.
 " Adam Wilson, by Ladies of Baptist church in Saco, Maine.
 " Daniel Williams, by Amity-st. church, New-York.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

RICHMOND, Va. May 4, 1835.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church, at 10, A. M.

Hon. HEMAN LINCOLN, the President of the Society, occupied the chair. The services of the day were introduced with the singing of a hymn, and with prayer by Rev. W. B. Johnson, of South Carolina.

Delegates invited to a seat.

A few introductory remarks having been made by the President, the Annual Report was read by Rev. S. H. Cone, of New York, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Going, being prevented from the performance of that service by indisposition.

On motion of Rev. R. Fuller, of South Carolina, seconded by Professor Eaton, of New York, (the former of whom accompanied his motion with an address,)

Resolved, That the report now read be accepted, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer, W. Colgate, Esq. of New York, then read an abstract of his Annual Report, as examined and approved by the auditor, R. Graves, Esq. showing the receipts of the Society to have been \$8663 84, and its disbursements, \$8839 97, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$176 13.

The acceptance of this Report was moved by J. Bacheller, Esq. of Mass. and the motion seconded by Rev. Jesse Mercer of Georgia.

Rev. A. Maclay, of New York, then introduced to the meeting the deputation from the Baptists of England, Rev. F. A. Cox, of London, and Rev. J. Hoby, of Birmingham.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Cox, seconded by Rev. J. Hoby,

RESOLVED, That one fact evincing the paramount importance of Home Missions in this country is, that there are indications in Divine Providence; that the chief burthen, as to men and measures, in that great achievement of the church, *the conversion of the world to Christianity*, is to be sustained by two nations, Great Britain, and the United States of America; nations speaking the same language, sustaining to each other the relation of *mother and daughter*, and asserting, with a kindred spirit, the great claims of mental and religious freedom.

Addresses having been delivered by each of these brethren, Rev. S. H. Cone, at the request of the meeting, responded in its behalf to the communications made by them.

The meeting then adjourned to reassemble at 4 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. J. Kerr, of Virginia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society met according to adjournment. A hymn having been sung, prayer was offered by Rev. S. Chapin, of the District of Columbia.

A communication was read from the Corresponding Secretary

breathing an ardent desire for the prosperity of the Society, though prevented by ill health from sharing in the exercises of its anniversary.

On motion of Rev. Jesse Mercer, of Georgia, seconded by Professor J. S. Bacon of New York, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Baptist Convention of the State of New York voted, in aid of this institution, to raise the last year, *six thousand dollars*, and the present year, *ten thousand dollars*; therefore,

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Society it is the duty of our Churches in the several States, in these and similar modes, to contribute largely and promptly to the exhausted Treasury of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and that at least the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS is this year needed by the Society, and is due from the Churches.

A Committee of nomination, consisting of Rev. D. Sharp, of Mass. A. Sherwood, of Ga., J. B. Taylor, of Va., G. S. Webb, of N. J., and Charles L. Roberts, of N. Y., was appointed to prepare a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The Society then adjourned after prayer, by Rev. N. W. Williams, of Mass.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society, pursuant to adjournment, reassembled at half past seven P. M. Hymn sung, and prayer made by Rev. N. Kendrick, of N. Y. On motion of Rev. J. Peck, of N. Y.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider and report as to the importance of securing the co-operation of all the Home Mission Societies within our Churches in this country, so far as to obtain an annual report of their proceedings, so that the whole amount of Home Mission labour performed may appear in the Reports of this Society.

A Committee was accordingly appointed, consisting of the mover, Rev. W. F. Broadus, of Va., and J. H. Linsley, of Conn.

On motion of Rev. S. Chapin of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, That this Society deeply sympathize with their Cor. Secretary in his privation of the privilege of attending their meeting, and pray that he may soon be restored to his wonted vigour, and to the duties of his station.

It was then voted to proceed to the election of officers. The Committee of nomination presented a list of persons whom they recommended as officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The persons named were accordingly, by vote, elected the officers of the Society for the year. It was then voted to suspend, for the present, proceedings as to the election of an Executive Committee.

On motion of Rev. J. Jeter of Virginia, seconded by Rev. Jesse Hartwell, of S. Carolina, the following resolution was adopted, both accompanying it with remarks.

WHEREAS, the sum annually paid to our Missionaries varies, according to the scene and character of their labours, from one hundred dollars upwards; and it is deemed an object of importance to interest our churches more generally in the Baptist Home Mission;

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this meeting, our churches would greatly aid the cause of the Redeemer, were single churches to support one Missionary, under appointment by this Society, to be selected by

such church, and with whom the Society shall direct him occasionally to correspond.

This being the season of the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions, Rev. J. C. Harrison of New Jersey, was requested to offer prayer.

Rev. S. B. Smith, formerly a Romanist priest, made some statements to the meeting respecting his conversion.

After prayer by the Rev. J. H. Linsley, of Connecticut, adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 5.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. C. C. P. Crosby of N. Y. was appointed Secretary pro tem. Singing of a hymn was followed with prayer by Rev. A. Sutton, missionary of the English General Baptists at Orissa, in the East Indies.

The Committee on the co-operation of Auxiliary and other Home Mission Societies in furnishing a general report of Home Mission labours, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to consider the importance of securing the co-operation of State Conventions, Associations and Domestic Missionary Societies, beg leave to report—

Your Committee feel deeply the importance of bringing our denomination throughout the United States, to co-operate in the great work in which your Society is engaged; and as this object would be very essentially advanced by a regular correspondence between the several State Societies and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, they would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That all State Conventions, Associations, and Domestic Missionary Societies of the Baptist denomination throughout the United States be, and they are hereby affectionately invited to associate themselves with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at least so far as to send an annual report of their missionary operations, embracing the amount of Missionary labour, receipts, disbursements, &c. in order that all the efforts made in this cause may be reported annually in the minutes of the Home Mission Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN PECK,
Chairman.

The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Society then made an intermission in their business, to allow the Officers and Life Directors to meet for the purpose of electing an Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee was accordingly chosen, making, with the officers elected at the evening session of the previous day, the following the managers of the operations of the Society for the ensuing year.

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HEMAN LINCOLN, of Massachusetts.

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Jerh. Chaplin, of Mass.	Edward D. King, of Alabama.
George N. Briggs, of Mass.	J. K. Griffin, of South Carolina.
Albert Day, of Conn.	Thomas Stocks, of Georgia.
Robert Rogers, of R. I.	J. Withers, of District of Columbia.
P. P. Runyon, of New-Jersey.	V. M. Mason, of Virginia.
Friend Humphrey, of New-York.	Wm. Hooper, of North Carolina.
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€ Wingate, of Kentucky.	James Lemen, of Illinois.
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Jesse Holman, of Indiana.	Jarvis Ring, of New-Brunswick.
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S. M. Noel, of Kentucky.	D. Packard, of Vermont.
George C. Sedwick, of Ohio.	J. L. Dagg, of Pennsylvania.
Ezra Fisher, of Indiana.	J. H. Kennard, " "
Hubbell Loomis, of Illinois.	O. C. Comstock, of New York.
Thomas P. Green, of Missouri.	Elon Galusha, " "
Alva Woods, President of the University of Alabama.	John Peck, " "
Jesse Mercer, of Georgia.	Wm. F. Broaddus, of Virginia.
Basil Manly, of South Carolina.	Irah Chase, of Massachusetts.
A. S. Bayley, of Mississippi.	G. S. Webb, of New Jersey.
Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina.	H. Smalley, " "
Stephen Chapin, President of Columbia College, District of Columbia.	Wm. B. Johnson, of South Carolina.
	F. A. Willard, of Massachusetts.
	R. T. Dillard, of Kentucky.
	John M. Peck, of Illinois.
	Samuel W. Lynd, of Ohio.

WILLIAM COLGATE, of New-York,	Treasurer.
ROSWELL GRAVES, " "	Auditor.
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GEORGE W. HOUGHTON, " "	Recording Secretary.

Executive Committee.

Archibald Maclay,
Spencer H. Cone,
Charles G. Sommers,
Duncan Dunbar,
W. R. Williams.

Leland Howard,
Charles L. Roberts.
Wm. Winterton,
Timothy R. Green,
John Bowen,

J. Goïng,
W. Colgate,
G. W. Houghton, } *Ex Officio.*

The Society then resumed its meeting :

RESOLVED, That when this Society shall finally adjourn, it do so, to hold its next annual meeting at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, the Committee being hereby instructed to give general and timely notice of such appointment.

RESOLVED, That this Society give to the Executive Committee discretionary power to enlarge the duties of the Recording Secretary, and to make him a salaried officer, should such change at any time become necessary.

On motion of Rev. I. M. Allen of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS the call for tracts in the Mississippi valley is constantly increasing ; and whereas the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Tract Society, are making special efforts to raise \$5000 for the distribution of their publications through the agency of the missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society ; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Baptist General Tract Society, formed with a view of efficient co-operation in this great department of Christian benevolence, and only waiting for the means to engage in the work with that energy and efficiency which the growing wants of the world require, is worthy of more general support than it has yet received ; and this body hereby earnestly and affectionately commend the Society to the prayers and liberality of our churches, that it may sustain a more prominent part in the great work of sending the gospel into the west, and of evangelizing the world.

On motion of Rev. J. Goïng, (who notwithstanding his feebleness had exerted himself to attend the present session,) seconded by Rev. J. H. Linsley, of Connecticut,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the churches to procure *pure wine*, free from all alcoholic admixture, for the purposes of the communion.

On motion of Rev. N. Kendrick, of New-York,

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of this Society be requested to employ at least *six agents* the ensuing year, provided that suitable men can be obtained, to visit the different states composing this convention, to stir up a missionary spirit among the churches, and endeavour to raise the sum of \$50,000, as contemplated by a previous resolution of this Society.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Peck, of Illinois, seconded by Rev. A. Ben- net, of New-York, agent of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions,

RESOLVED, That from the obligation of the Christian to the Lord Jesus Christ,—the peculiar circumstances of our denomination, especially in the valley of the Mississippi,—the efforts now making by foreign influence to subvert our most sacred principles, and control our future destinies,—and the voice of Divine Providence from the four quarters of the globe for a more enlarged system of benevolent effort, our whole denomination in North America are held by the highest and most sacred bonds to desire most ardently, to pray most devoutly and constantly, to labour unremittingly, and to contribute bountifully, for Home Missions, till every church is provided with a pastor, every family brought under religious influence, every child sufficiently taught in the word of God; every town, village and settlement provided with gospel ministrations, every ordinance of the gospel restored to apostolical purity, every public and private vice eradicated, and every sinner converted.

Mr. Peck addressed the Society at length upon the condition and prospects of the West, and Mr. Bennett followed with remarks upon the need of personal effort, and a higher standard of piety, in order to sustain the cause of Home and Foreign Missions.

RESOLVED, That this Society will find its most efficient agents in men whom God has most largely blessed with success and influence as pastors; and that, in view of the cross of Christ and of the Christian's solemn consecration to Christ, it is becoming more and more the duty of churches and ministers to contemplate more closely than they have hitherto done the necessity of personal sacrifices for carrying on in this mode the operations of our various benevolent institutions.

On motion of Rev. Thomas Meredith, of North Carolina,

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and publish a circular, setting forth the emergencies of the present peculiar occasion, so much calculated to elicit the benevolent effort of the churches during the present year.

On motion of Rev. J. Going.

RESOLVED, That in all our operations in which Roman Catholics are concerned, it is our duty to remember that they as men and citizens are entitled to all the rights and privileges held by others; and that in all our efforts to prevent the baleful influence of Romanism, our only weapons should be those of moral influence, and the chief thing to be attempted is, by prayer and the preaching of the gospel and kind offices, to seek, with the blessing of God, the conversion of the souls of Catholics to Jesus Christ.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of this Society be instructed to furnish the delegation appointed by the Triennial Convention for Foreign Missions to visit the British churches with a suitable communication addressed to the Baptist Union in Great Britain.

On motion of Rev. S. Chapin,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the inhabitants of this city for their unremitting kindness to the brethren who have visited them on this occasion.

A vote having then been taken that the minutes be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, the Society adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. Peck, of New-York.

C. C. P. CROSBY, REC. SEC. PRO TEM

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

THE close of the third year of the Society's operations demands from its Executive Committee an expression of gratitude to the kind Disposer of events, that the lives of the Committee, and so far as its knowledge extends, of the numerous officers of the Society, have been preserved.

Two of their Missionaries, however, have fallen by death. Brother James Berry, of Ohio, was a good man, and devoted to the cause of his Master; but when, as a Missionary, he had formed his plans of operation, and fully entered on their execution, having organized two churches, and baptized seventeen persons, he was suddenly called to his final account.

Brother A. B. Freeman consecrated himself during the time of his studies, to the cause of the West. During the period of his labours in the service of the Society, in the northern section of Illinois, he aided in the formation of five churches. Of one of them, (the church in Chicago,) he was the beloved pastor. But in December last, he died of a fever, occasioned by fatigue, in one of his excursions into the country, to assist in organizing one of these churches. In the language of his dying message to his revered father, "he died at his post and in his Master's work," in the full vigour of youth, and with the apparent promise of years of usefulness, deeply lamented by the bereaved church, and the entire population of the place. Another Missionary, brother Alvin Bailey, has been called to bury his wife, as were brother J. E. Ambrose, of Illinois, and brother Jacob Price, of Michigan, during the preceding year. These women were useful, as helpers in the gospel. With the friends who suffer from these afflictive events, the committee deeply sympathize, and implore for them the rich consolations of the gospel.

In view of the death of others, it becomes the living to inquire what measure of preparation they have made for rendering an account of their stewardship.

The Executive Committee deem it their duty to exhibit to the Society a view of their operations during the last year. The following table shows the names of Missionaries, the fields they occupy, the length of time for which they were appointed, and the amount of labour which they have performed.

	Missionaries.	Mission Districts.	Length of Appointment.	Labour per'd Month.
1.	S. R. Clark,	Valley of the Miami, Ohio,	12	12
2.	Gardner Bartlett,	Knox Co. Illinois,	12	12
3.	William Kenner,	Morgan, Illinois,	12	12
4.	Caleb Green,	Portage Co. Trumbull, Ohio,	12	12
5.	Hiram Gear,	Newark, Licking Co. Ohio,	12	12
6.	William Rees,	Carroll Co. Indiana,	12	12
7.	James B. Smith,	Louisiana,	12	12
8.	William Spencer,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
9.	John Logan,	Military Tract, Illinois,	12	12
10.	William Sedwick,	Muskingum Co. and vicinity, Ohio,	12	12
11.	Stephen Goodman,	Oakland Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
12.	R. H. Benedict,	Oakland Co. and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	12
13.	Ezra Fisher,	Indianapolis, Indiana,	12	12
14.	Ezra Going,	New England, Agent,	12	9
15.	Jacob Bower,	Morgan Co. Illinois,	12	12
16.	Elijah Dodson,	Green Co. Illinois,	12	12
17.	Alvin Bailey,	Carrollton and Bluffdale, Illinois,	12	12
18.	Moses Lemon,	Green Co. Illinois,	12	12
19.	Lewis Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
20.	James Williams,	Franklin Association, Mo.	12	12
21.	W. W. Tucker,	Howard Co. Mo.	12	12
22.	James G. Hall,	Western District, Tennessee,	12	12
23.	John C. Murphy,	Middle States, Agent,	12	12
24.	Amasa Clark,	Portage Co. Ohio,	12	12
25.	Peter Chase,	Lower Canada,	12	9
26.	William F. Misseldine,	Richland Co. Ohio,	12	12
27.	Jeremiah Vardeman,	Missouri,	12	12
28.	Ebenezer Rogers,	Fayette Co. Mo. and Alton, Illinois,	12	12
29.	David Orr,	Arkansas Territory,	12	12
30.	Henry J. Hall,	Lagrange Co. Indiana,	12	12
31.	A. B. Freeman,	Chicago, Illinois,	12	7
32.	Judah L. Richmond,	Jefferson Co. Ohio,	12	12
33.	William A. Bronson,	Washtenaw Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
34.	J. V. A. Woods,	Logansport, Indiana,	12	12
35.	Daniel Palmer,	Adams Co. Indiana,	12	12
36.	Jacob Price,	Whitmanville, Michigan Territory,	12	12
37.	Kemp Scott,	Cooper Co. Mo.	12	12
38.	J. Morris,	Missouri,	12	
39.	Thos. P. Green,	South District, now at St. Louis, Mo.	12	12
40.	P. S. Gayle,	Missionary Agent, Tennessee,	12	12
41.	Asahel Chapin,	Ashtabula, Ohio,	12	12
42.	William Gambell,	Grand Blanc, and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	12
43.	John L. Richmond,	Madison Co. Indiana,	12	6
44.	Nathaniel Richmond,	Madison Co. Indiana,	12	6
45.	Samuel Harding,	Missionary Agent, Indiana.	10	10
46.	T. Curtis,	Indiana,	12	
47.	Joshua E. Ambrose,	Cook Co. Illinois,	12	12
48.	Jeremiah F. Tolman,	Cook Co. Illinois,	12	12
49.	Elihu Robinson,	Middle District, Tennessee,	12	3
50.	Eliphalet Williams,	Shelby Co. Indiana,	6	4
51.	Lewis Morgan,	Shelby Co. Indiana,	12	10
52.	William Kellett,	Arkansas Territory,	12	12
53.	Peter Lattimer,	Ohio,	12	
54.	William Geary,	Franklin, Upper Canada,	12	12
55.	Fielding Wilhoit,	Washington Co. Mo.	12	
56.	Thomas Fristoe,	Charitan Co. Mo.	12	12

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57.	Thomas Bodley,	Lenawee Co. Michigan Territory,	12	12
58.	Joel Sweet,	Military Tract, Ill.	12	12
59.	John Clark,	Hancock and Adams Co.'s Illinois,	12	12
60.	Nathan West,	Fulton Co. Illinois,	12	12
61.	Ebenezer Loomis,	Michigan Territory, Agent,	12	12
62.	James Hovey,	Medina Co. Ohio,	12	12
63.	— Jones,	Farmington and Bloomington, Ohio,	12	12
64.	John Peck,	State of New York, Agent, supported by State Convention,	12	12
65.	Robert Powell,	Clinton and vicinity, Michigan Territory	12	6
66.	R. Carpenter, R. B. C. Howel, Pas- } tor, sust'd by his ch. }	Plymouth and vicinity, Michigan T.	12	
67.	Bezaleel Hill,	Nashville, Tennessee,	12	12
68.	Frederic Freeman,*	Columbian, Loraine Co. Ohio,	12	11
69.	Thomas Conduit,	Richland Co. Ohio,	12	12
70.	Pharcellus Church,	Western Shore, Maryland,	12	10
71.	Eber Crane,	New Orleans, Louisiana,	12	6
72.	Samuel Love,	Eastern District, Tennessee,	6	2
73.	James Kennon,	Eastern District, Tennessee,	6	5
74.	John Micou,	Western Shore, Maryland,	2	2
75.	Jesse M. Chapman,	Military Tract, Illinois,	12	2
76.	Jeremiah Burns,	Choctaw and Chickasaw country, Mi.	12	12
77.	Robert Turnbull,	Detroit, Michigan Territory,	12	6
78.	Jeremiah Hall,	Kalamazoo Co. Michigan Territory,	12	
79.	John Blodget,	Tennessee, Agent,	12	6
80.	William Hooper,	Alabama, Agent,	3	
81.	Rufus A. Lockwood,	Alabama,	12	6
82.	William Rees,	Brantford and vicinity, Upper Canada,	12	9
83.	George Matthews,	Dearborn Co. Indiana,	12	6
84.	John M. Peck,	Atlantic States, Agent,	12	
85.	Thomas Hill, Jr.	Jennings and Jefferson Co.'s, Indiana,	12	10
86.	Timothy Spalding,	State of Vermont, Agent,	12	2
87.	Amos Stevens,	Meigs Co. Ohio,	12	3
88.	Isaac T. Hinton,	Chicago, Michigan Territory,	12	
89.	A. P. Williams,	Washington Association, Mo.	12	5
90.	Hezekiah Lassiter,	Washington Association, Mo.	12	5
91.	Timothy R. Cressy,	Columbus, Ohio,	12	
92.	Joseph G. Binney,	Baltimore, Maryland,	12	3
93.	Jacob Morris,	Trumbull Co. Ohio,	12	2
94.	Benoni Allen,	Fayette and Green Co.'s, Pennsylvania	12	2
95.	William Richards,	Maryland,	12	

† Supported by R. R. Association.

By the preceding table, it appears that the Society has the following number of Missionaries or Agents, in the States or Territories respectively inserted, viz: In Upper Canada 2; in Lower Canada 1; in Vermont 1; in New-York 1; in Michigan Territory 12; in Ohio 16; in Pennsylvania 1; in Indiana 13; in Illinois 16; in Missouri 11; in Maryland 4; in Tennessee 7; in Alabama 2; Mississippi 1; Arkansas Territory 2; Louisiana 2; and that 4 are not so located as at present, to be confined in their operations to any State or Territory. Making together 96 Missionaries and Agents appointed by the Society.

The preceding table also exhibits the appointment of 93 years and 1 month of Missionary labour, and the performance of 68 years and 5 months labour during the year, which has now closed. The discrepancy between the statement of the labour appointed, and that which was performed, is accounted for by the fact, that many of the appointments were made at so late a period, that their respective times have not transpired.

The Committee, in the review of the operations of the last year, find much to excite gratitude to God for what he has enabled them to do for his cause, and much to fill them with regret that these operations have been so very inadequate to the demands made on them for aid to the destitute. Every passing year serves to deepen their conviction of the paramount importance of Home Missions, not only by showing more distinctly the immense amount of labour to be performed before the gospel is fully published throughout this great country, but also that this destitution is rapidly increasing, as the supply is not equal to the increase of our population. And the chief object of this report will be to impress the Society, and through them the religious community, with which they are connected, with the necessity of connected and systematic, and more vigorous efforts to promote Home Missions. This necessity will be seen in the consideration that the present responsibilities of the Society are at least twice the amount of the receipts during the year now ended, connected with the fact that the number of appointments must, of course, be considerably increased during the present year. Unless, therefore, the contributions to the Treasury shall be greatly augmented, the Society must become bankrupt, the hopes of the poor saints in the Valley which have been excited by its encouragement of aid, must be cruelly disappointed; the predictions of those who have stood aloof from the enterprise, will seem to be verified, and they will tauntingly say, "These men began to build and were not able to finish;" infidelity will triumph, and the open and secret enemies of the cause will rejoice.

But the Committee will not yield to despondency; they will not for a moment entertain the apprehension that the friends of Home Missions will prove recreant to the honour of their Master by deserting the cause. The most they fear is, that the work will not receive so much attention as its relative importance entitles it to, that the cause will not be sustained with sufficient pecuniary liberality, so that they will be compelled to circumscribe their operations.

As, however, our churches possess ample means for sustaining these labours of love, all that is necessary to success, is that a deep interest should be felt in the subject; for the affections are the active part of the

soul, and intense feeling would doubtless induce the necessary action. And in order to produce this intense feeling, all that is requisite is a due consideration of the facts in the case. Though many may be fully in possession of these facts, and have a vivid impression of their magnitude, others may need to have their minds stirred up by way of remembrance, and not a few doubtless require to be informed on the subject. A brief reference will therefore be made to some of them.

What, then, are the facts in the case? In order to its effective presentation before the public mind, the Home Mission cause ought to be viewed in different attitudes, or to be surveyed from different points of observation. The Committee invite attention to a rapid sketch of the state of the denomination in different parts of the country, in connexion with the field to be cultivated, and the reasons which should prompt to its culture. Baptists should consider Home Missions in view of the actual condition of the denomination.

The Committee admit at the commencement of this survey, as a truth, and a just cause of gratitude to Almighty God, that there is a general movement of the larger part of the denomination, in favour of effort to promote the glory of God in the salvation of men. Light is spreading; more liberal views are entertained; system is felt to be important; the principle of voluntary association is working wonders, and the people of the saints have more and more "a mind to work." There is reason to hope that at no distant period, the energies of the denomination will be elicited and directed in a course of measures which will extensively promote its reputation, and what is of vastly more consequence, that shall redound to the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness, the highest interest of immortal beings, and the glory of the Great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Compared with the past, our condition is improved—apathy and sloth are in a measure shaken off, and Christians exhibit signs of life and action; though the principal part that has yet been effected is the mere work of preparation for future effort; it is the labour of ploughing and sowing, while the joys of harvest are to be looked for after many days, when the sunshine, and the dew, and showers of heaven shall have seconded the culture and matured the crop, and the sheaves shall be brought to the garner.

While this is admitted, there is much in our churches to be lamented. There is still a vast want of general intelligence, of enlarged views, of vigorous, active, and harmonious co-operation. These alternations of light and shade in the character of the denomination, will be seen in a brief view of its state in the different sections of the country, and the operations of the society in them.

THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

These provinces are clearly embraced within the proper field of the Society's operations.

Lower Canada.—This province is known to be deplorably deficient in the means of common education, and destitute, in an alarming degree, of Protestant preaching. There are but a few Baptist churches, and these are generally in a depressed condition, chiefly for want of pastors, devoted to their interests, and labouring for souls, as they that must give

an account of their stewardship. The Committee regret that they have been able to do no more than sustain a single Missionary in this province, and especially that they have not hitherto succeeded in obtaining a suitable minister for Montreal, its capital, and an important place, particularly as the stronghold of Catholic influence. On the equitable principle of "loving our neighbour as ourselves," the Society ought to have a number of Missionaries in this province, and also in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and St. Johns. Of the labours of their Missionary the Committee are only imperfectly informed, though from his known energy, they anticipate much good from his tours through the province.

Upper Canada.—Here Baptists are more numerous, and the Committee regret to add, somewhat divided, some of them being of an Arminian cast, and others tinged with Antinomianism; while not a few are sound in the faith. The churches are generally young, small, and feeble, and greatly need the labours of able and discreet ministers, to set in order the things that are wanting, and strengthen the things that remain, and temporary assistance in their support, to put a different face on their affairs, and with God's blessing, secure their future prosperity. They, however, represent their situation as peculiarly unfortunate, in not having the sympathy of their brethren in any quarter; for on applying to the institutions of England, they are told that they are principally Americans, and must look to the States for help; and when they send their petitions to the States for aid, they are given to understand that they are in the British dominions, and from their English brethren must expect help. Though the Committee entertain only the kindest feelings towards these churches, and the population around them, they have been able to sustain only two Missionaries, who are actively and successfully employed in a field where twenty are needed.

EASTERN STATES.

Of New England the Committee, perhaps, need say nothing, as they have no Missionaries there. It is gratifying, however, to know that while the churches are more fully supplied with a preached gospel than in any other section of the American Union, and are prosperous in their general interests,—as in efforts to sustain Foreign Missions, to promote ministerial education, and to supply the feeble and destitute churches within their own limits, there is among them a deep and increasing interest felt in behalf of the Society, and especially in its great western enterprise. And though the failure to secure the service of proper Agents in that quarter, has occasioned, during the last year, a diminution in their contributions to its treasury, every confidence may be placed in the warm friendship, and vigorous co-operation of our eastern brethren.

MIDDLE STATES.

New York.—The Baptists of this State are liberal towards Foreign Missions, while they sustain the largest Theological Institution under the care of our denomination in the world. Its great commercial city is the seat of the Home Mission Society; and the State Missionary Convention, with many feeble churches to assist, and much Missionary ground to cultivate, is nevertheless its strongest auxiliary. It gave its

pledge to raise for the Society \$6000 the last year, and there is every reason to expect the redemption of the still more liberal one of \$10,000 for the present year.

New-Jersey has, in view of its numbers and condition, been perhaps equally liberal. Its promise of \$300 last year, obtained for the funds of the Society more than \$600, thus giving encouragement that their resolution to attempt to furnish \$500 the present year, will issue in double that amount. So that while the Jersey Baptists are bringing into existence a literary institution of a high character, and commencing, in conjunction with friends of ministerial education in Pennsylvania, a Theological Seminary, (and while much is also done for their own feeble churches,) the poor saints in the Valley will be deeply indebted to their liberality.

Pennsylvania is to be considered in the double light of a coadjutor of the Society, and a recipient of its bounty; she "communicates with us as concerning giving, and concerning receiving." The churches of Philadelphia, and some others in her eastern section, have contributed to its funds, while its Missionaries are labouring on her western borders, where the destitute state of the churches and of the people, requires that their number should be greatly increased. Here, too, a good spirit exists for promoting other general interests of Zion; as besides two efficient Domestic Missionary Societies, and a Foreign Missionary Society, she is giving attention to the important object of providing for the education of the youthful ministry.

In *Delaware*, Baptists are few in number, and as the Committee understand, inefficient in their operations.

To *Maryland* the same remark applies too well, though some recent events excite a sanguine hope, that the cause there is destined to rise from its depression, and put on strength. The Society has four Missionaries here under appointment, whose labours promise usefulness. The constitution of one church, (in Baltimore,) and the baptism of fifty-four persons in the interior, have been reported. The large proportion of Catholics, and the fewness of evangelical preachers, combine to render Maryland an appropriate field for Missionary labour.

Virginia is the land of Baptists; the churches are numerous, and with the exception of the trans-montane counties, wealthy, and generally in a prosperous condition. Some of the churches are deeply interested in Foreign Missions. The Virginia Baptist Seminary is rising from infancy to manhood, and promises immense benefit to the churches. The operations of the Baptist General Association are extensive and prosperous; and some of the leading ministers have given strong encouragement of aid to the Home Mission Society, especially in sustaining its measures in Maryland.

SOUTHERN STATES.

In this important section of the country, the denomination is numerous and wealthy, and it is matter of gratification, that in addition to respectable contributions for sustaining Missions in Burmah, and among the Aborigines of America, our brethren have evinced a spirit of ardent zeal, and determined action in efforts for the prosperity of the cause among themselves. Literary institutions having a strong direct refer-

ence to the cultivation of ministerial talent in their young men, have within a few years been commenced, and are understood to be generally prosperous in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia; while efforts for the same object are making in Alabama with encouraging success; and it may be hoped, that Louisiana and Mississippi will not be less active. The successful action of these institutions will greatly, and in various ways, improve the state of the denomination. It is still more gratifying to witness the efforts of our Southern brethren to promote the more general publication of the gospel within their own limits. Their State Conventions are in vigorous and successful operation; the churches are coming every year more and more into their measures; and in some instances, extensive revivals of religion are among the fruits of their Missionary operations. And it is to be hoped, that while the churches in the Atlantic section will thus secure the undivided labours of all their ministers, by these efforts to free them from secular cares and labours, and thus essentially promote their own prosperity, they will soon be prepared and disposed to co-operate with this Society, in its efforts to supply the destitution of the south-western States. It is probable that Louisiana is more destitute of ministers than any state in the Union, and yet she manifests a disposition equalled by few, to aid in their support, if they could be obtained. And these remarks apply, and with nearly the same pertinency, to Mississippi; a State that is now increasing in population more rapidly than any of its immediate neighbours. The Committee have appointed Missionaries only in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi; and they regret that these appointments have been so few, and that only a small part of them have been accepted. In Alabama, two have been employed, but the Committee are not informed of their operations. A Missionary appointed by them in Louisiana, has been entirely supported by their Auxiliary Society, which has requested that others should be sent thither, and is understood to be ready to aid in their support. After long delay, and the failure of repeated attempts, the Committee have stationed a Missionary in New Orleans, a city of great importance as a Missionary station, from its location, its extent and rapid increase, as well as its present moral condition. In *Mississippi*, though appointments have been repeatedly made, only one Missionary has very recently commenced his labours.

THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

This phrase designates the region whose streams are tributary to the mighty Mississippi, and whose waters are by that channel discharged into the Gulf of Mexico. It is the largest valley on the globe, including eight entire States, (with a slight exception in one of them,) and two Territories, with room enough for several more; and for the sake of convenience, it is in this account taken to embrace the Territory of Michigan. This Valley, so described, is the most interesting portion of this country, and in its probable influence on the destinies of the human race, the most interesting spot on the globe. Though at this time, while it includes two-thirds of the territory, it contains only about one third of the population of the country, yet its natural capabilities allow it to sustain a very dense population, probably equal to that of all Europe at the present time; and if the present ratio of increase shall continue

for the next twenty years, a majority of the American people will be found on the West side of the Alleghanies. It is deemed a moderate calculation, that the present century will close with a population in the Valley of A HUNDRED MILLIONS ! The character of its population for intelligence, morality, and religion, will determine the national character, and the fate of the American Republic. The influence of this country will materially affect, for evil or for good, the moral condition of the world ; and it remains to be seen, whether the nation, and the Church of God included in it, shall be fitted to sustain the honourable destiny which awaits them.

The character of the mighty West is not yet formed ; the moral elements which are to compose it exist in a plastic form, and they are in a state of rapid combination. *This, then, is the critical period in the history of the Valley, when effort is felt, and every blow will tell ; any impression may easily be made, and every impression made will be likely to be permanent.* A most momentous experiment is making ; many and widely different influences are at work, and every philosopher and statesman, but especially every philanthropist, and patriot, and Christian, should feel a deep interest in the process, and for the issue.

The Western Valley is the proper field for exerting a moral influence on human character and destiny, and all parties seem aware of it. Every errorist is there to find in the unsuspecting frankness of a new country, a lodgement for his favourite dogma. Many a heresiarch is there to find an encampment for his followers, and arrange his measures for proselyting. Infidelity is there endeavouring to settle his strong points for exercising an influence in undermining the public faith, and destroying the public conscience, and thus blighting the present enjoyment, and withering the future hopes of the people. Popery more rapacious and acquisitive, is there claiming the appropriation of the whole Valley to the see of Rome. Its purpose is formed, and its plans of operation are settled ; its points of influence are fixed on, and swarms of its emissaries are already on the ground, priests and teachers, monks and nuns of various orders, Jesuits and Dominicans, sisters of charity, and sisters of the Blessed Heart. These votaries of Rome are confident of success, sustained as they are by foreign funds offered with a liberality which ought to shame the comparative parsimony of Protestants.

Protestant ministers and missionaries are also in the valley. Besides the native champions of the truth, and instructors of the young, and besides the ministers and teachers who in common with other classes, have of their own accord, emigrated thither from the older States and elsewhere ; and besides that the most numerous religious denomination in the Valley is by its ecclesiastical polity, substantially a Home Mission body ;—four hundred Missionaries are sustained in the field by three evangelical denominations, and about two hundred ministers are settled there, who were at first introduced by Home Missionary efforts.

By far the greater part of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society are employed in the Western States and Territories.

The Territory of *Michigan* has already a large population, and it is rapidly increasing. Much of the attention of the Committee has been directed to this interesting field, in which twelve of its Missionaries

have laboured the whole or a part of the past year, and have baptized a number of persons, and been instrumental in the constitution of twelve churches, and the organization of several Associations. The country is new, and the population sparse: the churches are generally small and feeble, and further aid will be indispensable in order to the continued existence of many of these churches, and to the prosperity of all the others, as well as to gather the scattered communicants who emigrate to the Territory, into additional churches, and to preach the gospel to the destitute.

One gratifying result of our operations is, the establishment of a minister at Detroit, who seems adapted to build up the cause in that most important point in Michigan, and where the feeble church has succeeded in erecting a suitable place of worship. The friends of education in the Territory are now making strenuous efforts for the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution, and the interests of Protestantism as well as of the denomination, require their ample success. It is but common justice to say that much of the improvement in the condition of the Baptists of Michigan, is under God, owing to the indefatigable and disinterested labours of an agent, who has traversed on foot the settlements, and gathered the scattered professors into church order, ascertained the preachers, and advised both them and the Committee in relation to their labours. In no part of the country is Missionary labour more desired by the people, or more productive of good.

Ohio contains more than a million of inhabitants. Here Baptists are numerous, but they are not entirely harmonious in their views and operations; many of their churches are feeble and without pastors, and there is great need of Missionary labour. A larger number of the Society's Missionaries are in this than in any other State, though not larger in proportion to its population.

Besides indirect aid in a grant of \$300 to the State Convention, and other grants to different local Societies of \$200 more; the Society has had the past year, 17 Missionaries, who have assisted in the formation of 18 churches, and baptized 120 persons. There is here an obvious improvement in the state of the churches, and multitudes exhibit an excellent spirit, and are ready to every good work. The progress of the Granville college is most encouraging, and its prospects were never brighter. Some of the churches are liberal towards Foreign Missions.

Efforts are making, in conjunction with other States, to establish within its limits, in due time, a Theological Seminary, on broad and liberal principles, and of a high order. The success of this project is of immense importance to ministerial education, and of course, to the interest of the churches, and to the prosperity of the denomination in the Western States.

The Committee consider the prosperity of the cause in this State of great relative, as well as actual importance. When the churches shall combine their efforts, and their moral resources shall be developed, Ohio may become to the states in the west, what New-York has been, and now is to Ohio and Michigan, and the Canadas: its influence would be salutary to a vast extent, like the waters of its own beautiful river, fertilizing and enriching the land on the borders of the several States between which it meanders.

Indiana is an important State, though its relative consequence may

have been undervalued. It has already 12000 Baptists, who unfortunately, are not perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. But while a portion of the moral power of the denomination is thus neutralized, and lost to the common cause, there is a redeeming spirit abroad among them, which gives pledge of brighter days. The organization of a General Association and its incipient measures, with the recent formation of an Education Society, with the intention of establishing a Literary Institution under religious influence, are working the redemption of the pledge. In no part of the field have the Committee seen the feasibility and desirableness of occupying the strong points in a State, or more deeply regretted their inability to furnish the men and the money requisite for the purpose. They have, however, done what they could. They have, besides aiding the General Association in supplying an Agent for the State, sustained 12 Missionaries in different parts of it, who have laboured industriously, and not without tokens of divine favour; for 9 churches have been formed, and 140 persons have been baptized.

Illinois seems destined to be in some respects, the most important of the Western States. Here the denomination was three years ago, in a most deplorable condition; for besides being small and feeble, it was divided into parties, some of which were greatly opposed to efforts for reform. No where, however, have Missionary efforts been more successful and salutary. There is an obvious improvement in the state of things; the churches have greatly increased in number, and are more harmonious in doctrine, and more active in duty. Delightful revivals have been enjoyed; measures have been adopted for a concert of action in promoting the preaching of the gospel to the destitute, and a spirit of liberality in pecuniary efforts has widely extended. In consequence, a State Convention has been formed, which not merely exists in name, but gives promise of vigorous action on enlightened principles; and the Alton Seminary, including a High School, the elements of a Theological Institution, and the germ of a future College, has gone into operation; the necessary aid from the East, which it deserves, added to the contributions of its liberal friends at home, would secure its permanency and prosperity, and great usefulness. Here the Society has 15 Missionaries, who appear to have been self-denying, laborious, and successful in their work. They report the constitution of 6 churches, and the baptism of 71 persons.

Missouri has nearly 200 Baptist churches, many of them of quite recent date, small in size and feeble in strength; but the denomination exhibits activity in measures for the advancement of the cause.— Two Missionary Societies are in operation, which have already done good; and if in a few months they should be aided by a State Convention, they will, by a concentration of their energies, probably do more. The number of Missionaries of the Society in the past year, is 11, who have reported 6 churches organized, and the baptism of 312 persons, including one Jewess, and several Catholics! About forty Catholics have in that region been recently converted and added to evangelical Protestant churches. More Missionaries sound in the faith, whose talents, piety, prudence and energy would give them a commanding influence, harmonize the discordant parties, elicit the energies of the churches, and direct them efficiently in judicious measures for the promotion of the cause, would be of incalculable advantage.

Kentucky has about 38,000 Baptist members, and the influence of a numerical majority of adherents. Among them, too, is a vast amount of wealth. If the moral strength of the denomination could be combined in its State Convention, and wisely directed to secure the entire consecration of its ministerial talent to the work of the ministry, the Churches would be supplied with preaching and pastoral labour, and the gospel would be preached to multitudes now destitute. Though disappointed in regard to the college founded by them, our brethren are continuing their efforts to promote ministerial education. In some portions of the State, Missionaries are greatly needed, and the Committee hope to be able in future to furnish them.

Tennessee is a field fruitful in Baptists, there being about 30,000 communicants in the State. The recent organization of a State Convention has strangely occasioned the array of the friends and opponents of Christian effort on different sides: and if the comparative strength of the parties is yet doubtful, the result must certainly be in favour of those who stand on New Testament ground, if they prove true to the cause. In each of the three Districts of the State, there are many excellent ministers and brethren.

The Society have 7 Missionaries here, who have generally been received with kindness, some of whom have travelled much, and laboured vigorously, and the Committee hope, been useful in the cause of Christ; though they have not received minute returns from all of them. There are three churches to one minister in the State. Here is an urgent call for many more Missionaries; and the people are rich, and amply able, and in many instances, disposed to sustain pastors if they had them.

The *Territory of Arkansas* with a sparse population, and few ministers of any denomination, has a few Baptist Churches, and the number is increasing. Here the struggle between benevolent effort and inaction, has commenced, and as in all other cases it must be eventually decided in favour of holy effort.

The Society has two laborious and indefatigable Missionaries travelling and preaching to the people. The Lord works with them, and the scattered saints are comforted, and sinners are converted to God. Some additions have been made to the churches. This Territory is increasingly important as a missionary field.

After this rapid glance at the condition of the churches in the different sections of the country, and especially in relation to the operations of the Society, it is proper to add in regard to its Missionaries, that from some of those under appointment, the Committee have had no communication; from others they have had only very imperfect returns: and not a few in their reports entirely omit an account of additions by baptism, and especially by letter. This deficiency may in many cases be the result of uncertainty in the transmission of letters, and more frequently may arise from the fact, that many of our Missionaries are rather working men than writers, disposed rather to do the work of evangelists, than to report its performance. The early period at which the present Report was finished, has also doubtless occasioned a failure of some information, which would otherwise have constituted a part of it.

The success of the last year has varied little from that of the preceding one. Though the Committee have not the means of judging ac-

curately, they believe that while 97 Missionaries have been in the field, 66½ years of labour have been performed; about 60 churches have been constituted; at least 2500 added to the churches by baptism and by letter, and probably at least 1200 hopefully converted; besides much which has been done for promoting the interests of Temperance, S. Schools and Bible Classes, Bible Societies and various religious and charitable objects. Multitudes have heard the gospel who would otherwise have been destitute of that high privilege, while the ordinances of religion are more generally respected, and moral principle is exerting a stronger influence on the public conscience.

While the greater part of our Missionaries are employed in the great Valley; the Committee receive from every district in which they labour, the most urgent requests for *help, more help, and help immediately*, alike from the scattered and isolated Missionaries, that they may have fellow labourers to counsel with, to strengthen their hands and encourage their hearts, and to share in their multiplied labours; and from the people who enjoy their labours, and whose hunger for the bread of life is but increased by the food it feeds on;—and from their neighbours, who have witnessed the salutary results of Missionary labour, and are anxious that they may also be favoured with it. From at least fifty different points, the Committee hear strong representations of the superior claims of the particular place, where the applicants for their benefactions happen to reside. One communication expresses astonishment that the Committee should expect to do any good in that section with so few labourers; another charges us with mocking their misery in the little done, by but showing them their destitution, and creating a dissatisfaction with it, while it remains almost entirely unsupplied; and many, very many, express surprise that the Home Mission Society should have overlooked just the most destitute, and the most promising field of labour, and precisely that one, too, which, with a little immediate assistance, would soon be able to do much in aid of its future operations in still more distant regions.

These representations go to sustain several positions:—that there is an immense amount of moral destitution in the denomination; that the people are willing and anxious to receive missionaries; and that the supply increases the demand; and of course, that there is encouragement to continue and increase Home Mission efforts.

It is a painful consideration that in 5888 regular Baptist Churches in the United States and Territories, (excluding, in this account, the British Provinces, and some of the Islands of the sea, and all Mexico, which properly belong to North America,) there should be only 3110 ministers, or little more than one minister to two churches: while it is well known that many of these are imperfectly fitted for the work,—others but partially devoted to it, and not a few of the remainder are only ill sustained in it. These Churches are situated in the midst of 15,000,000 of people, of whom probably 2,000,000 are disconnected with any religious society, and principally destitute of the preaching of the gospel.—A comparison of the present state of things with the condition of former years, will manifest the fact, that the disproportion between churches and ministers, is constantly increasing—and, further, as it is known that in the more favoured sections of the country, the comparative number of ministers has increased, the inference is irresistible that the deficiency of a preached gospel is increasing in precisely those places where it is now, and has long been the greatest.

More than 2,500 more ministers are now wanted to supply the existing churches with pastors, and if British America be taken into the account, there will be 6,069 churches, with 3,230 ministers—But as the accounts furnishing the data of these calculations are known to be defective, it is probably safe to estimate the number of communicants in the U. States and British Provinces at 450,000, the churches at 6,200, and the ministers at 3,500; so that 2,700 additional ministers are wanted.—And again, if all the facts in the case were fully ascertained, it would probably be found after making the proper deduction for those who have no pastoral charge, and for those who are devoted to secular business, and, of course, preach but seldom, (without insisting on a still further deduction for any who are absolutely incompetent to preach the gospel) that more than 3,000 ministers are needed to supply the existing churches. And it is easy to see that 2,000 more would find ample employment in preaching to those now not connected with any religious community;—while the Missionary efforts now making, and the numerous revivals happily taking place, with the emigration of multitudes of professors to the new countries, are rapidly multiplying churches, which will of course, be small and feeble, and require the fostering care of Missionaries; so that in view of the whole, the field of Home Missionary labour is not only great, but rapidly extending its limits, and the amount of labour to be performed in its proper cultivation is appalling, and the mind is in danger of sinking in discouragement. But it is a cheering consideration that Christians serve a God who is omnipotent, and a Saviour who is with them in all places, and at all times; and that although without Him, they can do nothing, yet they can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth them. They may, therefore, with the greatest propriety, “expect great things, and attempt great things.”

The work of Home Missions must be prosecuted by the Baptist denomination, until every church has an able and faithful pastor, whose time and energies are exclusively devoted to its interests, and rewarded according to his labour;—its Sunday Schools and Bible Classes well organized and efficiently conducted, and its system of benevolent effort arranged and in successful operation; until there is throughout the country a sufficient number of Academies, Colleges, and Theological Institutions, well furnished with competent instructors, and these institutions well supported and filled with the sons of the church, and other youth, who shall in them be trained for usefulness in the several departments of society;—and until there shall be a reduction of all the heterogeneous parts of the denomination to identity of character, and a hallowed and most endeared union in doctrine, practice, and affection, so that while they acknowledge one Lord and one baptism, they may have one faith and one practice. Few denominations are more harmonious in their religious principles, but if there should be any attached to it who are essentially heretical in doctrine, or unchristian in conduct, they must be separated from us: if there be any who are not of us, our religion must be so exemplified by holy effort and sacrifice, that they will find it convenient to go out from us. But the brethren who are true hearted, though erring, however misinformed by designing men under the guise of Christian simplicity, however warped by prejudice, and however estranged from the Baptist family, will be reclaimed and restored by proper measures, pursued in a kindly spirit, and for a sufficient length of time,

while additional doors will be opened for preaching in destitute places, so that the work of Home Missions will not and cannot be completed for years to come.

Home missions rise in importance when considered in relation to the wide spread moral destitution of the country. It is by no means wonderful that much destitution should exist in a country so young and so rapidly increasing in population; for new countries are to a great extent first settled by the poorer classes, and it requires years, even after provision has been made for the supply of the physical wants of the community, and they come at length to attempt the work in earnest, to establish religious institutions, and provide for their permanent support.

It is a truth which the committee contemplate with gratitude, that several other evangelical denominations are engaged in the work of supplying this destitution; but this work is too gigantic to be soon effected even by our joint labour; and the Baptists are able, and under obligation to bear a part, and that no inconsiderable part, of the burthen and the glory of preaching the gospel throughout this continent. They have a common interest in the prosperity of the country, and they owe a common duty to it; and as the uniform and attached friends of civil and religious liberty, who know that religious freedom never did exist and never can exist but in connexion with civil liberty, Baptists should feel a deep interest in the free institutions of our country. All must see that without general intelligence, and sound morality, the republic cannot be safe; and all ought to consider that the weekly administration of the gospel tends greatly to promote such intelligence, and that religious principle is the only substantial basis of such morality.

Home missions should be viewed in relation to the recent *remarkable prevalence of popery in the United States*. There is too generally prevalent an idea that the Catholics are to be considered merely as a religious sect, like the different sects of Protestant Christians, and that the question of their increase in the country is as unimportant as that of any of those. But the fact is otherwise; they are materially unlike any other. This religion from its origin has been in close alliance with the state; it takes its rise from the civil establishment of religion; and it symbolizes with monarchy and despotism. It has been indeed conjectured, that the numerous emigrations from Catholic Europe are consequent on a plan concerted by the foreign enemies of free institutions to subvert the liberties of the American republic. This question, however, belongs to the political sentinels of its walls, and there it is left. However that question is decided, it is certain that popery fetters the mind, and enslaves the soul. It has never sought the education of the entire community; it has denied the common use of the holy scriptures, and the right of private judgment in matters of faith; it teaches for doctrines the commandments of men, substitutes implicit faith, and the penance of its devotees for the merits of Christ as the foundation of human hope, arrogates the power of absolving men from their sins, and dissevers morality from piety; so that a man may be a good Catholic, and certain of salvation, while at the same time he is a bad man. Such briefly is popery, and whether this be Christianity, may be referred to those who have studied the New Testament, and form their notions of religion from that volume.

That the hierarchy of Rome has resolved on forming the religious cha-

racter of this country on her own pattern ought not to be doubted. The plans of operation are formed and matured, and already great progress has been made in their execution. Numerous institutions, literary and ecclesiastical, for promoting male and female education have been established and liberally endowed. They are almost universally furnished with instructors from Europe, who are supported by foreign funds, while a large majority of the pupils in all their higher schools are from Protestant families.

These remarks all tend to show the paramount importance of Home Missions. Indeed, very few well informed Christians will deny this truth; and yet it falls out, that, perhaps, still fewer act in practical accordance with its admission. Too many seem not to have stumbled on the inquiry—What ought to be done? not a few take it for granted that all is done which needs to be done; and none are impressed sufficiently with the extent of the need for Home Missions in this country.

We ask those who are indifferent to this department of Christian benevolence, or are but partially alive to its importance, where is their philanthropy? their patriotism? their piety? The influence of this class of operations in promoting individual prosperity, domestic happiness, and neighbourhood peace, is certainly a sufficient argument in their favour, and an ample remuneration for all the expense of their support.

In view of these facts, the Committee, therefore, call upon the American Baptist churches to engage with renewed ardor, and with more entire unanimity, and with increased liberality, and in a spirit of unconquerable perseverance, in the cause of Home Missions. They do this under the most solemn and settled conviction, that if this republic is to continue and to prosper—if our free institutions are to bless generations to come—if protestant Christianity is to be preserved in its purity—if this entire population is to be educated—if the precepts and purposes of Christ are to be heeded by his sworn followers—if his banner is to wave in peaceful and holy triumph over our goodly land—that much, very much is to be achieved by the direct and indirect influence of Home Missions, as undertaken and administered by American Christians.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

William Colgate, Treasurer, in Account with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Dr.

1834.

May	1.	To Massachusetts Missionary Society, per Rev. B. Jacobs, .	\$300 00
		“ Miss Lucy Swain and others, members of the Congregational meeting in Federal-st. Boston, for the support of a missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi one year, and to constitute the Rev. John R. Brown a Life Director, per Rev. B. Jacobs, .	100 00
		“ Thos. Cooper, Eatonton, Ga. to constitute himself a Life Member, at the hands of Mr. J. Clark, .	50 00
	3.	“ D. Hammond, Dover, Duchess Co. per Rev. A. Perkins, .	3 00
		“ Jas. Ketcham, “ “ “ “ .	5 00
		“ Rev. A. Perkins, “ “ “ “ .	5 00
		“ Second Baptist Church, Boston, to constitute their pastor, the Rev. Baron Stow, a Life Director .	117 00
	5.	“ Oliver Starkweather, Pawtucket, for Life Member, .	30 00
	6.	“ Pawtucket Baptist Church and Society, to constitute the Rev. John Blain a Life Director, .	100 00
		Deduct part of this amount per ac. Ezra Going, .	46 44
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May 8.	To P. P. Runyon, New Brunswick,	5 00
	" Collection at the Annual Meeting in Mulberry-st. M. H.	59 39
12.	" Rev. Ezra Going, Agent,	398 33
13.	" N. Y. Baptist State Convention, hands of Rev. J. Peck,	300 00
14.	" Female in Oliver-st. per Rev. S. H. Cone,	5 00
June 11.	" T. Brown, Treasurer of the Baptist Convention, Conn. at the hands of the Rev. G. F. Davis,	50 29
	" J. Speir, Tr. of the Youth's Dom. Missionary Society,	1000 35
July 19.	" Saugerties Baptist Church, per Rev. S. H. Cone,	2 00
	" Broume-st. " " per " "	19 66
28.	" Collection in the State of N. Y. per Rev. J. C. Murphy,	120 02
	" Do. do. New Jersey, per do. do.	45 00
Aug. 8.	" J. Speir, Treasurer of the Young Men's Miss. Soc. N. Y.	150 07
Sept. 5.	" Collection at the Union Association for the Baptist Home Mission, per R. Turnbull, Clerk,	22 78
	" Baptist Church in Carmel,	35 00
	" Second Baptist Church in Fishkill,	6 00
	" Baptist Church in Red Mills,	25 00
10.	" Friends in Fishkill, per Rev. R. Turnbull,	8 00
20.	" Stephens' Town Association, rec'd in Hancock, Ms. per J. C. Murphy,	154 42
	" Collection in Vermont, per J. C. Murphy	30 00
	" Do. New-York, do. do.	80 58
Octbr. 8.	" J. Speir, Tr. of Young Men's Missionary Society, N. Y.	151 80
21.	" A Friend, to constitute the Rev. P. Ludlow, a L. M.	30 00
23.	" Charles Babcock, Tr. of the N. Y. State Convention,	1700 00
	" Drafts purchased last year, and interest,	2009 24
Nov. 17.	" Females of the Baptist Church and Congregation, Saco, Maine, to constitute the Rev. A. Wilson, a Life Member, per A. Blanchard,	30 00
19.	" Collection in New Jersey, per J. C. Murphy,	38 00
	" Do. Pennsylvania, do.	119 00
Dec. 2.	" J. Speir, Tr. of Young Men's Missionary Society, N. Y.	260 00
Jan. 2.	" Missionary Society of the North Beriah Church, N. Y. per S. Chapple,	50 00
	" The following received from H. Lincoln, Boston, viz:	
	" Ladies of Attleborough Church, to constitute Mrs. Forbush, wife of the pastor, a Life Member,	30 00
	" Friends in East Greenwich, R. I. for the valley of Mississippi, per Rev. J. O. Choules,	5 50
	" Baptist Home Missionary Society, Bangor, Me. per J. R. Greenough, Treasurer,	50 00
	" Sub. in Woolwich, Me. per Dr. J. Perkins, \$1 00	
	" Dea. A. Wade, \$1; Ralph Curtis, \$1; Nathaniel Thwing, \$1;	3 00
	" Mary Farnham, \$1; A. Rice, \$1, per E. Pinkham,	2 00
		6 00
	" Lowell 1st Ch. to constitute the Rev. Mr. Freeman Life Director, bal. paid.	25 00
	" Lowell 2d Ch. to constitute the Rev. Mr. Barnaby a Life Director, balance,	35 00
	" Haverhill 1st Ch. for Domestic Missions,	15 84
	" Danvers, do. do. do.	11 50
	" Salem, 2d Church do. do. do.	8 00
	" W. Brown, late of Great Falls, per Rev. Mr. Freeman,	5 00
	" East Haverhill, for Home Missions,	6 00
	" Gloucester, Sandy Bay Village, do.	5 50
	" Per M. Shephard, Tr. of Salem Ass.	111 84
	" Subscribed in Topsham, Me. in letter from J. Perkins,	20 00
	" Foxboro Female Miss. Soc. per Rev. H. Tingley,	13 26
	" Friend in Foxboro, do. do.	2 00
	" Obtained by the sale of a Lithographic of Rev. Mr. Malcolm,	35 00

Mar. 5.	Miss Eliz. Cauldwell, per W. Colgate	10 50
20.	" Female Friend, Claremont, N. H. a New Years present, per Rev. L. Tracy,	5 00
April 8,	" The following from the Rev. J. Going's account, viz:	
	" First Baptist Ch. Windsor, Vt. per Hon. J. H. Cotton,	52 00
	" E. Going, Agent, by the hand of Howen and Fletcher,	250 00
	" Rev. C. Green, Miss'y, collected by him chiefly in New England,	24 00
	" 1st Baptist Ch Brooklyn, N. Y. to constitute Rev. L. Howard a Life Member,	30 00
	" A Soldier at Sault St. Marie,	5 00
	" 2d Baptist Church in	9 00
	" J. Gray, New York,	2 00
	" Henry Hoyle, Esq. per J. E. Welsh,	10 00
	" Kentucky Baptist Convention, loan paid	100 00
	" Noble S. Johnson, collected in Cincinnati, Ohio,	40 00
	" H. Lincoln, a loan,	250 00
	" A Debtor to Grace, who devotes one-tenth of a small business to the Lord, per Rev. C. G. Sommers,	3 00
	" Juvenile Benevolent Association, West Boyles- ton, Ms. by Rev. J. G. Binney,	6 25
	" A. Z., first payment of \$100 per annum, in aid of Griggsville, Illinois,	95 00
	" Balance	806 25
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*William Colgate, Treasurer, in account with the American Baptist Home
Mission Society, Cr.*

1834.		
May 1.	By balance due the Treasurer this day,	\$ 36 33
1835.		
April 1.	Paid Missionaries and Agents, as per Vouchers,	7,485 38
	" Printing, Postage, Stationary, Rent, Secretary, &c.	1,318 26
		<hr/> \$8,839 97

New York, April 14, 1835.

I have examined the Treasurer's account, and find the charges properly vouched for, and correctly added, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirteen cents.

\$176 13.

R. GRAVES, Auditor.

*The following has been received on account of the American Baptist Home
Mission Society, since the Treasurer's account was made up.*

1835.		
April 6.	By H. Lincoln,	
	Baptist Ch. in Littleton, Mass.	\$6 00
	Medford Baptist Missionary Society, Mass.	30 00
	A friend in Medfield, Mass. per W. H. Dalrymple,	2 00
		<hr/> 38 00
	By the hand of L. Farwell,	
	Shelburn Falls Baptist Church, for the Mississippi valley, by the hand of C. Alden, of Ashfield,	13 84
	Miss Lucy Swain and others, to support a Missionary in the Valley of the Mississippi, and to constitute the Rev. Caleb B. Shute, of Boston, a Life Director, by the hand of Miss Lucy Swain,	100 00

April 6.	L. Fish, by the hand of D. Root,	1 00
	Missionary Society of Granville, Ohio, by the Rev. H. Carr,	25 42
	Asa F. Smith, Newton, Upper Falls, Mss. to con. him L. M.	30 00
	A Sister in Baptist Ch. in Foxborough, Mass. by hand of Deacon Gill, Boston,	1 00
	A Friend per Rev. H. Tingley,	50
15.	Subscription in Rhode Island, per N. Waterman, Jr.	12 00
	Do. for balance of Life Directorship of Rev. J. C. Welsh, of Warren,	10 43
	Mulberry-st. Baptist Church, N. Y. it being one moiety of the Collections at the monthly concert for prayer, per Thomas Day, Jr.	59 49
18.	Perry Ch. Genesee Association, per Mr. Phoenix,	20 00
	Le Roy Ch. do. do.	3 75
22.	Young Men's Missionary Society, Brooklyn, to constitute Rev. L. Howard a Life Director, per J. Holden, Treasurer, Do. do. to constitute Capt. J. Going a Life Member, per J. Holden, Treasurer,	100 00 40 00
23.	Thomas Cooper, Eatonton, Georgia, in part to constitute Rev. A. Sherwood a Life Director,	50 00
27.	Connecticut Baptist Convention, per J. Brown, Tr.	500 00
	Baptist Youth's Dom. Missionary Soc., N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.	350 00
29.	Rev. J. C. Murphy, collected by him in New-Jersey,	99 12
May 14.	Baptist Youth's Dom. Mission Soc. N. Y. per J. Speir, Tr.	657 78
15.	G. Allen, being subscription from 12 persons in North King- ston, R. I.	12 50
	G. Munson, Providence,	2 00
	A Friend,	50
	Per N. Waterman, Jr. Treasurer,	15 00
	Female Mite Society, New Bedford, for the Valley of the Mississippi, per L. B. Green,	22 50
	Hamilton Institution Missionary Society, to constitute James McLallen a Life Member,	30 00
	Baptist Church at Lynn, for the support of a Missionary at the west, per J. Bacheller,	100 00
	Baptist Church and Congregation, Edgehill Court House, S. Carolina, per Rev. W. B. Johnson,	18 00
	A. Somerville, Va. per Rev. J. Micou,	5 00
	Alfred Bennett, donation	10 00
	Stephen Chapin, donation,	5 33
	J. C. Crane, Richmond, Life Member,	30 00
	Rev. Isaac S. Tinsley, Va.	1 00
	Mrs. Catherine Bullock, Richmond, per Rev. R. Ryland,	5 00
	Rev. A. Sherwood, Ga. balance to con. him a Life Director,	50 00
	P. Harrison, Virginia, donation,	5 00
	Rev. Matthew Bolles, received his note for \$100, payable by \$25 per quarter, dated 4th inst. to constitute him a Life Dr. (which will appear to his credit as the same may be paid.)	
	John Conant, Esq., Tr. of Vermont Baptist Convention, (Of which \$100 is to make Rev. D. Packer Life Dr.)	130 00
	Collected in various towns in Vermont by the Rev. J. M. Groves,	42 50
	L. P. Noble, New York,	10 00
	G. Scruggs, Alabama,	5 00
	Rev. Mr. Sands, New Lebanon, N. H. by a Lady in his Ch.	5 00
	From D. C. of Maine,	10 00
	Rev. J. E. Welsh, New Jersey,	2 00
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APPENDIX.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

I. It is a primary object with the Committee, to obtain and disseminate information, respecting the actual moral condition of the country; particularly as to that of the Valley of the Mississippi, and more especially within the Baptist denomination.

The means suggested for effecting this are,

1. Corresponding with men of intelligence and piety.
2. The procurement of minutes, and reports of State Conventions, or other religious bodies, and all documents containing religious statistics.
3. Public addresses by the Corresponding Secretary and other agents and missionaries of the society.
4. Through the press, by frequent publications in the periodicals under the charge of the denomination.

II. Measures will be pursued to excite the entire Baptist community to systematic, liberal and vigorous action, in efforts to meliorate the moral condition of the country, and to advance the spiritual prosperity of our denomination.

The numbers, intelligence, influence and wealth of our denomination allow, our duty and interest demand such increased action. The improvement of the churches, at home, while it would preserve them from retrogradation and decay, would greatly enlarge our ability to aid in this and every other enterprise of religious charity.

III. The grand purpose of our organization will be steadily regarded,—the preaching of the gospel to every creature in our country.

Of the regular ministration of the gospel of life and salvation, a large portion of the people in the United States are destitute. Other denominations of Christians are making noble and successful efforts; and we rejoice in their success, as far as they publish the great truths of the gospel. But the field is not less wide than it is "ripe already to harvest," the reapers are few, and there is no reason to fear collision in so large a space of unevangelized territory. Many churches in the Atlantic states are without pastors, and there are in that region promising fields of labour, as yet wanting alike churches and pastors. But the chief attention of the society at the present period, should undoubtedly be directed to the Valley of the West.

For its supply, provision may be made—

1. By employing ministers of suitable qualifications who may be found now resident there, but who from the necessity of pursuing some secular avocation do not as yet give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.

2. By fixing from among our younger ministers men of piety and talent, and who have enjoyed the advantages of education, in the cities and villages of the West, having a regard to the influence which each position may exercise, from its local advantages, commercial or literary, over the cause of religion and education in the surrounding country.

3. By encouraging experienced and influential ministers, of more advanced years, who may wish to emigrate from the Atlantic states westward; and furnishing information and advice as to the most promising situations for extensive and lasting usefulness. A more equal distribution of the ministerial gifts vouchsafed to the church by its great Head should thus be sought. At present the same amount of members of Baptist churches have on the two sides of the Alleghany a very different ratio of pastors.

4. By establishing, as soon as may be, an agency or agencies in each state and territory. These, alike in diffusing and gathering intelligence, in their influence upon the churches, ministers and missionaries of their several states and territories, and in the collection of funds, would, if wisely selected, prove the most efficient and economical instrumentality that could be employed.

5. By encouraging the reciprocal and friendly intercourse of the Western and Eastern Baptists, in the occasional visits of ministering brethren from the one to the other region of country.

IV. A large amount of Funds is obviously needed, among the indispensable means of our enterprise

These should be sought in the following modes :

1. Through the medium of State Conventions and other local institutions for the support of Home Missions, whose resources, together with those of this society, might be increased by the co-operation of the agents, or by employing a common agent.

2. Auxiliary societies, where necessary, should be formed.

3. The corresponding secretary will be called to travel as extensively as his other duties will permit, and to solicit collections.

4. The employment of other agents, temporary or permanent, will be required.

5. Churches may be requested to contribute by constituting their pastors life directors or life members of this society.

6. Further efforts may be made in churches by personal application to each member, on the principle of our auxiliary associations, or otherwise, to procure annual contributions to our funds.

7. Churches are requested to sustain one missionary each, under appointment and direction of the Executive Committee, at an expense suited to their ability; in which case the correspondence of such Missionaries with their benefactors, will naturally tend to awaken and keep alive missionary feeling in the churches. So great is the difference in expense, that any annual sum from \$100 to \$500 would answer the purpose.

8. Ministers might also, once in each year, commend the object to their people, delivering a discourse on the claims of the society.

9. Churches and congregations, benefited by aid from this society in supporting their pastor, may be stimulated to assist us, as God shall prosper them, as well by assuming at an early period the whole burden of supporting the ministry among themselves, as by contributing for the extension of similar benefits, to other and more destitute neighbourhoods.

AUXILIARIES.

The Baptist denomination has always suffered for want of some bond of union obviously proper among those who hold "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Home missions present the least objectionable basis for such a union; and it is hoped, that, at no distant period, one spirit may animate the thousands of our Israel in efforts for their common interest, and in the noblest labours of love for the good of souls ready to perish. One leading object in the establishment of the A. B. H. M. Society, was to combine, in one sacred brotherhood, all the friends of Domestic Missions in the denomination throughout the United States. It proposes, therefore, to all Baptist State Conventions, and other Baptist Domestic Societies, now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, the following terms of relationship.

STIPULATIONS,

Between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its Auxiliaries.

It is the desire of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the prosecution of its great object of promoting the dissemination of the gospel in North America, not to supersede or to embarrass the operations of local societies, but on the contrary, to strengthen and stimulate them, giving to their labours greater facility and larger extension. To secure this object, they propose to the local and more limited Institutions a friendly correspondence and co-operation upon the following principles.

1. That each local society become auxiliary to this society, according to the 8th article of its constitution, by agreeing to place at the disposal of its Executive Committee, the whole of their income after defraying incidental expenses: Provided, however, that the whole, or any part of such income, that may have been reported to this society as subject to its order, be allowed to remain in the treasury of the auxiliary, if requested by their Board of Direction, for the payment of missions and agents as hereinafter stipulated.

2. This society shall allow the auxiliary the right to appoint, direct, and pay missionaries within their specified limits, to any amount not exceeding such income, so reported to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this society: Provided, that the appointment of missionaries by such auxiliary shall be in the manner following, viz: A sufficient number of blank commissions shall be furnished to

the auxiliary, signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, which shall be filled and countersigned by the proper officers of the auxiliary, and issued on their responsibility.

3. When the auxiliary shall report the income or receipts of the same to the Executive Committee of the parent society, with the request above mentioned, the committee shall direct the Treasurer to issue an order to the directors of the auxiliary to retain such sum for the payment of missionaries appointed and commissioned as above.

4. Should appropriations, beyond the income or receipts of an auxiliary be needed within their limits, they may be made directly by this society, or a specified sum may be committed to the auxiliary for the purpose.

5. Auxiliaries shall be governed in their appropriations by the same general principles which govern the appropriations of this society.

6. Agents for the collection of funds may be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society, with the recommendation or consent of the auxiliary; and all agents so appointed, shall report the amount of their collections both to this society and to the auxiliary; and such agents shall receive their compensation from the auxiliary or this society, or both, in such proportions as shall be agreed on.

7. When societies become auxiliary according to the 7th article of the constitution of this Society, a definite arrangement, where practicable, shall be made between this society and such auxiliary, as to the amount or proportion of the income or receipts which each shall receive.

It is understood that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society engage to perform the above stipulations with auxiliary Societies: *Provided*, that the limits of such auxiliary societies be such as in their opinion, will facilitate the operations of this society; and *provided also*, that such arrangement shall not be so construed as to debar this society from the liberty of co-operating, in the same manner, if desired, with any local society within the limits of an auxiliary, acting independently of such auxiliary; and, also, of appointing missionaries, and aiding churches in supporting ministers, within such limits, if deemed necessary.

FORM OF AUXILIARYSHIP.

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Be it remembered that the stipulations proposed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to its Auxiliaries, were agreed to between the society and the

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names,

Cor. Sec. of A. B. H. M. S.
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PURPOSE OF STIPULATIONS.

"1. Wherever these stipulations are adopted, they will bring the influence of the parent society to act on its auxiliaries in the matter of raising funds, and thus a principle distinctly avowed in the formation of the society, will be most securely guarded, viz: *That it was intended to encourage efficiently all local efforts for supplying to the destitute the preaching of the gospel, without the least degree of interference with them.*

"On this plan the agent of each auxiliary will also be the agent of the parent society, and by aiming to be constantly advised of the operations and necessities of the latter, will be able to acquaint each congregation which he may address, with what the whole country is doing; and the influence of example will be fully felt, while the general object, by being presented as *one and undivided*, will assume an importance as much superior to that exhibited by the separate claims of a local society, as the wants of a nation are more extensive than those of a single state or country; and it is found that when facts are presented as the ground of appeal, Christians and patriots are disposed to contribute in proportion to the magnitude of the work, to be

accomplished by their beneficence. In this way the resources of each local society may be greatly increased by a connexion with the parent institution.

"2. By these stipulations, each auxiliary society is left to the independent and unembarrassed exercise of all its rights, in the business of appropriating its own funds to the relief of the needy within its limits, while it secures to itself the additional opportunity of counselling in the application of other appropriations made by the parent society within the same bounds. And this is an advantage which will be very gladly yielded to local societies, whose knowledge of the work to be done in their own limits, is in all cases, much more minute and particular than can be possessed through the medium of correspondence with the parent society.

"3. These stipulations, wherever they shall be adopted, will put it out of the power of the parent institution to contravene the wishes of those whose business it is to manage the affairs, and guard the purity of the churches in the different sections of our country. Where appropriations beyond the amount contributed by an auxiliary are needed in the district of that auxiliary, the parent Society will of course find it alike convenient and necessary to consult the wishes and avail itself of the counsels of its own auxiliary.

"The general Society thus claims but to be the servant of churches. It pretends to no ecclesiastical authority. It interferes not with the discipline or the peculiar views of doctrine, of any of our churches. The society has no charter and no funded property. It has its being only in the confidence and co-operation of the Christian public; and should it ever, through unfaithfulness to its trust, cease to deserve these, its auxiliaries may withdraw their aid, and the society ceases to exist.

"4. The effect of the whole plan, should it be universally acted upon by the churches, will be to secure the following advantages:

"It will prevent the interference and conflicting action of a number of independent societies, occupying portions of the same field, without concert of views and without harmony of feeling. The state conventions and other local societies, will be led to supply in the first instance their own destitute; while the general society, gathering strength from the resources of its auxiliaries, will be *the servant of all*, in conveying their surplus charities to the new and increasing fields of desolation in our frontier settlements. For this service the parent society, sustained by the co-operation here recommended, will possess peculiar advantages. Its office will be the centre of intelligence on the subject of Home Missions, and the medium through which the numerous local societies may communicate with each other. And what gives life and energy to this whole system, is that the parent society, thus sustained, is enabled to employ permanent officers, and thus to be in effect, *constantly in session*. This is an advantage to which no local society can aspire, but which is indispensable to the prompt and successful prosecution of missions, over a field so extensive and diversified, as yet remains to be occupied by Christian zeal in this country.

"This plan is also suited to produce a uniformity of operation, and the missionaries of the auxiliaries being also the missionaries of the parent society, will be reported as such in an annual alphabetical list, with the appropriate designation of the local society which sustains them. Thus the influence of each auxiliary will be embodied, and an annual report presented, which will embrace the doings of all; and the local societies will not be regarded as rivals of each other, but as fellow labourers in the same field, and their missionaries as all belonging to the same family."

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

Recommended for the adoption of Auxiliary Societies.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the Baptist Domestic Missionary Society of _____, and shall be Auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. II.—This Society shall be composed of such individuals as shall contribute annually to its funds, together with the members of the several Auxiliary Societies for Home Missions within its limits.

ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting. These officers, together with at least one person from each of its several Auxiliaries, shall con-

stitute a Board of Directors of whom five shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet at the call of the President. They shall be authorized to appoint an Executive Committee who shall adopt the most energetic measures in their power for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, by collecting funds, disseminating intelligence, sending a deputation to all the annual meetings of their own Auxiliaries and of the parent society, and generally using all suitable means to excite and maintain an interest in the cause of Home Missions.

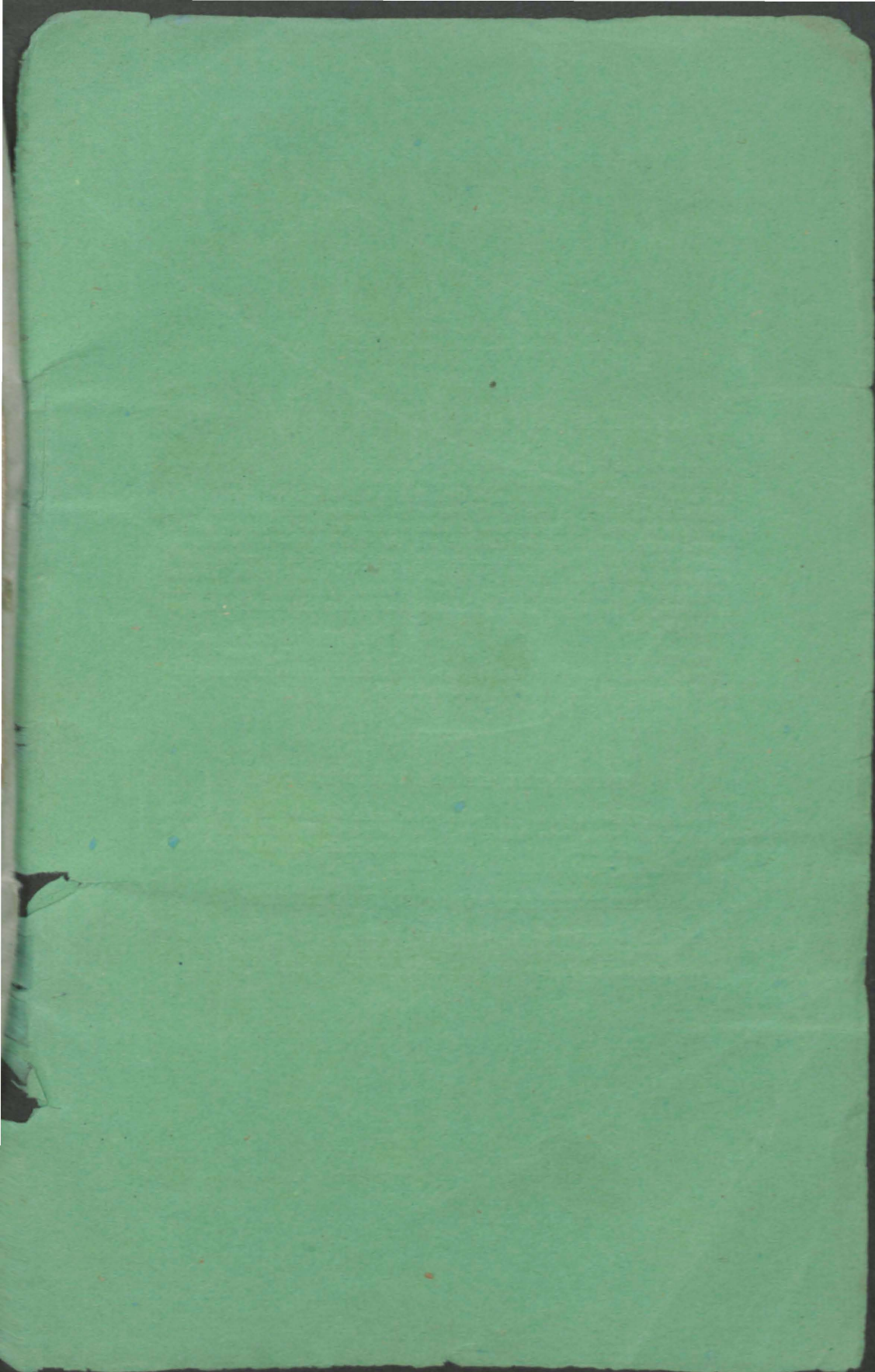
ART. V.—The annual receipts of the Society, after defraying incidental expenses, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the parent society, with directions as to the section of country in which it shall be expended in missionary labours, should the Executive Committee deem it important to give such directions.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet as often as called by the Directors, and annually, on the _____ of March, when the officers shall be elected; the accounts of the Treasurer, properly audited, shall be presented, and the annual report of the Executive Committee received, and at which meeting this Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. VII.—A copy of the Constitution, authenticated by the Secretary, together with the names and residences of the officers annually elected, and also a copy of each annual report shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

ART. I.—The Society shall be known by the name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.
ART. II.—The Society shall be organized in _____
ART. III.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors.



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