



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE


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Baptist Benevolent & Missionary Society,

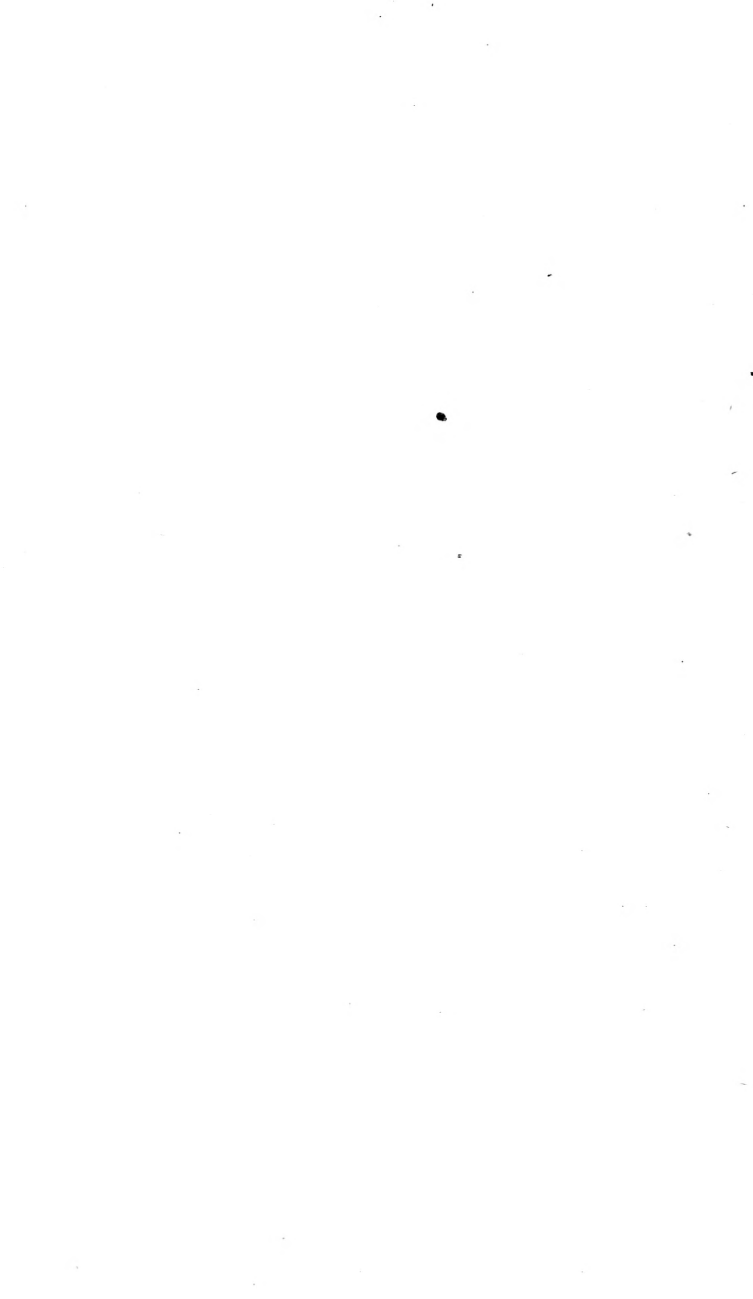
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EVANGELICAL BAPTIST BENEVOLENT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

BOSTON.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 4, 1880,

MADE UP TO APRIL 1, 1880.

THE Receipts and Disbursements of the year are comprised in the following :

SYNOPSIS OF THE CASH BOOK.

DR.	<i>Cash,</i>	<i>April 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.</i>	CR.
Cash on hand April 1, 1879,	\$187.03	Interest to Estate of J. P. Preston,	\$8,125.00
Lettings of Stores and Rooms,	6,497.35	Superintendent,	2,060.00
" " Temple Hall,	1,705.50	Repairs and Supplies,	1,817.05
" " Meionaon,	375.00	Gas,	591.40
Rec'd for Gas in Meionaon,	51.30	Water,	169.79
" " Water, " . . .	13.50	Printing,	59.18
" " Materials, . . .	528.47	Organ,	94.52
" from Insurance Comp's,	69,000.49	Insurance, Discount claimed by	
" Interest,	2,570.74	Insurance Companies,	702.42
" Bills Receivable,	45.00	Loaned,	2,187.03
" Notes Receivable,	392.47	Bills, re-building,	25,667.18
" on Loan,	8,187.03	Legal Services,	28.00
		Loan Certificate,	70.00
		Bills due,	547.16
		Notes due,	150.55
		Cash on hand April 1, 1880,	47,284.60
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	\$89,553.88		<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
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RE-BUILDING.

DR.		CR.
Paid Insurance Companies Dis-		Received of Insurance Compa-
count claimed by them, . . . \$702.42		nies for estimated damage by
Paid Mechanics on account of		fire to Buildings, Organ, Fur-
Re-building, 25,667.18		niture, etc. \$69,000.49
Balance, 43,159.36		Received from sale of Old Ma-
		terials, 528.47
	\$69,528.96	\$69,528.96

TREMONT TEMPLE ESTATE.

DR.		CR.
Balance of Accounts April 1,		Temple Hall, \$1,705.50
1879, \$95,172.95		Stores and Rooms, 6,497.35
Interest, 5,554.26		Meionaon, 375.00
Expenses, 4,755.14		Settlement of Certificate Ac-
Loss on Notes and Bills Re-		counts, 40.00
ceivable, 683.41		Balance to New Account, 97,547.91
	\$106,165.76	\$106,165.76

TRIAL BALANCE.

	Dr.	Cr.
Tremont Temple Estate,	\$97,547.91	
Cash,	47,284.60	
Notes Receivable,	646.24	
Bills Receivable,	680.61	
Loan account,	22,000.00	
Notes Payable,		\$125,000.00
Re-building account,		43,159.36
	\$168,159.36	\$168,159.36

STATEMENT,

Showing the *Earnings* during the year ending April 1, 1880, and the *Expenses* for the same period.

<i>Earnings.</i>	<i>Expenses.</i>
Stores and Rooms, . . . \$6,497.35	Interest, \$5,554.26
Temple Hall, 1,705.50	Superintendent, 2,060.00
Mcionaon, 375.00	Ordinary Repairs, 465.05
	Extraordinary Repairs, 1,352.00
\$8,577.85	Gas, 540.10
Expenses in excess of earnings, 1,731.55	Water, 156.29
	Printing, 59.18
	Organ, 94.52
	Legal Services, 28.00
\$10,309.40	\$10,309.40

FINANCIAL CONDITION, APRIL 1, 1880.

<i>Indebtedness.</i>	<i>Assets.</i>
Note to Estate of J. P. Preston, \$125,000.00	Notes and Bills receivable, . \$1,326 85
Interest paid to April 1, 1880.	Cash on hand, 47,284.60
	Loan account, 22,000.00
Re-building account, 43,159.36	Tremont Temple Estate, . 97,547.91
\$168,159.36	\$168,159.36

J. H. CONVERSE, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, APRIL 21, 1880. This is to certify that we have audited the foregoing accounts of JOSEPH H. CONVERSE, Treasurer, to April 1, 1880, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSHUA LORING, } *Auditing*
 PETER S. ROBERTS, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1880. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted that the report of the Treasurer be approved.

SOLOMON PARSONS, *Sec'y.*

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE Board of Directors in submitting this, their Annual Report, are forcibly reminded of the old adage "Man proposes, but God disposes." At the Annual Meeting in May, 1878, the following Resolution was passed: ("Resolved,—That, when the indebtedness shall be reduced to \$100,000, the Directors do expend one half of the net income for such charitable purposes as they in their judgment shall deem best, and report their action to the next meeting.") After many years of persistent labor and effort, this result had been accomplished, and your Board were preparing to carry out the instructions of said Resolution, when, on the night of the 14th of August, the Temple was nearly destroyed by fire.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at once, and, after full discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*—That, in reviewing the history of the experiment that has been tried for twenty-four years by this Society to maintain the preaching of the Gospel near the centre of the City with free seats, we have great reason to thank God for the degree of success that has attended our efforts, notwithstanding the many obstacles we have encountered.

“Resolved—That we feel it to be our duty to rebuild the Temple, with such improvements as we may be able to devise, and devote it to the same purposes as it has been used for.

“Resolved—That, a committee of three be appointed, to nominate a Building Committee of five, who are hereby authorized to employ a suitable architect to make plans for the re-construction of the Temple, with a view, if possible, to increase the revenue, and secure suitable accommodations for the Union Temple Church, with the best ventilation and drainage possible, and that this Committee report to the Board, with estimates.

“Resolved—That, a committee of three be appointed to procure an organ suitable for the large hall.”

In compliance with these Resolutions, the Building Committee invited and received plans for the re-construction of the Temple; and, after thorough investigation, adopted the plans submitted by Mr. Carl Fehmer, who was elected architect.

In order to meet the wishes of our denomination and the demands of the public, important changes were required, and will be brought to successful completion.

The large Hall has been lowered one story, and with the Meionaon, Social Hall, and Chapel, has an increased seating capacity. There has been an entire re-arrangement of facilities for the direct and rapid exit of large audiences, and for lighting, heating, and ventilating.

The Main Entrance is made fire-proof, and every precaution taken throughout the building against fire and other casualties.

The Auditorium Floor and Balconies are supported by iron girders, resting on iron columns running down to the foundation, and convenient entrances to the Balconies are secured through the walls from outside iron corridors.

While lowering the Hall necessitated the loss of the several rooms formerly located under it, the loss is more than compen-

sated by the additional rooms arranged over the Hall, of easy access by Elevator, made more desirable by the great improvement in light and air, and a large Fire-proof Safe built within brick walls.

The arrangement made with the Architect included the employment of Mr. A. W. Folsom, a master mechanic of large experience, to superintend the re-building; and the work, in all its details, is under the watch care of both the Architect and Superintendent. The several contracts for materials and labor are awarded only to reliable and skilfull parties, that everything shall be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner.

The committee appointed to obtain a suitable Organ have contracted with Messrs. E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings, and it is expected that in beauty, capacity, and in all that combines to make an organ equal to every known want, it will be unsurpassed in our city.

The enlargement of the Main Entrance of the Temple removes two of the stores, but enlarges the two remaining stores, which have already been let on favorable terms.

The Directors have earnestly desired that all the Societies of the Denomination should again be located in the Temple, and every effort has been made to accomplish this object, even at a sacrifice of revenue, and we are glad to report that the Missionary Union, the Home Mission, and nearly all the denominational interests will again be with us.

The Union Temple Church which has been holding its services in the Music Hall and Freeman Place Chapel, will return to the Temple as soon as the Meionaon and Chapel are finished. The Church has called the Rev. F. M. Ellis, D. D., of Denver, Colorado, to the Pastorate, which call has been accepted by him, and concurred in by vote of the Board of Directors, in accordance with certain provisions of the By-Laws of the Society.

In a financial point of view the fire occurred in an unfortunate time ; there having been a great advance in prices of materials and labor since the adjustment of insurance ; largely increasing the cost of re-building over and above the amount received from the insurance awards.

It has been the aim of the Board of Directors in re-building to so improve the Temple, that while effectively providing for the work of the Denomination, it shall also meet the wishes of the Public, and secure their approved patronage and support.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf and by vote of the Board of Directors,

SOLOMON PARSONS, *Secretary.*

DELEGATES FOR LIFE FROM CHURCHES.

First Baptist Church, Charleston,

GEORGE D. EDMUNDS,	GEORGE R. KELSO,
FRANKLIN O. REED,	CHARLES E. DANIELS.

First Baptist Church, Boston,

SALMON WHITNEY.

Clarendon Street Baptist Church,

HEZEKIAH S. CHASE,	CHARLES S. BUTLER.
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Bowdoin Square Baptist Church,

JOSEPH STORY,	SIDNEY A. WILBUR.
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Charles Street Baptist Church,

LUCIUS B. MARSH,	PERLEY A. RAMSEY.
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South Baptist Church,

GILBERT WAIT,	MRS. J. D. RICHARDSON.
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Brookline Baptist Church,

JAMES EDMOND.

Union Temple Baptist Church,

ALBERT M. ALDRICH.

Old Cambridge Baptist Church,

J. WARREN MERRILL,	T. WATSON MERRILL.
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North Avenue Baptist Church,

HENRY R. GLOVER.

Newton Centre Baptist Church,

GEORGE S. DEXTER.

INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION.

<i>Individuals entitled to Representation.</i>	Votes.	<i>Churches entitled to Representation.</i>	Votes.
J. W. Converse, Boston.....	2	First Baptist Church, Boston.....	8
Cyrus Carpenter, Boston.....	1	Clarendon Baptist Church, Boston.....	4
Caroline H. Wakefield, Somerville.....	1	First Mariners Baptist Church, Boston.....	2
Rufus Fiske, Cambridgeport.....	1	Warren Ave. Baptist Church, Boston.....	5
Elizabeth Keely, Haverhill.....	1	Charles St. Baptist Church, Boston.....	3
S. Prentiss Hill, Boston.....	1	Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston.....	3
James L. Jones, New York.....	1	Union Temple Baptist Church, Boston.....	8
William A. Bowdlear, Boston.....	1	Independent Baptist Church, Boston.....	1
J. W. Brigham, Boston.....	1	Harvard St. Baptist Church, Boston.....	5
Ralph Warner, Boston.....	3	Dearborn St. Baptist Church, Boston.....	1
Elizabeth S. McWilliams, Cambridge.....	1	Neponset Ave. Baptist Church, Boston.....	1
Charles E. Converse, West Roxbury.....	1	Stoughton St. Baptist Church, Boston.....	1
George Brooks, Brookline.....	1	Ruggles St. Baptist Church, Boston.....	1
A. J. Adams, Boston.....	1	Central Square Baptist Church, East Boston.....	3
Edward Chamberlin, Boston.....	1	South Baptist Church, South Boston.....	2
Moses G. Edmunds, Charlestown.....	1	Fourth St. Baptist Church, South Boston.....	2
Kendall Brooks, Kalamazo, Mich.....	1	Bowdoin Square Baptist Church, Boston.....	4
Elisha S. Stacy, Boston.....	1	First Baptist Church, Charlestown (Boston).....	5
Thomas Mair, Boston.....	1	Bunker Hill Bap. Ch., Charlestown (Boston).....	3
Charles S. Kendall, Boston.....	1	Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton (Boston).....	1
George W. Little, Charlestown.....	1	Jamaica Plain Baptist Church, West Rox- bury (Boston).....	2
Moses C. Warren, Brookline.....	1	Dudley St. Bap. Church, Roxbury (Boston).....	4
George W. Chipman, Boston.....	1	First Baptist Church, Cambridge.....	4
Benjamin O. Pierce, Beverly.....	1	Second Baptist Church, Cambridge.....	1
Jesse Tirrell, Boston.....	1	Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge.....	3
Costello C. Converse, Boston.....	1	North Ave. Baptist Church, Cambridge.....	2
Joseph Sawyer, Boston.....	1	Broadway Baptist Church, Cambridge.....	2
C. J. Morrill, Boston.....	1	First Baptist Church, Chelsea.....	3
E. C. Emerson, Brookline.....	1	Cary Ave. Baptist Church, Chelsea.....	1
C. A. Wakefield, Somerville.....	1	Brookline Baptist Church, Brookline.....	3
Solomon Parsons, Boston.....	1	Newton Centre Baptist Church, Newton.....	2
		First Baptist Church, Medford.....	1
		Perkins St. Baptist Church, Somerville.....	1
		First Baptist Church, New Bedford.....	2
		First Baptist Church, Haverhill.....	1

