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OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

AT THE

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PASSED APRIL 12, 1843, AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 9, 1849.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- § 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the City of New York, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, shall be, and hereby are constituted a body corporate, by the name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.
- § 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; provided, no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath said Corporation more than one-fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts, and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one-fourth, and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two mouths before the death of the testator; and provided that no verbal mistake in the name of the said corporation shall invalidate any gift, grant, devise or legacy intended for it. The net income of said Society arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars annually.
- § 3. This Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the provisions contained in title third of chapter eighteenth of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable, and have not been repealed.
 - § 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.
 - § 5. The Legislature may at any time modify or repeal this Act.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

1st. This Society shall be called the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Object.

2d. The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in North America.

MEMBERSHIP.

3d. The Society shall be composed of annual Delegates, Life Members and Life Directors. Any Baptist church, in union with the denomination, may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Thirty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a member for life; and one hundred dollars paid at one time, or a sum which in addition to any previous contribution shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be requisite to constitute a director for life.

OFFICERS.

4th. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, whom the Society shall annually elect by ballot.

MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5th. The Officers and Life Directors shall meet immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Society, and elect fifteen Managers, residing in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who, together with the Treasurer, Auditor, and Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, shall constitute an Executive Board to conduct the business of the Society; and shall respectively continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

6th. The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings; elect its own Chairman and Recording Secretary; enact its own By-laws and Rules of Order, provided always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society during the year; and, if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such Agencies as the interests of the Society may require; appoint Agents and Missionaries; fix their compensation; direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors; make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury; and present to the Society at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS.

7th. All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors, or their lawful agents.

TREASURER.

8th. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

9th. All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries and Agents of the Society, shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

ANNUAL MEETING.

 $10\mathrm{th}.$ The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as the <code>Executive Board</code> shall appoint.

ALTERATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

11th. 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 Board.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

AND

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

HON. ISAAC DAVIS, L L. D., Worcester, Massachusetts.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

DEA. WILLIAM COLGATE, New York. JOHN P. CROZER, ESQ, Chester, Pa.

TREASURER.

CHARLES J. MARTIN, New York.

AUDITOR.

GARRAT N. BLEECKER, New York,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

REV. BENJAMIN M. HILL, New York.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

REV. EDWARD LATHROP, New York.

MANAGERS.

- " IRA R. STEWARD, do.

Rev. S. H. CONE, D. D., New York. A. B. CAPWELL, Esq., Brooklyn. " WILLIAM W. EVERTS, do.
" JAMES L. HODGE, Brooklyn.
" H. P. FREEMAN, Williamsburg.

- " E. E. L. TAYLOR, do. Rev. E. L. MAGOON, New York. Upon T. SEELEY, New York. H. J. EDDY. do.
- " I. S. BACKUS, do. J. E. SOUTHWORTH, Brooklyn. "M. J. RHEES, Williamsburg.

LOOMIS BALLARD, Brooklyn.

CLERK, AND RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

JAMES M. WHITEHEAD, New York.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

American Baptist Nome Mission Society,

HELD IN THE

MEETING-HOUSE OF THE NORFOLK ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

IN NEW YORK, 1850.

New York, May 9, 1850.

In the absence of the President, and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, John P. Crozer, Esq., took the chair, and called the Society to order at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. P. Mason, of Mass.

Ministers and brethren present, not directors or members of the Society, were invited to a seat, and a participation in its deliberations.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Credentials of Delegates.—Rev. Messrs. B. N. Leach, of Ct.; D. T. Hill, of N. J.; T. Armitage, of N. Y.; O. J. Dearborn, of Wisconsin; I. M. Parkhurst, of Mass.

To Nominate Officers for the Ensuing Year.—Rev. Messrs. J. N. Granger, of R. I.; John Booth, of Mich.; Z. Grenell, of N. J.; C. Morton, of N. Y.; C. Willett and Wm. Reid, of Ct.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Charles J. Martin, Esq., an abstract of the Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Certificate were read by Rev. B. M. Hill, Corresponding Secretary, and accepted by the Board.

An Abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Board was also read by the Corresponding Secretary, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report be accepted and printed in pamphlet form and in the Home Mission Record—and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to obtain copies of the Addresses delivered during the Anniversary, and print them with the other matter.

The Committee on Nominations reported a list of names for Officers for the ensuing year. Their report was accepted, and the Society proceeded to ballot. Thomas Wattson, Esq., of Pa., and Rev. L. Covel, of N. Y., were appointed tellers.

[The balloting resulted in the election of brethren whose names appear on page 4 of this Report.]

On recommendation of the Executive Board, the 3rd Article of the Constitution was altered by striking out the words "paid at one time" to constitute a Member for Life.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Booth of Michigan.

EVENING SESSION.

The Meeting was opened with devotional exercises as usual.

- 1. Singing by the Choir, Hymn "Prayer for more Laborers."
- 2. Reading a portion of Scripture, by Rev. John Booth, of Michigan.
- 3. Prayer by Rev. A. D. Gillette, of Philadelphia.
- 4. Reading an Abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Board, by the Corresponding Secretary.
- 5. Address by Professor J. H. Raymond, of Madison University, on the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the stirring events of the last year and the "Signs of the Times," pregnant with the promise of yet more astounding developments, are adapted to impress every Christian with a deepening sense of the importance of Home Missions, and at once to stimulate and encourage this Society to double diligence in its great work.

- 6. Singing by the Choir, "Hymn for the West," after which a liberal contribution was taken for the Society.
- 7. Address by Rev. H. Malcom, D. D., of Philadelphia, on the following Resolution

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, this Society presents an arrangement indispensible to the proper fulfilment of our duties, as Christians and as Baptists.

- 8. Singing by the Choir and Congregation, Hymn, "Evangelization of our Country."
 - 9. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Haswell, missionary in Burmah.

EDWARD LATHROP, Recording Secretary.

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND LIFE DIRECTORS.

The Officers and Life Directors of the Society met immediately after the adjournment of the Society, when a Committee of Nomination for Managers was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Charles Morton, of New York; J. G. Collom, of New Jersey; and William F. Hansell, of New York; at whose nomination fifteen persons, residing in New York and its vicinity, as required by the Constitution, were elected Managers for the year ensuing.

[Their names appear on page 4 of this Report.]

EIGHTEENTH REPORT.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.

The exercises of the Anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society were introduced by a delightful preliminary meeting on Wednesday Evening, May 8th, in the Norfolk Street Baptist Church, occasioned by the anticipated departure of two Missionaries (Rev. Messrs. F. E. Prevaux and L. O. Grenell) and their wives to California. It was emphatically a

FAREWELL TO THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONARIES.

The Chairman of the Executive Board of the Society, Rev. S. H. Cone, D. D., presided in his usual felicitous manner. After the reading of the 52d Chapter of Isaiah, by Rev. D. B. Stout of N. J., and prayer, by Rev. C. Morton of N. Y., the Chairman explained the objects of the meeting, and was followed by the Missionaries in brief and appropriate remarks concerning the field of labor assigned them and their duty to occupy and cultivate it; after which they and their wives were addressed by Rev. Z. Grenell of N. J., (whose son is one of the company) in a touching and affecting charge and farewell. He, again, was followed by Rev. J. N. Granger of R. I., (Mr. Prevaux's pastor) in an excellent, comprehensive address, in which he presented a fine contrast between the physical and moral features of the settlement of California. After which a contribution was taken up for the Society. The exercises were interspersed with singing by the choir of the Church, and the impression made by all the services were excellent—and happily adapted to prepare the minds and hearts of the audience for the Anniversary Meetings of the succeeding day.

THE HOME MISSION CONFERENCE.

In the afternoon of the 9th inst., a meeting was held for the purpose of a free conference touching the objects and interests of the Society. The services were introduced with prayer by Rev. S. H. Cone, D. D., after which portions of the Annual Report of the Executive Board were read by the Corresponding Secretary, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Burroughs, Gillette and Dea. T. Wattson, of Philadelphia; Magoon and Wheeler, of New York; Fish of New Jersey, and Willet of Connecticut. These services, also, were enlivened by devotional exercises, and served to kindle with increasing warmth the flame of missionary zeal. After prayer by Rev. F. Ketcham, late of New Haven, Ct., (who is just ready to proceed to Illinois as a missionary,) the meeting adjourned.

CHARACTER AND INFLUENCE OF THE MEETINGS.

The Meetings of this Anniversary were characterized by much unanimity, spirituality and zeal in the cause of Home Missions. Expressions of opinion and feeling from many sources, with other unmistakable signs of heart-felt interest in that cause, furnished convincing proofs of greatly increased sympathy with the Home Mission Society in its efforts to promote the religious welfare of our beloved country; and will encourage the Executive Board to improve every good opportunity presented them for that purpose, to the extent of the means furnished them by their friends.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society in account with Charles I. Martin, Treasurer. Ðr.

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CHARLES J. MARTIN, TREASURER.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, together with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct. The balance in the hands of nnavailable and not due, to the umount of Six Hundred and Thirty-two 82.160 Dollars, (\$632.62.) Ho has in possession the following securities belonging to the Society, viz : William S. Bray's bond, secured by mortgage on Real Estate in the city of New York, for One Thousand Dollars, upon which Four Hundred Dollars have been Charles J. Martin, E.sq., Treasurer, in eash, is Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Five 61.100 Dollars, (\$4,965.61.) He also holds notes and due bills, at present received during the present financial year. Certificate of the State of Olio Loan for One Thousand Dollars. Certificate of United States Loan for Two Thousand Dollars. Brooklyn City Bond for Five Hundred Dollars.

NEW YORK, 1st April, 1850.

GARRAT NOEL BLEECKER, AUDITOR.

ANNUAL REPORT.

God, the author of all good, has permitted us to be present on the occurrence of this Anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. His mercy and goodness towards us demand the gratitude of our hearts, and the unreserved surrender to his service of all our powers.

Our objects are to review the proceedings of the Executive Board during the past year; to receive the aggregate report of labor and its results, as communicated by the missionaries of the society; to contemplate the subject of Home Missions with reference to the cultivation of the great North American field, and to stimulate mutual sympathy in efforts for its future welfare. The year has been marked by events of no ordinary character.

DEATHS.

In the lapse of its months an unusual number of members and directors of the society, and other devoted friends, have filled up the measure of their days and ceased from their works on earth. Those of whose decease we have heard, are Rev. Ira M. Allen, Dea. James Wilson and Mr. Charles W. Milbank of New York. Rev. Messrs. Elliott Estes of South Carolina, Z. Bradford of Rhode Island and Charles Train of Massachusetts; all of whom were directors for life. Mrs. Nancy Corning, Mrs. Betsey Payne, Rev. Messrs. Luke Barker, William Harris and Reuben Winchell, and Mr. James

M. Forrester, of New York; Rev. D. B. Crawford, of Mississippi; Rev. William A. Roy, of Virginia; Rev. George W. Cate, of Massachusetts; Rev. Messrs. Daniel D. Lewis and John Rodgers, and Mr. Charles Cox, of New Jersey; who were members for life. And though last named, yet not least in our remembrance and affections, is the man of God who seldom or never failed to grace our anniversaries with his presence; to contribute wise and encouraging counsels; to exert a kind and gentle influence over our discussions; and by his fervent supplications at the throne of grace (where we loved to have him lead us) to subdue our passions and bring us in penitence and faith to the feet of our Divine Master. "Father Peck." as he was familiarly called, was a director for life, and for nearly ten years an agent of the society. The vote of condolence, published in the Home Mission Record of February, renders more extended remarks unnecessary, though it may be said with propriety, while we have already realized, in some respects, the loss of such an agent as was Elder John Peck, doubtless many occasions may hereafter arise when we shall remember his devotedness to the cause of Home Missions and other objects dear to Christians, and anxiously look around for some Elisha upon whom his mantle may have fallen. But "why do we mourn departed friends." In hope we have committed their bodies to the dust and their spirits into the hands of the Creator. Our great concern now should be to follow their examples of piety and zeal in the service of Christ, that at last we may share with them the glory of his eternal presence and love.

THE PESTILENCE.

At the commencement of our missionary year our country, to a very wide extent, was visited with the calamity of pestilence. A very important part of the general field of our operations—the valley of the Mississippi—was the seat of its most fierce and fatal ravages. Many of the churches aided by the society suffered; many of the congregations under the care of our missionaries were smitten and scattered; disease

and death long interrupted their visits to the sanctuary, and made of their number many choice victims of the general scourge. It is a cause of devout gratitude to God, that, though several of the missionaries and their families suffered attacks of the disease, not a single missionary fell. They were active in works of Christian kindness amongst the afflicted, and all survive to use the event and its circumstances as illustrations of the important truths they preach.

At the seat of the society's operations also, the pestilence walked in darkness, and the destruction wasted at noonday, but it came not night he dwellings of the Executive Board. He who controls the pestilence graciously gave his angels charge over them, who kept them in all their ways.

The long continuance of the Cholera and the severity of the visitation were in many respects unfavorable to our operations. Some of our plans were deranged; much important business was delayed and unfavorable consequences followed throughout the year. It was however a dispensation of Divine Providence in which it became us humbly to acquiesce, and for personal exemption from the fatal effects of which we would be grateful.

CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In the course of the year two resignations have taken place on the part of members of the Executive Board, viz: Rev. John Dowling, D.D., in whose place Rev. E. L. Magoon was elected, and Rev. David Bellamy whose place was filled by Rev. H. J. Eddy.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

The number of names added to our list of members and directors for life, up to April 1st, is 343. Of the first class 313, and of the second 30. It has been ascertained that during the year 19 deaths occurred, to which are added 4 others whose decease took place some years ago without the knowledge of the Board at the time—making in all 23. The present number of directors is 291, and of members 1684.

LEGACIES.

We have been cheered by the facts that several persons who had often contributed to our treasury when active in life, remembered, in the hour of death, the cause for which we labor, and that their executors have faithfully carried out their intentions in the payment of their legacies to the society. The estates from which they were received are those of James Shearer, of Canada; James Vanderpool, of New Jersey; Asa H. Trueman, of New York; and Jacob Whitman, of Illinois; in part: Lewis Porter, of New York; in advance: Mrs. Martha Howe, of Massachusetts; Josiah Lyman, of Connecticut; John Everett, of Michigan; John J. Martin, A. H. Reed, and George D. James, of New York.

HOME MISSION RECORD.

Much inconvenience has been experienced heretofore for the want of a suitable medium of communication between the Executive Board and the Christian public, in which the correspondence of missionaries, information concerning fields of labor, and plans of operation of the Board, together with public acknowledgments of funds received, could regularly appear. During the past year this inconvenience has been remedied by the monthly issue of the Home Mission Record, heretofore published only occasionally, and now modified in form. It is entirely under the control of the Board, edited by the Corresponding Secretary and distributed to subscribers at merely nominal charges. It was commenced in September, and the demand for it has regularly increased till at the close of the fiscal year the issue had reached 10,000 copies. The amount of receipts from subscribers at the same period exceeded the cost of publication so much, that for its support the necessity for using funds contributed for missionary purposes is not anticipated. The Board rely upon it as an useful medium of communication with the friends of Home Missions, and, as facts since its commencement warrant, for increasing their pecuniary means of sending the Gospel to the destitute.

They, therefore, desire its general circulation in the churches, and believe its success will secure much advantage to the cause.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

The Treasurer's Report exhibits receipts from different sources	for
the year ending April 1st, 1850, to the amount of	\$26,443 52
Which with the balance on hand, April 1st,	3,925 55
Makes the total amount of available means of the Society for	the
past year.	\$30,369 07
The total amount of disbursements during the same period is	25,403 46
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of	4,965 61
The liabilities of the Society on the first day of April, were	23,821 38
And its available resources were	9,464 61
Showing a balance against the Society of	\$14,356 77

To provide for this balance, and the new and increasing liabilities of the coming year, the New Board will be entirely dependent upon the future liberality of the patrons of the Society; but we have great confidence that the friends of Home Missions will not fail to sustain the Board in their efforts to carry out the important object of our organization—"to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America."

Of the amount received, \$25,201 09 were in direct contributions to the treasury; showing an increase over the receipts of the same character last year of \$4,324 45, besides \$647,43 for the Home Mission Record.

Of the amount of liabilities, \$5,987 14 fall due to missionaries within three months, and will be needed by them. \$2,287 73 will be due also on outstanding drafts, &c., making \$8,274 87. This amount exceeds the cash balance in the treasury \$3,309 26.

During the first six months of the past fiscal year, the receipts into the treasury compared irregularly with those of corresponding months the previous year, and in the aggregate exceeded them by only an inconsiderable amount, since which they were more regular, increasing moderately though steadily until the last quarter, when they became unusually but not unnecessarily bountiful.

The want of success in the first half of the year must be attributed in some degree to the prevalence of the Cholera and a consequent stagnation of business. The more liberal receipts subsequently, are deemed partly the natural results of successful agency operations, and partly of a more extensive diffusion of Home Mission intelligence among the people.

The increased amount of receipts over those of last year, though encouraging, falls short of that asked at the last anniversary, and hoped for by the Board when laying their plans at the commencement of the year. It would all have been employed if furnished earlier, but circumstances already mentioned, together with the heavy amount of liabilities existing at the commencement of the year, required unusual caution in making appropriations and, during a part of the time, compelled the Board to restrict their operations much more than was originally contemplated. The larger amount of receipts during the last two or three months of the year, has considerably swelled the balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer; but, as is already stated, in a very few weeks liabilities predicated upon those receipts will mature, and that balance will be essentially reduced. Other appropriations to a large amount, maturing regularly each successive month, will require a liberal monthly replenishment of the treasury to cancel them. If such a replenishment is furnished immediately, enlarged operations can be entered into, and much benefit will accrue from them to the feeble interests dependent on the society; but if the necessary supplies are delayed, the same caution and restriction must again retard the progress of the Board. This will prove very unfortunate. It has come to our knowledge that some churches formerly organized in flourishing places, with good prospects of success, have, by similar embarrassments, suffered disappointment, became discouraged, sunk back into a state of inefficiency, and the money expended upon them in the commencement of attempts was thus rendered comparatively useless. Others now requiring the fostering care of the Board will, if immediate aid is not granted them, follow in the same way. To commence

operations for them with reasonable hopes of success, liberal supplies of the treasury are essential at the commencement of the year, and should be afterwards regularly maintained, so that as favorable opportunities occur from time to time for accomplishing important objects, the Board may be prepared to improve them.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The missionary operations of the Board have been directed to every portion of the general field as circumstances allowed, and have been attended with success to a very encouraging extent. A number of ministers of the Gospel have received appointments for Western States, who are now occupying many of the most important places which were vacant at the commencement of the year, and are almost without exception doing well.

In the new Territory of Minnesota two good missionaries have labored the principal part of the year. They have organized a church at St. Paul; have adopted incipient measures for the erection of houses of worship there and in some other places, and have been encouraged with hopeful cases of conversion in their congregations.

In Oregon our missionaries have suffered no small discouragement by the absence from the Territory of large numbers of the male population, who visited California for gold. Nevertheless the interests of the mission have been in a state of gradual progress. An association of ten churches has been formed, and a convention has been held at which measures were adopted for the establishment of an institution of learning. Some of those measures have been carried into effect, and it is hoped that the foundation is laid for the promotion of education, on a basis which will prove beneficial to that Territory. At our last anniversary it was stated that an additional missionary had been appointed for Oregon, but before the commission reached him he had removed to another field.

In California the blessing of the Lord has attended our

labors, in some respects, beyond all expectations or precedent. Our much beloved missionary in San Francisco had occupied that station less than two thirds of a year, when a church was organized; a house of worship was built; a flourishing sabbath school was gathered; a productive Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society, was formed; a liberal contribution was made to our treasury; a newly converted candidate was baptized, and the church and congregation had assumed the entire responsibility of their pastor's support, besides supplying themselves with various appliances for usefulness, each instance, except the Sabbath School, being the first of the kind in the place. Our missionary had also extended his labors to other portions of the State, organized one church and secured advantages for others which may be hereafter gathered there. In other respects the operations of the Board in that State have not been so successful. The vast importance of early efforts in that field induced them to make overtures to many ministers to enter it. number were actually appointed, but only three accepted the proffered commission. The progress to the field of one of the number was arrested by a manifest Providence directing him to another important place. The remaining two were but recently appointed and are yet among us, but it is expected they will take their departure for their fields in a few days. Thus several very important and inviting stations in California have been suffered to remain unoccupied, and some high interests have been necessarily neglected.

It has been ascertained, however, that one of those stations—the new capital of the State—is temporarily and possibly permanently provided for by a respectable minister who visited that country without missionary appointment; and arrangements have been made for the employment of yet another, who is now probably near the termination of his voyage to California by the way of Cape Horn.

In New Mexico an unexpected opening has occurred for the labor of the society. A missionary, under appointment for California, while pursuing his journey across the continent, on

reaching Santa Fé was urged by such arguments and representations, from influential persons to remain among them, that he deemed it his duty to yield to their wishes, and is now usefully employed in that city with prospects of yet greater success. He is the only evangelical minister in the country.

In Canada another deeply interesting field has been presented for our cultivation, and, oppressed as the Board were by previous liabilities and claims for aid at other points, they did not hesitate to enter it. The members of the Swiss Mission, or, as it is more commonly termed, the Grande Ligne Mission, the seat of whose operations is in the vicinity of Montreal, had passed through many scenes of usefulness and trial, and had been gradually led by the prayerful study of God's Word to embrace views of faith and practice which accord with those of the Baptist churches of the United States, when, in view of all the circumstances of their position, they applied for our sympathy and aid. Their temporal necessities were numerous and pressing, threatening them with serious embarrassment and suffering, and but one course presented itself to the Board in reply. Their response was such as Christianity dictates. The ministers of the gospel connected with that mission were immediately appointed missionaries of the society, and are now acting under its commission. Beyond this the Board did not feel authorized by the constitution of the society to proceed, but it is hoped that the evangelical character of the missionaries and their labors, the highesteem in which they and the devoted matron by whose pioneer efforts the mission was established, and others associated with them are held, and the laudable objects aimed at in their selfdenying course, will secure for them the unwavering and sufficient coöperation of all the churches. The female associations which have hitherto aided the benevolent exertions of Madame Feller, are entitled to high commendation for their prompt efficiency, and in them especially great reliance may be placed for the annual balance over our appropriations, for the support of schools, colporteurs, and other interests of the mission. The Lord has revived his work during the past winter at some of the stations of this mission.

REVIVALS.

The last remark is true also of many portions of our field. Revivals of religion have been enjoyed at many stations under our care, and still exist at some. At several places they appear to have been very powerful and the number of souls converted and added to the churches is numerous.

SUMMARY OF LABORS AND RESULTS.

The number of agents and missionaries who have labored during the past year under the commission of the society, is 118. Of these 77 were in commission at the time of making up our last annual report, and 41 were new appointments. From 4 of the latter number no reports have been received; they not being due till after the first of April. There are also 13 others under appointment, not enumerated in the above, as the time for commencing their labors is on or after the first of April-which is the period to which our accounts are all made up. Ten ministers who were under appointment last year need no further aid from the society, their churches being able to support them. The ministers employed have been distributed as follows: In New Hampshire 1, Vermont 1, New York 6, New Jersey 1, Delaware 1, Texas 1, Illinois 22, Indiana 8, Ohio 2, Michigan 18, Wisconsin 13, Iowa 14, Minnesota 2, Oregon 2, California 1, New Mexico 1, Canada (West) 11, Canada (East) at the Grande Ligne 5.

The whole number of States, Territories, and Provinces, occupied is 17. The number of stations supplied is 338. The aggregate amount of time bestowed upon those stations is equal to that of one man for 81 years.

The missionaries report the baptism of 949 persons, the organization of 33 churches, and the ordination of 30 ministers.*

^{*} In addition to the above, the missionaries report having preached 11,432 sermons, delivered 920 lectures, or public addresses on moral and benevolent subjects; made 23,517 pastoral visits; attended 7,440 prayer and other religious meetings; obtained 1,177 signatures to the temperance pledge; and travelled 100,422 miles in discharge of their duty. The Monthly Concert of Prayer is observed at 67 stations. Connected with the churches are 157 Sunday Schools and 87 Bible Classes, having 981 teachers and 9,055 scholars, and furnished with 20,712 volumes in their libraries.

Six houses of worship have been completed, and seven are commenced by the churches under their care; and those churches have contributed to the usual objects of Christian benevolence \$2,732.58, and about \$16,000 for the support of the ministry among themselves, besides the building and repairing of their church edifices.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The receipts, labors and results of the year, compared with those of the previous one, are as follows:

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.—In direct contributions to the Society, \$4,324.45; baptisms, 175; churches needing no further aid, 2; amount contributed by the churches for benevolent purposes, \$402,58; ministers ordained, 3.

Decrease from last year.—In churches organized, 12; number of missionaries, 16;* stations and out-stations supplied, 115; number of years' labor, 11.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Since the formation of the Society 1432 ministers of the Gospel have received its commission. They have jointly performed 1231 years of labor; baptized 18,299 persons; organized 706 churches, and ordained 342 ministers.

MISSIONARY TABLE.

The Missionary Table accompanying this report contains the names of all the ministers who have labored under our commission during the year, with their respective stations and other details of interest, to which we refer those who seek information on those subjects.

REINFORCEMENTS REQUISITE.

Although success to an encouraging extent has attended the efforts of the Board to furnish competent ministers for important places in the great western field, many more such places remain to be supplied. The necessity for an additional

^{*} Heretofore all missionaries appointed within the current year have been reported in the aggregate, but now, those only whose time of labor commences within the year are included. This makes the above decrease only apparent.

missionary in Oregon has very much increased since our last anniversary, not only because of our failure to secure the services of a minister who was appointed about that time, but also because of the change in the circumstances of the Territory itself. Since then a regular territorial organization has taken place; many of its inhabitants who went to California have returned comparatively wealthy; and its advantages as a healthy, productive, agricultural country, near the land of gold, have been well developed. Besides which, the prospect is good for a more rapid increase of population than hereto-To this we may add the consideration already named that our missionaries there have arranged incipient plans for the establishment of an institution of learning, the interests of which will require an addition to their number. The opening for a minister of devoted piety and education with practical knowledge in educational affairs is unusually inviting. With such an one another should be connected as early as consistent to devote himself entirely to the ministry, as an itinerant preacher.

Two or three talented, faithful ministers are much needed in California, and the recent appointments to that field are intended to supply the deficiency. Churches, and communities where materials exist for the immediate formation of churches, await their coming. The Board have felt oppressed with the weight of disappointment under which their efforts to forward reinforcements early to that field have been attended. "It is white already to harvest." Our prayer and hope now are, that the brethren who are just ready to proceed will prove to be reapers well qualified for the difficult and responsible labor which it requires.

In New Mexico there is a wide and open field for two more ministers. Men of piety, firmness, faithfulness, and sufficient education, capable of enduring "hardness" as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and ready to engage in miscellaneous missionary employment, would find much to engage their attention and render them useful in that deplorably destitute field. If, besides these, several decidedly religious, married school

teachers would occupy some important points in that country, they would be encouraged by the people and prove valuable auxiliaries to the missionary cause. Such men and labors are invited. The speedy consummation of such an arrangement is of importance.

At least one more minister should be sent to Minnesota.*
A station of much promise has been prepared, and is now ready for the services of one who would be regarded as acceptable in our important eastern villages.

Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Western Canada, still present many rising villages and cities, and ask our aid for a short time.

The information in detail, obtained through our exploring agents respecting such places, has excited deep sympathy in the Board, and much anxiety to direct the attention of ministers in eastern States towards them. It is very desirable that a much larger proportion of such ministers than have heretofore manifested a disposition to enter the great central valley, should now hear the Macedonian cry and go over and help those churches which have so long and anxiously uttered it in our ears. It is worthy of the profound and prayerful inquiry of the most talented ministers of the Gospel among us, whether that field has not strong claims upon their personal attention.

INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF HOME MISSION LABOR.

The successive Annual Reports of the Society present evidence of the great and increasing importance of Home Mission labor in our country. Too much has not been said upon that subject, nor can it well be said. Every year produces events to render such labor indispensable.

CHURCHES OF FOREIGNERS.

Among those events, latterly developed, which are worthy of our particular attention, is the organization of churches consisting entirely of foreigners, whose pastors are their own countrymen and preach to them in their own language. Ger-

^{*} Since writing this Report a missionary has been appointed to supply that station.

man, Norwegian, Welsh and French churches, thus organized, already receive our aid, and the probabilities are in favor of additions to the variety ere long. Ministers who can speak the Spanish language are now desired to preach to Mexican communities, and but little faith is necessary to create the just anticipation of churches being raised up in due time among that people, who will also need pastors conversant with their language and customs. However much it may be the desire and policy of the Board to blend all suitable foreign materials with our native churches, and use our influence in rendering the population of the country as homogeneous in religious character and action as possible, it is evidently the dictate of true benevolence to afford aid for a time to such distinctive organizations. Immense numbers of foreigners are led to our shores by their love of civil and religious liberty. Many of them, immediately on comprehending fully the richness and applicability of those blessings to themselves, have given unequivocal evidence of a desire for instruction in all their elements, and a determination to sustain them in all social rela-Thousands of them will never become familiar with our language, but if addressed in their mother tongue, they will hear the blessed truths of divine inspiration, and may believe and be benefited by them temporally and spiritually. They may generally, though not universally, remain isolated in their social and religious organizations, but their children, whether of foreign or native birth, will be educated in the language and customs of our country and amalgamate with society as it exists around them, rendering such distinctive organizations unnecessary, except for the preparatory objects originally intended.

CHURCHES NEAR FOREIGN LANDS.

Besides these considerations, the enlargement of our territory has made the local position of some of our stations as distant as many in foreign lands. They very nearly approximate Pagan and nominally Christian nations to whom the Gospel is sent from our country. Already intercourse between

our countrymen and those of adjacent foreign lands on the South and West, has become more frequent than formerly, and hundreds of the population of those regions have already established their residences in California, probably to be followed ere long by thousands more who will become permanent inhabitants—citizens of the United States. These will be accessible to the Christian minister, and it is not unreasonable to believe that, of their number, many will receive the truth and exert a Christian influence on their countrymen around them. Some of them (among whom it is hoped will be preachers of the Gospel) may be useful as our missionaries there, while others may return to carry the good tidings of salvation to their native lands.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK AT HOME.

Whether these desirable results be soon realized in detail or otherwise, the all important work of evangelizing the heathen at home or abroad must not be suffered to linger. It is no unimportant feature in the operations of this Society that, in raising up churches or enlightening those which already exist, and in supplying the wide spread destitution of our own country, the resources of the Foreign Mission treasury are multiplied, and laborers for foreign fields are increased. Thus is the Home Mission Society performing Foreign Mission work in our own land, and already has that work been owned and blessed of God.

IRRELIGION AND SUPERSTITION AT HOME.

The representatives of infidelity and rebellion against God are numerous in all our land. They are found on the Pacific coast and on the borders of Mexico. At the latter point superstition and ignorance of a very low grade, encouraged by an apostate church, also exist and paralyze the moral powers of the people. Should the influence of these evils gain ascendency there, the consequences would be dangerous to the best plans and highest hopes of the Christian world. But if the institutions of Christ are established and prevail

there, the blessings which will follow to Mexico, to South America, to the Islands of the Pacific ocean, to Asia, and to all the world, surpass the most vivid imaginings of man; an active, expansive Christian faith alone can comprehend them.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES BENEFITED.

It is not difficult however to perceive that, to our foreign missionaries and missionary operations, the consummation of such great ends is specially desirable and important. strong Christian community near at hand would increase the confidence of the missionary in a foreign country, facilitate his communications with his patrons and advisers, add to his means of usefulness, multiply his comforts, and enhance the benefit of his individual services and the efficiency of the foreign missionary organization. The peopling of our Western shores with a Christian community will create abundant facilities for his personal intercourse with them when necessary. Oregon will offer him a pleasant, salubrious climate for recruiting his health, and a valuable resort for rearing and educating his children, where they can be often seen by him; and California will contribute of the abundance of her gold for his support.

OUR COUNTRY A GLORIOUS MISSIONARY FIELD.

Never before was such a field of usefulness opened for the servants of God as our country now presents; a field where so much Christian effort can be profitably employed in the cause of true benevolence; where such all-important and numerous motives prompt to its immediate occupancy and energetic cultivation; and where such vast and varied benefits would speedily follow. Our country—the social heart of the world—claims and needs universally the stimulus of pure, vital religion, so that her mighty moral pulsations may send a quickening influence to the utmost verge of organized society.

MEN NEEDED FOR THE WORK.

A field of such importance as that now described cannot be well cultivated without suitable men. Competent minis-

ters for some portions of that field are obtained without much difficulty, and enter upon the work to enjoy encouraging success. But there are other portions of it which require experience and talent in the ministry not readily offered. rising villages of the West, teeming with inhabitants of intelligence and education, many of whom are members of Eastern families, furnish irresistible arguments for a ministry of appropriate qualifications. It is encouraging to perceive, by a review of the appointments of the year, that such ministers in increased numbers are turning their attention to those villages; and yet it is discouraging to find that the supply is not near equal to the demand. This subject has often been laid before the Society, and appeals, in various modes, have been presented to the experienced, the talented, the learned, and the pious, with the hope that a more equal distribution of those qualifications in the ministry might be effected between the Eastern and Western sections of the land.

On this occasion the Board would remark, that precisely the same interests are to be promoted at the West as are considered indispensable for the well being of the East, and by precisely the same means. Among those interests may be specified the laying of social foundations; the formation of national character; and above all the promotion of pure religion. The means are the planting of Christian institutions; especially the establishment of the pastoral relation and labors, and the diffusion of intellectual and spiritual knowledge. But at the West the laborer enjoys the advantage of a threefold more rapid advance of the fruits of his labor than those at the East. In that proportion all other interests are advancing there; at some of its points in a wonderfully increased ratio, threatening indeed to outstrip the progress of religion and morals; and at some even to counteract them by planting error, delusion, and sin in the fairest sections of the field. It is a field that proffers satisfaction, to the highest ambition, the warmest piety, and the greatest devotedness of our ministry, and the wonder of the Board is that so few are ready to enter it.

THE MINISTERS FOR CALIFORNIA.

These views are particularly true of the newly acquired national territory, especially of California. Such a population as hers is found no where else on earth. Decrepit age, helpless infancy, or dependent youth, are scarcely known there; but hale, robust, intelligent men compose the wide spread community-men into whose hands Divine Providence is easting immense wealth, and whose early religious education and generous dispositions prompt to a liberal use of it in promoting the best interests of their fellow man. Already they have exhibited the evidence of their readiness to aid in planting the Gospel in their State at once; to relieve the missionary treasury of the burden of ministerial support, and to contribute for the extension of the Gospelon our extreme Western borders. But they ask for competent spiritual guides; for ministers who are capable of instructing and interesting them in religious considerations amidst the whirl of agitating temporal affairs; men whom even gold cannot tempt to become themselves thus agitated, or to forsake their appropriate work to obtain it. When joined by their families, as many of them soon will be, and they are thus aided by an able, faithful ministry, and by pious female influence, they will be found among the most active missionary instrumentalities. It were, therefore, recreancy to the highest claims of missionary interests and policy to deny them the ministry they desire.

LARGE OUTLAYS AND QUICK RETURNS.

It is clearly obvious that great as is the comparative expense of a missionary's outfit and support for a California station, it is not really more so than for other important fields nearer the seat of our operations, except in point of time. The amount expended, several years in succession, upon some stations in older States, because they are important, but which were neglected till the ground was occupied by others, is as great as that which is required in California; because, at present, in the formation of Society and the abundance of means in California, a few months only

are sufficient to enable the people to assume the duty and burden of their support. It is, indeed, virtually more expensive in those older stations; because it requires a long period for the churches to become able to refund the aid appropriated to them. The distant missions may require large advances at first, but their necessities soon cease, and they immediately become contributors to the missionary treasury.

SO LARGE A FIELD REQUIRES MORE MEANS.

These considerations furnish additional evidence of the necessity of more ample pecuniary means in our treasury. Stations so remote as those on our Pacific shores and other frontier regions cannot be properly supplied but at great expense, especially now when, on account of the vast and increasing emigration thither, every mode of conveyance is eagerly secured considerably in advance of the regular period of proceeding. And yet that very fact furnishes an illustration of the necessity of promptness in supplying the ministry which is demanded.

Without the addition of a single new field beyond the Rocky Mountains or the borders of the United States, the entire amount of contributions for the year now closed has been really needed within the States of the Mississippi valley which depend on our aid, and its disbursement within those limits would have proved highly advantageous to the cause which it is our duty to promote. But that amount has been necessarily divided between all those States, and the missionary stations of Oregon, and California, and New Mexico, and Canada, including the interesting mission of Grande Ligne. What are \$25,000 a year for the ministerial supply of such a field? It is only through the Divine blessing upon incessant study and toil that so many places have been cultivated and such abundant harvests have been produced.

FACTS SUGGEST CHRISTIAN DUTY.

While it is the duty of the Board to present these views of the necessities of the Society, they decline proposing any specific amount to be raised for future operations. To conduct those operations efficiently a large increase is necessary. Whatever amount of funds may be furnished the Board, can be profitably employed in promoting the great moral and religious interests of our country, but they prefer submitting the foregoing facts to the serious attention, and mature judgment of the Society and its friends, as the true basis upon which proper convictions of duty and responsibility to our Divine Master in this branch of Christian benevolence may be attained.

EARLY CONTRIBUTIONS MOST PROFITABLE.

It is, however, proper to say that, delay in contributing till towards the close of the year is a serious embarrassment. Without regular contributions early in the year, to rely upon, aid for many applicants must inevitably be deferred. The consequences are bad. The necessities of the ministers require prompt action; delay often causes discouragement and an abandonment of their stations; the plans of the churches are broken up and they remain destitute for months and even years; precious time is lost and sometimes the cause is ruined. When, after the lapse of months and near the close of the year, the treasury is suddenly replenished and statements of its condition are published, the disappointed applicants are not always ready to perceive the true reasons of their disappointment, and the full treasury becomes a cause of dissatisfaction to many.

A STEADY POLICY ESSENTIAL.

The field assigned to the Society is very large. It embraces many important sections in which stations have been established, and in which the necessity is continually occurring for the establishment of others. These all require steady systematic attention and aid. A fluctuating policy towards the first, and a procrastinating one towards the other, would prove equally disastrous.

THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY INDISPENSABLE.

In closing their present official relation to the Society, the Executive Board only add that an experience of eighteen years has fully proved that, for the accomplishment of the great objects which led to the organization of the Home Mission Society, its vigorous continuance and pecuniary efficiency for years to come are indispensable.

That the blessing of God may continue to rest upon the Society; that its official agents may be imbued with wisdom and understanding, and that its missionaries may ever prove faithful and successful in winning souls to Christ and building up his kingdom, are our fervent prayers.

By order of the Executive Board, BENJAMIN M. HILL, Cor. Secretary.

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PRIMARY SOCIETIES AND THEIR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE 1845.

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AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL THE STATES, SINCE 1832.

STATES.	Total amount to 1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.	Total for each State.
Canada		864 70	29 69	734 11	1	809 57	4139 49
Maine							3217 40
New Hampshire							4874 52
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STATE CONVENTION AND GENERAL ASSOCIATION

IN THE

UNITED STATES.

With the Names and Post-Office Address of the Corresponding Secretaries; the Time and Place of their Anniversaries for 1850; the number of Missionaries employed, and amount of Receipts into their Treasuries, reported for 1849, including Balances of the previous year.

STATES.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Post Office Address.	Place of Anniversary.	Time of Anniver sary.	No.of Missionaries	Am'nt of receipts for Dom. Miss.
Maine	L. B. Allen	Thomaston	Not stated	June		$\frac{1}{2342}$ 52
N. Hampshire		Fisherville	New London			1258 83
Vermont	L. Hayden	Saxtons River		Oct. 1	3	
	Wm. H. Shailer	Brookline	Pittsfield	Oct. 30		3116 05
Rhode Island		Valley Falls	Providence	Apr. 9		1879 41
Connecticut	E. Cushman	Deep River	Danbury	June 11		1563 10
New York	Jirah D. Cole	Nunda	Brockport	Oct. 9		9680 12
New Jersey	J. M. Carpenter	Perth Amboy		Oct. 30		1847 72
Pennsylvania		Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Oct. 24		5727 81
Maryland	F. Wilson	Baltimore	Wash, D. C.	Nov. 6		1727 11
Virginia	H. K. Ellyson	Richmond	Hampton	June 1		3112 70
N. Čarolina	Dr. Wm. A. Shaw	Milton	Louisburg	Oct. 17		1014 51
S. Carolina	J. C. Furman	Winnsb'ough		Dec. 7		67 94
Georgia	P. H. Mell	Penfield	Marietta	May 17	2	1402 24
Alabama	J. H. De Votie	Marion	No report rec.		~	
Mississippi	W. C. Grane	Vicksburg	Jackson	Nov. 7	5	
Texas			No report rec.			
Tennessee	J. W. King		Labanon	Oct. 26	6	1110 50
Kentucky	Prof. Henry Day	Georgetown	Covington	Oct. 21		3512 98
Missouri	Leland Wright	Fayette	Boone Co.	Aug. 22		
*Illinois	M. Brayman	Springfield	Springfield	Oct. 19		
Indiana	T. R. Cressy	Indianapolis	Logansport	Sep. 20	52	1553 99
Ohio	D. B. Cheney.	Columbus	Zanesville			4055 20
*Michigan	S. Graves	Ann Arbor	Detroit	Oct. 11		
*Wisconsin	J. Delany	Ozankee	Milwaukee	Oct. 8		
*Iowa	T. H. Archibald	Davenport	Mt. Pleasant	May 31		
Total amount of receipts reported above\$49,771 66 Amount of receipts of the H. M. Society						
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^{*} Collections in these States paid directly to our Treasury.

LIST OF LEGACIES.

PAID TO THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

1834	Dea. Josiah Pentield, Savannah, Ga., per Rev. H. O. Wyer\$	1250	00
1835	Mrs. Clarissa Long, Shelburn, Mass., per M. Wilder, Esq., Ex'r	37	50
44	William Powers, Hebron, N. H. per Rev. I Merriam	100	00
+4	Miss Maria Curtis, Southbridge, Mass., per Rev. E. Going	200	00
	Mrs. Jemima Elliott, Hampton, Ct., per Rev. J. Payne, Ex'r	100	00
1836	Mrs. Betsey Spragne, Attleboro', Mass., per Mr. A. Reed, Ex'r	451	25
44	Robert Rogers, Esq., Newport, R. I	25	00
4.6	Ebenezer Boyd, Providence, R. I.	10	00
1839	Mrs. Abigail Marshall, New York, per Mr. Scofield, Executor	702	17
	Mrs. Margaret Pugsley, Dutchess Co., N. Y., per Miss Cornelia		
	Pugsley.	280	00
44	Mrs. Irene Coats, New York, per Alfred Decker, Esq	250	00
1841	Mrs. Elizabeth G. Moore, Hartford, Ct., per J. B. Gilbert, Esq	200	00
		2005	00
	Mrs. Margaret Martin, Montgomery, N. Y. per Mr. J. J. Martin,		
	Executor	100	00
44	Miss Cynthia M. Wright, Suffield, Ct., per H. Sheldon, Adminis-		
	trator	50	00
1844	Mr. Zephaniah Eddy, New Bedford, Mass., per Rev. H. Jackson,		
	Executor	150	00
44	Mr. Josiah Kendall, Groton, Mass., in advance, per F. F. Wheelock	400	00
4.4	Miss Jane McCall, Society Hill, S. C. per John McIver, Esq	20	00
6.	Miss Lydia Sweetzer, South Reading, Mass., per H. Sweetzer,		
	Executor	324	50
66	Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, New York, per one of her heirs	83	34
44	Dea. Josiah Flint, Cornish, N. H., per Mr. A. Burnap	80	00
64	Thomas Cooper, Esq., Eatonton, Ga., per Hon. M. A. Cooper,		
	Executor	2000	00
+ 6	Miss Betsey Hutchinson, Passumpsic, Vt., per L. P. Parks, Esq		00
4.6	Rev. Amos. Dodge, Brighton, Macoupin Co., Ill., by his widow	30	00
4.	Mr. John Ward, Warren, N. Y., per J. Northrop, and A. Ward,		
	Executors		50
	Joseph H. Hayden, Saybrook, Ct., per H. L. Champlin, Ex'r	100	00
1846	John Allen, Centreville, R. I., in part, per H. Hamilton and Rev.		
	E. K. Fuller, Executors		00
. 4	Rev. Jesse Mercer, Wilkes Co., Ga., per Rev. B. M. Saunders,		
	Executor		
s 4	Miss Mary Bliven, McDonough, N. Y., per Rev. John Peck	46	75
-4	Mrs. Betsey Haykes, Cincinnatus, N. Y., per Trustees of the		
	Baptist Society in Cincinnatus.		00
- 4	Miss Charlotte Cole, Alexandria, D. C., Robert Bell, Esq., Ex'r		00
**	Dea. Medad Jackson, West Meredith, N. Y., per Messrs. H.		
	Jackson, and William Stillson, Executors		
* *	Mrs. Urania Grant, West Wrentham, Mass., per. R. E. Eddy, Esq.		00
4.4	Mr. Richard Dubois, Malta, N. Y., per Mr. H. J. Rogers, Ex'r	5(00 (

1847	Dea. Saxton Bailey, Lebanon, Ct., per Executor	100 (00
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64	Miss Mary Havens, St. Catharine's, Canada West, per Rev. E.		
	Savage	68	93
4.6	Miss Amanda Hadley, Brattleboro', N. H., per Rev. J. Z. Foster	25	00
+4	James Shearer, Canada West, in part, per Rev. E. Savage	151	00
44	L. Crossman, Elbridge, N. Y., in advance	30	00
1848	William Jones, Iowa City, Iowa, per G. W. Hampton, Esq., Ex'r	25	00
44	Hon. James Vanderpool, Newark, N. J., in part, per B. Vander-		
	pool, Esq., Executor	700	00
64	Miss Susan Farrar, Keene, N. H., per Rev. G. Robbins	10	00
44	Mrs. Eunice Nicholls, Cambridge, Mass., per E. Mansfield, Ex'r.	500	00
6.6	Mrs. Hannah Carleton, Portland, Me., per Rev. G. J. Carleton		
	Administrator	500	00
1849	Mr. Samuel R. Stelle, Piscataway, N. J. per Lewis R. Stelle,		
	Esq., Executor	200	00
44	Mrs. Phebe Gale, East Bennington, Vt., per Executor of estate		
	of Solomon Harmon	25	00
* 6	Mr. William Reynolds, Boston, Mass., per J. H. Duncan, Esq.,		
	and Mrs. Susan D. Reynolds, Ex'rs., in land not sold		
44	Josiah Lyman, Andover, Ct., N. B. Lyman, Executor	50	00
+4	John J. Martin, Montgomery, N. Y., M. Bookstaver, Executor	100	00
44	Mrs. Martha Howe, West Boylston, Mass., per Messrs. E. G.		
	Howe & Co	50	00
44	A. H. Reed, Sweden, N. Y., per Rev. D. Searl	13	3 00
"	Asa H. Truman, Owego, N. Y., in part, E. Trueman, Executor	50	00
185	0 George D. James, Amenia, N. Y., J. K. Mead and N. Rose Ex'rs	100	0 0
44	John Everett, Manchester, Mich., in part, per F. Everett	20	0 0
44	Jacob Whitman, Belvidere, Ill., in part, per N. Crosby, Esq	100	00



IMPORTANT WHEN WILLS ARE MADE.

Legacies are sometimes, diverted from the purposes of testators, on account of technical informalities, especially in the devising clause. The following form of bequest has been approved by high legal authority; to which we solicit the careful attention of those friends who kindly intend to place the Society among their legatees, as one which, if followed, will secure to us the favors intended.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

CONVENTIONS AND GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS.

VERMONT CONVENTION—1849.

Such have been the recent developments of Divine Providence in opening "a great and effectual door," for the entrance of the Church into "all the world," to prosecute the work of Missions in every land, that our attention is naturally directed to the numerous foreign fields, which now invite our labor. We cannot be indifferent to the weighty claims pressed upon us by the abundant work made ready to our hands, in connection with the great events transpiring throughout the world, in which the final triumphs of the Redeemer's Kingdom are foretokened. No longer having occasion to pray, as in times past, for the opening of closed doors, we cannot but desire to keep pace with the answer of our prayers, by entering into the various new openings which are now so wonderfully multiplying in all parts of the world.

But while we should rejoice in the prospect which every moment brightens, in regard to the universal spread of the Gospel, we are not to lose sight of the wise arrangement of the Divine plan which contemplates going "into all the world," by "beginning at Jerusalem"-or in other words, provides for reaching with the influences of the Gospel, places more remote, by means of a due attention to the wants of our own immediate neighborhood, from which "the word of the Lord may be sounded out in every place." While there never was a time when appeals were so numerous and urgent in behalf of Foreign Missions, in like manner, and for this very reason, there is an unprecedented demand for increased attention to Home Missions. It will avail but little that nation after nation is made accessible to the Gospel, unless there are men and means at command, to carry the Gospel, wherever it is permitted to go. These indispensable resources must be furnished through the agency of a well sustained home department, which shall expand itself so as to meet every call of an increasing foreign demand. The present, therefore, is no time to lose sight of our Home Mission enterprise. It is to this country, more than to any other that the universal cry "Come over and help us," is addressed. To answer the demands of the nations of the earth, now waiting for the Gospel, the objects embraced by the "American Baptist Home Mission Society" must be more fully accomplished, in causing the influence of the Gospel to be more extensively felt throughout our own land.

Such is the relative importance of the work of Home Missions. Nor are they less important in themselves considered, embracing as they do a field of vast magnitude and deplorable destitution. Not to speak of other parts of North America, the United States alone, constitute one of the most important Missionary fields in the world. With the Atlantic and the Pacific for our boundaries,

and a population now amounting to twenty-two millions, and soon to be increased to one hundred millions, the central point, of which, must be between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains—with this extensive domain, into which the swarming millions of the other continent are annually pouring by hundreds of thousands, and where, though a nominally Christian land, not more than one-seventh of the entire population have experienced the saving benefits of the Gospel—where it is estimated that seven-elevenths of those capable of reading the Bible do not possess it, and where whole towns and even counties are destitute of Gospel preaching—with such an extent of territory, peopled with so many destitute millions, can we for a moment question the unsurpassed claims of our own country as a Missionary field?

The occupation of this field is contemplated by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, which as an organization "to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America," has shown itself to be entitled to our confidence and support, as the great medium afforded to our denomination for supplying the destitution to which we have referred. Other agencies may be of great value, but no substitute can be found for the utterance of the Gospel message by the living preacher. Thus colportage, while it is an important auxiliary to the preaching of the Gospel, can never take its place, in the fulfilment of the great commission. In the employment of the great primary instrumentality for the conversion of the world, the Society of which we speak has not labored in vain. During the seventeen years of its existence, not less than seventeen thousand have been baptized by its Missionaries, and between six and seven hundred Churches have been constituted. Under its patronage more than fifty houses for worship have been erected annually, and five thousand children have annually been taught in the Sabbath School. Nearly sixteen thousand dollars have been reported as contributed for benevolent purposes by the Churches which it has aided, and probably a full report would increase this sum to one hundred thousand.

The receipts of the Society for the year ending March 31, 1849, were \$29, 105.90, which according to the indications of Providence, will need to be considerably increased the present year. New accessions of territory; the constant rushing of multitudes from other countries to our shores; and the rapid settlement of the immense tracts of country stretching towards the Pacific; all combine to urge the claims of this Society, through which we may accomplish the obvious desings of Divine Wisdom, in the extension of our boundaries and in the introduction of so many foreigners among us. The commencement of operations in several new and important fields, will require increased expenditures. A missionary has been sent to the new Territory of Minnesota in compliance with a "Macedonian cry," first uttered, by a former resident of our own State. Two Missionaries have gone to California, where in the midst of an already numerous population, gathered from all parts of the world, a Baptist church has been constituted at an early period in the progress of the new order of things which has there arisen, not merely to astonish or enrich the world, but ultimately to be overruled, to the accomplishment of the glory of Him who has said, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine."

From considerations like those now presented, the following resolutions are submitted.

Resolved, That the American Baptist Home Mission Society, from its tried integrity, strict economy, and judicious appropriations, is worthy of our confidence and support, as an indispensable medium of accomplishing the grand design for which it was instituted.

Resolved, That as a Convention, we recommend this Society, to the more frequent prayers, and more liberal and systematic contributions of all the churches.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

The work of Home Missions has the sanction of the example and blessing of our Divine Master. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Galilee were the chosen field of his and of his disciples' laber. Thence, they enlarged their sphere till they attained to the full comprehension of the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Here lies the principle of

true and effectual effort. Beginning with the family, and extending to kindred, to communities, and to the nation the word of life, we in the end embrace the world in the arms of Christian benevolence.

To the church is this work given. Her power abroad is in proportion to her strength at home. Faith cannot apply with unfaltering confidence the great promise of the world's redemption, while that faith fails in its application at home. Hope finds no anchor rock abroad, while moral death reigns at our doors. And Charity tires as she walks the earth in her mission of mercy, unless that charity be exercised at home.

This home work we have confided to the direction of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The aim of this society is, to work for the churches at home, that God may work through them abroad. With a country laved by the waters of two oceans, embracing every variety of soil and production, with civil institutions granting and granding the rights and liberties of its people, with a population impregnated with the tireless energy of the Anglo-Saxon, it is not our privilege alone, but our imperative duty to make this field the scene of indefatigable effort. The masses of ignorance and idolatry hurled upon our shores, the tide of emigration now filling that mighty valley, whose moral and religious influence will soon sway the destinies of the nation; an insidious infidelity gathering in its toil the young, the hope of the land, demand of the churches enlarged effort in the work of evangelizing our own country. The salvation of the world depends greatly, under God, upon the faith, the zeal, and the spirituality of American churches. As they labor at home, so will they operate abroad.

At the present moment, fields of increasing interest and promise are open to us. Even in the States North of the Ohio, posts important in their respective States, might be advantageously occupied. New Mexico, with its half-civilized population; the rushing emigration to the new territories of Minnesota and California, characterized by intelligence and energy, demand efforts hitherto unattempted. The rapidly peopling empire of the Pacific is destined to be the commercial mart of our land. New avenues of trade between America and Asia will thus be opened, and the expanding population of the West must act for good or ill upon the idolatrous masses of Asia. The issue is with the church. Upon her God has laid the responsibility. Here, where the East and West meet together, a liberal hand should sow the truth; the church should make the opening thoroughfare of commerce, and highway of the Lord. Let the gospel be impressed upon our land, and its truths find a home in living hearts, and "God with us," we may widen and extent our field until the earth is redeemed.

Your committee would, therefore, commend the following:

Resolved, That in view of the widely-extending field in our own land, the churches composing this Convention, are called to co-operate more liberally than ever in the efforts and objects of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

In the year 1832, appropriations were first made to the churches of this State, by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and from that period to 1847, when the Domestic Missions of the Convention were transferred to the Home Mission Society, as much as \$500 per annum were, upon an average, voted to aid the rising Churches. No fewer, perhaps, than fifty Churches were thus sustained in the time of their greatest need. Among these were some of the most important in the State. We might name the Churches at Detroit, Ypsilanti, Saline, Jackson, Battle Creek, Pontiac, Tecumseh, Manchester, and Coldwater, all of which now sustain themselves, though in all probability they could never have risen to their present state of prosperity, but for the assistance they received from the Home Mission Society. But great as was the benefit conferred npon the churches of the State, previous to the transfer above alluded to, far greater has been conferred on them since. No less a sum than \$2000 per annum has been appropriated to the necessitous churches, in return for the confidence which this Convention reposed in the Home Mission Society by that transfer of the Domestic Missions which were under their fostering care; and

not fewer than eighteen churches, in most important locations, have been reaping the benefit—churches which, it is not doubted, will also soon cease to need assistance, but which otherwise must have languished, even if they could have existed at all.

INDIANA GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Baptist Home Missionary Society, like an Angel of Mercy, still continues to extend her broad wing over many of our feeble churches in prominent places and to scatter blessings like the dew of heaven upon them. From the time of the appointment of her first Missionary in this State, Eld. William Rees, in 1833 until this time she has never lost sight of Indiana. With a compassionate eye and a full hand, she has generally expended from \$500 to \$2,000 in support of our ministry. Her influence is invaluable in all the departments of benevolence, and upon the churches in promoting system, energy and vital piety. While other States and Territories are in justice calling loudly upon this noble institution for assistance, we humbly trust, that she will not in the least withdraw her aid from Indiana. We greatly need it. It is a crisis with us. Interests have been commenced and expectations awakened, which if not sustained will cause disasters, painful indeed to the cause of Christ.

IOWA CONVENTION.

From a careful examination into the history, operations, and prospects of the A. B. H. M. S., your committee are constrained to hold its instrumentality as pre-eminently befitted, under God, to promote—agreeable to the purposes of its organization—"the preaching of the gospel in North America." It already encompasses within its gracious agency, more than half the continent—reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and scattering its priceless blessings from the Canadas to the Gulf.

But our object is more directly confined to the bounds of this Convention. It now comprises near 50 churches organized, severally, within the last 12 years—embracing an aggregate of rising 1,000 members. Alike, for the constitution and continued existence of these infant churches—with possibly a few exceptions—we are, under God, indebted to the timely aid and fostering care of the "A. B. H. M. S." Instrumentally, she is thus the mother of us all. The "A. B. H. M. S." has done, and is doing, a great and good work for Iowa. Have we, and do we, appreciate our corresponding obligations, brethren? To what other instrumentality, or combination of instrumentalities, can we look for the permanent establishment of gospel institutions among us—for us, and our children? There is not a single church, of our faith, in a city or town in the State, that deems itself capable of sustaining the Ministry independent of foreign aid. Other instrumentalities may be important, are important—God speed them-but your committee are persuaded, that Iowa Baptists have not felt, as we should feel, the paramount claims which this Society has upon our tenderest sympathies, most fervent prayers, and redoubled contributions. Its aid curtailed-nay, not increased many fold, and where are our vacated and multiplying points of concentrated influence and power, along the Mississippiextending the whole course of the Des Moines—studding the Iowa, the Cedar, the Turkey—and dotting every prairie and forest through our entire borders? Out of some 34 organized counties in the State, we have not, at most, regular weekly Sabbath preaching, at more than 4 of these county seats, and one of hese, vacated for the season.

OHIO CONVENTION.

The destitution of Ohio will appear if we consider the fact that there are yet, thirty-two county seats in Ohio where no Baptist church is organized. While all will admit that at no distant day a Baptist church ought to be raised up in each of these points, it is manifest that there is little probability that this will be done without aid from the Convention or some other Home Mission body. Then of the twenty-four county seats where the Board have sustained missionaries a greater or less portion of the past year, there are twenty in which is no Baptist church which is able to sustain the gospel itself. And still further, there are at least ten other county seats, where Baptist churches have been organized, but

are not yet strong enough to carry forward the cause without aid. Such are Circleville, Chillicothe, Hillsborough, Lower Sandusky, Sandusky City, and Steubenville.

Another view. There are in Ohio 289 ordained Baptist ministers. Now supposing that these were all devoted to the ministerial work, which is probably not true of more than 250 of them, and that they were equally distributed throughout the State, it would give to each one, as a field for cultivation a district 113 miles square, or 138 square miles. The Baptist ministry of New York, distributed in like mannerthroughout that State, would give to each a district not quite 8 miles square or 63 square miles, being considerably less than one-half of that in Ohio; while in Massachusetts, the same rule adopted would give to each Baptist minister a district about 53 miles square, or 33 square miles, being not one-fourth of that in Ohio.

Once more. One missionary writes with reference to his station, "No Baptist preaching within about 10 miles in any direction." Another writes. "The destitution in our Association is very great. There is but one minister in it besides myself devoted to the work of the ministry, and he preaches to three churches." This is an Association which reports 14 churches, and 5 ordained ministers. Another says. "In view of the languishing state of our churches, the lack of laborers, and the great amount of labor needed, it seems somewhat difficult to decide how the little which we have should be distributed. To save and built up all our churches is an object greatly to be desired, and yet to hope for it would seem to require a miracle of grace." The corresponding Secretary of one Association names 21 towns, varying from 800 to 1200 inhabitants, within the bounds of that Association, and all destitute of Baptist churches, and of Baptist preaching. Could we lay before you the earnest and heart-melting pleadings of our missionary brethren in the North West section of the State, for helpers, we doubt not you would all feel that there must be increased effort.

ADDRESS

OF

REV. ZELOTES GRENELL, OF PATERSON, N. J.,

DELIVERED MAY 8, 1850,

TO MISSIONARIES TO CALIFORNIA, IN ANTICIPATION OF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE FIELD; AMONG WHOM WAS HIS SON.

My Dear Son:—I rise to address you, and your companion and fellowlaborers, destined to occupy the same field with you, under peculiar sensations. My recollection adverts to the day when you lay a helpless infant on your

mother's lap: fond anticipations, gloomy fears, and sanguine hopes, all clustered round the little and beloved stranger. As rolling seasons developed your propensities, dispositions, and faculties, these hopes and fears succeeded each other in rapid succession, and with increasing vigor. O that Levy may become a Christian formed the burden of many a sigh. Prayer was answered, the Spirit came, and my son, my first-born, was sealed (as I trust) to the day of redemption. Then painful fears were allayed and fond hopes increased. The strong anxiety then was, that God would make you a special instrument for good in his militant kingdom. God called you, I trust, to the high and holy work

good in his militant kingdom. God called you, I trust, to the high and holy work of publishing his Gospel to the sons of men, and in his wise providence he has opened the door for you to attain a good degree of mental and moral culture. Deep anxiety still brooded over this subject—what will God do for my son; where will he assign him a field of usefulness? God, I trust, has spoken in his providence and assigned to you some portion of California as the field of holy enterprise. In all the developments of grace and providence, God is witness that a fathers desires and prayers have been offered on your behalf; and with all my attachment I freely resign you to this high and holy work.

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Allow me, First, to remind you, and your fellow-laborer in the important field assigned you, of the nature and importance of the work in which you are to be engaged. You are not going to that distant land to live in ease, or acquire the honors and emoluments which are conferred by the men of this world. Nor to amass the treasures of this world, houses, lands, silver and gold; all of which perish with their using. Nor to be a political aspirant to trim your way through party politics to office, honor, or renown. Your calling is too high and holy to be devoted to such base and groveling ends. But you go to pour the rays of heaven's light into the dark minds of the people of all nations who shall be there congregated together. To proclaim to all the immutable laws of the Eternal God, the penalties he has enacted against all transgression and sin, and present all God's revealed motives to honesty, purity, and

virtue. To present the glorious Gospel of the ever blessed God, its claims, its hopes, and rewards. To lead those who thirst intensely for the gold which perisheth, to thirst still more for those riches which are durable. To convince men of sin and turn them from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin and an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. To collect souls whom God has renewed into a Church, administer to them the ordinances of God's house, feed them with knowledge, and direct their energies to useful ends. While doing these things you are incidentally laying, deep and broad, the foundations of society, domestic, civil, political, intellectual, moral and religious; to permanantly benefit generations yet unborn.

Allow me, Secondly, to remind you of the fact, that many discouragements may attend your labors. The native depravity of the human heart is a discouragement that all ministers have felt and deplored; and, but for the power of invincible grace, this would be an insuperable obstacle to success. But you, I presume, may meet with peculiar discouragements, arising from the state of the population made up mostly of adventurers, far from home, all absorbed in business; and so peculiarly indisposed to hear and obey the truth:—people mostly who have a strong thirst for wealth, with sanguine hope of obtaining it; hence all absorbed with hopes of gain; hence a floating population constantly coming and going; hence impressions made to day cannot be followed up because the subjects of them are far away.

In such a community heresy, infidelity, intemperance, speculation and a want of integrity will all prevail to an alarming extent, and hinder the work of the Lord—they will discourage his servants.

Allow me, Thirdly, to remind you of the sovereign remedy for these discouragements. Occasional success in leading a poor convicted sinner to Christ; finding a wandering sheep and bringing it back to the fold; and comforting one of the Lord's people; these will go far toward alleviating your discouragements. The approvings of a good conscience for having done your whole duty in the fear of God will go still further. But to fall back on the promises of God, trust in him, wait his will, leave all in his hands—believing that disappointments and apparent defeats are all for his glory—here is the sovereign remedy for all discouragements.

Allow me, Fourthly, to present some appropriate cautions in view of your work. Take good care of your health, it is essential to happiness and usefulness, and must be preserved by using appropriate means. Cultivate method in all your labors, lay out as much as you can well do, and do it well, and in its proper season. By all laudable means make friends of all, this is the foundation of influence for good; but make confidents of but few and they the well tried.

Never engage in party politics or any other exciting subject, which has no bearing on the great work of the conversion of souls; such things are too low for your attention. Avail yourself of all the appropriate auxiliaries to your work; as the cause of general education in the community in which you may reside; the Sabbath school enterprise, so blessed of God to the good of the church; and especially the cause of temperance which is very important. Avoid, by all means, all speculations and entanglements in the things of this world; many have fallen here, as did Demas. Please him who hath chosen you to be a soldier.

Be choice in the selection of materials you would build into a church; living

stones are only fit for this building. Should special success attend your ministry; should God give you many friends and much influence, be not high-minded but fear; lay all your honors at the feet of Jesus, ascribe all to his grace, use all to his glory, and devote all to his cause. By a holy example, a humble walk with God, the daily reading of his word and constant prayer, endeavor to keep alive the flame of devotion, that your influence may be savory indeed.

Allow me to name, Fifthly, some considerations which should inspire you with constant fidelity in your work. The value of the undying souls for whose salvation you labor; the efficacy of the great atonement made for the salvation of the soul; the power of the Spirit to make our feeble instrumentality effectual in leading the soul to Christ, and to believe on him for salvation; the prayers of the church who have reposed confidence in you and sent you into the field, among whom are parents, kindred and friends, near and dear, waiting and hoping for your signal success and the shortness of time. Soon those for whose good you labor will have gone; every sermon and visit may be the last; and soon you will cease from your labors to give an account of your stewardship. May I not add the crown of glory which awaits all those whom you are instrumental in leading to Christ, and which awaits you at the end of your race.

And to you, my daughters, allow a remark. Consecrated as you are to a most glorious and responsible work, to be the bosom companions and constant attendants of men devoted to the ministry, is a most noble employment. Let it be your noble work—with woman's deathless trust, entire consecration, and moral fortitude, which never submits or yields in a good cause—to hold up their hands by prayer, cheerfulness, fortitude and patient resignation. May you dry their briny pillows and by all means aid their onward course. O may you all live and labor together with an entire consecration to this great work, as heirs of the grace of life, and thus aid each other in this dreary vale to glory.

I had fondly hoped to have a son in the ministry living near me, to attend and console me in my dying hour and to whose counsels I could commit those who are as dear to me as my own life; but it seems that God in his wisdom has disappointed these expectations, so far, at least, as you, my son, are concerned. In this, I trust, I bow submissively to the divine will; yet I hope to praise him now and forever, for a son whom he has called to a work so noble. When the vessel which is to convey you to your distant field shall leave the wharf, we shall probably have seen each other for the last time in this world. Therefore take this my dying advice, which, in connection with prayer to the God of all grace, is all I have to bequeath. O, my children, live for eternity—glorify God—be faithful unto death, and God will give you a crown of life and glory.

FINALLY.

When the dreams of life are fled And its wasted lamp is dead; When in cold oblivion's shade Beauty, wealth and fame are laid; Where immortal spirits reign There may we all meet again.

ADDRESS

OF

REV. J. N. GRANGER, OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.,

DELIVERED MAY 8, 1850,

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANTICIPATED SAILING OF MISSIONARIES TO CALIFOR NIA; AMONG WHOM WAS A MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH.

Mr. Chairman:—The object we contemplate to night contrasts very strikingly with the enterprise of our countrymen in founding the State of California. It illustrates that saying of Christ, "My kingdom is not of this world."

I fear, after what you have heard from our two brethren, whom you are sending to that field, and after the solemn charge they have received, that you will hardly listen to me with patience. But I wish to invite your attention to this contrast; to the unlikeness of the two movements, the settlement, and the evangelization of this new State.

In order to understand any movement, we must first separate, from their accidental connexion and circumstantial embodiment, the purely abstract and governing ideas which direct it. A shovel full of Sacramento alluvium canlook little better than any other shovel full of earth. Its superlative value appears when you have sifted and washed it. It is not at the outside of this missionary movement we must look for the golden idea which is in it. For, sir, what is the sending of two or three men to California in these days, when our steamers are crowded with emigrants, and the sails of our passenger ships whiten every degree of latitude from this point to the Horn. Why, sir, there was nothing in the outside of the man you sent to California, by the way of New Mexico, which could win for him, or even for his suffering wife, a decent respect from his fellow wagoners. But that noble commandant he met at Santa Fe was a sort of Joseph, a man who "can certainly divine." He had skill to penetrate to the true intent, idea and purpose of the man of God. And he said to him: "Abide with us, and the Lord shall abide with you, and bless us. Silver and gold have we none. In all this territory there is scarce a miner who digs for the precious metals. But under the surface of our society, under the roughness of our border barbarism, and the rule of Spanish priests, there are an hundred thousand souls—and not a minister of the Gospel in the province. Abide with us and save them. Give us of your wisdom! 'The gold and the silver cannot equal it. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx and the sapphire. No mention shall be made of coral or of pearls, for the price of wisdom is above rubies." I wish that the church had as much of the spirit of divination.

I said that your present movement, in behalf of the religious interests of California, is an illustration of Christ's words: "My kingdom is not of this world." And why? Because of the comparative feebleness of the means you are to employ, and because of the moral grandeur of the principles which direct the movement. If mind be the standard of the man, motive is of man's doings. And I ask any one to consider how this humble attempt to send the Gospel to California disdains comparison with the brilliant spectacle, which is now presented to the view of the civilized world, in this settlement of a State upon the Pacific.

Let me do no injustice to the enterprise of our people. Sir, I am astonished at the daring, the gigantic undertakings, and heroic achievements we are witnessing. The founding of that State is the great event of this century, by which this century will be marked, in political annals, among the great eras of modern history. No other State was ever settled in this way. Our Western States were of comparatively slow growth. Emigrants took possession of untilled lands, and waited long for the first returns from their labor. They left behind them the luxuries of life, and only hoped that their children might enjoy them. But here the people have riscu up in the old seats of commerce and culture, luxury and learning, and have transported the arts of civilized life with them, and are building up a State upon a grand scale, with the accompaniments of modern ornament and luxury—just as, of old, Aladdin built his palace one night, or as the Massachnsetts people built the city of Lawrence the other day, and are now building another and larger one at South Hadley.

Viewed as the result of individual enterprise, this work knows no parallel in modern history. I can think of nothing like it since the Crusades. That, like this, was the heroic event of its age: "a movement at once individual and general—national and yet unregulated—where all classes of society abandoned themselves to one impulse, acting in immense masses, and yet freely and spontaneously, without political intention or combination."* Thus our people have been acting. Home and its delights have been surrendered without a sigh by thousands who have never before been fired by the love of adventure, who had never traveled or voyaged.

Look upon a map of the world. A narrow belt of land separates North from South America. The commerce of the world has beat upon that spot for centuries vainly trying to force a passage through, but was compelled to go thousands of miles off around the great Southern promontories. The reason was that the world's commerce was not great enough. But everything seems to yield to the demands of this Californian emigration. It is laying for itself rail-tracks across the Isthmus, and will ere long open a channel where the tides of the Atlantic and the Pacific will mingle. But these are only the means and accidents of the thing from which we may judge of the thing itself, as a workman's tools disclose the nature of his occupation. These tokens mean that a great nation is rising into existence upon the Pacific shores, not as of old nations grew, but born a nation, born in a day, complete in the attributes of sovereignty, freedom, capacity and strength.

But it will not do for me to dwell on this point. I turn from it to ask you to contemplate the subject of the Christian influence you are proposing to exert over the character and destinies of that rising republic.

^{*} Guizot's History of Civilization in France.

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It is only in its remote connexions and religious aspect, that this mission to California can rise to a comparison with the other view I have suggested. For what are these two men, good and able men as they surely are, among so many? And what is your pecuniary investment in their lives and fortunes in these days of risks and enterprise?

Nevertheless, the principles which govern you, the results at which you aim, the Christian agencies you employ, all go to invest your undertaking with an attractiveness for the philosopher, the statesman, the philanthropist and the Christian. There is a conviction in every mind that these few missionaries are capable of exerting the widest influence, and of effecting the most lasting results. That persuasion rests on a general confidence in the power of the truth they carry with them, and of the spirit they bear. They go there for the sole purpose of doing good to others. Of the thousands who are now there, how many, think you, have gone with any such disposition as this? How many have preserved a decent measure of the neighborhood kindness and brotherly feeling which make the charm of American civilization? Why, sir, when this emigration began, it was upon the modern, socialist principle. They formed companies, joint stock associations. They entered into solemn league and covenant to be kind to one another. They bound themselves by promise and penalty. All were to share equally in the apportionment of the golden manna. The sick should not lose his portion, nor he who acted the parts of doctor and nurse his. "An omer for every man according to the number of their persons. He that gathered much should have nothing over, and he that gathered little should have no lack." But, sir, they did not calculate on the strength of the selfish principle when called into full activity. When those companies landed these bonds snapped asunder like reeds and rushes. The clans were instantly dissolved, and their members resolved into the great mass of unformed society there. Who is not glad that it was so? A Republican State, a Christian Church, cannot be formed out of clans. The clans must first be broken up, and every man must acquire a higher interest in the general good, before States can be founded, and Christian institutions established, and society governed by law. But what does the fact show? It is one of the faintest illustrations of that intense spirit of selfishness and worldliness which prevail there, where every man is for himself, and for the State only as the means of self-defence.

Sir, I do not imagine our brethren will allay this spirit of selfishness at once and alone. But Divine Providence will be before them in this very work, and will prepare the way for them to accomplish much. Time and disappointment, sickness and sorrow, are laboring there in advance, and these men will enter into their labors. The hand of Providence will put away the lump of gold before men's eyes, and then, sir, our brethren can instruct the disappointed ones how to look into eternity. Sir, it is impossible for us to calculate the value of a disinterested and competent Christian minister, surrounded by the circumstances which are now forming in that territory. I believe that it is impossible for us to compute the value they will bear in the estimation of the people themselves. They will confess the higher character of this effort of your society by the respect they will show to your representatives. Where all are only intent on gain they will yield a silent, and often an open, admiration of the man who disdains it. A gentleman, who is a member of my own congregation, was present at the sale of lots in San Francisco, when your missionary was outbid in the purchase

of a church lot; and he witnessed the generous act of the man who rescued it from the cupidity of a sordid speculator and then nobly gave it to Mr. Wheeler "Sir," said this friend of mine to me the other day, "those men would have skinned each other's teeth, but not a man of them, save that outbidding speculator, would have hurt a hair of Mr. Wheeler's head."

But there is another light in which I regard this Christian effort in behalf of California. I mean that of its timeliness. The time for sowing seed is in the Spring. We have too many examples in point, which show that intelligence, and schools, and commerce, and republicanism, are no protection against a general repugnance towards evangelical sentiments in communities which have acquired age and fixed habits. We know how it is in Delaware, and Maryland, and New Orleans. To some extent it may be said, of schools and of books, that the natural growth of society will demand them. But the natural growth of society, although it may demand ministers, will never demand ministers after God's own heart. If there is a tide in the affairs of nations, as in those of individuals, it must be taken at the favoring flow.

It is in connexion with the evident application of this principle to the case in hand, that I wish to say a word, in conclusion, respecting our duty and the duty of our churches to sustain this mission. I will not attempt to compute the advantages of an early occupation of all the prominent points in this new territory, over a feeble, expensive, and tardy effort, after the country has been filled up, and the people are contented to live without churches and ministers. But I do say that we know enough of the difference, we can derive lessons enough from our Western States on this point, to come directly to the conclusion that a wise economy, a prudent foresight, an enterprising Christianity, are summoning us to try to keep even pace with this mighty emigration—to be abreast of it, and, if possible, to be in advance of it.

It is not with this mission as it is with our missions to the East. There the population is fixed and the institutions of the land are established. Even the men you appoint next year to labor in our Western States will find things much as they are now. You can calculate upon a stated supply for many years to come. But here, other principles come in. We are colonizing a country, and we are doing it at once. Your missionaries must take society, not in its acquired, nor even in its transition state, but in its forming state.

Besides it has been ascertained that up to a certain point of supply, which has not yet been reached, the men you send there will be taken off your hands and welcomed at once to the most inviting fields of usefulness. Never was there such a year as this for a little generous enterprise, for borrowing a little wisdom from the children of this world, for much prayerful consideration of our duty to God and to our country—Sir, there is a sense in which, as Christians, we must adapt ourselves, our movements and our policy, to the demands of the age. The Tract Society, with its colporteur agency, which is, as you know, only a modification of the old Baptist practice in England of lay preaching, is doing it with astonishing success. Our colleges are doing it. Only yesterday the corporation of one of our oldest and most honored colleges in New England voted to do it. They said, in effect, "The age demands something which we are not giving it, and, the people helping us, we will answer that demand. Our college shall no longer be a Protestant monastery. The iron rule, the fixed curriculum of a four years' course shall be broken. We will no longer stand upon our academic

dignity. We will not subtract from our former teaching, but we will add to it. He who cannot stay four years may stay one. He who would stay twice four years shall not be turned away. What the people need, and what the people ask for, in this new age, we will give them. We will open our Pyrean Spring to the weary one who wants but a single draft. Our muzzin shall no longer give his daily sing-song dole, morning, noon, and night, 'Great is Allah! and Mahomet is his prophet,' but we will change him into an evangelical crier, the burden of whose song shall be 'Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters!' "

Sir, we need not to change our principles, though colleges do. All that is required of us is to act upon old and admitted principles. All that we have to do is to keep our eyes open to what is going on in the world, upon the waving banner of our Lord, and the distant field to which He summons us.

I have not spoken of the relations which Christian California, a few years hence, will sustain to the great missionary movement of christendom. The lines of that little diagram you printed in your Home Mission Record, those diverging lines, leading off to the Islands of the sea, to China and Japan, to Sumatra, and Java, and India, are only the foreshadowing and reasonable promise of what will yet be accomplished for the conversion of heathen lands, if, in this your hour and crisis, you, and the churches you represent, are found faithful.

I will only add, that I hope this society will rely upon the confidence and support of our people in prosecuting this mission with zeal and earnestness. You have that to appeal to now which you have never had before, which you will wait long for before you have again. No village your agent visits is without its representatives in California. There is scarce a city church which has not members there. Imagine how many wives, and mothers, and fathers, and pastors, have mentioned fond names to these our two brethren, and have asked their care and sympathy for the roving loved ones. Your appeal will be to the tenderest feelings of the family, and to the most enlightened Christian philanthropy. If Congress cannot agree on the political character and relations of this new State, all can agree to aid you in laying the foundations of religion and in rearing institutions which shall survive when the rivers' beds are washed of their gold, and the mountain's rock is exhausted of its solid ore.

And if, indeed, our Atlantic States are to be torn from each other's close embrace; if sedition, insane and intolerant sectionism, are to rend this nation in twain, and this glorious Union, cemented by the blood of our fathers, is to be accounted an unholy thing; if the monarchies of the old world are to be strengthened by the fall of this republic, then on the peaceful shores of the Pacific, separated by mountains and deserts from the din of our ensanguined and warring States, another republic shall again try the experiment of freedom, unspotted by some of our national sins, warned by our failure, and cherishing among the most powerful conservators of its liberty and glory, the Christian men, the Schools, the Churches, the Gospel, you are now planting on those shores.

ADDRESS

or

PROFESSOR J. H. RAYMOND,

OF MADISON UNIVERSITY, N. Y.,

FOUNDED ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Resolved. That the stirring events of the last year and the signs of the times, pregnant with the promise of yet more astounding developments, are adapted to impress every Christian with a deepening sense of the importance of Home Missions, and at once stimulate and encourage this Society to double diligence in its great work.

Mr. R. said that the last word of the resolution ("work") suggested a starting point for his remarks. Not for the low purposes of rhetorical display on the part of speakers, and a mere passing, fruitless excitement (however pleasurable) on the part of hearers, did we assemble from year to year in assemblies like the present. There is a serious dignity in such gatherings, rightly viewed, which had been too much lost sight of; a practical bearing and value, which made them worthy of men, in this world and age when "all things are full of labor," and worthy too of those whom God has created in Christ Jesus "unto good works."

The American Baptist Home Mission Society has a work—a great work—a work which gives it a right to live and a claim on our warmest affections and most earnest support. And our business here to-night is to study this work, to learn how far it has been advanced the past year, and what is its present condition—its new necessities, its growing capabilities, its hindrances and encouragements. The facts, embraced in the Reports just read, constitute the true significance of this meeting and ought to constitute the chief staple of our interest in it. Then it would matter little how poor the speeches might be, our coming together could not be in vain; nor do I know how the speeches can add any thing to the reports, except in the way of deepening the impression of their contents, to stimulate and encourage us, each and all, to renewed diligence in our "great work."

And what is our work, as a Home Mission Society? It is, in general, just that which our Divine Master has given to His people to do. There is but one—one great commission—one simple, sublime injunction, which He laid upon their conscience and hearts, as He paused for a solemn moment on the earth while stepping from the depth of His humiliation in the grave to the height of His exaltation in glory. "Go, disciple all nations." Herein the Home Mission Society finds a warrant for its existence and its operations; and in the unspeakable benefits to the whole world and to every creature in it, involved in the subjugation of all mankind to Christ, the Society finds its chief motive and noblest inspiration. But it has, too, a definite field, and an immediate object, in contemplating which our ardor may well be quickened to a still intenser glow. That

definite field is "North America;" and our immediate aim, as I understand it, is, within this field, to Christianize the Anglo-Saxon race, including of course those lesser communities of other tongues which that race, under American and British institutions, is so rapidly subordinating and concorporating. The paramount importance of this work, in comparison with other branches of missionary labor, and in its practical bearings on the world's evangelization, the wise have long felt; but it is made by recent events so palpable, it has become so much less prospective and inferential, than imminent, and actual, and urgent, that the least sagacious cannot overlook it. Every step in advance which America and the world has taken of late—and they are many—makes more clear and striking this comparative importance, and draws our eyes and hearts to this Society, as one whose work is vaster and more valuable than we have heretofore esteemed it.

The mere growth of its field, its territorial expansion, and the numerical increase of its population, are enough to make the brain reel. This Society and I, Mr. President, are of the same age. It came into being in April, 1832-the same month in which I was born in Zion. We are both young, but eighteen years old in this blessed service; but what changes have been witnessed, what enlargement and what progress, within that brief period. Then Ohio seemed almost to fill our vision when we looked Westward. From that beginning, the speaker sketched the gradual extension of the Home Mission field to Indiana and Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Arkansas. It seems but yesterday when we began to talk of missions to Texas, the Province, and Wisconsin, the Territory. It was but yesterday; yet these are both States now, of such magnitude and importance, that during the past year Wisconsin alone has furnished employment for one eighth of all your missionaries. And Iowa, then unheard of, has demanded another eighth; and, peering over these, rises Minnesota and stretches forth her hand, suppliant for the bread of life. Canada, on the North, cries with peculiar urgency, "Come over and help us!" and far to the Southwest New Mexico opens a wide and effectual door. With this amazing geographical enlargement of the field, has kept pace the growth of the population; the multiplication of cities and villages; the development of the physical resources of the country, the improvement of agriculture and the arts, the erection of mills and factories, of canals and railroads, and of printing presses; the progress of social and political organization; education and literature; and, above all, the moulding and consolidation of the national character—the grand resultant of elements and influences, heterogeneous, hostile, flowing from a thousand opposite sources, yet mingling here under the power of certain paramount affinities to form a unique whole, surpassingly grand even in its infancy, and concerning which "it doth not yet appear, what it shall be."

But by far the most interesting part of this subject has not yet been mentioned, our new Pacific States—nations truly born in a day—and—especially California, golden California, springing mature as it were in population, in wealth, in civilization, from the brain of our nation's best intellect, (God grant—that the currents of a pure, warm Christianity may be poured at once into her young heart, and circle through all her veins!) and sitting there on her mountain throne of gold, the mistress of new seas, the queen of an unfolding commerce and a prospective national influence, whose extent no arithmetic can reckon, whose grandeur no eloquence can paint.

Truth is indeed stranger than fiction. What tale of enchantment, what vision of oriental fancy, has ever equalled this! Aladdin's palace was a splendid phantasy, and filled our young imaginations with wondering delight. But in comparison with California how meagre and poor! Yet California is a fact. Rub our eyes as we may, there stands the simple, sober, glorious reality; and it is as plain as any thing can be in this uncertain world, that we see but the beginning of this thing, the bursting germs of greater things to come—that this young tree, which has struck its roots with such vigor and shot forth its branches with such rapidity, and is already shaking its yellow fruit by thousands and millions into the laps of older nations, is but the sapling growth of a power, whose maturity shall grasp and gird and rule the 1 road Pacific, and throw the shadow of its influence onward over the ancient dominions of the Orient, and backward (who shall say with what energy immense?) over our own and even Enropean nations.

It is difficult to estimate, it is hardly possible to exaggerate, the consequences which will necessarily flow from the establishment of such a State at such a point. The settl ment of California must mark a new era in the world's history-the most interesting, because the final era. "Time's noblest offspring is the last." The ancients imagined that they had reached the Ultima Thule, but were mistaken; we know that we have reached it, and that while there is nothing new, there is all the old beyond. We have at last come to "the end of the world," whereunto it is written the glory of the Lord shall extend, and all flesh see it together. The tides of emigration which from the birth of time have been setting Westward, ever Westward, have reached the utmost line. There, indeed, they find no barrier set up to hinder their further progress, but find themselves rushing over into the old fountain-head, the well-springs of the race, with all the fresh, buoyant, rampant vigor of a youthful civilization to refill the shrunken veins and reanimate the decrepid frame of the old. Soon now we shall cease to hear of the ever-receding, ever-elusive "far west;" we have reached and grasped the farthest. Gradually fewer and narrower on our maps will those blank spots appear, designated as " UNEXPLORED REGIONS," until the last is gone. It will take time; but the process has begun, and it will go forward, I apparhend, with a rapidity which few of us anticipate. The hitherto ever-progressive streams of population must cease to flow onward-must turn into lateral charmels-must flow into each other-must soon cease to be streams at all-must witen into lakes, which, still widening, (for the fountains of increase are not rying up, but grow constantly more copious,) must meet and mingle their eggrents till one great ocean of humanity shall encompass the earth, with a necessary unity, and with a freedom and cordiality of intercourse, the natural result of mutual knowledge and an increasing sense of mutual dependence. With what interest do such anticipations invest the great commission? with what stirring eloquence do they hasten us on to its execution? and, when we reflect on the relation which our own country, and especially these new commercial States, are to bear to this amalgamation and interfusion of the human race, with what intense earnestness should our attention be drawn to the Home Missions, into whose hand (so to speak) God has put the future religious character of these nations and the world!

The distinction between Home and Foreign Missions is becoming every year less marked; and, though probably always convenient, will soon cease to be

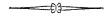
fundamental. Our field will be "the world," and all the world our "home." Missions to the East will be but Missions to the farther West, when railroad and steamboat lines, already projected, are completed. Men of God, whom you send to the Pacific cities, will preach the Gospel to Chinese and Polynesian hearers. Yea, those entire States will themselves, if early, and thoroughly, and vigorously Christianized, sound forth the word of life through a thousand channels, by ten thousand voices, to the heathen millions beyond. More emphatically then, more immediately than ever before, is the cause of Home Missions become the cause of Foreign Missions—the cause of the whole world. And all the tender, solemn voices, which sigh the sympathy of angels round this distracted globe, and plead in every Christian heart for the whole sinful race, in every realm, and under whatever form of spiritual wretchedness, all, all unite to plead this cause—all conspire, in the language of my resolution, "at once to stimulate and encourage this Society to diligence in its great work."

The speaker found a further incentive and encouragement in the multiplying facilities for intercourse which characterize this age and nation. Go-preach. That is the burden of the commission. It lays its requisition on our power of locomotion and our faculty of speech, two prime and characteristic functions in the nature of man—the former lifting him above the vegetable world, the latter yet more gloriously above the animal. The first preachers understood and obeyed. To the extent of their ability, "they went every where, and preached." Their Gospel lives, though they are dead. Our feet must be feet for it, our tongues must be tongues for it, till all the world shall know the joyful sound.

But man has the power of multiplying and augmenting his natural faculties, by the discoveries of his science and the inventions of his art. And just the most remarkable displays of this power, the most astounding and pregnant triumphs of his inventive skill, pertain to these very functions of locomotion and inter-communication. Feet and voice are almost superceded. Men go by steam and talk by lightning. The roll of a thousand cars along their iron track, the flight of ten thousand ships (those white-winged birds of commerce) over all seas, the rattle of printing presses by day and by night, the click of magnetic wires-that whisper of cities and nations into the ear of listening cities and nations-all attest the passion and power of man for action, for movement, for converse; all herald a swift approaching day of universal brotherhood and community of faith and character. On our ears, then, the commission falls with a fullness of meaning and an animating force, to which even the apostles were strangers. Go, it says—on foot and on steed—by ship, by stage, by steamer and rail-car-in whatever way you may farthest and most swiftly go, to earth's remotest bound. And as ye go, preach. Let your lives and tongues preachpreach by the pen, the pencil, and the press, through every form of their productions-the letter, the volume, the newspaper, the magazine, and the picturein every way and in every place preach, till the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord. O, sir, to be in sympathy with an age like this, to keep pace with such movements as fill the world around us, to augment the supply of the word as fast as the progress of society demands it is a work worthy of the highest, holiest aspirations of Christians.

The last incentive mentioned was the increasing prevalence among men of ideas and institutions borrowed from Christianity, and a spirit imperfectly accordant with the spirit of love in the Gospel. To this point the speaker could

only allude. The principle of association, the doctrines of equality, liberty, fraternity, the horror of war and contempt for its heroes, the increasing reverence for labor and the laborer, furnish striking illustrations. It is easy to perceive how imperfectly these ideas are apprehended, and with what unhappy associations they are entangled. But their spread is none the less encouraging. None the less do they harbinger the coming triumph of the truth, and afford fulcra on which the Gospel lever may be rested in our efforts to turn the world right side up. They attest the presence among men of a higher and better spirit than that of war whose goings forth are prepared as the morning. They are the workings of that leaven which has long been hid in the meal, and which will leaven the whole lump.



ADDRESS

or

REV. HOWARD MALCOM. D. D.,

OF PHILADELPHIA,

IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, this Society presents an arrangement, indispensable to the proper fulfilment of our duties, as Christians and as Baptists.

I am aware of the prevalent feeling at Anniversaries which leads speakers to extol the importance of one particular enterprise over all others. It is very natural to feel thus absorbed when a great subject is placed before us in all its grand proportions and fulness. But there are cogent and constant reasons which constrain all Christians to give precedence, in their calm and discursive thoughts. No other form of modern benevolence was given to the Church by Christ himself. He was himself a missionary to his own people and sent forth his eighty preachers to the house of Israel. The whole church gave itself to this work as soon as persecution scattered it. It commenced the great warfare against the powers of darkness at home, and by spreading and occupying the whole ground as it went, became a universal church.

Few were the Bibles of that day and few the tracts, multiplied only as copied by the hand. The result shows us that Christianity may triumph without Bible Societies, or Tract Societies, or Sunday Schools—and that the spirit of Home Missions is an essential among the elements of Christianity. Hence, no doubt, it is that good men, however prejudiced against various modern organizations, feel cordial towards this work. Hence all our Baptist Associations have from the first provided some way of supplying destitute places within its own boundaries. In nearly all our States we have also State Conventions, or General Associations, which make Home Missions their sole care.

But this arrangement, though it deserves to be continued, can only be completed by such a Society as this. Rich and populous States will collect and expend large sums often on very unimportant places, while the new States and Territories will be left helpless. We must have a national organization or the most pressing claims can never be met. I am amazed that this Society calls forth so little ardor on the part of its friends. It is our only hope for the estab lishment of churches in the great and growing cities of the West. It is our only mode of giving that power and permanency to missionary work which is essential to entire success. I know places where local Associations and Conventions have expended on unimportant places money and men enough to have taken evangelical possession of two or three counties. Just because some town is large and populous in some of our Atlantic States, the local Convention will think they must have a Baptist church there. It drags a sickly existence for many years, under the shade of old churches preëxisting, and often at last is abandoned and dispersed. All this while there are places in the vast West where a tithe of this effort would have planted a strong church, where the Gospel is not preached at all, or but seldom, and where there are no prejudices to overcome.

I will not enlarge on these considerations, because I have of late years been quite convinced that there is too much of this sort of argument in our platform speeches. They dwell almost wholly on the object, presenting startling statistics, and exciting pictures of funeral piles, cars of Juggernaut, grim idols and gregre bushes. And I could very easily, from my nine years' residence in the West, show most affecting instances of religious destitution—and I might portray the deep interest of all that concerns that great West. But the effect I believe is transient if not sustained by other and more personal considerations. A vast andience will listen to such delineations with delicious excitement, and decide candidly who of the speakers is grand and who graceful, who is forcible and who amusing. Perhaps the hearer will put into the collection as much as he would pay to see Tom Thumb or hear Fanny Kemble, and go home satisfied with the exhibition and with himself.

Why is this so? In my opinion because we make the people look too exclusively at the object. We convince them it is a very good object and that we have made it so plain that there will be plenty of help to carry it forward. They look at it just as you look at a great fire in your city and take no part because you know the firemen will attend to it.

The great desideratum is to learn to look at ourselves more, in relation to the conversion of the world. We must be brought to consider that we have no right to sit down in the fulness of our temporal and spiritual blessings, praising the work of benevolence, but holding ourselves free to help or to forbear. If millions of our countrymen are growing up amid a famine of God's word, is it nothing to us but a matter of regret? If we feel that some action is required of us, must it satisfy that feeling to pay a pittance to a collector? Ah, brethren, let us look to ourselves. There may be blood-guiltiness upon us! Our oversight of obligation may be more of a fault than an extenuation. Have we any principle, any fixed rule, in our benevolence, and if we have is it the right rule? Nothing among late events has so gratified me as the movement of the American Tract Society, touching systematic contributions. The proper view of that subject is now one of the grand events of the age. Oh, it is amazing that with

the Bible in our hand, and the example both of Christ and the early churches before us, we should take no thought whether or not we are pleasing God in our charity account.

Some of our brethren grow rich and it ruins them. Their mind is never at ease in regard to the extent of their contributions. Hence darkness of mind and all its train of evils. Teach these valuable brethren some rule, a plain practicable rule, of giving so many cents on a dollar of all they earn or inherit, and you do them infinite service. They may grow rich then without a qualm. Their property has no canker in it. Their buying and selling becomes consecrated. Every exertion in business is part of their piety. A radiance of lawfulness and love is shed on all the luxuries of their home, and the enjoyment is their portion under the sun. We thus bear the same fruit which Christ bore and our life becomes a part of his.

It is of no use to talk of God's power to save, and that he will do his own work in his own time. God has no power to contradict himself—and his command to us is, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." He is doing his own work now, in giving us the seed to scatter, the leaven to put into the mass, the light to hold up to the benighted—just as he did it in the days of the apostles. But he gave them miracles it may be said. Yes, but not as a substitute for their efforts. They were but part of the means needful at that day. He never gave miracles as a substitute for human exertion, but as an incentive and a power.

Brethren, if we neglect evangelical effort, we frustrate the grand object and privilege of our Christian life. Every one of us must in our sphere of ability be a missionary, or we are not branches of the true vine nor bearing such fruit as he bore. We must be one with him in temper and aim, and then we shall be one with him in destiny and delight.

Such considerations belong to this occasion, as Christians and covenanters with God. And there are additional reasons which ought to press upon us as Baptists. One is that we are bound to do our fair proportion according to numbers, of all the good to be done on this continent. Another is that in many parts of our country, early settled by Baptists, the entire population cherish theoretically our sentiments and are more accessible to us than to other denominations. Annot the poverty of frontier life the descendants of these Baptists have been destitute of religious privileges and have grown up careless of their souls. But their denominational preferences have remained, and in all cases these preferences are apt to be stronger with the unconverted than with the truly pious, for real piety tends to destroy bigotry. In such parts of the country none but Baptist ministers are cordially received, and our sacred duty is to send them the Gospel. The venerable Bishop Smith, of the Episcopal Church in Kentucky, often urged this consideration upon me during my residence in that State.

A third reason why we should be earnest in evangelical labors is that no other Christian body can become a universal and visible Church. Any pedobaptist branch of Christendom cannot prevail exclusively without destroying the visibility of the church and thus destroying itself. By its own nature pedobaptism, wherever it predominates, unites Church and State, and destroys the spirituality and exclusiveness of the kingdom of Christ. It does so now in Europe. It did so in puritan New England. It would have continued so in this country but for the divisions among pedobaptists, which keep any one sect from absolute supremacy and the infusion of Baptist notions.

Do I speak thus from party spirit? I do verily believe not. I speak as a dying man. Of what use to me or mine will be the spread of Baptist sentiments. Two years spent in establishing the American Sunday School Union, visiting all sorts of Christians, three years abroad visiting various missions, and intercourse through life with the best men in the world of all parties, how could I have remained sectarian. Yet am I convinced that Christianity cannot triumph till infant baptism be blotted from the earth. It is the plague-spot of Christendom! The reformation by Luther seemed at one time likely to renovate the world. Every error he attacked fell before him. The glorious work spread on every side. But he spared infant baptism. He failed to separate his church from the world and to make it consist of visible believers only. His followers raised armies and defended their doctrine with the sword. He was gathered to his fathers and his reformation spread no further. Not only have its geographical boundaries been kept where he left it, but within those boundaries it has lost vitality and worth. Blank infidelity is worse than popery, and to this has his beloved Germany and Geneva been consigned.

Oh, that Baptists felt their high vocation. Mr. President, I am inexpressibly pained when I consider the state of our denomination. It is spreading I know, but oh, how slowly. May the time not be distant when it may be truly said of us we walk worthy of our vocation.

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THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in the City of New York, in April, 1832, and incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, in April, 1843. Its object is to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America. Its operations are managed by an Executive Board, appointed annually, whose services are gratuitous. It has no permanent fund. Its treasury is supplied by the free-will offerings of its friends.

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANTS FOR AID.

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Application for aid from the Society should contain information on ALL the following points.

Note.—For the sake of convenience, the following ferm of an Application is inserted. If generally followed, and the blanks definitely filled, it will be very serviceable to us.—

FORM OF APPLICATION.

(Residence and Date.)

To the Executive Board of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society.

The subscriber desires appointment, (or re-appointment) as a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; to labor (all, or half, or a quarter (of the time with the Baptist Church in (name the city, or village, or settlement,) county of ______, State of ______, for _____ months, from (name the date to commence labor.)

The number of inhabitants in the (village or settlement) is now estimated at ——; the number of communicants belonging to the church is ——; the average attendance, of all classes and ages, at public worship on Lord's days, including communicants, is ——. The Baptist have no other church in the place, (or if there be one or more mention it,) the nearest to us is —— miles distant. The other denominations which have churches in the place are (name them.)

The church engage to pay for my support during the time mentioned,

[Note.—If other churches or settlements are to be supplied a part of the time, give the same information, statistics, &c., proper for them, at this point. Thus, "Also to labor with the Baptist Church at," &c. Or "in the village or settlement of ——."]

My Post-office, address is-; I am - years of age; the number of

my family (if there be one) dependent upon me for support is—. I was educated at——:* I was regularly ordained (or icensed) by the Baptist church at ——, State of ——, in (mention the year,) and have labored in the ministry at ——, State of ——.

The total amount of salary necessary for my support, while exclusively devoted for ministerial labor, is 8—— per annum: the least amount the will suffice from the Society, in addition to that of the church (or churches,) is 8—— per annum. Should the Board comply with this request, I engage to devote myself wholly to the work of the ministry.

(After this, add whatever may be thought desirable.)

(Signed)

If the application is made by a church, instead of the minister, the phrascology must, of course, be changed to meet that circumstance. Thus, "The Baptist church in ——, county of ——, State of ——, requests the appointment of [minister's name] as a missionary," &c. And if two or more churches, or a village, are to share in the labors of a minister, give, at this point, the same information for each, as before-mentioned, and then adve the post-office address of the minister, and what follows above.

FOR A VILLAGE OR SETTLEMENT.

If the application is for the supply of a settlement or village, where there is no organized church, let the above information be given, except what applies to a church, with a statement of the number of Baptist members known to be residing in it; or who, residing in the neighborhood, will probably unite in attending public worship with them.

WHO SHOULD MAKE APPLICATION.

The minister will please, in all cases, make the application. If that is inexpedient, let it be done by the clerk of the church, officially, or a committee appointed for that purpose.

Where two or more churches are to share the services of the minister, and circumstances prevent his making the application, the clerk or a committee of each church should write.

CONCURRENT CERTIFICATE.

An application made by a minister should be accompanied (on the same sheet if possible) with a concurrent certificate of the church or churches to be supplied, and signed by the clerk, or a committee as before mentioned, officially,—in substance thus:

If the minister is to supply a destitute settlement or village where there is no church, such a certificate, of course, is not expected.

^{*} Particular information upon this point will materially aid the Board in assigning fields to new applicants.

APPLICATION FOR A MINISTER AND AID.

If an application is made by a church or others, not only for aid, but also for a minister, let the afore mentioned information be given, except what relates to the minister; and substitute, in brief, such as will enable the Board to judge of the qualifications necessary in a minister for the place, and accompany it with the requisite recommendation.

APPLICATION FOR ITINERANTS.

If an application is made for an itinerant minister to labor in a new section of country, where there is no church for him to supply, the number of communicants, average attendance at public worship, and the sum to be raised by the churches, may be omitted, and the names of the principal places to be supplied and their population, if known, substituted. If there is a church or churches in the field to supply any part of the time, the requisite information should be given. In either case, the recommendation will be expected.

RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY,

- 1. If the applicants reside within the boundaries of an agency* of this Society, it is indispensable that a recommendation should be obtained from them not merely of the minister, but of the entire arrangement proposed;† they will therefore send their application to them, (post paid) and it is expected that the agency will candidly state any alterations in the proposed arrangement which they think circumstances require.
- 2. If they reside within the bounds of a State Convention, or General Association, where we have no agency, the recommendation of their Board of Managers, or of its Secretary, officially, will be preferred; otherwise, it should be obtained from some person or persons well known in the denomination, and, if possible, to our Executive Board. It should be written, on the same sheet with the application; or, if there is a lack of room, on a slip of paper enclosed in it; or on an envelop, and enclose the application in that It should then be forwarded immediately to our Corresponding Secretary.

RE-APPOINTMENTS.

As the appointments of the Executive Board are made, in general, for twelve months, if a renewal is desired, a new application, containing fresh information on EVERY POINT NAMED in these directions, except the education, ordination, age, and places of labor of the minister, should be forwarded to the Agency at, o soon after the expiration of the third quarter of the previous appointment, with concurrent certificate, and stating any alterations from the previous arrangement.

^{*} A list of the Agencies with their Secretaries, may be found in the last Annual Report of the Society.

[†] The recommendation for the proposed arrangement is, generally, far more important and useful than for the minister merely, as he is often well known by the Board, especially if he have been previously appointed; whereas they may often know but little of the propriety of the arrangement.

TAKE NOTICE.

In all the above cases, if any thing required cannot be stated, let the reason be given.

The application, certificate, and recommendation should be written, if possible, on one sheet of paper, and sent to us post paid.

PARTICULAR NOTICE,

Applications for missionary aid are frequently sent us unaccompanied with the necessary information and recommendations. This, therefore, is to inform all applicants, that WITHOUT SPECIAL REASONS, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DO NOT DEPART FROM THE PRECEDING RULES; and they carnestly hope that applicants will, hereafter, notice every requisition, and conform to them in their communications. They will thereby avoid delay.

BF All applications for aid, made conformably with the foregoing rules, will be submitted to the Executive Board at their earliest subsequent meeting; and the success of them communicated to the applicant immediately afterwards.

LF A copy of this notice will be forwarded to applicants who fail to give us the necessary information. They will please observe wherein they were deficient, and send us another application, corrected by reference to the foregoing rules.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The meetings of the Executive Board are held on the last week of each month. Without special reasons, no appointments are made at any other time. Applicants will do well to remember this, and govern themselves accordingly in mailing their letters, as an application which reaches us just after a meeting, must lie nearly a month before it can be acted on.

TO OUR MISSIONARIES.

Quarterly reports are expected promptly from each of our missionaries, according to their general instructions. Those to whom a copy of this notice is mailed, will please understand that their last report had not reached us in due course of mail from the expiration of their quarter, and transmit it as soon as possible.

ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications or remittances for the Society or Executive Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary. See his address on the cover of the last Annual Report.

All periodicals or printed documents, except for exchange with the Home Mission Record, should be directed to "Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, New York,"