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Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

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OUR STATE MISSION WORK.

God has done a wonderful work for us during the past few years. Grand efforts have been put forth by His people, and the most glorious results have followed. The Lord has added his blessings wherever the seeds of truth have been sown, until cities, towns and hamlets have alike witnessed the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. The toiling country pastors, on their monthly rounds of preaching, have held up the standard of truth, and listening thousands have been cut to the heart, and made to cry for mercy; the village ministers have taken up the strain and wafted it onward, and the city bishops, amid the clash and din of the business world, have raised high the banner of salvation, and poor and rich, have alike, gone trembling to a throne of grace, and found peace by faith in the lowly One of Nazareth. The fire has caught from heart to heart, and from neighborhood to neighborhood, until there have been gracious revivals of religion in nearly every Baptist church in the State within the past year, and nearly *seventeen thousand* souls have been baptized into our membership. And still the work goes on; and day after day the joyful news comes to us of fresh tokens of God's grace to poor, lost sinners.

It is the spirit of missions which has done all this—the spirit which laid hold upon the spotless Son of God, and sent Him into the world to work out the plan for our salvation—the spirit which sent out Andrew in search of his brother Simon, and would not let him rest, until he had "brought him to Jesus"—the spirit which caused Paul to lay aside the comforts and honors of his Jewish home, forsake his former friends, and go out to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles—the spirit which led you, my brother, when you first learned to trust and love Jesus as YOUR SAVIOUR, to tell the glad news to your loved ones, and to teach them the same simple story of the cross. I say it is the spirit of missions which has done this. And I thank God that this interest has deepened and widened, until the State Mission Board, which had only *nine missionaries* under its direction eight years ago, last year had seventy, and this year will have several more. These men have gone out into the destitute portions of North Carolina to preach the Gospel, and must have a support, abandon their fields, or perish. It will require nearly \$10,000 to pay them, and meet the other expenses of the office. Last year the Convention paid over \$6,000 for this work. As the fruits of these efforts our missionaries alone labored 1,666 weeks, equivalent to more than 32 years, supplied 180 churches and out-stations, preached over 4,000 sermons, held 171 protracted meetings, witnessed 1,841 professions of faith, held 1,140 prayer-meetings, organized 14 churches, and began the

erection of 26 meeting-houses—all this for *one year*.

A glance at the results of the efforts of these missionaries for the *past four years alone* shows us that at different times 116 men have been sent out, more than *two hundred and fifty* churches and stations supplied with preaching, 5,789 weeks of labor performed, 17,192 sermons preached, 480 protracted meetings held, 5,098 souls professed conversion, 3,590 persons baptized, 53 new churches and 96 Sunday Schools organized, and 33 meeting-houses built—these are some of the results of the labors of our missionaries alone *for only four years*. I give these figures that you may see what your contributions to State Missions have done. And is it not enough to encourage us to yet greater efforts for the cause?

But although so much has been done, much yet remains to be done. There are extensive belts in the western and middle parts of the State, comprising thousands of square miles, where there is no Baptist preaching.

It is a matter of special gratification to be able to state that two of the three counties in Eastern Carolina which have been so long without Baptist churches now have organizations, which, properly cultivated, we hope soon to see developed into large and flourishing churches. There is peculiar promise in the little band of workers organized at Bayboro, in Pamlico county.

But Hyde county is still without a Baptist church, or a Baptist preacher. And there is no resident minister of our faith in Dare, Pamlico, Washington, Greene, nor Alleghany counties; and but one minister each in Beaufort, Pitt, Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Edgecombe, Wilson, Martin and Tyrrell counties. And some of these counties have but little preaching of any kind.

Is not this enough to arouse every heart that loves Jesus and every soul which desires the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom? Thousands of souls perishing *in our own borders* without the gospel! And they are sending appeal after appeal to your Board to send them the bread of life. Our missionaries have already gone out into the border lands, and with the help of God and the aid of your prayers and money, we mean to take this region, with every other destitute part of the State, for Jesus Christ. Now, will you not help us? We ask a small amount from every member of every church. My brother, will you not give us your help? "God loveth a cheerful giver." Send all money for State Missions to FABIAN H. BRIGGS, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

—Thirty new Baptist churches were organized within the bounds of our Convention last year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has twenty-five ordained foreign missionaries, thirty ladies, and fifty-six native workers. Last year 203 were baptized. There were 1,323 church members. The missionaries received on their fields \$6,241.76. The home churches contributed \$64,154.18. The cost of the work was \$75,403.22.

This year the cost must be much more. The Board needs \$100,000. It asks North Carolina to give \$8,000.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Can the heathen be saved without the gospel? They cannot. God says, they are "dead through trespasses and sins," "having *no hope*, and *without God*." "Idolaters shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Are there many? Yes; enough to people the *desert*. Miles of Dr. Yates are 20,000 of people perishing without the gospel. And no food you would send them some. The have no bread of life. What will you do?

May not the heathen hear the gospel otherwise than by our sending it to them? No; for Jesus said: "Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Has Christ commanded us to give them the gospel? He has. "Go ye, and teach all nations."

How much did North Carolina Baptists give the past twelve months to send the gospel to the heathen?—\$5,138.47—less than *four and a half cents each*.

THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GIVING.

1. Christ's command to his disciples to give the gospel to the nations, is *imperative, unconditional and obligatory upon them all*.

2. That we who hear it may be saved, while the heathen cannot possibly be saved until the gospel be sent them.

3. That the work of sending them the gospel has long been neglected by us all, so that many thousands of heathen have perished who might have been saved had we done our duty.

4. That we *could* do many times more than we have heretofore done to give the gospel to the heathen.

5. That if we do not our utmost to give them the gospel, we shall be guilty of the blood of their souls.

6. That a number of ministers are willing and *desirous* to go to the heathen, but cannot be sent out until more money is given for this work.

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