

representatives—and it commits you to a promise to remember this Board, to pray for its officers and missionaries, and to help, so far as you can, to bear its burden.

3. The pledge to endeavor to raise a definite amount in a definite given time. The amount, \$1,000, can be almost raised by an average contribution of one cent per member by the constituents of the State Convention. Where is the church of twenty-five members that cannot give a collection amounting to twenty-five cents? Or of fifty members that cannot raise fifty cents? Surely we can raise the amount. But note that the limit of time has been almost reached. We are to raise it by January 1, 1886. Have you done your part in this work? Has it been brought before your church? Before you begin to form your good resolutions for the New Year, see that this one of the old year is properly carried out. Let the \$1,000 be forwarded to Bro. Briggs at once.

A. G. McMANAWAY,

### A SIMPLE PLAN FOR OUR WORK.

If there is one thing needed by the Baptists of North Carolina, of a temporal nature, it is organization—system for our work. With the proper efforts put forth, all our Boards can be supplied with all the money they need, our missionaries can be fed, and our Master's cause pushed forward gloriously.

I have been trying for some time to think of some arrangement by which we can gain this end; some simple plan which can be understood by every one, and so easy, that *all* may engage in it. And after much time spent in thinking over it, I can offer nothing better than the following, which I give simply as a *suggestion*, but which I trust at least some will adopt. I do not wish to interfere with the operations of those good brethren who already have a better plan at work, but simply wish those who have no plan, or those who have one no better than this, to give this a fair trial. I desire here to state that some features of this plan have been presented to me by others, who are among our best and wisest men, and who have felt the great need of this same thing. Here it is:

1. Take your roll of members—male and female—and divide it into classes of, say, twenty or twenty-five each, according to the neighborhoods in which they live.

2. Appoint the most active member—male or female—in each of these companies, or classes, as the financial secretary of the respective class.

3. Give this secretary a list of his class, with instructions to *see every member* and find out what he or she is willing to give *each month*, for the objects of the Convention.

4. Let the secretary understand that it is his or her duty to see these members *once every month*, and collect the amount promised; and if any member has not the money at the end of any one month, let him give a due bill for the amount, and when he gets the money he can take up the due bill, or several of them, if so many have accumulated.

These secretaries should report to the churches each month, or at least once every three months, and have the funds sent up to the treasurer. The members can specify to which object they wish their contributions to be applied, or how much to each object.

There are six different objects of our Baptist

State Convention, to which each member of all our churches should contribute; and where Associations have their own mission work, there are seven viz: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools, Baptist Orphanage and Associational Missions.

I would suggest that each member try to give at least *five cents per month*. There are many who will give much more than that; but surely every one can give *five cents* a month. This will only be sixty cents a year. This is a very small amount to ask for all seven of these objects. Why, a half dozen eggs will pay one month's subscription; a pound of pork will do the same; two pounds of cotton will pay for three months; a pound of average tobacco, for two or three months, or more; three pounds of flour, for two months; a frying size chicken, for two or three months; *five pounds of rags* for a month, and a pair of home-knit stockings, for five months. Now cannot, *will not, every one* who loves Jesus Christ, and who desires the success of his cause, and the salvation of souls, try this simple plan one year? If you will, just let me tell you what we shall accomplish!

There are 91,895 members of the churches composing our Baptist State Convention. For convenience let us take 90,000. At 60 cents each this will give us \$54,000; enough to give State Missions \$10,000; Foreign Missions \$8,000; Home Missions \$5,000; Education \$6,000; Sunday Schools \$3,000; Baptist Orphanage \$10,000, and then leave *twelve thousand dollars* for Associational Missions! This is a good deal more than we are now doing, but surely not more than we can and should do.

There are many of our brethren who will give from 25 cents to ten dollars each per month, to the objects of our Convention. Some will give even more than this. Let it be fully understood by the financial secretaries that they are not to limit the members in their contributions, but to secure as much as possible from each. There are very few who cannot give more than the *five cents* per month.

It should also be made plain that each member has a right to specify which one of the objects shall receive his contribution. Where no preference is stated, then the contributions should be divided in proportion to the full amounts asked for by the respective Boards. And where the Association is not doing Associational Mission work, the amount for Associational Missions should be added to State Missions.

Let me illustrate: Suppose your church has one hundred members. Then, if they give 60 cents each per year, you will have sixty dollars to divide between the seven objects. This will give State Missions \$11.12; Home Missions \$5.55; Foreign Missions \$8.88; Ministerial Education \$6.67; Sunday School Board \$3.33; Baptist Orphanage \$11.12, and Associational Missions \$13.33. Or, if you have no Associational Mission work, you will add the \$13.33 to the amount for State Missions, thus making \$24.45 for State Missions. From this basis you can calculate for any number of members.

But, if you will not adopt this plan in full may I ask you to give us *one cent each per month* for State missions? This will only be twelve cents each for a whole year, but it would put *ten thousand and eight hundred dollars* in our State Mission treasury, enable us to pay off all our missionaries promptly, and occupy nearly all the destitute portions of our State.

Is not this a moderate request? Then will you not comply with it? The first Sunday in January is near at hand, and is a good time to begin the good work. Now, will not the pastors, deacons, clerks and Sunday School superintendents see that the matter is brought before their churches? And may God's richest blessings crown our efforts.

### A HEARTY ENDORSEMENT.

Elder R. T. Vann, Corresponding Secretary of the Education Board, and pastor of the church at Wake Forest College, has this to say of the "plan" suggested for our church work:

"Your plan commends itself for several reasons.

"1. It relieves the few on the finance committee of no small work and worry in having to see *all* the members.

"2. It gives employment to, and therefore develops, a number who would otherwise be worthless as church members.

"3. It promises to reach *all* the members on *all* our objects of benevolence.

"4. It promises to secure more regularity and system in our contributions, so that the Secretaries of the Boards will not be so cramped in their work, nor at the expense of borrowing.

"5. It brings *all* our work before the people, and prevents such disparity in our contributions to the various objects. I shall endeavor to introduce the plan into my church."

How many pastors will follow this example?

### THE DIFFERENCE.

Some of the brethren seem a little confused about the various missions to which they are called upon to contribute—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions and Associational Missions. It is important that this should be well understood, and so I venture to give this explanation of the *difference* between these objects.

Associational Missions mean the work done within the bounds of your own Association. State Missions mean the work done in North Carolina under the direction of our State Board, establishing new churches, aiding weak ones, and preaching to the destitute regions outside the bounds of any Association. Home Missions mean the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Southern States and Territories. Foreign Missions mean all mission work *outside of the United States*.

These are all very worthy objects, and every member of every Baptist church in every Association in the State should contribute something to each of them.

### RALEIGH AND GASTON RAILROAD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
November 15, 1885.

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Leaves Raleigh.....	9.45 a. m.
Arrives at Weldon.....	1.45 p. m.
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Arrives at Raleigh.....	6.40 p. m.

#### FAST THROUGH FREIGHT.

(FOR PORTSMOUTH.)

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Arrives at Weldon.....	12.50 a. m.
Leaves Weldon.....	1.15 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh.....	8.05 a. m.

#### LOCAL FREIGHT.

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Leaves Weldon.....	6.00 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh.....	6.00 p. m.

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