

with gratitude to our bountiful Father for the wonderful mercies he has bestowed upon us, and inspire us to greater efforts for the spread of his kingdom among men? If the little we have done has been so richly blessed, what may we not expect if we shall consecrate our time, our talents, our souls, our means, our all, to his service? "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. iii; 10.

FIELD NOTES.

The work is progressing admirably at Greensboro, under the energetic and wise management of Bro. Gwaltney; and the house of worship will be a gem when it is finished. It is one of the cheapest houses of the kind ever erected in this State. But they are greatly in need of funds to finish the work. They have done what they could, and yet lack a considerable amount of having enough to complete the house. Let every one who can, help along this little struggling band of earnest workers. —Bro. W. A. Poole is laboring hard to erect a house at Lenoir, one of the few country towns still without a Baptist house of worship. —Bro J C Fleetwood has enlarged his field of operations and his former mission station has become self-supporting. —Bro. J B Marsh is hopeful of the cause at Taylorsville. When the railroad is completed to that point, it will give new life to the place. —The efforts of Bro. J. F. Morris and Bro. J. A. Hoyle have been most richly blessed. —Elder C. M. Murchison is still laboring for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in McDowell county. Bro. J. E. King has gone up to his assistance in that section. —Bro. N. B. Cobb seems to have been received with open arms by the people of his present field. —Bro. J. A. White is delighted at the prospects before him at Gastonia. There is much promise before the town and the church there. —Bro. S. F. Conrad has taken hold of the Broad-street Mission, in Winston, with his usual zeal. He always succeeds. The building of that house of worship by the first church there was a most admirable thing. —Bro. Thomas Carrick is devoting a part of his time to mission work at Falkland and Pactolus. —No man in North Carolina is doing a more faithful work than is Bro. Tuttle, at Salisbury. And he is still growing. —Bro. Rooke is very popular in his association and is justly so. —Bro. George Dowell is prosecuting the work at Bethel, a growing little town on the Tarboro and Jamesville railroad, as well as at Hamilton and other points. —Bro. Clarence Dowell will devote a part of his time to Beaufort and Pamlico counties until a man is found to succeed Bro. "Bob" Peele, who has moved up into Halifax county and has once more "besieged" the county town. —Bro. E. P. Ellington has taken the field at Randleman occupied by Bro. Richardson last year. —Bro. Haymore will give double time to the growing town of Mt. Airy this year. —The efforts of Bro. P. S. C. Davis in Currituck county have been richly blessed. But he needs help to finish his house at Poplar Branch. —The field of Bro. Leary is a hard one, but he is succeeding well. —One of the most laborious missionaries in the State, and one of the most successful is Bro. C. S. Cashwell. —Bro. Fulford has been baptizing again and is much encouraged at the outlook. —Upon the 9th of January last God took from his labors on earth to the "many mansions" above our beloved brother J. F. Moore. His place will be hard to fill. But it is the Lord's work and "he doeth all things well." —The efforts of Bro. Bostick at Concord have been most wonderfully successful. He began last July with not even an organization, and now he has a church of more than thirty members, a Sunday school well attended, and is striving to build the Lord a house. Help him. —Bro. P. O. Duncan has been forced to resign the charge of the work at Lexington, owing to the death of his brother, Elder L. E. Duncan, over whose school he is now presiding. —Bro. Sheets is succeeding handsomely at Rich Fork. —The mission occupied by Bro. J. H. Lamberth has grown most gratifyingly, and is still growing. —Bro. Stradley has bright prospects before him at Sassafras Fork. —Bro. T. W. Greer took charge of the work at Rock Spring and State Line the first of January. —

The mission work along the Wilson and Florence railroad is prospering under the labors of brethren Howell and J. R. Jones. —Bro. Waff has nearly finished paying for his house at Beulah. — Bro. Josiah Elliott has succeeded well at Brother's School House. —Bro. Babb tells us good news about the cause at Plymouth. —The mission work in the Anson Association, under the care of brethren J. B. Pruitt and P. H. Pernel is making rapid strides forward. —One of the most liberal little churches in the State is the one at Burgaw, whose pastor is Bro. Pope. —Brethren Sandling and W. A. Melvin are much encouraged in their mission fields. —Bro. J. W. Perry is still "battling for the right" in Statesville. —The two mission stations in Durham are prospering under the ministry of Bro. C. C. Newton. We shall expect to see churches organized at these two points soon. —Bro. T. M. Honeycutt is doing a fine work in Alleghany county. The brethren say he is "the right man in the right place." —Bro. W. J. Wilkie is cultivating the border line between the Henderson county and Green River Associations with a good deal of success. —We have most cheering reports of the work at Weldon, under the skillful hand of Bro. W. B. Morton. —Bro. Hord is delighted at the prospects before him at Cleveland and China Grove. He hopes to finish his house at the former place shortly. —The cause at Green Alpine is prospering under the wise and energetic efforts of Bro. Patton. Bro. J. J. Scott has taken charge of the Mission work at Red Springs, in Robeson county. —Lincolnton is looking forward to better things and refused to give up Bro. Faulkner. —The Beaufort and Morehead City charge has gone into the hands of Bro. C. A. Woodson. —Bro. Cohen is "hammering away" upon the structure he is striving to build up for truth and right in Brunswick county. —The Presbyterians have held sway at Clarkton for over a hundred years, and yet they are much pleased with the preaching of Bro. Lennon. —At Kernersville the good work goes on and Bro. Stallings is much encouraged at the outlook. —Bro. G. W. Gardner has begun work in earnest at Hickory, Morganton and Newton. He has already organized a Sunday-school and one or two Ladies' Mission societies. —The Brooklyn mission in Wilmington is prospering finely under the labors of Bro. Tolson. There are nearly a hundred members already. —The Ashe County Mission is still unoccupied. We want the right kind of man or none. —The prospects before the Stanly county Baptists have aroused the deepest enthusiasm of Bro. C. H. Martin, who goes to that field. —Bro. C. A. G. Thomas has just closed a successful meeting with the Third Church, Raleigh. —The Guilford County Mission is not yet taken. —The success of Bro. Wildman, at Alma, is very encouraging. —Brother S. S. May and T. D. Casstevens are much pleased with the outlook upon their fields. Bro. J. H. Caudle, P. Oliver and N. J. Matthews are faithfully and successfully prosecuting the work in the Pilot Mountain Association. —In the Tar River Association we find these faithful laborers: M. J. Willoughby, J. W. Lynch, M. R. Pernel, J. W. Sleege, G. W. Coppedge and R. D. Harper. The voluntary mission work of Bro. J. S. Purefoy in Wake; R. R. Moore in Guilford, and R. A. Moore, in Alamance counties, has been wonderfully blessed. —Bro. W. L. Wright is succeeding handsomely at Sweepsonville, and so is Bro. J. A. Beam, who is at work at two or three points in the Mt. Zion Association. —Bro. C. E. Gower has been doing successful voluntary missionary work at a point in Davie county.

HOME MISSIONS.

BY REV. A. G. M'ANAWAY.

The following statistics are taken from a circular recently issued by the Home Mission Board:

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| Received last year about..... | \$86,000 |
| EXPENDED. | |
| In church building..... | \$25,000 |
| In mission work..... | 69,500 |
| A total of..... | \$94,500 |
| An excess above its receipts of..... | \$ 8,500 |

WHAT WAS DONE.

It supported 255 missionaries, who preached in 649 places more than 21,000 sermons to about 100,000 people. They baptized 4,812 believers; received by letter 2,344 others; making addition of 6,156 persons. They had 326 Sunday schools, in which were 12,500 teachers and pupils. They constituted 70 new churches, and built 49 houses of worship.

For the present year the Board must have funds to support an equal number of missionaries, and build an equal number of houses of worship, and \$8,500 to meet the deficiency of last year.

For its new work, it needs for Cuban Missions \$5,000, and for work among the colored people \$5,000 more.

We are glad to note an increased interest among the Baptists of North Carolina in the work of this Board. Nearly twice as much money has been contributed to this Board, and acknowledged by our Treasurer, within the last six months, as during the same period of last year. If the brethren and sisters who have been appointed by the Associations to represent Home Missions in their respective churches do their whole duty, we shall send Dr. Tichenor \$2,000 by April 1st, 1887.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

BY REV. THEO. WHITFIELD.

Interesting news comes from Shanghai, China. Wong-Yih-San, a deacon of Dr. Yates' church, has built a chapel at his own expense and dedicated it to the gospel. It is nicely furnished and will seat about one hundred persons. The pulpit is about the center of the chapel, and a partition in the rear of the pulpit reserves an apartment where ladies may sit exclusively. On each side of the pulpit is a large door, enabling them to hear and participate in the worship. Here Wong himself preaches at 3 p. m., each Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday; and the place is usually full of attentive hearers.

Though he has expended hundreds of dollars on this chapel and its furniture, this man continues to pay his monthly contribution of three dollars for supporting the gospel at Kwin San and Soochow. How few in our own country are so liberal in the cause of Christ! What a grand testimony is this to the power of the gospel! How ought we to praise God and take courage! How ought we to pray for the Spirit's power upon the mission work which is being done!

There have been baptisms at Chinkingiang, Kwin San and Shanghai, and a church constituted at Chinkingiang this year.

From Mexico the news is more encouraging than ever. Saltillo church building has been completed, except putting in the windows. The church has raised and expended \$823.00 for benevolent purposes. Madero Institute has had 86 students. About two hundred persons have been received for baptism at the different stations. Patos has a good church building, built chiefly by one brother in Georgia.

Speaking of certain persons received for baptism Bro. Powell says: "Another was an old lady who had come from Vera Cruz, 875 miles, that she might be baptized. She is more than seventy years of age, and came all the way by private conveyance.

Shall our foreign work be crippled by a debt? The receipts of the Board to February 1st, were \$45,145.23. In the three months, February, March and April, \$44,000 must reach the Board, or it will be in debt. Will not our churches make a special effort for Foreign Missions in March and April?

Sister Crawford begs for more Missionaries for China. Why? Because they are more needed there than anywhere else on earth.

We have 12 men and 13 women located in three provinces:

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| Canton, with a population of - - | 20,000,000 |
| Keang Su, " " " " - - | 34,000,000 |
| Shan Tung, " " " " - - | 20,000,000 |
| Total - - - - - | 83,000,000 |

Besides, in the other fifteen provinces, aggregating nearly 250,000,000 of people, we have not a single missionary.