

BAPTIST YEAR BOOK FOR 1897.

Difficulty in Gathering Statistics and Impossibility of Enumerating the Baptist Negro Parsons—Seven Baptist Theological Seminaries, 23,787 Sunday Schools and 5,134,378 Church Goers in the United States.

(From the Philadelphia Press.)

The American Baptist Publication Society has just issued the "American Baptist Year Book" for 1897, showing condensed statistics as follows: Ministers 27,257, churches 40,658; total number of members 3,824,038. Many of these churches are very small and quite unable to support a minister.

Under the charge of the Baptists there are seven theological seminaries, of which that at Chicago has 321 students and that at Louisville, Ky., 303. The several seminaries have in all \$3,554,185 in good property, including endowment, buildings and libraries.

There are 37 universities and colleges, many of which, however, are hardly entitled to these lofty names. One institution called a college has only \$8,000 of endowment, another has \$13,000 and another \$15,000, while the University of Chicago, on the other hand, has \$8,625,000 in endowment and property.

Philadelphia is naturally specially interested in the American Baptist Publication Society, whose printing and publishing building at Lombard and Juniper and its new building now rising at 1420 Chestnut street, on the site of the old building destroyed in February, 1896, will be two of the finest structures in the city.

The denominations which are in harmony with the Baptists in the practice of immersion and in church independence make a total of 5,134,378. The various branches of the Methodist, who hold the Armenian system of doctrine, and the Episcopal form of church government number 5,297,896.

The Trans-Siberian Railway. (The International Magazine.) From St. Petersburg to Vladivostok the tracks extend for 9,000 versts, more than 6,000 miles, and about eleven times the distance from Paris to Marseilles.

The real head of the line is at Tcheliabinsk, the first large Siberian city one reaches after leaving Moscow, the trip between the two cities taking eighty hours. The rails are actually laid as far as Nijnisudinsk, just beyond Graspokarsk, in central Siberia, which is half the entire distance.

Condensed Testimony. Charles E. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough Remedy.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE REPUBLICANS EXTEND THE RULE OF INACTION.

They Provide by Resolution for Only two Sessions a Week—The Democrats United in Opposition to the Proposition—Mr. Bailey Urges Action on the Bankruptcy Bill—Mr. Clark Evidences the So-Called Republican Harmony—Resolution for Annexation of Hawaii.

Washington, May 6.—The republicans of the house today followed up their recent endorsement of Speaker Reed's policy of postponing the appointment of committees by establishing the policy of bi-weekly meetings through the adoption of a resolution reported by the committee on rules, providing that the house shall meet on Mondays and Thursdays until further action.

Mr. Bailey said there could be no excuse for refusal to consider the bankruptcy bill. Every republican in the senate who had voted on its final passage had voted for the bill. It did not interfere with the republican policy of relief to the country.

It was denied by Mr. Dalzell that the rule had any bearing on the bankruptcy bill. He explained that the republicans proposed to await the return of General Henderson who had charge of the bankruptcy bill in the last congress.

Mr. Bailey offered to support the resolution if the republicans would promise that the bankruptcy bill might be considered.

Mr. Grosvenor, republican, questioned the good faith of the democrats in expressing a desire to pass the Nelson bill. "I hope the gentleman from Texas will not vote for the thing which came over from the senate as a bankruptcy bill," he said.

"I would vote," replied Mr. Bailey, "with the distinguished senators from Ohio, Hanna and Foraker, for the bill."

"I would vote with the distinguished lawyer from Kentucky, who had charge of the matter in two conferences, against it," said Mr. Grosvenor.

Mr. McMillin, democrat, of Tennessee, made a short, but fiery speech against the resolution. Addressing the speaker he said: "The country remembers how you revolutionized the practice of this government in the first congress by new rules that you might do business and now having secured the rules by which to do business you refuse to let the house do business."

The discussion drifted into an informal one, in which Mr. Bailey, Mr. McMillin, republican, of Pennsylvania, and Messrs. McMillin and Williams, democrats, took part.

Mr. Bailey explained that he did not want the bill referred to the judiciary committee because he was confident that committee would report the Torrey bill. Incidentally, he marked to Mr. McMillin: "Since we agree in opposition to this resolution why should we not adjourn our other disagreements to another time?"

Mr. Clark, democrat, of Missouri, in an amusing speech, inquired why, if the republicans never shirked action, as Mr. Grosvenor had declared, they did not pass a money bill as they had promised in the campaign, and answered, "Because you dare not."

Good-Bye Dyspepsia! COTTOLENE. Thousands of practical, discriminating housewives avoid lard, that impure and unhealthful packing-house product, and use that pure vegetable shortening, Cottolene, which eminent physicians say is destined to make dyspepsia a disease of the past.

States, the president of the United States to receive it by proclamation and congress to make laws for its government. It is provided that the laws for the exclusion of Chinese shall apply to the islands and no Chinese there be permitted to enter the United States.

IN THE SENATE. Revocation of Mr. Cleveland's Forest Reservation Order Agreed to—A Resolution Declaring in Favor of International Arbitration as a General Principle of Government.

Washington, May 6.—The senate today agreed to an amendment to the sundry civil bill, revoking the order of President Cleveland, made on February 22nd last establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres.

Senator Allison endeavored to have the amendment restricted so as to leave the question of revocation to the president, but he was defeated on a ye and nay vote, 14 to 22.

Senator Gorman made a point of order against the amendment but this, being submitted to the senate, was defeated, 23 to 25. The amendment was then agreed to without division.

Another amendment agreed to provides for a continuance of the investigation of the condition of the fur seals in Behring sea. The sundry civil bill was passed by the senate. It carries an aggregate of \$53,000,000.

During the day Senator Bacon, of Georgia, introduced the following joint resolution, which was referred to the committee on foreign relations: Resolved, That the United States of America, in the future, desire the maintenance of peace and friendship with all the world, and that this desire is not limited to their relations with any one nation, but extends to their relations with all the nations of the earth.

Sec. 2. That to the end that these relations of peace and amity now happily existing between them and all nations may be perpetually preserved, and that wars may be discouraged and as far as practicable made impossible, the United States hereby declare their policy of international arbitration for the settlement of questions in difference between them and any other nation which they may fail to adjust by treaty or diplomatic negotiation.

Sec. 3. That the United States do hereby avow the principle of arbitration and intention, whenever they shall arise any question in difference between them and any other nation, which they may fail to adjust by treaty or diplomatic negotiation, that they shall so far as they can, consistently with the national honor, the integrity of their territory and the interests of their domestic policies, submit such questions in difference to the arbitration and final decision of the international court of arbitration.

Sec. 4. That the United States hereby invite all civilized nations to make a corresponding and reciprocal declaration to the end that wars between nations may cease and that an universal reign of peace may be inaugurated and perpetually maintained.

Mr. Calhoun Preparing to go to Cuba. Washington, May 6.—W. J. Calhoun, of Illinois, who has been selected by the president to go to Cuba as the special representative of the United States in the Ruiz case, had a consultation with the president today.

The Postal Congress. Washington, May 6.—The postal congress was not in session today, an adjournment having been taken yesterday to meet at the call of the president. The committees, however, were at work all day on the various propositions submitted to the congress.

MOTHER! The sweetest and the most expressive word in the English language and the one about which the most tender and holy recollections cluster is that of Mother—the who watched our tender years; yet the life of every Expectant Mother is beset with great danger.

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