THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Ninth Annual Session Held Yesterday.

A Large Attendance at the Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterion church hav- retary, read the report of the treasurer. ing been kindly tendered to the South- SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REern Baptist convention, was made ready and beautifully decorated for use of the Baptist Missionary Union.

The president, Miss Fannie E. Heck, of Raleigh, being present, the meeting was called to order by her at 9:30 o'clock 1896-April 20th, to balance per Miss Annie E. Armstrong, of Baltimore, corresponding secretary, was at her post. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn beginning-

"Let those refuse to sing." Mrs. Wm. P. Oldham, of Wilmington, then read the 122nd Psalm, and also a few verses from the 24th chapter of the Gospel by Luke, and alluded to the mission of women in spreading the glad tidings of a Saviour's resurrection, and led in a tender prayer for the blessing of God on the meeting. Thirty minutes devotional exercises followed:

Mrs. C. E. Stevenson, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Wilmington, made the address of welcome as follows:

Miss President, Officers and Ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union:

We meet you today with cordial greetings, we welcome you to our dear Old North State, to our beautiful city by the sea, to our hearts and homes, our churches and all the pleasures both temporal and spiritual within our reach. We pray for God's blessing on this session of the Southern Baptist convention and that this arm of the work be "Strong in the Lord and in his might."

Some of us in looking back fifty years can remember the handful who with determined will, moved on (in the face of much opposition) in the way our Master led, trying to obey in all things His commands, and now to see this great host of His people, we can only exclaim, "What hath God wrought for us." We trust we may be led by His spirit to do great things for His glory, and when it is over, everyone of you may carry with you happy remembrances of your stay with us.

This was responded to by Mrs. Emma McIver Woody, of Kentucky. "On penalf of the Woman's Missionary Union, I thank you, ladies of Wilmington, for our generous reception and the kind words just spoken. We find you fully meeting Paul's exhortation, 'Distributing to the necessity of saints, given to hospitality.'

My parents being Tar Heels, my childish imagination was constantly strained to picture to my wondering mind the glorious charms of North Carolina and the boundless goodness of her people; until there was only one reflection left | the monthly topic are printed, preparto console my patriotic heart, Texas was the biggest.'

A few years later, the kindness of teachers in dear old Peace Institute, and the prodigal indulgence of friends and kinsfolk, heightened and deepened this impression in a school girl's lively fancy and enthusiastic soul. And now to crown it all, has come this delightful visit.

Among the many reasons that we are glad to meet here I might mention the fact that this is the most 'Baptist' state in the union. I hear that 20 per cent. of its population is Baptist, not a surprising fact, for who could be expected to stick to the faith once delivered to the saints if not the "Tar

Again, this state not only has the largest number of missionaries in the field today, but is the pioneer in missionary work, being the home of the illustrious Yates, the founder of modern missions. And who can call this name in an assemblage of women without remembering that his brilliant success, under God's blessing, was largely due to the intelligent co-operation of his *devoted wife-a memory you daughters of North Carolina have done well to perpetuate in the establishment of a permanent fund to keep a Yates missionary in the field.

Then this state is the home of our beloved president, daughter of one who often led the Baptist hosts of North Carolina in plans and deeds for others' good. A woman whose wisdom and tact in her home work has placed her in the high position she so nobly fills. A leader whose voice and pen have been so generous that all friends of missions, and the children's bands especially, should rise up and call her blessed. Here, on her native soil, we greet her, with resolve to obey her behests, and to second with enthusiasm her efforts for the cause of missions.

Dominion to the glistening sands of South Carolina, have long been famed metropolis-the lovely city by the sea. I believe this will be the best meeting we have ever had, coming as we do to our banner missionary state, the fountain source of inspiration. Here the' annual meeting should most easily accomplish its great office of filling the minds and hearts of the delegates and sending them back to their respective states to electrify the whole field, like storage batteries charged and distrib-

uted from a great power house." A committee on credentials was appointed and while this committee was making their examinations the president addressed the meeting. To fully appreciate this address, it would be necessary not only to have it in full. but to feel the inspiration of the voice and expression of the consecrated woman, who so nobly bears the responsibility and labors of her office. She proceeded to review the work of the past year from which to draw inspiration and renewed zeal, and to map out the work of their secretary. the future. One beautifully solemn thought she threw out was "how will our work appear when looked down upon from the great beyond; will our achievements seem great, or be overshadowed by the 'what might have been." As she carried her hearers along the path trodden, sometimes by weary feet and aching heart, she showed that, on the whole, progress had been made, and along all the lines of mission work. First Baptist church of Wilmington,

PORT.

Baltimore, Md., April 20, 1897. Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer, in account with Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to S. B. C.

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KIND WORDS.

Carey's compassion for benighted men was awakened by reading Cook's "Voyage Around the World." Judson, the great apostle of Burman, was led to become a missionary by reading Buchanan's "Star of the East." We believe many of our young people are developing into hobler Christian life, training to appreciate the need for sending the Gospel to those who know it not, by reading "Kind Words." We heartily recommend it to those who are not using it, but who would make the missionary topics more interesting. The fourth page, under the special management of the Woman's Missionary Union, is edited by Miss Alice Armstrong. Interesting articles from among our best, brightest, most charming women writers are published every week. The first week in every month a programme and helpful catechism on ed by Miss E. Y. Hyde, of South Carolina. Two blackboard illustrations are also given each month. The Young People's Scripture Union, or Daily Bible Reading Course, on the third page of "Kind Words," is also in charge of Woman's Missionary Union, and is a valuable help in the study of God's word, not only to the young, but those of maturer years. Manuscripts have been secured from some of the most prominent S. B. C. ministers.

MISSIONARY DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A cogent argument for pushing Sunday school missionary day is found in the fact that the three boards of the Southern Baptist convention, foreign, home and Sunday school, cordially endorse the movement. Woman's Missionary Union has used every available means to make the day a success. The programme and collection design, as usual, were furnished by the executive committee, distribution being made by the Sunday school board. Statements from all over the country attest the good results, not only in large collection for the home and foreign boards, but in enthusiastic hearts and quickened brains of those who are thus receiving an intelligent knowledge of

She spoke earnestly and tenderly of the work among German emigrants and also urged the ladies to render assistance to the colored people by aiding in the moral and spiritual uplifting of the colored women.

Mrs. Jas. Calder, of Wilmington, sang a beautiful solo, after which ten or fifteen minutes was devoted to social

After the meeting was again called to order, the Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist convention, addressed the Your people, from the mountains to ladies on the subject of "Open Doors." the sea, from the borders of the Old | He said all along his life he had met with open doors, when the "pains of death had gotten hold of him and the for hospitality. We find their reputa- agony of a realization of his sins before tion amply sustained in the warm wel- God, the open door of his grace, even come given us in the homes of your | a Saviour's riven heart received him. He remembered how his father, at family worship had prayed, morning by morning, that the doors of China might be opened to the gospel. He spoke of the opening of Mexico and Cuba, and how the "wrath of man was made to praise Him" by the bringing of the Africans to this country, and now that God had thrown this door open wider, by the freedom of the African, the duty of teaching these people with whom we come in contact day after day in our homes should be carefully performed by the southern ladies, both by precept and example.

Miss Burhmeyer, a German lady from Baltimore, made a touching appeal for out and willingness to aid it has beher countrymen who have come to this come the well nigh universal rule. It land of freedom to reside.

Hiss Heck introduced Miss Emma L. Miller, of Michigan, who brought greetings from the Woman's Home Missionary Society. She stated that ten nationalities had been reached by A paper from Miss Alice Armstrong.

"In union there is strength," was read by Mrs. Wm. Harris, of Alabama. The president asked the returned missionaries in the house to stand up so that their sisters in Christ might see them. Mrs. E. F. Tatum, Shanghai, China; and Mrs. J. P. Duggan, of Guadalajara, Mexico, rose to their feet. The last named lady is the daughter her sisters to greater efforts of the beloved former pastor of the

ory," who fell at his post during the devastating scourge of yellow fever in this city in 1862.

Miss Wright, of Georgia, read a letter from Miss Lottie Moon, China, in of the Baptist hosts of the union. Miss Spalding, of Florida, was requested to prepare letters conveying the interest felt for the missionaries in the foreign fields by their friends at

home, which are to be sent to all the female representatives of the Southern Baptist Missionary Union now in heathen lands. The meeting was then led in prayer by Miss Burhmeyer, and after the dox-

ology was sung, the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday at 9:30 o'clock. So far as heard from the delegates are as follows: Alabama-Mrs. I. C. Brown, Mrs. H.

L. Mellon, Miss Florence Harris, Mrs. T. P. Hale. Arkansas-Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. J. S. Kirkies. District of Columbia-Miss Marie

Holtzman. Florida-Miss J. L. Spalding, Mrs. Caroline Palmer, Mrs. J. C. Porter, Mrs. J. G. Murray. Georgia-Mrs. J. D. Easterlin, Miss

M. E. Wright, Mrs. Harvy Hatcher, Mrs. Baldman, Mrs. Argebrite. Kentucky-Miss E. S. Broadus, Misa Emma McIver Woody, Mrs. T. D. Osbourn, Mr. J. M. Prestridge, Mrs. M P. Hunt.

Louisiana-Mrs. E. J. Lassiter, Mrs. P. Lyle. Maryland-Mrs. Judge Brown, Mrs O. F. Gregory, Mrs. Jas. Pollard, Miss

Marie Buhlmaier. Mississippi-Mrs. M. B. Aven, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Charping, Mrs. B. J. Ward, Miss Ida G. Price. Missouri-Mrs. J. L. Burnham.

North Carolina-Mrs. J. Briggs, Mrs. F. Bennett, Mrs. Harvy Cris, Miss Eva West North Carolina-Miss Noel Welsh. Mrs. E. J. Hildebrand, Mrs. J

W. Starnes. South Carolina-Mrs. C. E. Watson Mrs. H. R. Mosley, Mrs. H. K. Eagle. Tennessee-Mrs. J. T. Parris, Mrs. J O. Hust, Mrs. Geo. McFadden, Mrs S. C. Nelson, Mrs. W. E. Rupe. Texas-Mrs. Ernest Townsend.

Virginia-Mrs. A. M. Gwaltney, Miss Dasie Hutson, Mrs. J. J. Hall, Miss Georgie Burnett. The following is the programme for

today:

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH. 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Prayer service, led by Mrs. J. K. Pace Mississippi. 9:45.-Reading of minutes. 9:55.—Report of State Central commit-

tees. Missouri, Maryland, Mississippi, 10:15.—Recommendation of Executive Committee.

Discussion opened by Miss J. L. Spaulding, Florida. 10:45.-Young People's work. Address by Rev. J. D. Jordan, secretary. Subject: "Culture for Service; Culture in

10:55.—General discussion. Report of Committee on Obituaries. 11:20.—Intermission. 11:30. → Recommendations of Sunday school board.

Service."

Address by Dr. J. M. Frost, secretary "New Lines of Work." Questions Answered by Dr. J. M. Frost. 12:00.—Reports of State Central com mittees. Kentucky, eGorgia, Florida. 12:15.—Presentation of mission litera-

NEW BUSINESS. 12:55.—Closing religious exercises. Mrs J. Pollard, Maryland. 1:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

THE MISSION WORK OF THE BAPTIS WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, which meets in this city this week, represents the mission work of the Baptist women of fifteen southern states and territories. One of these integal parts is the organized mission work of the Baptist women of North Carolina, now of especial interest from the fact that for the first time the union meets on North Carolina soil. Ten years ago it seemed good to the Baptist State convention of this state, to appoint, through its state mission

board a woman's central committee of missions to organize and encourage the women of the churches in mission work. Such committees were already at work in nearly all of the other southern states and many of the more advanced ministers thought it time for North Carolina women to fall in line with this movement for larger usefulness of the women in the churches. Not all were of this opinion, however, and the newly appointed committee had to work its way through some opposition and much misunderstanding of its

Its policy has steadily been to avoid controversy, to work quietly and to let the value of the work being done be the answer to all opposition. The committee began work ten years ago with fourteen societies. There are now more than two hundred and fifty. When they took up the work the woman's missionary societies of North Carolina were giving \$500 a year to missions. Last year they gave nearly \$4,000, an increase of 800 per cent. in ten years. In these ten years the societies have given \$31,499.00 to missions, the amounts contributed increasing year by year. To fully appreciate these figures it must be remembered that they include nothing given to home church improvements and charities and that the members of the societies are perhaps far beyond the average contributors to mission objects through regular stimulate interest in societies and church channels, the money contributed through the societies being, in most cases, an extra gift growing out of the increased interest springing from the regular monthly meetings for prayer and study of mission fields. Says one North Carolina pastor: "If we had a woman's missionary society in every church we would hear no more of mission debts." Another says: "These societies are the best organized part of our membership for missions." Another says: "When I want the best help in any church work I always go

to the Woman's Missionary Society." Indeed the progress which has attended this work can be very inadequately told in figures. It has taken aeep hold on the affections of North Carolina Baptists, opposition has died still sustains the closest possible relations to the Baptist state convention, the state board of missions. The anthe same time and place as this convention and their work follows the

lines taken by that body. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, office of president of the Woman's Missionary Union, has been president of this state work since its beginning; filled the office of corresponding sec- and Children: (15) Week of Self Deretary for seven years.

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eration of the ministers of the state so heartily enlisted in its future growth we can see no upward limit to its growth, usefulness and contributions. which she pleads for the daily prayers | We fully believe that what has been done is but a small beginning of what shall be. A large number of ladies from various parts of this state are here attending the union and missionary societies of their respective churches will doubtless feel the inspiration of the memorable gathering now in our midst for years to come.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

(By Miss Alice Armstrong.)

Though young in years, dating its beginning in 1888, Woman's Missionary Union has a history of rapid growth and development which affords abundant proof of its need to be. Results | with all of these encouragements beare strong arguments-facts are convincing proofs; this sort of logic has and its legitimate effect, strengthening the faith of friends and winning those who were at first opposed.

With more than three quarters of a

century behind it, the experimental

stage of woman's capability for organ-

ized work in missions had long since

passes. And yet southern Baptist

women with a conservatism which

looked askance at any change, as fraught with peril, made themselves content with individual, society, or state efforts for home and foreign missions. In conformity with the spirit of the times and voicing a latent need for co-operation of sympathy and endeavor, in Baltimore, in 1884, the first general meeting of southern Baptist women was called, during a session of the convention. But as the ladies in attendance were only chance visitors and not delegated by any working body at home to present reports or transact business, this first and the two following sessions of 1885 and 1886 served the good but transient purpose of a conference, whose work ceased with the close of the session. In Louisville, 1887, the need for something more effective made itself heard in a series of resolutions, approved by some of the leading minds of the convention, which called upon state central committees to appoint delegates to the next anual meeting who should be authorized to orm a general organization if deemed choose location and define duties. The object of the organization was the further support of missions now conlucted by southern Baptists, with no lesire to interfere with the management of the already existing boards of the convention, either in appointment of missionaries, or in the direction of misson work; but an earnest purpose on the part of the women to be more efficent in collecting money and disseminating information on mission

subjects. At Richmond, May 1888, the woman's meeting was convened, composed on coll call of thirty-two delegates from welve states. In accordance with the esolutions, the delegates came prepard to vote by instruction from their states. Ten states most cordially enlorsed the movement as an advance upon other methods, and as an aid to progress in mission work. Two states. Virginia and Mississippi, while expressing a deep interest in Woman's work preferred to delay action in reference to the general organization till further instructed from their states. (By 1891, the fourteen southern states had heartily entered into the general organiza-

THE WORK INAUGURATED. Adopting a constitution and by-laws and locating the executive committee in Baltimore, Md., the work was inaugurated with Miss M. E. McIntosh, of South Carolina, as president, and Miss Annie W. Armstrong, of Maryland, corresponding secretary, with a vice presdent in every state connected with the organization. The task set before the committee was no small one. A new policy unlike that of other organizations was to be adjusted, making the work auxiliary to that of the Southern Baptist Convention boards, and yet independent enough not to be hampered in its action. As no contributions were to be given through the general organization, but sent directly to the boards, through established state channels, reports of contributions alone reaching it, it was a fundamental necessity and a readily granted request that all executive committees expenses for printing, expressage and postage be paid jointly by the home and foreign boards. Advice in forming plans was sought from the boards, or fully developed ones were submitted to the boards for approbation before promulgating them. These methods unfailingly pursued have made the woman's work identical in interest and purpose with that of the boards, though the plans for carrying out the work have been adapted in their variety and greater distinctiveness to interesting and training societies, bands, or individuals in missionary effort. Great care has been taken that states officers shall be the channels of communication with state so-

METHODS OF WORK.

The general methods of work may be indicated under four heads, viz.: Constant correspondence; systematic distribution of missionary literature to bands; circulation of special plans of collection; and annual meetings for conference and action, with a well defined purpose to avail of existing agencies-religious publications, weekly and monthly-rather than to create

During the eight years of the operation of the general organization the following table will summarize results:

ETC. Christmas envelopes 573,852 Mission prayer cards...... 168,645 Mite barrels and boxes...... 85,258 Brick and sheaf cards...... 143,886 Centennial certificates 15,988 Papers 24,434 The special plans inaugurated by the

Woman's Missionary Union have been: the officers in charge of it being as at | Brick Card; (3) W. M. U. Department first appointed by that body through in Foreign Mission Journal; (4) Boxes to Frontier Missionaries; (5) Week of nual meeting of the societies is held at | Prayer; (6) Girl's School in Cuba; (7) Support of Female Missionaries in. Foreign Lands; (8) Columns in State Papers; (9) W. M. U. Department in Kind Words; (10) Centennial Chapel Card who for several years has also held the and Certificate; (11) Band Department in Foreign Mission Journal; (12) Furnishing Cuban Hospital; (13) Work Among Foreign Population in Ameri-Mrs. J. A. Briggs, of the same city, has | ca; (14) Work Among Colored Women

MONEYED RESULTS.

has been and the sympathy and co-op- | ed probably \$17,000 as Woman's Society contributions to home and foreign missions. Since organization the following statistics will show the gifts

and their advance:

	W. M. CONTRI	BUTIONS.
	For	reign. Home.
1889	\$18,7	716.28 \$12,057.41
1890	21,2	
1891	23,7	761.31 15,229.03
1892	25,0	040.27 19,242.53
1893	36,0	052.78 26,283.97
1894	23,5	514.99 21,613.60
1895	24,5	560.18 23,505.78
1896		799.55 33,542.64
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\$195,668.27 \$161,489.81

Total for eight years......\$357,158.08 And now with all the fourteen states of the south enrolled in the union; with the autonomy of no church disturbed because women are at work in its midst; with the most thorough harmony in adopting and carrying out methods of work; with confidence in leaders and a growing consciousness of God given ability to bring things to passhind the organization, the future growth of the Woman's Missionary Union is limited only by willingness to link human weakness with God's almightiness.

SKETCH OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

In its session at Birmingham, Ala. in 1891, the Southern Baptist convention created its Sunday school board, locating it at Nashville, and entrusting it with the publication of the periodicals known then as the "Kind Words Series." This series had previously been published for five years under the auspices of the home mission board, and the name has since been changed to "Convention Series" and represents a full line of Sunday school helps. Like the other two boards, the Sunday school board is under the control of the convention, the periodicals and all its property being the property of the convention, and its purpose being the furtherance of the interests of the convention in the betterment of its Sunday school condition and the fostering of its Sunday school power.

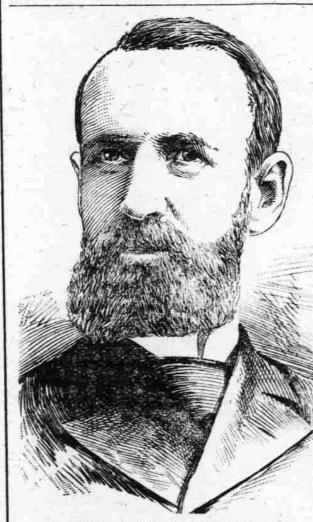
DIVISION OF ITS WORK.

Immediately upon its creation, now nearly six years ago, the board began its work, but made its first issue of the periodicals in January, 1892, up to which time (a period of eight months) it was practically without income, even having to borrow money to cover its necessary expenses. Its growth and vancement and development.

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. The board does not appoint missionhome and foreign boards, and of the state boards, each in its own sphere of operation; but the Sunday school board | change of policy and this enlargement giving missions a distinct and emphatic place in the Sunday school periodicals (as in the Teacher, the Quarterlies, and Kind Words) by giving money to Sunday school missions in the different states, by the help rendered in the conduct of the Missionary Day in the Sunday schools. This, as a distinctive feature in our work, came as the first advance that the board made, and has steadily grown in usefulness and power.

ITS BIBLE DEPARTMENT. The board began its Bible work in 1893 by setting apart five hundred dollars as a Bible fund. This was done to meet a necessity for free distribution of the Word of God in destitute places, and from the first met with decided approval. The demand has grown, and there has been a corresponding enlargement of its operations, until the convention year now closing will show many hundreds of Bibles and Testaments given away, and put in places where they will tell for the building of the kingdom. While the board does not print Bibles, yet in its work it will use a Bible and Testament printed for its own special use. This Bible and Testa-

the board's Bible distribution, being



REV. J. M. FROST, D. D.

Secretary of Sunday School Board.

41/2x6 inches in size, good type, with self-pronouncing feature, and can be sold, single copy, 25 cents and 6 cents, and in quantities, 20 cents and 5 cents, transportation being extra. We shall rejoice to see them go into thousands DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE of homes, and have tens of thousands come under their influence.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

This is a well-organized effort to carry the Sunday school into the homes, especially as relates to the study of the lessons. Already it is meeting with success, and accomplishing much good. It cannot be fully described here, but a circular devoted exclusively to this work will be sent on application, (1) Christmas Offering; (2) Cuban also sample of home department liter-

BOOK AND TRACT DEPARTMENT. This was organized in accordance with a change of policy in the conduct of the affairs of the board. Heretofore appropriations were made in cash, but hereafter they will be made almost, if not altogther, in Bibles and books and tracts. They will be made also, for the most part, either to state boards direct or under their endorsement. The board will purchase its books from Baptist publishers and others, and send them out to work their work of usefulness, selling some and giving away others.

its announcement has met with general approbation and opens a door for great usefulness.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

This, though mentioned last, is really the first. It carries all the other departments, and is the burden bearer for all the work of the board. It furnishes a full line of periodicals and everything necessary to the equipment of a Sunday school. Bear in mind that these periodicals belong to the Southern Baptist convention, that they have their distinctive missionary feature, and that their use puts the missionary thought into the child's mind, and their presence in the Sunday school and the home fosters all the interests of the conven-

WHAT HAS BEEN WROUGHT. Scarcely six years have passed since the board began its work, and yet much has already been done towards the ends for which it was created. The money result may be seen from the following figures. It has given in cash over seventeen thousand dollars to Sunday school missions in the different states: it has given over thirteen thousand dollars to the home and foreign board (from Missionary Day collections) and over twenty-eight hundred dollars for the advancement of other denominational interests; and besides these cash donations, it has given away over eight thousand dollars' worth of Bibles and books and tracts and periodical literature to mission schools, in all aggregating more than forty thousand dollars; and besides, the board is now in its own house, a building centrally located and adapted to its use, and has built up a business enterprise which. measured by its income-making power. is easily worth nearly a hundred thousand dollars. All this has been done within six years without the investment of any money capital and without collections, except on Missionary Day,

as already mentioned. The results are even greater when considered as an educational force among the churches, though these results cannot be tabulated. The boardhas become a great factor in our denominational life, but we scarcely realize its immense possibilities along the line of its five departments of work. ONE DOLLOR DOES THE WORK OF

TWO.

What has been done is the result of the generous support given by the churches and Sunday schools, not in gifts of money, but in patronage. The board makes its appeal for kindly consideration and sympathy and further success have been phenomenal. For the co-operation. Heretofore it has not lesirable, with power to elect officers, sake of convenience and emphasis, its asked for money, and its appeal for work may be presented in five different | money now is only for contributions to departments, which have come as ad- its Bible fund and its book and tract department. The board will double every dollar it receives for this purpose A Sunday school that sends us five dolaries, this being the prerogative of the lars will have another five added to its gift, and so send out ten dollars' worth of Bibles and books and tracts. This seeks to advance the missionary inter- of our work has met with great public est in connection with all the others by favor and some responses have been made in the way of contributions. Five dollars sent to the board is increased to ten dollars and will put two hundred Testaments into two hundred homes. A wonderful sowing is this of the Word of Life. It is in this work the board asks your help.

EQUIPMENT OF YOUR SCHOOLS. If you cannot send money for this great work, we still earnestly entreat that in ordering Sunday school supplies you will remember the periodicals and this board of the Southern Baptist convention.

The wisdom of the convention in its creation of this board has been justified, whether it be considered as a Baptist industry, or as a business enterprise of the convention, or as a denominational policy, or as a great opportunity for the furtherance of the gospel and building up of the kingdom of Christ. And the Southern Baptist convention has asked the support of its constituency in this work, as in the work of home and foreign missions through its two older and greater boards. Through these great agencies, together with its seminary at Louisville, the convention is meeting ment are in every way well adapted to the great responsibility which confronts it, and is "eliciting, combining, and directing the benevolence of the churches" for the furtherance of the gospel of the kingdom.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD AS A CREATION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION. (Hon. Jonathan Haralson.)

We all remember the circumstances under which this board was created a few years ago. Some brethren opposed and others, a large majority, favored its creation. Those who opposed as well as those who favored, are to be accorded equally sincere convictions in what they deemed the best denominational policy. The objects to be accomplished were equally dear to all hearts. The demand for such a literature as was proposed to be published, was very great and ever increasing, imposing obligations to supply it, which could not, in any proper sense, be neglected. There was no personal interest of any man or set of men to be subserved in the establishment of such a board for such purposes, no more than there was in the organization of the convention itself. It is fair to admit that it was not begotten of a desire to antagonize or cripple any other existing similar agency, and that it sprang from a sense of duty, to increase the means and facilties within our bounds for the training of those committed immediatly to our care. If there existed a feeling of pride among our people, and an ambition to create at home a board of our own for the purpose in hand, and thereby and to that extent contribute that much to our own moral, spiritual and material prosperity, who will deny that the aspiration was benevolent and patriotic? The same thing is true in the establishment of every school and college and publishing house, the building of every machine shop, factory and railroad, the opening of every mine, and the starting of any and every industrial enterprise in our midst. The fact that such moral and material agencies are in abundant existence elsewhere, and we may procure all our wares from other regions, does not lessen, but should stimulate ambition, and arouse effort to build up and foster all such agencies for the welfare of the people of our own section of the common coun-

The other boards-the foreign and home—are like this board, the creations of the convention, and in them its vitality exists. If it were not for these, it would cease to live. The same necessity and obligation to maintain the one would seem, therefore, to exist to support the others; they are mutually

helpful and co-operative. The value of every enterprise is estimated at what it accomplishes. Measured by this standard, our Sunday school board needs no apology. The favor of the Lord has seemed to rest