

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Ninth Annual Session Held Yesterday.

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

The First Presbyterian church having been kindly tendered to the Southern 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.

Let those refuse to sing. Mrs. Wm. P. Oldham, of Wilmington, then read the 122d 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.

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.

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!"

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 to console my patriotic heart, "Texas was the biggest."

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 resist the 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 your daughters of North Carolina will do me well to perpetuate in the establishment of a permanent fund to keep a Yates missionary in the field.

retary, read the report of the treasurer, SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Table with columns for year, amount received, and amount paid. Includes entries for 1896-1897 and 1897-1898.

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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 which she pleads for the daily prayers 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 health land.

The meeting was then held in prayer by Miss Burmeyer, and after the doxology was sung, the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday at 9:30 o'clock.

So far as heard from the delegates as follows: Alabama—Mrs. I. C. Brown, Mrs. H. L. Mellon, Miss Florence Harris, Mrs. T. P. Hale.

Georgia—Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. J. S. Kirkles, District of Columbia—Miss Marie Holtzman, Florida—Miss J. L. Spalding, Mrs. Caroline Palmer, Mrs. J. C. Porter, Mrs. J. G. Murray.

Mississippi—Mrs. M. B. Aven, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Chapping, Mrs. B. J. Ward, Miss Ida G. Price, Missouri—Mrs. J. L. Burnham, Mrs. F. Bennett, Mrs. Harvy Cris, Miss Eva Liddle.

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. Parriss, Mrs. J. O. Hust, Mrs. Geo. McFadden, Mrs. S. C. Nelson, Mrs. W. E. Rupe.

Virginia—Mrs. A. M. Gwaltney, Miss Dasie Hutson, Mrs. J. J. Hall, Miss George 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 committee, Missouri, Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana.

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, Sub-committee, "Culture for Service; Culture in Service."

10:55—General discussion. Report of Committee on Obituaries. 11:20—Intermission. 11:30—Recommendations of Sunday school board. Dr. J. M. Frost, secretary, "New Lines of Work" Questions. Answered by Dr. J. M. Frost.

12:00—Reports of State Central committees, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida. 12:15—Presentation of mission literature. NEW BUSINESS. 12:55—Closing religious exercises, Mrs. J. Pollard, Maryland.

1:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

has been and the sympathy and co-operation of the ministers of the state so heartily enlisted in its future growth.

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.

With more than three quarters of a century behind it, the experimental stage of woman's capability for organized work in missions had long since passed.

At Richmond, May 1888, the woman's meeting was convened, composed on roll call of thirty-two delegates from twelve states.

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, as secretary.

The general methods of work may be indicated under four heads, viz.: Constant correspondence; systematic distribution of missionary literature to states; formation of societies; and circulation of special plans of collection; and annual meetings for conference and action.

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE ETC. Leaflets, 1,236,887 Christmas envelopes, 573,852 Mission prayer cards, 138,646

Brick and sheet cards, 85,258 Centennial certificates, 143,886 Papers, 15,988

The special plans inaugurated by the Woman's Missionary Union have been: (1) Christmas Offering; (2) Cuban Brick; (3) W. M. U. Department in Frontier Mission Journal; (4) Boxes to Frontier Missionaries; (5) Week of 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 and Certificate; (11) Band Department in Frontier Mission Journal; (12) Furnishing Cuban Hospital; (13) Work Among Foreign Populations in America; (14) Work Among Colored Women and Children; (15) Week of Self Denial.

MONEYED RESULTS. As a point of departure we refer general organization, the year 1887 reported probably \$17,000 as Woman's Society contributions to home and foreign missions.

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1896 Foreign, 22,799.55 Home, 33,542.64

Total for eight years, \$195,668.27 \$161,489.81 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 pass—

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."

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) the board practically without income, even having to borrow money to cover its necessary expenses.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD AS A CREDITED AGENCY 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 favored it 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 HOME 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 altogether, in Bibles and books and tracts.

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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.

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.

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

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