

[APPENDIX A.] On Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: Intemperance in the use of intoxicating spirits is an evil of long standing. The increase of years has not weakened its power to work iniquity.

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Theological fund—principal and interest \$20,004 106,000

Even the above named amount, collected, and so invested as to enable the Board to control the interest annually, would sustain the College at its present position. So thoroughly convinced are your Board of the necessity of collecting that portion of the fund which is now due, that they have appointed Bro. Foster, of Clinton, Green Co., Treasurer, and they propose to commit to him this delicate, but important work.

It was of great importance to the prosperity of the Institution that several thousand dollars should be secured and wisely expended in the purchase of a library. But from the time of the first of 1854, up to the date of your Session in April, 1857, no efficient measures had been taken to supply this acknowledged want.

The Trustees of the Judson Institute have the pleasure of reporting to the Convention the continued and increasing prosperity of the Institution, under their charge. The present session has opened with a larger number of pupils than any preceding—212 having entered at the present date.

[APPENDIX D.] Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

That it is the first duty of a Christian people to furnish their own country with the preaching of the Gospel, cannot, for a moment, be questioned. The laws of nature, the promptings of humanity, the love of our own land, all concur in the teachings of revelation in enforcing this important principle.

Your Committee would urge upon the churches of our State the necessity of more earnest prayer in behalf of Domestic and Indian Missions.

[APPENDIX G.] Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Missionary Enterprise demands our highest consideration from the command of our Lord to "go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Constitutional liberty is known in Christian countries only. Where toleration prevails, and the Bible is read, the human mind acts freely, improves rapidly, and invents wonderfully, as exhibited in the reformation of the sixteenth century, as displayed in the British Empire, as developed, most perfectly, in these United States.

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Sunday School Convention.

The True Union, Baltimore, the talented and useful organ of the Baptists of Maryland, has a leading article on the recent Nashville Sunday School Convention, in its last issue.

It cannot be that its name imports without undermining the Publication Society already established. Against any measure having even a tendency that way, we as a portion of the Southern Baptist family enter our solemn protest.

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The Benefit of Baptism.

A writer in one of our Pedagogic exchanges, holds the following language, with respect to this ordinance: "I regard it as a primary means of grace; in my judgment it does a sinners work to be publicly joined to the church by the mode of baptism—to be thus publicly disconnected from the world; it assists him very much in his religious career."

