

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."—*Acts iv.* 1

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bring to our shoregathering thousands from all the nations of the old world. Our Western territories are filling up from these sources, as well as from the increasing population of our own country, with a rapidity unparalleled in the history of any nation. It is a question, therefore, whether we will give grants, or shall they prove a curse to us? This is a question the Christian portion of our people will have to decide. Politicians cannot do it. Let us leave that to the secular ministry and the law. We, the Christian people, for God they will first be made, and then the secular arm will take care to prepare to share the blessings of civil liberty. It is only by the means of the Gospel that this immense crude material can ever be assimilated by our glorious Republic. Let us be the Lion and the Lamb. Let us be the Lion, and we will not become the Ox, but the Ox the Lion. Let us be the Lion with a healthy Christianity pervading our entire country, we shall be able to incorporate these material

Again: It is a matter of infinite importance that our means of evangelization should keep pace with that tide of emigration which is rolling Westward with a velocity almost incredible. We know from experience and observation, that those denominations which first occupy a new country are most apt to be the predominate denomination in its future history. If, therefore, we are to be successful in the principles which we believe are the true form of Christianity, where they will command the most controlling and far-reaching influence, let us send our ministers with their Bibles to accompany those emigrants who fall the first trees of our vast Western wilderness.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions for the adoption of this Convention:

- 1st. *Resolved*, That our Domestic Mission Board has an undiminished hold upon the prayers, the sympathies, and the benevolent consideration of this Convention.
- 2d. *Resolved*, That it is no less our duty as Christians than as patriots to aid in supplying the destitute regions of our own beloved country with the Gospel, and that the institutions are the products, and to which it looks for their perpetuation.
- 3d. *Resolved*, That in giving the Gospel to the destitute of our country we not only manifest the highest and best form of patriotism, but we furnish at the same time the most indubitable testimony that we are followers of our Lord.
- 4th. *Resolved*, That we will redouble our efforts during the coming year to increase the means of the Board to supply the immense destitution which is constantly appealing to it for aid. SAMUEL HENDERSON, Ch'n.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—As an act of simple justice to the Domestic Board, we feel it our duty to make the following statement: Some months ago, an article appeared in the *N. Y. Examiner*, a Baptist journal, one of whose correspondents had written to the said Domestic Board, that because there was an average of *sixty per cent.* paid by our several Boards on all monies collected and disbursed to agents, secretaries, &c., &c., and that only about forty cents in each dollar contributed ever reached the object for which the contribution was made. We notice a publication in the last *Home*

learn that for the last four years, the entire expense of every description of raising and disbursing the money paid into their treasury is about 18 per cent. This statement will prove satisfactory to every one who is willing for secretaries and agents to live.

(APPENDIX C.)

**Report on Periodicals.**

The periodical literature of the present age has assumed an importance which it is difficult to estimate. It embraces every department of science. It seeks to gratify the tastes of all classes, and ranges boundlessly in the regions of fiction. Its influence extends to all, furnishing them with ideas, controlling their opinions, forming their tastes, and directing their conduct. This movement, like a torrent which is both beautiful and dangerous, cannot, and ought not, to be stopped, but it requires the wisest heads and soundest hearts to direct it into safe and useful channels.

That philosophy which directs the universe of a God, must be rebuked by that clearer light which shows the hand of a Creator in every movement, and that science which attempts to explain the tangible and visible object, which is derived from the garbure of nature must receive additional refinement from the moral life and loveliness of the mind. Religion must be presented in its dignity, in its truthfulness, in its hopes, where the imagination may move up and down without limit.

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improvement, the taste, the liberality of the present age, and imbue it with morality and religion, then the children that are now approaching maturity will resort to other sources, and will, with their studies, imbibe the philosophy and indelicacy which debauch the ruler of the universe. Let us then encourage those periodicals of taste and genius which come down every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and which exalts literature by the presence of a pervading Deity.

Without specifying any particular periodicals outside of our particular country, we proceed to the passage containing the following resolutions:

*Resolved, That we encourage the circulation of those gentlemanly papers, the Commission and the Hine & Foreign Journal.*

*Resolved, That we recommend the more extensive circulation and encouragement of our own State paper, the South Western Baptist, that its editors may be enabled to make those improvements, which the present state of literature and rapid advancement now demand.*

But in the adoption of this resolution we express no opinion in reference to the late controversy to which said paper was a party, nor does this Convention hold itself responsible for said controversy.

D. P. BESTOR,  
W. H. MCINTOSH.

(APPENDIX E.)

**Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute**  
*To the President and members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*  
 The Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, in making the annual report to the Convention, beg leave to state that the Institution was never in a more flourishing condition than at this time. The present session opened with as large a number of pupils as usual, and constant accessions encourage us to believe that the Judson is annually growing in favor with its friends and patrons. Since our last report the new building has been completed and furnished throughout, and the capacity of the Institute is now ample and sufficient to receive all the pupils who are disposed to attend at their patronage. Mr. J. H. Lide and his lady have been employed to take charge of the Steward's department, commencing with the present session and we are happy to state that they are giving entire satisfaction. Prof. Sherman has spared no pains or expense to procure the best talent to assist him in his arduous duties, and in this he has fully realized his expectations. The last session closed July 1st. The number of pupils were about 24. The health of the young ladies during the session was remarkably good. A case of serious illness occurring during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 E. D. KING, Pres.

S. H. FOWLES, Sec'y.

### Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

It is true much has been done for the conversion of the world already, yet the commission given by the Savior to his disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature, is not complied with. There are millions of the human race who have heard the Gospel, but have not received it. The Gospel has been felt to some extent. But we do not feel it as sensibly as did the Apostle Paul when he said I have a heaviness and continued sorrow in my heart for my brethren, the Jews. The Gospel is God's method of saving men, and the heathen are enlightened and saved, we must send it to them. If, then, it is our duty to give the Gospel to the heathen, it is also our duty to give it to the Jews. A great and good work, a work in which angels would delight to engage. It is no less our duty now than formerly to devote ourselves to it. We have no excuse for withholding our service. When God shall call on us for the talents we owe to us to give us to the new work, then we shall be hard men reaping where they have not sown. It will not be sufficient excuse at the bar of God to say we did not think he needed our aid. Devoted and self denying men are needed to preach to the destitute, Asia and Africa are ready to receive the Gospel. We have in these lands abun-

been in vain. They have under God been instrumental in the conversion  
of souls during the past year. We believe before the world is con-  
verted to God, Christians must be more prayerful and self-denying at  
literal. We in compliance with a resolution passed by this body, recommen-  
Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May as a day of fasting and prayer  
for the blessing of God on the labors of our missionaries. Home as well  
Foreign.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. GREATH, chm.

The above report was amended by appending the following resolution, viz.,  
Whereas, the number of missionaries in the foreign field ought to be large  
increased, and resolutions were passed by this body in 1874, therefore

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of I. T. Tichenor, A. Van Hoo-  
and C. F. Sturges be appointed to endeavor to secure at least ten addition  
missionaries for the State of Alabama, and as they shall find suitable men  
arrange with associations, churches or individuals for their support in con-  
nection with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(APPENDIX J.)

**Report on Sabbath Schools.**

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that an increasing interest  
is felt in the subject of the religious instruction of the children connects  
with our congregations, and efforts are made to embrace even the children  
of parents who never attend the sanctuary. We have seen at least one  
noble-hearted man engaged in this cause, and he has secured the aid of  
the children of our land, traveling from place to place, visiting churches  
of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian denominations alike. Upon this  
mission we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st, *Resolved*, That in the subject of this Convention, sufficient attention  
has not yet been given to this view by our denomination either in regard  
to the establishment of Sabbath schools in connection with our churches  
or in the preparation and selection of suitable Sabbath school books.

2d, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention encouragement  
should be given to the preparation and use of Baptist Sabbath school books  
in all schools connected with our churches.

3d, *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend to the churches of this  
State the establishment of a Sabbath school in connection with each church











