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teresciel brethern and sisters to cooperate with pastors and agents in securing new names. May we not depend upon all to do this? Now is the time to make the effort. Will not our pastors kindly outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new terms from their pulpits used Sinday outlest the new factors of the Coursellon Court of the Coursellon Court of the Coursellon Court of the Sinday of the Court of the Sinday of the Court o

me.
While it may be that the affairs of our While it may be that the affairs of our denomination in this city are now at a crisis, I am nevertheless persuaded that the possibilities of our Baptist churches are most hopeful and inspiring; for the discouragements arising from the emergeocies that burdened some of your churches with debts, need not be disheartening. These debts are not beyond the means of your people. If they seem formidable to the congregations that carry them, they are not such to the denomination, which, as a whole, is concerned with the churches that are responsible for their obligations; for it must not be forgotten, in your present situation, that the interest of

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your present situation, that the interest of
each church is the interest of all the
churches.

There are in the city and its suburbs six,
churches, with an aggregate membership
of 2000. Suppose the whole indebtedness
of the churches for their houses of worship
of \$30,000, that would be an indebtedness
of \$15 per capita &r each member of the
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payments of \$1.50, three years
would be long enough to cancel the principle
and interest of the entire endombrance.

It may be replied, many of our members
could not pay \$6 r year. True, but many
others could pay from \$200 to \$500 a year,
if by such sacrifice an end could be secured
\$5 desirable as this. It may be replied
\$5 again—"What is averybody's business is
chooldy's business." Most assuredly. It
must therefore be the special business of
men whose personal interest, a denominational loyalty, will stimulate them on to an
assured success.

If what I thus write may seem presump-

Brief as my stay is this goodly only has been, I have found myself deeply interest ed in the affairs of our Baptiat cause.

In the first place, the substantial character of your buildings, sepecially those the of the burned district, the business blocks education, so., all these features in myself of the elegant residence—not to mention the well paved streets, and the sightly location, so., all these features impressed me favorably with St. John as a most attractive city.

Whatever depression may be full in business enterprises, at present, must be but at supportary restensit a people that have rises from the calamities of such a free state which wasted so much of property and peralysed the societies of truck a remove at the which wasted so much of property and peralysed the societies of truck a remove and the point of departure for the commencement of the province, this city has a future that will one day rown her with a revived and praylined throughout the Provinces. It seeks that kindles with enthusiasm as I stoce the strength of the province, this city has a future that will one day rown her with a revived and praylined the point of departure for the commencement of the province, this city has a future that will one day rown her with a revived and praylined the point of departure for the commence of the province, this city has a future that will one day rown her with a revived and praylined the point of departure for the commence of the province, this city has a future that will one day rown her with a revived and grand propegation.

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How it may are represented to the causes that have led up to our present embarrasment, I now proceed to offer a suggestion or two, that if followed many tend to induce larger giving on the part of the churches, and which also may have the effect of improving our financial position.

And first, it is of great importance that the church members understand that the amount centributed by them to the work of the Lord is not a benevolence or a gratuity, but the payment of a debt, and no less a debt, because the amount cantibuted by them to the work of the Lord is not a benevolence or a gratuity, but the payment of a debt, and no less a debt, because the amount has been fixed by no cast iron rule.

During the Jewish theocracy with its dim and uncertain light, the people were in a state of pupillage, and it was on that account requisite that positive laws should be enacted for their governance, as a child is controlled by fixed rules because, from its tender and immature age, it has not the knowledge and experience necessary to guide itself aright, and therefore we find that a Jow was required to give a tenth part of his income for religious purposes. This was obligatory on him, and was in consequence a debt, created such by Divins command, but as a child increases in years, and reason and judgment assert their sway, we gradually release the rigidity of the rules laid down, and enunciating certain principles to regulate his conduct, leave more and more to his discretion. Under the present dispensation we are children of a larger growth, and therefore instead of re-enacting the fixed rule that regulated the Jows, the new testament furnishes us with motives that should control our actions, predominant among which is love to the Master and His cause, for the control in the control of th

know how many of the members are able to be contributors, and would alon keep a to be contributors, and would alon keep a time cocur in any shareh.

2. It would be his duty to allot to each church such proportion of the whole sum required for denominational purposes as, from the information gained, he was assured it was within the ability of the church for raise. — This would mechanism to the proposition of the Courseline achieve. responsible for the payment of one dollar per capita of the entire membership, and not each individual church as now liable Convention, and so, all apology for wi-holding all contributions will be tak away, while the wealthier churches their eglarged contributions would bear burden their weaker, bestiren are una to carry, and the exchequer loss nothin 3. To open a separate account with eve church, debiting it with the ann allott as its quota, and crediting the amour remitted:

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4. If any church failed in whole or part in sending forward at a stated period—say quarterly—its quota, the officer would lose no time-is finding out the reason why, and taking measures to prevent its recurrence, remembering that the hardest of all monies to be collected are monies in arrears. In cases such as the unexpected return of a missionary, etc., he would be empowered to call for extra contributions, where necessary, to meet the emergency.

5. He would pay over to the Treasurer of the Boafes the several amounts coming to them under the Convention scale.

At the meeting of Convention;

1. It would be the duty of this officer, to report the income for the past year, whence derived, and how expended; to what extent churches had failed to pay the monies alloted to them, and how far the money fell short of a dollar for each Eaptist member.

2. He would account for avery cent con-

into a country relations of a country of a country of the would account for every cent contributed, and we should then not be left in doubt as to what becomes of the 5 per cent of the Convention monies, supposed to form an "expense and emergency fund," but of the real application of which, no one seems to have any knowledge. runs, but of the real application of which, no one seems to have any knowledge, except that some have a hazy notion that it goes towards remunerating a Bergentleman for the labour bestowed in periodically dividing up and transmitting the monies to the various Boards—a herenlean

task surely; occupying Lahould presume some six days of the twelve months.

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