

society was organized. It lives and flourishes. Since then she has organized many; and the lesson for our young people is: Do not decline when asked to do a good work, even if you feel weak. Do what you can. God can strengthen you.

The sessions of the G. C. M. C. were presided over by Bro. Allan, of Chicago, and the business moved on smoothly and rapidly. There was little, if any, unnecessary talk, but a great deal of necessary work. The committees to whom work was given reported promptly, and their reports were nearly always adopted as read. Bro. Hardin's report of the work done was concise and interesting. With it he gave a map, showing where work had been done during the year. It was either he, or Bro. Muckley, corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Board, who told the story of how these maps are valued by some. A bundle had been sent to a preacher for distribution among the members of his congregation, that their interest in the Lord's work might be increased. But instead of being so used they were thrown aside and finally adorned the walls of the hen house. The hens probably were as much interested in them as the preacher was in the work. Perhaps the finest address during this convention was the one delivered by C. C. Smith, the corresponding secretary of the Board of Negro Evangelization and Education. It was regarded by many as the finest presentation of the Negro question that they had ever heard. This corresponding secretary has passed through hard times. He has been introduced as the Negro corresponding secretary of evangelization. He has heard it announced that "our colored Bro. Smith will now address the meeting." The time of that ignorance he winked at, but he now calls upon them all to repent. It was during this convention that Dr. Hatcher, of Richmond, read the reply of the Southern Baptists to the communication on Christian union which the Disciples had sent to that denomination. The rejoinder advised that a committee of scholarly men be selected by each body, and that they meet and discuss the question of unity. It was evident from the reply of the Southern Baptists that they have not yet discovered the true basis of Christian union; for it is their aim to have this committee discuss speculative questions and metaphysical subtleties. President Pendleton made a brief and courteous, but telling reply. Some desired that the committee be appointed at once, but President Loos said there was no need of great haste, as union seemed to be a long way off. However, the committee will be chosen during the year and the names presented to the next convention.

The F. C. M. S. held its first session on Wednesday afternoon. It had a splendid report to present through Bro. McLean. The hearts of all who are interested in foreign missions were overflowing with gratitude. At the same time none could fail to be convinced of the magnitude of the work that is yet to be done, and of the importance of a forward movement. Key-note addresses were delivered during the sessions. Beside that one by Bro. Lhamon, on the Glory of the Missionary Character, already referred to, there was one by A. P. Cobb on Missions and the Conscience, one by J. J. Spenser on the Love of Christ Constrains Us, and one by J. H. Garrison on World-wide Missions as a Motive to Christian Unity. It would be well if these addresses could ring in the ears of the brotherhood as they shall continue to echo in the ears of those who heard them.

There are many things to note about these meetings as a whole. The attendance was large from the first to the last. The devotional meeting, with which the sessions opened, were excellent. The singing was hearty and harmonious and general. The prayers breathed the spirit of true devotion and were definite in thanksgiving

and requests. The exhortations were warm-hearted and practical. There was no confusion during the meetings and no wrangling—such as is sometimes seen in even religious gatherings. At times things were viewed differently, but there was a general desire to subordinate individual preferences to the common good. It is pleasant to see brethren dwell together in unity.

On Sunday a large number of the Richmond pulpits were filled by the visiting preachers. To the writer's surprise he was appointed to preach in the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church, and the appointment was made without even asking him if he were prepared to do so. He tried to have some one more worthy substituted, but found that what the "Location Committee" had written they had written. He then tried to console himself with the thought that it may be only a mission church, but his surprise was great when he found six or seven hundred people present. It so happened that he had with him the outline of a sermon which he preached the Sunday before—on Loving the Unseen—and, with a few additions, he adapted it and himself to the circumstances.

The conventions for 1895 go to Dallas, Texas. Denver wanted them and tried hard to secure them. On every side were little reminders, "Denver wants the convention for 1885." Pictures of the new Central church were hanging around. Many thought that Denver would be chosen. The committee to select the place concluded that it would not be well to go so far west after being out in the east this year, and so they named St. Louis as the place of meeting for next year. Then W. K. Homan, editor, preacher and lawyer, put in a plea for Dallas, Texas; and when he was through every one seemed to be anxious to go to Dallas, even W. S. Priest, who had pleaded for Denver, and the committee that had recommended St. Louis. There are some things in Texas that need to be killed, and they shall probably be crushed beneath the feet of the marching hosts of 1895. There are some interests that need to be fostered and developed, and the presence of so many loyal, earnest, consecrated workers will be very helpful.

There is much more that should be said, but let this suffice. Many prayers went up for the success of the work of the year now ended, and success crowned the year. Let everyone pray that this year may be even more successful. We can help by our prayers, even if we cannot do much in any other way.

Home Mission Notes.

ATTENTION.—We are glad to announce that Bro. T. H. Blenus has decided to labor in this field and in a few weeks will begin work as our evangelist. We have succeeded at last in securing a capable preacher. We now appeal to all the brethren for their hearty support in order to carry out this work. We are now pledged to pay a large amount of money, and we feel sure that every one who has the cause at heart will help us to meet our obligations. Bro. Blenus is making a sacrifice in coming here. Shall we not sacrifice something to sustain the preaching of the gospel?

We have had the pleasure and profit of hearing Bro. W. F. Shaw, of Halifax. We can assure the brethren that he is a worthy, earnest and excellent preacher. In supporting him and the church in Halifax they are doing a wise and permanent work.

We hope to hear from the Sunday-schools this month and next in response to the request of our annual meeting. If other dates are not arranged for, would it not be well to take up a collection for home missions the Sunday before Christmas, and thus teach the children to give to extend the kingdom of him who gave himself for them?

The young church at Keswick sends a good collection this month. They are letting their light shine.

Twenty students of the college of the Bible, Lexington, during their vacation held thirty-six meetings, adding 681 to the churches.

Kansas mission board reports additions: 1890, 490; 1891, 1,936; 1892, 2,500; 1893, 3,900; 1894, 6,335. If they keep on increasing they will soon have the state.

Bro Romig's meetings at Sioux Falls resulted in 139 additions.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse and get the blessings promised.

The following comparison between the work in Ontario, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, during the past year, is encouraging to the provinces by the sea:

	Ontario.	N. B. & N. S.
Churches commuting, . . .	67	20
Churches contributing to		
Home Missions, . . .	38	12
Amount collected, . . .	\$1,700 00	\$726 00
Average for each Church, . . .	45 00	65 00
Churches regular preaching, . . .	38	16
Preachers, . . .	16	8
New churches organized, . . .	3	3
Additions, . . .	273	257

Under the Mission Board of Missouri during the last ten years, there has been over 31,000 additions—4,000 of which were added during the past year. The Disciples have now the largest membership in church and Sunday-school of any Protestant body in that State. There are 1,393 churches with 134,000 members; Sunday-schools, 1,102; preachers 722; buildings, 922; church property, \$2,122,000; raised for mission work in the state, \$80,625; beyond the state, \$19,867; schools, orphanages, endowment, \$29,571; local church work, \$513,400; Total for all purposes, \$643,534. A gain of \$15,000 over last year.

The following extracts on missionary methods in Missouri, by E. C. Browning, in the *St. Louis Evangelist*, and are worth a careful reading:—

"Our state work has been carried on with varied success. If we have made mistakes, the mistakes compared with our successes are as mole hills compared to mountains. Our membership has more than doubled in ten years, which is due largely to our co-operation.

"You can no more estimate the good done by our organized mission work, from the number of accessions obtained directly through it, than you can estimate the work of the men of God mentioned above, by the number of persons baptized.

"The help to the preachers, and all the members of co-operating churches, is incalculable. It expands the mind, stimulates the spiritual faculties, relegates selfishness to the background, and advances all religious interests. Find the most prosperous churches, and you will find them forward in mission work; while the decadence of the isolated church is only a matter of time, and usually very short time; and the preacher that stands aloof from these enterprises speedily becomes a fossil. This is universal experience. The conclusion, then, is this: For the sake of the cause we love, the salvation of the souls of men, the upbuilding of character, and hence of society; for the Father who loves us; for the Christ who redeemed us; for the church he purchased with his blood; for the memory of the grand men and women gone before; for our own improvement and upbuilding; for the good of earth, and the hope of heaven; we ought to cherish support and perfect our missionary organizations, and rest not until with our faces heavenward, and panicked with the armor of righteousness, we pass victoriously from the Christian's battleground."