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180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.

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1879-1880.

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GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Thirtieth Anniversary.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., *October 23, 1879, 2 P. M.*

The thirtieth annual meeting of the General Christian Missionary Convention assembled at the Christian Chapel, in the city of Bloomington, Illinois, at the above named time. The president, Dr. W. H. Hopson, having called the meeting to order, invited L. H. Jameson to conduct the devotional exercises, who read Isa. li., and led in prayer. After singing a hymn, A. I. Hobbs, pastor of the Bloomington Church, read telegrams from Bethany, West Virginia, announcing the partial destruction of our college building there.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Credentials.—J. W. Mountjoy, Missouri; J. T. Toof, Illinois; W. A. Belding, New York; George Darsie, Kentucky, and J. H. Stover, Indiana.

On Order of Business.—A. I. Hobbs, Illinois; T. P. Haley, Missouri; C. C. Cline, Kentucky; R. Moffett, Ohio, and F. M. Kirkham, Iowa.

The Committee on Order of Business reported as follows, which was adopted:

Thursday Afternoon.

1. Enrollment of delegates.
2. Report of the Board.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Oral reports from State Evangelists.
6. Short addresses.
7. Adjournment at 5 P. M.

Thursday, 7 P. M.

1. 7-7:30.—Devotional exercises, to be led by J. N. Smith, of Iowa.
2. The President's Address.

The Committee on Enrollment then made the following complete report:

ENROLLMENT.

LIFE DIRECTORS.

West Virginia.—W. K. Pendleton.

Missouri.—D. P. Henderson.

Ohio.—R. M. Bishop, Mrs. R. M. Bishop.

New York.—W. A. Belding.

Kentucky.—O. A. Bartholomew.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Missouri.—T. P. Haley, Mrs. S. F. Eastin.

Ohio.—F. M. Green.

Kentucky.—Dr. W. H. Hopson.

West Virginia.—Mrs. W. K. Pendleton, Mrs. Alex. Campbell.

Illinois.—L. R. Norton.

DELEGATES FROM STATES.

Illinois.—A. I. Hobbs, N. S. Haynes, M. M. Goode, N. E. Cory, Ira J. Chase, G. W. Mapes, F. M. Bruner, H. W. Everest, R. D. Cotton, J. H. Wright, W. F. Richardson, W. F. Eastman, M. R. Elder, R. B. Colcord, J. W. Allen.

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Indiana.—L. H. Jameson, E. L. Frazier, J. H. McCullough, S. J. Tomlinson, S. K. Hoshour, J. M. Darnall, R. L. Howe, A. B. Mastin, O. F. Lane, J. H. Stover, Mrs. R. T. Brown, O. A. Burgess.

Virginia.—C. S. Lucas.

Ohio.—R. Moffett, Isaac Errett, A. S. Hayden, T. J. Clapp, R. M. Bishop, J. H. Rosecrans, W. B. Ebbert, R. S. Groves, R. G. White, H. S. Bosworth.

Iowa.—F. M. Kirkham, D. R. Lucas, J. N. Smith, J. H. Painter, B. W. Johnson, Simpson Ely.

New York.—W. A. Belding.

Colorado.—W. H. Williams.

Kentucky.—P. B. Wiles, Geo. Darsie, Enos Campbell, B. S. Campbell, W. C. Molton, S. M. Jefferson, O. A. Bartholomew, J. W. McGarvey, Miss Mary A. Myers, Dr. W. H. Hopson, Mrs. P. B. Wiles, Preston Taylor (colored), C. C. Cline.

Wisconsin.—Ira Parmley, H. T. Morrison, Mrs. Ira Parmley.

VISITORS.

Illinois.—A. H. Trowbridge, Asa Dunham, T. J. Barton, W. H. Johnson, B. E. Bowman, John Lindsey, C. H. Caton, Geo. W. Minier, M. H. Tipton, John B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Naramore, Mr. and Mrs. John Gunzen-

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Kentucky.—Mrs. P. J. Smith.

Iowa.—Lucy S. Scott, Marinda Loomis, Mrs. D. R. Stephens, C. W. Moore.

Indiana.—W. P. Applegate, Mrs. E. M. Hinman, Miss Ray Piety, Mrs. R. L. Howe.

Connecticut.—Mrs. E. J. Toof.

The Corresponding Secretary, F. M. Green, then read the report of the Board for the year, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

DELEGATES AND BRETHREN:—We are again at the close of another missionary year, and it becomes our duty to present to you a report of the work undertaken, by your authority, during the year.

FINANCIAL.

We entered upon the duty assigned to us with no money in our treasury, but with the firm belief that if we made an effort to do something worthy, the brethren would come to our support. In this we have not been disappointed, as the following financial statement will show:

Receipts.

Cash receipts from all sources.....	\$ 6,029 09
Notes (thirty).....	15,475 00
Bequests (one).....	2,000 00
Total.....	\$23,504 09

Expenses.

Expenses for all purposes.....	\$5,883 27
In treasury at this date (cash).....	145 82
Notes and bequests.....	17,475 00
Total.....	23,504 09

It ought to be said of the notes, etc., referred to above, that they are not at present available; but they are supposed to be good.

Summarized by States, the cash receipts are as follows:

California.....	1	contribution.....	\$ 50
Wyoming Territory.....	1	".....	1 00
Connecticut.....	1	".....	10 00
Maryland.....	1	".....	10 00
Vermont.....	2	".....	11 55
Nebraska.....	4	".....	161 15
Florida.....	2	".....	9 28
Tennessee.....	2	".....	8 72
Kansas.....	2	".....	5 65
Minnesota.....	3	".....	9 00
South Carolina.....	3	".....	53 00
Georgia.....	6	".....	24 05
Iowa.....	4	".....	66 00
West Virginia.....	4	".....	11 80
New Mexico.....	2	".....	60 00
Virginia.....	6	".....	20 56
Wisconsin.....	6	".....	52 32
Canada.....	1	".....	75 00
Michigan.....	8	".....	81 92
New York.....	20	".....	393 50
Pennsylvania.....	20	".....	298 20
Kentucky.....	38	".....	446 99
Illinois.....	58	".....	469 54
Indiana.....	50	".....	562 92
Missouri.....	78	".....	370 57
Ohio.....	181	".....	1,312 17
(Contributions came from 138 churches and thirty Sunday-schools.)			
Interest on Bacon Bequest.....			40 58
Hymn Book Fund (1878).....			394 79
" " (1879).....			1,000 00
Collection at Cincinnati.....			69 43
Total receipts.....			\$6,029 09

It is now ten full years since the organization of the General Christian Missionary Convention with its present Constitution. The following table will show the cash receipts each year into the General Treasury, exclusive of what was raised, by States co-operating, for local State work:

1870.....	\$4,529 91	1876.....	\$6,061 84
1871.....	4,308 15	1877.....	4,726 77
1872.....	2,801 04	1878.....	2,237 11
1873.....	4,158 89	1879.....	6,029 09
1874.....	5,172 28		
1875.....	4,671 10	Total.....	\$44,696 18

Of this amount, \$7,817.43 are the proceeds of the sale of the Hymn Book.

This statement shows that, notwithstanding the fearful battle which the Society has been compelled to fight against: (1) The alienations produced by the late war; (2) The general poverty of the people, caused by the financial crash of 1873; (3) The indifference of a large number to any co-operative missionary work, and (4) the open, terrible hostility of others, the Society has lost no ground; but has been steadily advancing, until its present prospects, if not flattering, are at least substantial.

WORK DONE.

The field of our operations during the year has included Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Through the aid rendered by us, Bro. R. C. Barrow has been kept in the field all his time in Nebraska. He has preached 297 sermons and added 136 members to the church—of which number, sixty-nine were baptized. He has not been able to do a tithe of what ought to be done in that rapidly growing State, or to respond to a hundred cries for help. But he has "done what he could."

The following extracts from his report to us will give you some idea of the condition of Nebraska: "I think the prospects for successful missionary work in Nebraska are better than ever before. The vast region north of the Platte River, nearly one-half of the State, and in which we have but five small congregations, seems in a very favorable condition to receive the gospel. I am now working successfully in this field. Isolated brethren on our rapidly settling western border are writing for aid; and almost all say, 'I believe a large congregation could be built up here.' In closing the labors of the year, I am saddened by the contemplation of the great work that could apparently be done had we the men and means to accomplish it. A faithful and persistent effort will establish a church at almost any point in our State. The people are far more susceptible and ready to receive the truth than they are in older States, where church relations are firmly established. I have labored, as best I could, in Nebraska for fourteen years, and sometimes think I ought to *rest*; but with such precious interests at stake, and so many souls to save, I can not rest till I reach my Father's house. The future is with God."

In South Carolina Bro. J. L. Burnas has been employed all of his time since January 1, 1879. The results of his labors for eight months are 150 sermons and forty additions to the church—twenty by baptism. He has visited Newberry, Helena, Greenwood and Hodges regularly, and Shiloh and Antioch occasionally. He has also visited the western part of the State, and held protracted meetings at Enon, Bethany and Union. These meetings were all successful. In his report, he says: "All this labor has been accomplished against great opposition by the various denominations. All of them are united in their efforts against the Disciples of Christ. Considering all of the circumstances by which we have been surrounded, we have all reason to be thankful for the good that has been done. All the honor, under the blessing of God, is due to the General Missionary Board, for their aid to the brethren here; without it there would not have been any preacher in this western portion of the State. These brethren still need the fostering care and support of the General Missionary Convention in order to hold the ground already won. I do not think there is a field in all the States that should command the energies of the Board more than this portion of South Carolina."

By the appropriation of a small sum, Bro. J. A. Perdue was enabled to give one-fourth of his time at a destitute point in Georgia. He has preached twenty sermons and baptized two persons. He has, in many ways, brought the claims of the Missionary Society to the attention of the churches where he has labored. Six churches have co-operated with us during the year and have contributed to our treasury \$24.05. There are some brave men in Geor-