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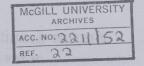
Hours & dear Sii

Touviel notice by the rueloses circular that among the topics to be discussed at our approaching Convention un Foronts is one relating to "the use of the Beble in our associations." The second division of the topsi calls attention to the use of the Bible as a means of custruction! His cie the discussion of this portion of the subject that our committee

have desired me to ack you to

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m count this the most unpertant subject before us. Fras by you in the Conventions supplied is has been Card upon its discussion I as one well we find that, while fevr y Ears ago one in very Eight of the association in the anter States maintained Bible Claries, now one in way three infour rejoure un encha class. me samesty hope it will be Jessible for you to be with us about meeting of out of the long of ripe rependence you have had in the work to help the hundry, of Christian youngemen from all raits of the Continent to make a better use of the Bible. With cordial regard from Every men but our committee, believe me with ven surere respect your fraternally RichaedOllorly P.S. The journey & risit at Foronto will of course be pre of Expense to you.



STATEMENT.

At the International Convention in Richmond (May 26-29), the Associations and States represented gave reports of unprecedented progress. Brethren from the South and the West, and from among the Germans, testified to the great blessing which had followed the visitations conducted among them the past year, under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Convention. They urged so powerfully the continuance of this important work, that the 330 Delegates at Richmond, from 30 States and Provinces, deemed it an absolute necessity to instruct the Committee to send out the present year the experienced visitors who are ready to go, into the following important fields:

- 1. In the South.—T. K. Cree and G. A. Hall, visitors. These gentlemen last winter visited 30 leading cities, from Virginia to Texas, travelling over 6,000 miles. To the churches along their route as many as 800 converts were added, and 50 delegates from 28 places came to Richmond to learn about the Association work, and to ask for the continued labors of these brethren.
- 2. At the West.—Robert Weidensall, visitor, who last year organized the efficient State Committee of Minnesota, visiting extensively and usefully in that State and in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. He is urgently asked for to continue this work in the States of the North-West.
- 3. Among the Germans.—F. Von Schluembach last Spring visited 20 of our large cities from New Haven to St. Louis, labored among Christian Germans, organizing them for work in behalf of young men. He was greatly blessed in his labors, and is ready to continue and extend them the coming year.
- 4. AMONG RAILROAD MEN.—The Association in Cleveland, Ohio, has offered to the Committee the services of Messrs. Lang Sheaff and G. W. Cobb—brethren experienced in Christian work among Railroad men—for occasional visitation of Railroad centres, where this work can be organized. The Committee will be called upon to defray simply the travelling expenses of these gentlemen.
- 5. Among Colored Young Men at the South.—Experienced Southern delegates urged the importance of labor among the colored young men, and

expressed an earnest desire that a competent visitor might be sent to promote Christian work among and for them. The Committee earnestly desire to comply with this request.

6. The work of correspondence, distribution of documents, collection of Association news and statistics at the Central Office, R. C. Morse, Secretary, and Erskine Uhl, Assistant Secretary. This work has been increased beyond all expectation by these visitations and the many inquiries following them from beginners in the Association field.

The columns of many newspapers, both secular and religious, are open as never before for items of Association intelligence. If the force in the office permitted, more liberal contributions to the press could be made, and substantial benefits would be reaped from the better appreciation of our work by the public.

- 7. Last year, Messrs. H. Thane Miller, Russell Sturgis, Jr., H. K. Porter, R. K. Remington, L. W. Munhall, T. K. Cree, H. M. Moore, M. B. Critchett, G. A. Hall, and S. A. Taggart, represented the Committee at various State and Provincial Conventions, greatly to the benefit of the cause. Like representation by these and other active brethren, in different parts of the country, is urgently called for at the Conventions of this year.
- 8. For the work, thus briefly sketched, \$20,000 is needed. More than half this sum is required for salaries, and the balance for traveling expenses, officework, postage, circulars, stationery, publications of the Committee, &c., &c. The Convention subscribed \$9,056 toward the amount named, and instructed the Committee to secure the balance from Associations not represented at Richmond, and from other friends of the cause.

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