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PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The American Christian Missionary Society met in Annual Session on Tuesday, October 20th, 1857, at the Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The President, A. Campbell, took the chair, and the meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

The first item in the order of business being the enrollment of Delegates, the names and contributions of members were entered.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to prepare business for the future sessions of the Society, consisting of brethren T. J. Murdock, A. Raines and J. P. Robison.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report was then read and accepted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the blessing of Heaven, we have been brought safely through another Missionary year, and have happily assembled to participate in the Anniversary exercises. I am truly thankful that we enjoy the gracious privilege of this occasion, that we may avail ourselves of the mutual counsels and advices of many devoted and experienced brethren from abroad. I therefore invite your attention while I proceed to make a brief report of the condition of the Society, the efforts that have been made, what has been accomplished, and our prospects.

1. The interests of the Society have been affected no little, in the loss, by death, of several distinguished brethren, especially the industrious, untiring and devoted John T. Johnson. This faithful and devoted man of God had the cause of Missions upon his soul, and made appeals to the brethren, such as generally met a hearty response. He has finished the work the Lord gave him to do, has gone to his reward and his works do follow him. Several other brethren, such as S. W. Irwin and H. W. Parrish, warm friends to the Missionary Society, are also, we trust, at rest with the fathers. We lament the loss of

these great men ; but we have bid them adieu for time, and must struggle on if we would win the prize.

2. It has been an exceedingly difficult year to raise funds. Large districts of the country, all the fore part of the year, were almost destitute of all kinds of produce for market, owing to the extended draught last year. About as soon as the produce of this year began to come into market, the general derangement and embarrassment in business has spread throughout the country. This has had much effect upon the Society. Though it is generally conceded that the words, "charity begins at home," are not Scripture of divine authority or sanctioned by sound reason, men generally act upon them. If they are a little pressed for means, they let the general Missionary Society go ; if a little more pressed, they let the State Missionary Society go ; next the church goes.

3. The previous bad fortune of our other Societies has had no little to do in embarrassing us. It is true, we harmonized at our meeting one year ago, decided upon the course to be pursued ; and as far as the matter is understood, and we have been able to hear, there is a general satisfaction with the arrangement. So far as we have been able to gather the mind of the brotherhood, we think they are generally favorable to the General Missionary Society, to operate upon foreign fields. But they prefer the State Missionary Society for our own country.

4. For the satisfaction of some brethren, a word of explanation, touching the connection of Bro. C. L. Loos with the Society, as Corresponding Secretary, may be necessary. It was known to the Society when he was appointed, from his own candid and unreserved statement, that it might turn out so that he could not serve only a short time. Still, it was hoped that it might turn out otherwise, and that his valuable services might be obtained permanently. The contingency upon which this depended, was a partial committal to another engagement. He was held to this committal, and, under all the circumstances, thought it his duty to resign and take charge of Eureka College. This was a matter of deep regret to the Board, as the Society much needed the undivided attention of the Corresponding Secretary. At the solicitation of the Board, I have acted since January 1st, as Corresponding Secretary, but hoped before this to have been released. I have had a clerk who has assisted me much all the time. I have corresponded extensively by letter, by circular and in person with the brotherhood. I have kept the matter before the brotherhood in the

public prints. In one word, I have allowed no opportunity to pass without doing all in my power to promote the interests of the Society.

5. The instruction of the Society in the annual meeting one year ago, was to make our first effort for the re-establishment of the Jerusalem Mission. This, as a matter of course, cut us off from doing anything else till this work was well provided for. This the Board has had in view and labored for with every means in its power. But, as yet, the Missionary family are not ready, nor have we the estimated amount for the outfit.

6. At an early period in the year, we determined to appoint quite a large number of agents, well-trying and reliable men, whose names and reputation would commend them to the respect of the brethren. We corresponded with many on the subject—several consented to act, and were appointed ; yet all that has been done in this way is but little. We have not been able to induce a single man to take the field and make it his work to raise funds for the Society. The work of agency among us, as a people, has become so ungracious, that but few men who can do anything at it will have anything to do with it. Several brethren have acted gratuitously and raised funds, refusing any compensation for their services, as in case of Bro. T. M. Allen, of Missouri. But, as yet, comparatively little has been done by agents, nor do I see any possibility of doing much in that way.

7. An effort was made in the General Missionary Meeting at Macomb, Illinois, to induce the churches to have stated periods to contribute for the Missionary work. The opinion appeared unanimous, that if any course could be pursued by which the matter could be brought before every church at stated periods, and contribution made for the purpose, there would be no lack of funds. An effort of the same kind has been made in the Kentucky State Missionary Society. I have advocated this in the prints, and wherever I have gone, and hoped that we would be able to induce some general action. I am still inclined to the opinion that, if our public men will give a little attention to this, they can, in a short time, induce general and regular contribution. The trouble is, and has been, that we have no general and regular action. What is done, is done by a few, and the multitudes do not do anything. The contributions this year for the Missionary Society have come from a few hundreds of brethren, in the place of coming from many thousands.

8. That there is a decided improvement in the heart of the brotherhood, this year over last, in reference to the Missionary cause, is, I

think, as evident as that a rapid improvement has taken place in many other respects. The Missionary spirit is on the increase, just in proportion as the general interests of the cause of Christ is on the increase. We must, with the principles we hold, at no very distant period, become a great Missionary people. But there has been strong prejudice against the Missionary Society. This we have labored to counteract, and, I think, to a considerable extent, it has abated. I do not believe there is now any considerable amount of prejudice against the Society, or opposition to it, any place where there would be any thing of consequence done for it, if all prejudices were removed. But it is not enough that there be no prejudice against a society of this kind. Before it can succeed, there must be an interest in its favor sufficient to induce brethren to contribute for its support. I believe that, with the general unanimity that now exists in reference to the Society, with anything like a persevering effort, something respectable will be accomplished. Still, I am sorry to be compelled to admit that the operation this year makes but a small show.

9. Dr. Barclay informs me that he hoped to be ready for his departure for Jerusalem early in September. I presume he has been providentially hindered, as he has still not informed me of his readiness. Nor have we, as yet, the estimated amount for the outfit and one year's support. Owing to the perilous voyage at this late season of the year, and some other matters unpropitious at present, it is my opinion, that for the safety of the Missionary family and the good of the Mission, he had better not depart till such time in the Spring as he may deem safe.

As to the Mission to Jamaica, but little interest has been evinced in reference to it. Bro. J. O. Beardslee, of Collamar, Ohio, visited us, recommended by sundry brethren, conversed freely with us upon the subject, was cordially and unanimously appointed agent to visit the brethren, lay the matter before them, and raise funds for the Missionary Society, in view of that Mission. We gave him every encouragement in our power, and his effort as agent, in this city, was responded to heartily. After leaving here, he wrote us in terms of encouragement; but soon after wrote again, resigning his agency. His resignation has since been accepted. Since then, nothing of consequence has been doing with an eye to that work.

Seventeen hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty-five cents have passed through my hands to the Recording Secretary, since January 1st, 1857, the time when I commenced to act as Corresponding Secretary for the Society.

I am of the same opinion expressed almost or quite unanimously by the members of the Society one year ago, and what I think the unanimous opinion of the Board, viz.: That we should have a Corresponding Secretary who could give his undivided attention to the interests of the Society. I therefore recommend that the Society, if possible, appoint such a Corresponding Secretary, when they will please accept my resignation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. FRANKLIN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

On motion of Bro. J. P. Robison, it was

Resolved, That so much of that portion of the Corresponding Secretary's Report as relates to Bro. J. O. Beardslee, be referred to a committee of three.

Whereupon the Chair appointed brethren E. Goodwin, A. Raines and C. H. Hurlbutt.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Corresponding Secretary be laid on the table until the Committee make a report.

The Reports of the Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Auditor were then read and accepted, and afterwards, on motion, adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEO. TAIT, *Treasurer*,

In account with A. C. M. SOCIETY.

	DR.
1856.	
October 24. To balance on hand as per last report,	\$1615 94
“ “ To cash at sundry times from Cor. Sec'y, . . .	3037 40
1857.	
October 12. To checks on O. L. I. and Trust Co. Bank, . . .	229 00
“ “ To uncurrent money,	3 00
	\$4885 34

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By cash paid on orders at sundry times during this year, . . \$1323 73

Balance on hand, \$3561 61

Of the balance reported on hand in treasury, there is nearly one thousand dollars not immediately available, being on deposit in the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company Bank.

GEO. TAIT, *Treasurer*.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning (Wednesday, October 21st), at 9 o'clock, the evening being occupied by the Annual Address from the President, A. Campbell, which was delivered to a densely crowded audience.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21st.—The Society met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and, after some amendments, were approved.

The Committee on Business then presented the following report:

- 1st. Enrollment of members and reception of funds.
- 2nd. Appointment of a Committee for the nomination of officers.
- 3rd. At all intervals, short voluntary speeches.
- 4th. Amendments to the Constitution.
- 5th. The propriety of making the Jerusalem Mission the first effort of the Society.
- 6th. Miscellaneous business.

The Report was then adopted.

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Corresponding Secretary's Report referring to Bro. Beardslee was then read, when Bro. B. Franklin, editor of the *Christian Age*, and Bro. J. O. Beardslee, expressed concurrence in the Report; and, on motion, the Report was adopted unanimously. The Report of said Committee is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Secretary's Report which refers to the resignation of Bro. J. O. Beardslee as agent, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and have learned that his resignation was occasioned by his mistaking the action of the editor of the *Christian Age*, in declining to publish certain documents, for the action of the Missionary Board, and that Brother Beardslee is now fully satisfied that no injustice has been done him by the Board, or by the editor of the *Age*. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the Secretary's Report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH GOODWIN,	} Com.
AYLETTE RAINES,	
CHAS. D. HURLBUTT,	

The above report passed unanimously.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary's Report was then adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year, consisting of brethren R. M. Bishop, W. B. Mooklar and W. J. Pettigrew.

The fifth item in the order of business was then taken up, and Bro. Bishop moved the adoption of the following recommendation of the Board:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Annual Meeting, that Section

Six in the Constitution be so amended as to say that five shall constitute a quorum.

On motion, the recommendation of the Board was laid on the table.

Short voluntary speeches were then made by brethren Robison, J. Burnet and B. Franklin, in reference to the Jerusalem Mission.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society convened per adjournment at 2½ o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. J. O. Beardslee. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Several voluntary speeches were then made on the subject of Missions, after which the following resolution was offered by Bro. J. P. Robison:

Resolved, That we raise the means, and send Bro. D. S. Burnet to Great Britain as our Missionary.

Bro. Fillmore offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the propriety of the Mission to Great Britain be referred to the Executive Board.

The question was then taken on the amendment and lost.

The resolution offered by Bro. Robison was then adopted.

Bro. Vawter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we appoint agents sufficient to raise a fund of twenty thousand dollars for Missionary purposes; one half for Home Missions and the other for Foreign Missions.

Bro. Robison offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That, by the blessing of God, we will raise twenty thousand dollars during the coming year, for Home and Foreign Missionary purposes.

The question was then taken on the amendment, which was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Bishop, brethren Elijah Goodwin and C. H. Gould were added to the Nominating Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Bro. B. Franklin.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

An address on the subject of Missions was delivered by Bro. Isaac Errett, and, at the close of the address, a collection, on behalf of the Missionary Society, was taken up, and one hundred dollars, in money and pledges, was received.

On motion, Bro. Errett was requested to furnish the Society a copy of his address for publication.

The Nominating Committee then made the following report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:
FOR PRESIDENT.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Bethany, Virginia.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

W. P. STRATTON, Cincinnati, Ohio.	W. W. HAPPY, Illinois.
BENJ. FRANKLIN, " "	CHAS. L. LOOS, " "
JAMES HENSHALL, Kentucky.	ELIJAH GOODWIN, Indiana.
WALTER SCOTT, " "	GEO. CAMPBELL, " "
A. RAINES, " "	J. S. LAMAR, Georgia.
R. C. RICE, " "	GEORGE AUSTIN, Baltimore, Md.
JAS. CHALLEN, Philadelphia, Pa.	J. P. ROBISON, Ohio.
DR. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri.	W. S. GRAY, " "
T. M. ALLEN, " "	ROBERT GRAHAM, Arkansas.
B. L. COLEMAN, Virginia.	P. S. FALL, Tennessee.
R. MILLIGAN, " "	J. P. DICKINSON, Washington City.

OFFICERS.

<i>Recording Secretaries</i> —J. BURNET, and CHAS. W. FRANKLIN, Cincinnati, Ohio.	<i>Auditor</i> —C. H. GOULD, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> —ISAAC ERRETT, Michigan.	<i>Treasurer</i> —GEORGE TAIT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MANAGERS.

THURSTON CRANE, Cincinnati, Ohio.	CHARLES D. HURLBUTT, Ohio.
T. J. MELISH, " "	A. E. STRICKLE, " "
G. W. BISHOP, " "	T. J. MURDOCK, " "
J. D. STILLWELL, " "	S. CHURCH, " "
J. LESLIE, " "	W. K. PENDLETON, Virginia.
W. S. DICKINSON, " "	W. J. PETTIGREW, " "
H. S. BOSWORTH, " "	J. D. PICKETT, " "
R. M. BISHOP, " "	JOHN I. ROGERS, Kentucky.
H. PEARCE, " "	T. ARNOLD, " "
T. MOORE, " "	W. B. MOOKLAR, " "
S. S. CLARKE, " "	A. CHATTERTON, Iowa.
J. H. JONES, " "	L. H. JAMESON, Indiana.
W. W. EATON, " "	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. PETTIGREW, }
W. B. MOOKLAR, } *Com.*
R. M. BISHOP, }

The above report was accepted and adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt the Report, Bro. Isaac Errett stated to the Society that he had consented to the nomination by the Committee with the expressed understanding that he would not be able to devote the whole of his time to the work during the first year, and that he should be permitted to associate with himself, in the performance of the duties of the office, Bro. J. P. Bobison.

After this explanation, the nominations made by the Committee were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro. Pettigrew, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That Bro. J. P. Robison be associated with Bro. Errett in the Corresponding Secretaryship of the Society.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, Oct. 22nd.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22nd.—The Society convened pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The President in the chair, the meeting opened with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous sessions were approved.

On motion of Bro. S. S. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting request all the evangelists and elders throughout the Union to present the claims of foreign and home missions during the current year, and to collect and forward funds to the Board.

On motion of Bro. A. E. Myers, it was

Resolved, That the resolution of last year fixing the salary of the Corresponding Secretary be rescinded, and that his compensation be fixed by the Board.

Bro. Pettigrew offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in view of the apostolic zeal and labors of Bro. J. G. Oncken, of Germany, we recommend our Corresponding Secretary in conjunction with Bro. Loos, to open a correspondence with him, to ascertain what assistance we may deem it advisable to render him in working the work of the Lord in the land of the Reformation.

Resolved, That if it shall be ascertained as a result of such correspondence, that we can in consistency, and ought in duty, to co operate in that work, the Executive Board be authorized to take such steps as the state of the Treasury, and their knowledge of the case, may warrant and justify.

The above resolutions were adopted.

On motion of J. P. Robison, the following amendment proposed at

the last annual meeting, defining the duties of the Corresponding Secretary, was adopted as Article XII. of the Constitution.

Art. XII. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to collect and digest information for the Board and for the Society; to solicit and otherwise procure funds for the support of the Society; to superintend the general conduct of its evangelical and financial affairs; and to devote himself to the private and public advocacy of its interests and aims.

Pledges were then taken of contributions to the funds of the Society, to the amount of \$2,000, and the meeting adjourned to 2½ o'clock P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment at 2½ o'clock P. M. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by Bro. B. Franklin, when Bro. Challen took the chair.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Several voluntary speeches were then made by brethren T. J. Melish, James Challen, J. Burnet and W. B. Mooklar.

On motion of Bro. S. Church, Bro. Barclay was invited to participate in the proceedings of the Society.

Bro. J. O. Beardslee, then made some remarks in reference to the Jamaica mission, and his relation to the Executive Board.

On motion of Bro. Isaac Errett, the thanks of the Convention were extended to the brethren and sisters of the city for their attention and hospitality.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*. Prayer by Bro. Isaac Errett.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

1857.		LIFE DIRECTORSHIP.	
Nov.	John Hunter, Louisa Co. Va., 1st instalment.....	\$20 00	
"	S S Henley, Walkertown, V. g, " " " "	20 00	
"	Logan Waller, Richmond, " " " "	20 00	
"	R Y Henley, " " " "	20 00	
"	J R Arnold, Covington, Ky., " " " "	25 00	
Oct.	D Dervese, Bloomington, Ill., " " " "	25 00	\$130 0
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		LIFE MEMBERSHIP.	
Oct.	Aylette Rains, Paris, Ky., per John I. Rogers.....	25 00	
"	W J Pettigrew, Richmond, per W K Pendleton.....	25 00	
"	John A Williams.....	25 00	
"	William C Holton, Mason Co. Ky.....	25 00	
Nov.	Dr J W Jeter, Amelia Co. Va.....	25 00	
"	C T Brown, Poplar Grove, Va.....	25 00	
"	Virginia Caster, Richmond, Va.....	25 00	
"	A C Porter, " " " "	25 00	
"	A White, King William Co. " " " "	25 00	
"	James Jesse, Milford, Caroline Co. Va.....	25 00	
"	James Shannon, Columbia, Mo.....	25 00	
"	Francis Shammon, " " " "	25 00	
"	Catharine A Graves, Florence, Ky.....	25 00	
"	Lucy Horne, Baltimore, Md.....	25 00	
"	Gen'l J Payne, Warsaw, Ky., \$5 00 paid previously.....	20 00	
"	M Campbell, Bethany, Va.....	25 00	
"	Mrs P Fisher, Powhatan, Ark.....	25 00	
"	A Wright, Lexington, Mo.....	25 00	
"	J M Sewright, Sycamore, Ill.....	30 00	
"	Robert McBriar, Brooklin, New York.....	30 00	
"	George W Logan, Warsaw, Mo.....	30 00	
"	J D Pickett, Bethany, Va., 1st instal.....	5 00	
"	Mrs E J Pickett, " " " " per J D Pickett.....	5 00	
"	Bella A Bromwell, Cin'ti. " " " "	5 00	
"	James T Henley, Walkertown, Va., 1st instalment.....	5 00	
"	T B French, Spotsylvania, Va, " " " "	5 00	
"	R S Coleman, Scottsville, " 1st, 2d and 3d "	15 00	
"	R P Campbell, Caroline Co. " 1st instalment.....	5 00	
"	V C Ryals, Oak Forest, " " " "	5 00	
"	W L Maury, Caroline Co. " " " "	5 00	
"	W J Pendleton, Louisa Co. " " " "	5 00	
"	Mrs S H Hurt, " " " "	5 00	
"	R P Cave, " " " "	5 00	
"	James Alsop, " " " "	5 00	
"	R M Kent, Louisa Co. " " " "	5 00	
"	J M Carter, Richmond, Va., 1st, 2d and 3d instalment....	15 00	
"	Thomas Dubney, King William Co. Va, 1st " "	5 00	
"	Susan G Farrar, Louisa Co. Va., 1st instalment.....	5 00	
"	E B Spencer, Richmond, Va., " " " "	5 00	
"	J C Redwood, " " 1st and 2d " "	10 00	
"	W F G Garnett, " " 1st and 2d " "	10 00	
"	Mary Kinnard, " " 1st " "	5 00	
			\$670 00
			\$800 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Recording Secretary, comparing his receipts, or debit side of his account, with the reports of brethren Loe, Eaton, Pickett and Franklin, and find them correct. I have also examined his account of expenditures, or credit side, and find it to agree with his receipts from the Treasurer.

It is but just to the Recording Secretary to say, that his books are kept in a neat business like manner, evincing much labor in classifying the various accounts.

I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer; finding that he has vouchers, or orders from the Board for all sums disbursed, and that the accounts of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary agree throughout.

The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Agents, (who raised the money from the donors), all pass before the Board of Directors for their acceptance, and do not, therefore, require any examination of the Auditor. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. GOULD, Auditor.

Cincinnati, Oct. 20th, 1857.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. I.—This Society shall be called the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II.—The object of this Society shall be to disseminate the Gospel in this and in other lands.

ART. III.—Every Christian church, and all associations of churches, co-operating with this Society, by contributions to its funds, shall be entitled to representation equally at the annual meetings.

ART. IV.—Every person, paying one dollar, shall be a member for one year; every person paying twenty-five dollars shall be a member for life, and every person paying one hundred dollars shall be a director for life.

ART. V.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, twenty Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Recording Secretaries, one Corresponding Secretary and one Auditor, who shall be elected by the members of the Society at the annual meetings.

ART. VI.—The Society shall annually elect twenty-five Managers, who, together with the officers of this Society, shall constitute an Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. VII.—Two of the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Secretaries and Auditor, and at least ten of the Managers shall reside in Cincinnati or its vicinity.

ART. VIII.—The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings, elect its own Chairman and Secretary, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always that they be not inconsistent with the Constitution, fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or among the officers of the Society during the year, and if deemed necessary by two thirds of the members present, at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensation, direct their labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and

present to the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the past year.

ART. IX.—All contributions, given for any specified object, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donor or his lawful agent.

ART. X.—The Treasurer shall give bonds to such an amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ART. XI.—All the officers, managers, missionaries or agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in their respective churches.

ART. XII.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to collect and digest information for the Board, and for the Society; to solicit and otherwise procure funds for the support of the Society; to superintend the general conduct of its evangelical and financial affairs; and devote himself to the private and public advocacy of its interests and aims.

ART. XIII.—No alteration in this Constitution shall be made without a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting, nor unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

CAMPBELL AND RICE'S DEBATE.

This book has been out of print but we are now prepared to supply a new edition, much neater in appearance than the former one. The price is \$2.00, and \$2.25 by mail. To preachers and agents, who buy by the quantity, for distribution, a discount will be made.

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TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF DISCIPLES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Yielding to the urgent and oft-repeated solicitations of many, whose judgment I am compelled to respect, I have very reluctantly consented to accept the Corresponding Secretaryship of the American Christian Missionary Society. It has been accepted with the assurance that the brethren generally are earnestly determined to do something in the missionary work, commensurate with its importance and grandeur, and with the ability which belongs to the two hundred and fifty thousand Disciples in the United States. Many brethren have pledged themselves to go to work to aid in spreading information, creating interest and raising money. We appeal to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The Barclay family are ready to return to Jerusalem, to continue their missionary labors in a field which they love the more, as they learn the more of it, and to which they go back with great confidence in the ultimate success of their labors. Other missions, domestic and foreign, are projected, of which the brethren will hear shortly, through our periodicals. About \$2,500 have been obtained in pledges and receipts during the sittings of the Convention. It is purposed to raise *twenty thousand* dollars this year, for home and foreign missions. We humbly trust in God that the time has arrived, when we shall rise up, as one man, and work in this most blessed enterprise.

All communications for the Corresponding Secretary must be addressed to him at Cincinnati, Ohio.

ISAAC ERRETT.

CINCINNATI, October 22nd, 1857.

BOOK NOTICE.

A BRIEF VIEW OF MISSIONS—ANCIENT AND MODERN. By ELDER ISAAC ERRETT.

The above is the title of a pamphlet of some sixty pages, published by the American Christian Missionary Society. It presents a bird's eye view of missions, and is designed for the masses who have not time to read large works. The Society is anxious to spread information on this subject. It is hoped that the churches and benevolent individuals will purchase this little work by the dozen and hundred, and circulate gratuitously. It is designed to furnish it at cost. As nearly as we can now estimate, it will be sold at ten cents a single copy; six dollars per hundred copies, sent by express; seven dollars and a half per hundred, sent by mail, postage prepaid. Orders promptly filled by H. S. BOSWORTH, Cincinnati, Ohio.

JACOB BURNET, *Chairman of Committee.*

CINCINNATI, October 29th, 1857.

NOTICE.

HAVING made arrangements with Bro. H. S. BOSWORTH, to attend to my business when I am absent from the city, all letters on Missionary matters, and remittances for the American Christian Missionary Society, should be addressed to ISAAC ERRETT, care of H. S. BOSWORTH, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ISAAC ERRETT.

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