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LITTLE WORKERS.

The little workers of Bethlehem church, Henrico county, Virginia, send us four dollars for the poor heathen children who have never heard of the Saviour. Let the little workers stimulate larger workers in their zeal for this cause of the Master.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Since the middle of October it has been our privilege to visit a number of conventions in the interest of foreign missions.

Our first visit was made to the Western North Carolina Convention, a body embracing in its territory that part of North Carolina lying west of the Blue Ridge mountains. Here a pleasant surprise awaited us. We had expected to find a small, only partially organized body, just beginning to work. Instead, we found a well organized body of earnest, intelligent men, whose souls seemed full of zeal for the Master's work—a zeal embracing every part of the mission work, and educational as well. If we were to say that the Western North Carolina Convention is enthusiastically missionary, we should not be going too far.

Hitherto the contributions of the churches belonging to this Convention have been placed to credit of the State Convention, and delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention have been appointed by that body. Hereafter the Western Convention will be represented by its own delegates, as was determined by resolution at their late meeting. Material results followed our visit.

From Hendersonville, N. C., in company with Dr. Tichenor, we spent a broken night and day in reaching Nashville, where the Tennessee Convention was in session. This body was busily and earnestly working on its State Mission affairs, but kindly gave time to the representatives of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention to present their interests. Saturday night was given to a mass meeting for Foreign Missions, and after addresses from several brethren, Dr. T. T. Eaton took the floor and lifted a

collection of pledges. The late hour prevented a cash collection.

The hospitable home of brother M. B. Pilcner will be long remembered by the representatives of the Boards.

From Nashville we went to St. Louis, where we fell in with a large number of brethren on their way to Moberly, to the General Association. This number was largely increased by the time we reached our destination. An attendance of over five hundred delegates and visitors attested the fact that we were in a grand Baptist State. Among these delegates we met not a few old Seminary friends, and renewed the close friendships of years now belonging to the not very near past. Some of us will be beginning to get old before we know it. Gray hairs are already streaking the heads of some of the students who met in Greenville in '74 at the—can't we say *great* school of the prophets?

The brethren all manifested a deep interest in the Foreign Mission work, and the Association kindly gave Thursday night for a mass meeting in the interest thereof. Particular interest was manifested in the building of a school house for Miss Emma Young in Canton. At 10 o'clock on Thursday night, after speeches by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, brethren Bagby, of Brazil, and Eubank, of Africa, we took the platform and did *not* make a speech. We, however, received assurance that Missouri would this year give the amount asked of her, \$8,000. Some brethren thought she would give this amount and the \$1,500 needed for Miss Young's school in addition. How easily the great Baptist host of Missouri could do it. How much it would help the Board in its great and increasing work.

Our next visit was to Arkansas. And what a fine time we did have there! In Forest City, at the charming home of brother Izard, which I learned was the "preachers' home" in that pleasant little city, were assembled a few secretaries. Brother Early, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, brother Searcy, our Foreign Mission Secretary for Arkansas, and ourself, to which number brother Bagby was for awhile added.

The Arkansas Convention is pre-eminently the Convention of *collections*. They came too fast to count while there, so we tried to sum them up while on our way home. We could recall seven besides the usual Sunday morning list collection. And they were all good ones—some big ones. How nobly does that princely giver, J. P. Eagle, lead his brethren in gifts to the Lord. And by the way, brother Eagle, in a private conversation, remarked to us that he had never so prospered in his efforts to make money as since he had been giving largely to the Lord's work. And he attributes his success to the good hand of God upon his labors. He believes that God prospers him because he gives and that he may give. He hopes soon to be able to give \$1,000 a year to missions. When our rich men learn these truths, how will the Lord's work move on! Watch and see if Arkansas doesn't give \$1,500 to Foreign Missions this year.

From what we have seen and heard among our brethren in different places, we are encouraged to believe that interest in Foreign Missions is growing steadily, and that the means necessary for carrying on the work will largely increase with this interest. Brethren, one and all, help to swell our income this year to more than the \$100,000 asked for. There is a place for every dollar of that amount, and much more.

"He that hath a bountiful eye, and lendeth unto the Lord, that which he hath given will He pay him again."

FOR HIS SAKE.

We hear much now about substantialism, which holds that light, and heat and sound, as well as mind and spirit, are substantial entities, which are among the great secondary forces of the world. Whether this philosophy is the true wisdom with regard to the movements of the natural and spiritual universe, it is certain that the greatest force for the world's transformation, is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is called distinctively the power of God and the wisdom of God. That this is the divine means for the salvation of our race is the creed of practical Christianity, which should be imbedded in the heart of every follower of the God-man. This creed, distilled by the Holy Spirit into Christian experience, becomes a sentiment and motive of God's people, which should control them to efforts and enterprises commensurate with the dire necessities of humanity. Many of these necessities are met, in a goodly degree, in institutions of learning, retreats for reform, hospitals, almshouses, churches, Sunday-schools, mission-stations, and like establishments for temporal and spiritual benefit, found everywhere in the civilized and Christianized world, which are sustained at the annual cost of millions of money. And millions more might be wisely expended upon these beneficent outgrowths of our humane and saving religion. But what of the spiritual necessities of the hundreds of millions of humanity who have none of the benefits of Christian civilization, who have never heard of the saving power of the cross? Nothing is truer than that these multitudes of souls are lost without the gospel. This is the plain teaching of revelation; and the fearful truth should be burned into the deepest conviction of the believer. Mr. Beecher is justly censured for saying that it is monstrous, if retribution be true, not to be filled with perpetual gloominess. But, are we free from blame who, believing in this future punishment, are yet careless in reference to the universal spread of the only means of averting the everlasting calamity? If Christians were more thoughtful about this matter they would be more cast down. But none are called to useless distress. It is the sorrow that leadeth to repentance—repentance for indifference and inaction—that is needed and encouraged. In the hands of God's people have been placed the ability of giving the gospel to every nation and tribe, and family, and individual under the sun. It is not too much to say that this ability has been given for this purpose, as well as for other good purposes. Shall such responsibility be lightly held; or, held without deep concern as to its discharge? Should it not quicken earnestness, and should not that earnestness express itself in a conscientious and constant employment of the Lord's talents for the performance of the sacred obligation? Nor should it be held as a hard duty. This is a service to the Lord Jesus—to carry out his longing for the redemption of the vast family of which he is the head; to make his name great unto the ends of the earth. The certainty of success should make this work, though it have sacrifices, a most joyous privilege. "For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross." The failure of Christianity, which means the non-salvation of the nations, is an impossibility. All the forces of nature and providence, physical, metaphysical, spiritual and circumstantial, are ordained by the primordial force of the universe for this end. The throne of the Mediatorial Jehovah is based upon the universal triumph of his kingdom. Nothing can be more sure. The universe were a failure, without the vindication of the supreme ruler in the re-

demptive work of the gospel economy. The co-worker with Christ, in the midst of his toils, may rejoice in the certain results to be witnessed. Mexico is to be converted, and Brazil, and Central Africa, and Italy, and China, and all the other countries of the eastern and western hemispheres, with all the isles of the seas.

But, before this day, much money must be given; many sacrifices must be made. In the providence of God, the work is divided out among a number of Christian bodies in this country and in Europe. What are we doing in the Southern Baptist Convention for the nations of the earth? Thanks to God, much has been done, and more is doing. But, in view of the millions of dollars in the hands of our people, how small are the means afforded. For example, in the last six months, only \$31,000 have been given the Board of Foreign Missions to support the work committed to them in five continents. This is less than five cents apiece for the Baptists represented in the Southern Convention. But, the matter assumes a graver aspect, in light of the fact that this \$31,000 is not within \$20,000 of the actual expenditures, to date, for these missions. In other words, in addition to contributions for current expenses, which require some \$8,000 monthly, this \$20,000 must be provided, before May next, by the Baptists of the South. The Board call upon the brotherhood of our holy religion to ponder this matter, and to act in reference to it, in view of their relations to our foreign missions, their obligations to them, and in view of the Master's good mercies toward them. But, let none degrade the subject by thinking he is called to help a board. The board is nothing but the authorized medium of carrying supplies to the Lord's laborers in foreign fields. The Lord requires that his own talents be given to gather from the nations those called into the heavenly fold. In the necessities of the Lord's work, the Lord is necessitous, and hence his appeal to come up to his help against the mighty forces of the heathen world. Is there no large-hearted, God-favored man that will make a thank-offering to the Lord worthy of the prosperity bestowed upon him? Are there not hundreds and thousands that will send us a thousandth part of the \$20,000 needed now? If there be a brother or sister, whose eyes shall fall upon these lines, who cannot send a dollar or a dime, we beg that child of God to join us, for one minute, each day at noon, for a week, in imploring the giver of all to put it into the hearts of those who can give, to give as the Lord hath prospered them. The claims of the Board as servants of the churches for Christ's sake are imperative; the prospects of their work were never more favorable. But, let the great motive be love to him, who, "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that ye, through his poverty, might be rich;" and who, looking into the face of every one of his disciples, asks: "Lovest thou me more than these."

SUPPLEMENT OF JUNE, 1880.

Any one having a copy of the supplement of the June, 1880, *Foreign Mission Journal*, containing notices of the volume "Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention," would confer a favor by sending it to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, box 134, Richmond, Va.

The Turkish authorities have suppressed the "Tornitzja," a Bulgarian Christian newspaper published by American missionaries in Constantinople. This act is only one indication of the growing hostility of the Turkish authorities to mission work.

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OUR MISSIONARIES.

SOUTHERN CHINA.

CANTON and vicinity.—R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lulu Whidden, E. Z. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Sallie Stein, Miss Emma Young, and twenty-five native assistants and Bible women.
MACAO.—F. C. Hickson and Mrs. Hickson.

CENTRAL CHINA.

SHANGHAI.—M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, D. W. Herring, Mrs. Herring; assistant pastor, Wong Ping San; chapel-keeper—a licentiate—Wong Yeur San; sexton, P'ay Sian Su.
Kwei San.—See P'ay San, pastor.
Sochoo.—Tsu-nye-Shang, a licentiate, and chapel-keeper.
Chinkiang.—William J. Hunnex, Mrs. Hunnex, R. T. Bryan, Mrs. Bryan.

NORTHERN CHINA—P. O., CHEFOO.

TUNG CHOW MISSION.—T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Miss Lottie Moon, N. W. Hancock, and C. W. Pruitt.
Wiang Jen Mission.—T. M. Joiner, Mrs. Joiner, E. E. Davault and Mrs. Davault.

AFRICA.

LAGOS.—W. J. David, Mrs. David, P. A. Eubank, Mrs. Eubank, with four native assistants and teachers.
Abokuta, (P. O. Lagos).—W. W. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, C. E. Smith, and one assistant.
Ogbonshaw.—L. O. Murray, native evangelist.
Gann.—S. L. Milton, native evangelist.
Hauuser Furn.—Albert Ell, native evangelist.

ITALY.

ROME.—George B. Taylor, 27 Via del Teatro Valle, J. H. Eager and Mrs. Eager, 62 via Giulio Romano, and Signor Torre.
Torre Felice.—Signor Paschetto.
Pinerolo.—Signor Ferraris.
Milan.—Nicholas Papengouth.
Venice.—Signor Belloni.
Bologna.—Signor Colombo.
Modena.—Signor Martinelli.
Curti.—Signor Fasulo.
Bari and Barietta.—Signor Volpi.
Naples.—Signor Basile.
Isuana of Sardinia.—Signor Cossu.

BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO and Santa Barbara.—W. R. Bagby, Mrs. Bagby, E. A. Puthuff, Mrs. Puthuff, Senhor Mesquita, E. H. Soper, Miss M. A. Everett.
BAHIA AND MACAO.—Z. C. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, O. D. Daniel and Mrs. Daniel.—Native preacher—Senhor Teixeira.

MEXICO.

SALTILLO.—W. D. Powell, Mrs. Powell, H. P. McCormick, Miss Addie Barton, Miss M. O. Tupper, Mrs. M. E. Graves and three teachers.
Palo and Barras.—D. A. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, F. M. Myers, Miss Annie J. Maberry and Senor Gonzalez.
Monclova District.—Senor Rodriguez.

NOTE.—Letters addressed to our missionaries in China should be endorsed via San Francisco. Those to Africa via England.
The postage to each of our missions is five cents.

RETURN OF BRO. F. C. HICKSON.

By the time the JOURNAL is issued, nearly, if not all of our denominational papers, will have recorded the fact that another of our missionaries has had to return to America. Brother F. C. Hickson, who has been at Macao, China, has come back home. The cause of his return is ill health. His physician ordered him to leave, on penalty of death, if he refused, and after advising with the other missionaries of the South China Mission, he decided to obey orders.

Brother Hickson's return leaves the Canton mission with the same male working force that has been on that field for years past. Reinforcements should be sent to that mission. Who will volunteer to take the place left vacant by brother Hickson's return? Will the churches furnish the means to enable the Board to send out more missionaries? Brethren Graves and Simmons deserve and should have help. How gladly would the Board send it, if only the treasury could be filled.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

We have been very much encouraged of late by indications of increasing interest on the part of the brethren in the JOURNAL. Subscriptions have been coming in quite freely within the last two months. Many brethren in different parts of the country are interesting themselves in its circulation, and are easily securing lists of subscribers in response to their appeals. One brother in South Carolina recently sent us a list of seventy-nine at one time, and a pastor in Alabama sends for one hundred to be used for distribution in his church. By a little exertion on the part of pastors and others, clubs could be made up in almost every church in the South.

Pastors will not only help the JOURNAL by securing its circulation in their churches, but will greatly aid themselves in any thing they may attempt to do for foreign missions in those churches. No pastor of a church

in which the JOURNAL is freely circulated need take time to explain where our missions are located, who are the missionaries, and what they are doing. Nor will he have to labor to develop an interest in the work. He will find this developing itself along with the increase of information which his people will obtain from the paper. By means of the JOURNAL, keep the people in correspondence with the missionaries, and informed as to the work being done in our mission fields, and the securing of money to carry on that work will be comparatively easy.

Brother, sister, will you not try to secure a club in your church? Try it next Sunday.

SATURDAY EVENING'S EXPERIENCE.

CHINKING, CHINA,
August 20th, 1886.

Last Saturday evening one of my Chinese friends asked me to take tea with him. I always accept these invitations, and invite them in turn to dine with me.

The Chinese believe that during this month the spirits in the other world are liberated, can come to this world and cause all sorts of evils; hence they do all they can to pacify them by sending them money, clothes and food. They make every thing that is used here out of paper, and burn them, thinking in this way to send them to the other world. Any amount of mock money is burned now every night for beggars and others who have died without friends. I saw two men the other night with a long pole full, followed by a number of men bearing torches. Every time a piece fell one would stop and burn it. Twenty cents would buy what represented a hundred dollars. I have been thoroughly impressed with what fools men become when they drift from God.

In this place the men from other large cities club together, build a large house, which is used during this month to supply the dead of their city who have died here without friends. My friend being a Cantonese took me to the Canton club house.

In front was a long string of lanterns suspended from a tall pole. We entered a large gate into an open space, at this time crowded with people and pedlars of every description. To the right of the gate stood a very large paper god, fifteen feet tall, and large in proportion. He had several attendants who were much smaller. The very worse images of satan could look no worse. Over the gate was a room, and in this was an altar covered with eatables for the spirits. Incense was constantly burning. On the left as I entered I saw all kinds of things made of paper. Clothes, shoes, riding chairs, furniture of all kinds, ornaments, &c., all natural size. They were to be burned at night. We then passed through another gate into a large room—only privileged people were allowed to enter this. This room looked somewhat like a fair ground. That which attracted me most here was the priests, some were playing the flute, some beating symbols, and others praying. Their music is very poor and harsh to our ear. About a dozen were kneeling, beating a hollow piece of wood and chanting prayers. They prayed as though employed by the day, not by the job. There was no heart in it, could not be. Several stopped to look at me, then took up their hum-drum, droll, lazy chant. A praying machine would have had more zeal. Back of this room was a large feasting room. I passed from this place almost heart sick, to meet a procession on the street. I stepped in a store door to see it pass. They carried all sorts of standards and designs, some very heavy. I noticed many old men wet with perspiration. There was no order at all, very old, very young, very poor and ragged, some wearing only a ragged pair of pants, some handsomely attired. Several large idols were in the procession, they were quite large, handsomely dressed, and carried in a handsome chair borne by eight men. As they passed I thought how hard the road to death. Their gods ride them to hell; our God carries us to heaven. If our people at home could see the effects of idolatry we would not have empty treasuries. We would not call in vain for men. Some think that religion demands too much money, idolatry demands and gets more. I have been thoroughly impressed with the selfishness of the Chinese religion. The other night they were burning paper money for the dead; near by a poor beggar was dying, some one suggested that it would be better to help him. No, they said, he cannot harm us now. This is the heart of their religion—if it has any. After the procession had passed we proceeded to my friend's house.

Sometime ago I gave a full description of a Chinese feast, it was in the *Biblical Recorder*, so will not go into particulars again. My experience was very much the same.

Dish after dish of meats and vegetables, floating in grease, were brought in, from which we all helped ourselves with our chop sticks. Many drank wine freely, but did not offer it to me, but gave me tea instead.

So much time was spent at the table eating, drinking and smoking, that I had to leave before the feast was over. I heard our Consul say that he had been kept at a feast from 2 o'clock P. M. to 7 P. M.; and also at the evening meal until one o'clock at night. I started away, but was called back to taste the contents of the last four dishes. I had rather more than I wanted, but could not refuse. I was spared the ordeal of washing my hands and face from the common bowl of warm water, with a common cloth that used to be white. If we had to eat Chinese food as they prepare it we would soon die with dyspepsia.

Everytime I go among the Chinese I see more clearly their need of the gospel. Brethren and sisters, they must have it. You must pray more, give more and come more. I once heard a preacher say that a man without the gospel was only a half of a man. Now I see the truthfulness of his statement. I am almost inclined to believe that man either has been to China, or read its history.

They seem to be wanting in all ideas of correctness both moral and physical.

China belongs to God. He is going to rule here in the hearts of men. When? When you, dear reader, do you duty.

R. T. BRYAN.

FROM BROTHER HERRING.

A CHINAMAN'S LIBERALITY.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Sept. 24, 1886.

Dear Dr. Tupper:

We rejoice to hear of the wonderful success of the cause in the new fields, Mexico and Cuba. The field is the world and all the work is ours. Let the work go bravely on every where. Now we can't report any flocking to the Saviour in China—I wish we could. But, that China isn't of that sort, we have all known for sometime. Nevertheless, what Dr. Ellis said at the last Convention, and what has been often said, is true: China is the greatest field in the world, and not the least hopeful one. When China is converted the world is the Lord's. "Watchmen, what of the night?" "The morning cometh" in the far east. Isn't it a sign for a Chinaman to build a chapel, costing a thousand dollars, without receiving a cent from any one, or even a suggestion, save, as we believe, from the Holy Spirit himself? Further, isn't it a sign to see that man himself, three or four times a week, preaching the pure gospel from a heart throbbing with a desire to see souls saved? This is what our good brother and deacon, Wong, of the Shanghai Baptist church has done, and is doing. He says he has been thinking sometime of doing this, and promised the Lord to do so as soon as he was able. He is a liberal man, giving about thirty-six dollars a year to the cause. More, he is a godly man. This fact makes people listen when he preaches, and there is no telling what his example has been worth. He isn't a preacher professedly, but he preaches—too often the reverse is true. Now, if the people at home knew what a disposition there is in the Chinese to depend on foreigners and foreign money in the work, they would appreciate this independent effort. It is something new. It is promising. If the Lord could make one such man as he, He can make make ten thousand out of the same material. We will all pray for it; for, that China must be converted through the Chinese is a foregone conclusion.

This chapel had quite an auspicious opening three weeks ago. It was packed with respectable Chinese, and seemed to fill the native Christians with enthusiasm. The house isn't large, but will seat an average attendance. It is built in native style, and is all the more pleasing to the eye of a Chinaman because of that. It is located in a hitherto unoccupied place in the city, and is intended to be only a nursery to our church.

I baptized my first Chinaman a few weeks ago, a young man of promise. When pastor Wong Ping San gave him the hand of welcome, the old brother broke down. There were not many dry eyes in the house, in fact; and some of the many present sobbed aloud. It was good to me to see hard-hearted Chinaman weeping. Christians here are not given to it. There was a power present. Yes, the spirit was there, I believe. Such a strange feeling came over me. I felt like beginning a protracted meeting right then and there. Pray for us, we all need a baptism of the spirit.

My work now is to study the language, of course; but I am trying to do a little outside, at what we call a street chapel, a native house, about fifteen by twenty feet, wide door opening on the street. Some come in and sit through the exercise, others stand in the door and on the street, listen awhile and

go on their way saying, "that babbler would better go home." Paul was called a "babbler," not as in this case, however, for they speak the truth. But a child has to babble before it can speak. In this case, too, it is true, we take it, "The way to learn to preach, is to preach."

The veteran soldier, Dr. Yates, is still at Chefoo, taking some much needed rest. His reported improvement we hope is not temporary. The rest of us are well.

This is intended for the JOURNAL. Some of my friends have asked me why I didn't write for it. Not knowing the language I have felt like I had hardly got to China yet, and had nothing of my own to write. But I hope to have in the future. Hope, what a blessed word!

Yours,
D. W. HERRING.

FROM BROTHER HICKSON.

MACAO, CHINA, Sept. 29, 1886.

Dr. H. A. Tupper:

My Dear Brother—it is my painful duty to enclose the within certificate (of physician) and announce the conclusion arrived at by brothers Graves and Simmons and myself with regard to my case.

I have been unwell for several months, but previous to latter part of last June thought little of it. At that time, however, I had an attack which left me in a state that for the first time in my life caused me to suspect some organic disorder. At once, I went to Hong Kong, and put myself under the care of the ablest and most experienced physician in Southern China. He examined me and expressed apprehension that I should have to leave these parts for a cooler climate. But I told him I had no notion of such a thing, and urged him to do his best, without regard to the inconvenience or sacrifice to myself, to restore me to health.

He treated me faithfully and earnestly until two weeks ago, when, after examining me again, he gave up the case as incurable in this climate, and urged me to leave at once. He said further that he was satisfied I could never have health here sufficient to admit of my doing any work during the hot season.

Dr. Graves and brother Simmons considered with me all the bearings of the question of my remaining here, going to the north of China, or returning to America, and we concluded that the latter course is my duty.

This, I know, will prove a sore disappointment to the Board, but it has been to me much more so. From a boy I have had my heart set on this work, and have had encouragement and cheering hopes in connection with it, even during the short time I have been on the field. During my life I have had no other plans, and no other hopes than those connected with preaching the gospel to the Chinese. It now seems necessary that I should forsake my plans and relinquish my hopes, and seek to serve the Lord in some other capacity. I must submit.

As I have been sick during the last quarter and have done no work, save to read some Chinese, I have no report to make for this quarter.

Thanking you and the Board most heartily for your kindness to me during my connection with you, and praying God's richest blessing on your future work, I am

Yours in Christian love,
F. C. HICKSON.

BROTHER BRYAN'S REPORT.

Dear Dr. Tupper:

I must report myself for the third time this year. Whenever I go to write a report I feel sad, because I know that more might have been done. Most of my time has been spent studying the language. I have made some visits and sold some gospels. From time to time I have tried to practice what little I know, by opening the chapel and saying what I could to those who came.

Just before Mr. Hunnex left we organized a church of six natives, five men and one woman; since he left I have baptized another who applied before he left.

Others seem interested, and some want to join, but we do not take any one without good evidence of conversion. I have no paid help now, but open the chapel nearly every day. Our native Christian woman comes once or twice a week and talks to the women. One of the men comes when he can get away from his work at the beggar's home. Our place is a prominent one, and many visitors, foreign and native, call in to talk for me. I cannot talk much, but am doing what I can. We do not need long sermons, many words, but the simple story of the cross. I am hopeful.

Pray for me. Pray that my next report may be a better one.

Dr. Yates gave me \$51.10 for mission expenses, and I have paid it out as for purposes received.

Yours truly,
R. T. BRYAN.

FROM BROTHER TAYLOR.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, October 4th, 1886.

Rev. T. P. Bell:

My Dear Brother—Your most welcome letter of August 23d came safely by yesterday's steamer. It was certainly a wise action of the Board in appointing an Assistant Corresponding Secretary to aid our present Secretary, whose work has recently increased so largely. We offer you a hearty welcome to this new post of honor and usefulness, and hope that your ardent desires for the evangelization of the heathen world may have their full development. Being at the helm, you will, no doubt, often have heart-aches, lest in striving to pass Charybdis you strike on Scylla.

By hard experience, we have found that neither profusion nor closeness, neither neglect nor over-doing, but a "happy medium," to be productive of the best results.

Our church will celebrate its 4th anniversary on the 15th of this month. About ninety Brazilians have been baptized in Bahia; three have died; nine excluded; some dismissed to unite with, or form other churches, leaving us a present membership of seventy. Two native ministers have been ordained, two others licensed. Two colporters have been actively engaged for more than two years, having sold some 3,500 copies of Scripture, including what I and others of the church have disposed of. During these four years more than 60,000 tracts, books, leaflets, etc., have been published, besides our monthly, *Echo of Truth*, and monthly sermon, each—edition of 1,000. Half the expense of paper and sermon, (the sum of \$125.00), has been raised here on the field. We have 200 pay subscribers to paper and as many to the sermons; what remains over of each edition we use in "sowing down" the city and surrounding country.

At present the Bahia mission includes three churches, ten or more out-stations, five ordained preachers, two licentiates, four deacons, with a membership of 120. Two of these churches pay their own house rent, and Bahia church raises annual subscriptions for the American Bible Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, both of which have colporters members of our church. At last church meeting 107,000 was reported, raised principally during the last month. Now this is an example of what love can do, for all of the members are poor, many of them not able to dress their children decently, and one of them, a good brother who has a large family, often eats but once a day. Several of our brethren possess rare Christian graces; but the one who excels is aged deacon Dorea—a holier man is seldom found in any part of Christendom. His prayers are angelic; never shall I forget his prayer at our first Christian burial. After we had sung and prayed, the coffin was let down into the grave; he being at the head, asked leave to speak, which done, he raised his eyes and hands towards heaven, using something like the following words: "Lord of heaven and earth, we thank thee for life and for death. We praise thee for the gift of thy Holy Son, and that thou hast sent thy servants to this land to show us the true way to heaven and to glory. I envy thee, my sister, thy happy lot, that thou, and not I, wert the first called into the presence of the blessed Redeemer, and to thy eternal reward."

These and many like words were so seasoned with grace and rapture, that every eye ran down with tears. His life and presence is that of a "Holy Rutherford," a Brainard, a Judson. He was converted while reading of Paul's conversion. And his wife is a worthy companion.

We have had good congregations and good interest recently. Four or five sturdy men are seeking earnestly the kingdom. We came near being blown up about a month ago, but a brother jerked the bomb from the person while he was lighting it. A considerable noise ensued, which brought soldiers to the scene; since that time we have had from two to twelve police during hours of worship. The city Sheriff is next door to us, and is a strong friend; the Commandant of police is also a friend. Romanism is a Chinese wall; we are the Tartars that must break through it, "not by power nor strength, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." We expect great things from the Lord, and expect to do all in our power to bring down his blessings on this people. Pray for us. All the mission join me in best wishes for yourself and our Board.

Yours in fraternal bonds,

Z. C. TAYLOR.

FROM BROTHER SIMMONS.

CANTON, CHINA, Sept. 13, 1886.

My Dear Brother Tupper:

I have some good news to tell and some complaining to do:

1st. We had the pleasure of ordaining brother Fung King Him and Lo Tsz Chan to the full work of the ministry yesterday. A council was called to meet last Friday to

examine the brethren. Dr. Graves, brethren Fung Ut Chun, Lo Kwok Teung and E. Z. Simmons, were present. Brother Hickson was ill. After examination the council voted that they be ordained on Sunday. The sermon was preached by Dr. Graves, ordination prayer by brother Tso Fat Sun, charge to candidates by brother Ut Chun, and charge to church by E. Z. Simmons.

Brother Fung King Him is the only son of the lamented Fung Seng Nam, who went to California with Dr. Graves in 1869, and began the Chinese mission in San Francisco. After a few months of faithful preaching he died with consumption; but not before there were some converts to carry on the work. Though dead, yet he lives. And now his son is taking up the work which he laid down so early in life. We have some fears that the son may be called to follow the father early in life; for he has tendencies to consumption also. Brother Fung is very well prepared for the ministry, educated in our school, took a full course in medicine at the Canton Hospital, has had the benefit of Dr. Graves' instruction for several years, and has been preaching for two years. He is studious, and often uses notes while preaching. He is rather timid, but I think will make a good pastor.

Brother Lo Tsz Chan is from Deacon Sin's village near Shiu Hing. He is of a quick, nervous temper. He has a very fair education, and has had very good opportunities for study under Dr. Graves. He is what we call a self-made man, has good common sense, and will be a leader and a useful man in any community. Part of his Christian experience, related on Friday, was rather amusing, and showed the man in the boy. When he applied for baptism the church thought that he was rather small, and had better wait awhile before receiving him. He asked one of the members why the church did not receive him, and was told that his parents did not believe. He replied that he was not believing for his parents, and that every one must believe in Jesus for themselves. But he said that he got an illustrated copy of Peep of Day, and found great comfort in reading that while tending the buffaloes. Some of his mischievous neighbor boys stole his book, and he was in great trouble about it, and got it back by paying a big price for it. He has been at work for Christ from his boyhood. He spent several years as a servant to Dr. Graves in order to have better opportunities to study the Bible and prepare himself to preach. He has been preaching for seven or eight years, and has proved himself to be a faithful worker.

The two brethren that were ordained yesterday, and brother Fung Ut Chun became assistant pastors to Dr. Graves of the Canton church. This church has several branches. The brethren will arrange for one of them to be here all the time, while the other two are in the country.

The Canton church will pay at least the salary of one of them, and we hope that it will soon be able to do more. At the close of the services yesterday one man from the Ku Tsing station was baptized. More than 30 have been baptized this year.

2d. The complaining, Brother Hickson and family have had fever in Macao. And Miss Young, Mrs. Simmons and myself have had fever here. Some of us are not entirely rid of it yet. But I think we are all in a fair way to get well. Mine has not been very bad, but just enough to make one feel mean and uncomfortable.

Affectionately,
E. Z. SIMMONS.

FROM BROTHER SIMMONS.

CANTON, CHINA, Oct. 6, 1886.

Dear Dr. Tupper:

In reporting my work for the quarter ending September 30th, I report first that this is our heated term, and the one in which we need to keep out of the sun as much as we can. Mrs. Simmons and I spent a month at Macao. I preached eighteen times while there. Yet it was quite a rest for me, as I had no other work to do.

During the quarter I have preached sermons, 48; conducted or assisted in prayer-meetings, 8; persons baptized in connection with my stations, 5. I have made one visit to the Ku Tsing station of ten days. I think I have made arrangements that will secure us a house in that neighborhood for our work in the future.

The thing of painful interest to us as a mission is the fact and necessity of brother Hickson and family returning to America. I am not surprised, and yet I am none the less sorry. They leave Hong Kong 12th instant, by the same steamer that carries this letter. We have all been very uneasy about Mrs. Hickson for more than a year, and for brother Hickson for several months. I don't think that either one of them would live long here in China.

Our request for reinforcements for Canton is of course strengthened by brother Hickson having to go home. Dr. Graves is very feeble, and I might be compelled to

leave here at any time. I believe if he should put himself under a physician's direction, one of the first prescriptions would be "go home and rest for two years." His going home only means more work and greater burdens for me. But his resting for a time may give him to our mission for several years.

There has been quite an epidemic of fever here during September, about half of our mission have had it. We are all up again. And as the cool season will set in soon, we hope to be strong again.

October 11th. Since writing the above Dr. Graves has been ill with fever for several days. I am really very uneasy about him. May God's grace be manifested to us in his restoration to health and strength.

I enclose a copy of some resolutions adopted by our mission in reference to brother Hickson.

Do send us more help! Pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

FROM BROTHER HUNNEX.

S. S. "BOKIARA,"
RED SEA NEAR SUEZ,
October 4th, 1886.

Dear Dr. Tupper—It is to-day just one month since we left Shanghai to start on our homeward journey, and we are now distant from China about 8,000 miles. I was hoping to be able to write from Shanghai to thank the mission Board, through you, for the permission given to us to take a year's vacation, but I could not find time to do so. I arrived in Shanghai the 3d of September, and left again for Europe on the 4th, thus having only one day in Shanghai. We received a very kind welcome from brother and sister Herring, and were only sorry that we were not able to stay longer in order that we might have become better acquainted with each other. Dr. and Mrs. Yates were away at Chefoo, but I was glad to receive a letter from him a short time before I went on board the steamer. He informed me that he had received a note from you. We felt leaving Chinkiang very much, and especially brother Bryan, for during the time that we were together we had learned to esteem and love him. We felt leaving the Chinese, too, very much. Some of them came on board the steamer at Chinkiang, and we sang and prayed together before we started. We organized a Baptist church in Chinkiang a week or two before we left, but I will let brother Bryan tell you all about that. I can only pray that the Lord may richly bless this infant church thus planted in the midst of heathen darkness. We have had a tolerably smooth passage thus far, but Mrs. Hunnex has suffered a great deal from seasickness. We are all, however, I am thankful to say, feeling benefited and refreshed by the sea-voyage. We have about 3,000 miles more to travel before we get to England.

Affectionately yours,

W. J. HUNNEX.

FROM MRS. TAYLOR.

BAHIA—ENCOURAGEMENTS.

Dear Journal:

I believe Mr. Taylor has mentioned the new publication of the Bahia Mission, *The Echo of Truth*. The paper, or rather magazine, has received the kindest of notices from all the Bahia papers, with one exception, and that one is not very hostile. However, the ultra Catholic party have announced that they will begin a paper this month, professedly to combat the *Echo da Verdade*. This will do our cause good.

Since we came to the new house we see a slight increase in attendance. Brother Daniel occupied the pulpit last Sabbath, both morning and night. His really eloquent sermons were well received, and I am sure will be productive of much good. His Portuguese was a surprise and delight to me, he had improved so much during his stay in Pernambuco. He uses the language very idiomatically. The Board has sent the Brazilian Mission a good worker in brother Daniel, as also in Miss Everett. The progress of the ladies has been most encouraging. Miss Everett has already taken charge of the Woman's class in Sabbath-school.

Encouraging news continues to reach us from Macao.

Yours,

KATE S. TAYLOR.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM MEXICO.

SALTILLO, MEXICO, Nov. 7, 1886.

Dear Brother Tupper:

We are all well, thanks to our Heavenly Father. I, myself, feel quite sore. Day before yesterday I rode out 37½ miles, preached and received seven candidates for baptism. Yesterday preached twice and returned home after one o'clock. To-day I can hardly move, yet I have preached and con-

ducted Sunday-school, and must preach again to-night.

I have glorious news to tell you. I sent brothers Gamez, Muller and Garcia to visit the ranches, where the spirit of the Lord has been manifested in such power. Thirty-one candidates for baptism were received, making more than ninety candidates received in the past two months, and the work seems just begun. I will leave in a few days to be gone a month or more. Mr. Cardenas, brother McCormick and others may accompany me.

The Institute closes next Saturday.

The Monday or Tuesday following we leave.

We will have a meeting of the mission this week.

Preparations will be made for the departure of brethren Wilson and McCormick to their respective fields. We feel grateful that the Board acquiesced in our plans, and trust the will of our God is being done.

The great growth recently brings corresponding obligations and enlargement of work. God will surely raise up men and means for this new interest.

Love to all.

Affectionately,
W. D. POWELL.

FROM BROTHER SMITH.

BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE,
ABEOKUTA, Aug. 30, 1886.*Dear Dr. Tupper:*

I think I wrote to you last, about the first of June. I continued to assist brother David at Lagos until the last of June, when we came up here. We were hoping that brother Harvey would return, but his health continuing bad, we found it necessary that I should come at once, so July 4th found us, (Mrs. Smith and myself,) in the Mission House, after five days travelling in a canoe on the Ogun river.

I had no interpreter, so the only thing for me to do was to try my hand in Yoruba. I write and read a sermon in Yoruba every week. I cannot speak without first writing as yet. I was quite sick with fever all last week, and not being able to write a sermon, I held a prayer-meeting, and talked a little without writing. We have quite interesting meetings twice every Sunday, and Sunday-school. We generally have about 25 in Sunday school, and 25 to 40 at preaching services. We have two children in the mission, a boy and a girl, whom Mrs. Smith is teaching daily, and they in turn are teaching two men and some children every afternoon. We feel quite encouraged about the work here.

We are very sorry brother Harvey had to return to the United States. We hope he will soon return so that we can go on to Ogbomoso.

We are fairly well now. Both Mrs. Smith and I have a little fever once in a while, but this is the time of year for fevers. I had my worst spell, for a long time, last week, keeping me on the bed all the week, but I was very sick only a few hours.

Affectionately,
C. E. SMITH.

FROM BROTHER JOINER.

HWANG HIEN, Sept. 27, 1886.

Dear Dr. Tupper:

Early in July I was taken with what the doctor calls "heat apoplexy," and since then I have been unable to do anything in the way of work or study. We have lately returned from Tung Chow, where we had been spending about a month with Miss Moon. The visit did me a great deal of good, and I came back much improved, hoping to be able in the next few days to resume work. The doctor says, however, that I ought not to study for the next six weeks. I still suffer from an almost constant aching in my back, which I fear will not allow me to work as diligently as I had hoped to do this fall.

During our absence the natives were busy in circulating the report that we have been driven off by the weasels. They said the officers could not keep us from coming in, but the weasels had driven us out, and in this thought they were exceedingly happy. They have a superstition that if a weasel is killed by any one that it will become a man and wreak fearful vengeance upon its destroyer, therefore no one dares to kill it.

Since I have done nothing this quarter I shall have no report.

Mrs. Joiner and the baby boy keep well, and join me in best regards to you.

Most truly yours,
J. M. JOINER.

From various parts of the great world-field come reports of out-pourings of the Holy Spirit, and of large ingatherings of converts. "The uttermost parts of the earth" are becoming His possessions.

MISSIONARY SCRAPS.

A disastrous fire broke out recently at Stanleyville, a missionary station of the Baptist Missionary Society of England, and destroyed mission property amounting to £4,000.

Surely rich blessings will come from God upon that mission. Later information is to the effect that the contributions received have been more than sufficient to cover the loss.

The late Mr. Vaughan, a devoted Church of England missionary, in his book "The Trident, the Crescent and the Cross," says, that in the course of many years' work among educated natives in Brazil, he never heard one word spoken against Jesus.

The contributions to the mission work of the M. E. Church, north, this year, have increased \$129,685 over those of last year, and forty fall conferences are yet to report.

God speed the day when the same state of things shall exist among our southern Baptists.

Persecutions still await our Baptist brethren in Germany. Fines and imprisonment are still visited upon them in some places for preaching the Word.

Rev. B. Cretin, a missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union in France, thinks that the prejudice against Baptists is abating in that country.

The United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt, reports nine male and six female missionaries, with eight ordained natives, seventy preaching places and 1,842 communicants.

A BEAUTIFUL ACT.

A missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society of England, writing from Hsin Cheo, China, tells this beautiful little story:

A Chinaman named Liu, who works hard for a living, as a seller of "raro," (a kind of rice pudding with dates in it,) and walks all over the city from early dawn till late evening, has for twenty years lit a lamp every night and hung it in the gate tower of the city, as a guide for travellers who may be trying to find their way across the swampy plain to the city.

He is still a heathen, but the missionaries are praying for him.

Reader, that which may be a lamp to the feet and a light to the path of China's millions, now walking in darkness and in the shadow of eternal death, is in your hands.

A "PENTECOST" ON THE CONGO.

In the September of the Journal was given an extract from the Baptist Missionary Magazine, recording the baptism of five native young men, at a station of the American Baptist Missionary Union on the Congo.

A PENTECOST.

When I received your letter to baptize, I was preparing to immerse sixteen candidates, but had also just commenced special services in all the towns. I locked up the house, took the harmonium, the children, and converts, and sang and preached the gospel to the people all day long.

Since writing the above, the news comes that three hundred more converts have been received for baptism. Surely God is doing great things for our brethren of the North.

PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS TO MISSIONARY WORK.

Think of your personal relation to the work of missions as a test of your Christian character. The great commission of Jesus throbs with the centralizer energies of the cross. Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel unto every creature.

be roused by the cause of missions, which is to secure the success of Christ's mission to this world.

What better test then can be submitted to one who professes to love Christ than this? What is your sense of your personal obligation to the work of missions?

Do you love the church of Christ? Missions have been appointed by Christ for the self-preservation of His church. It is not so much a question of love of yourself that is involved in the success of missionary work.

FRANK M. ELLIS.

WE CAN GIVE AND WORK AND PRAY.

The Annual Report of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Union, of Philadelphia and vicinity, closes with these words—which we commend to the women of the South:

"Do we not feel that if we each had a true zeal for missions, which would have led us to do something, or to do something for Christ, we should have had greater results? Millions are without the gospel and are asking for it.

"Look! a mighty host are waiting, Shall we dare to say they may? Dare to shut God's own beloved From the light of Christian day? There are noble women, doing God's own work in heathen lands; Though we cannot join their number, We can reach our helping hands."

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From Oct. 25th, 1886, to November 22d, 1886.

- ALABAMA.—By W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$733.81; Tuscaloosa Assn., by J. T. Zerby, clerk, \$23.80; Huntsville ch., by A. W. McGaha, \$14.40; Russellville ch., by W. L. L., \$7.75. Total, \$779.76. Previously reported, \$1,458.93. Total this year, \$2,241.70.

\$15; L. M. Soc., East ch., Louisville, by Miss C. Williams, (of which \$12.50 for support of four little orphans with Mrs. Bagby in Brazil) \$15; Perryville S. S., by Mrs. S. C. Scott, (C. D.), \$2.35; W. M. Soc. of New Liberty ch., by H. O. Roberts, \$25; from W. V. Macfee, for Mr. David's Memorial Fund, \$7; Elkton S. S., by G. B. Lewis, (C. D.), \$3.70; Bloomfield S. S., by Thos. Hall, (C. D.), \$1.00. Total, \$153.04.

Previously reported, \$2,033.06. Total this year, \$3,087.00. LOUISIANA.—L. A. Soc. of Cowshatta ch., by G. W. Hartsfield, for J. M. Joiner, \$2.50; Louisiana Assn., by G. A. Turner, Tr., \$23.70; B. W. Blakewell, \$20; Kingston S. S., for Mexico, \$2.70; I. K. Mills, \$2; Mrs. T. C. Pierson, \$2.00; Grand Cane Assn., \$33; Treasurer of G. C. Assn., \$2.50; North La. Assn., \$14.75; Treasurer Concord Assn., \$22.70; A. J. Caruthers, \$1; cash, 5 cents; W. Coolesy, \$1; S. C. Lee's L. M. Soc., Silline ch., \$3.30; Treasurer Red River Assn., \$5.60; collection Red River Assn., \$14.55; New Hope S. S., by J. M. White, for J. M. Joiner, China, (C. D.), \$3. Total, \$154.55.

Previously reported, \$26.15. Total this year, \$180.70. MARYLAND.—Lee Street and Woodberry chs., Baltimore, by Joshua Levering, V. P., \$15; Immanuel ch., Baltimore, by C. B. Grady, \$12.50; by Mrs. A. F. Grant, Tr., W. M. L. B. Baltimore, (of which \$17.61 for Woman's Work in Italy, \$100 for Bible-woman in Rome, \$10 from Girls' Pearl Mission Band, Lee Street ch., for girls' school in Rome; \$5 from Franklin Square Juvenile Bands for Mexico; \$20 from "Helping hands" Mission Band, Eutaw Place, for Mrs. Graves' school, and \$25 from same for Industrial school in Brazil) \$17.94; High Street ch., Baltimore, by J. B. Levey, \$10; W. M. L. B., Baltimore, by W. P. from Eutaw Place ch., \$165, and from G. Bradford, for Mexico, \$25. Total, \$112.39.

Previously reported, \$1,196.63. Total this year, \$1,609.02. MISSISSIPPI.—By B. W. Griffith, Tr. Con. Bd., \$20; Harry L. Watts, Wauona, for brother Simmons' boy in China, \$2.25; Jackson S. S., by B. W. Griffith, Tr., \$10; Oktubbeha Assn., by W. F. Vance, Tr., \$3.35; by D. T. Chapman, Tr. Gen. Assn., \$12.70; for private use of Mrs. David's children, by J. H. Buckley, guardian, \$1.10; Miss Soc., West Point, by Augusta R. Fox, Sec. (less ex.), \$13.15; Spring Hill S. S., by G. W. Jones, \$2; from Mrs. A. B. Duncan, Mrs. Eleanor Christopher, and Mrs. E. M. Smith, for poor widows mentioned by J. H. Eiger in letter from Italy, by L. A. Duncan, \$1.25; S. S. of Bap. ch., Oxford, by J. H. Edwards, \$14.38; Toomsaba S. S., by J. N. Ross, 55 cents; Mrs. G. W. Leavelle, Oxford, \$5; by L. L. Anderson, Tr., from Shuquak ch., \$37.55, and from Shuquak S. S., for Mrs. David in Africa, \$25.43. Total, \$507.00.

Previously reported, \$463.83. Total this year, \$1,490.92. MISSOURI.—By R. S. Duncan, Agt., (of which \$11.50 for Miss Young's mission; \$15.50 for Miss Young's school house; \$20 for O. P. Moss in Dr. Grave's school in Canton), \$725.84; W. M. Soc., Second Baptist ch., Liberty, by Mrs. G. L. Black, Tr., for Miss Young's house, \$70.34. Total, \$796.18.

Previously reported, \$2,225.65. Total this year, \$3,122.13. NEW YORK.—Mrs. A. I. Sillars, \$10. Total this year, \$105. NORTH CAROLINA.—Miss O. Millard, Goldsboro, by T. P. Bell, 50 cts.; W. M. L. B., Goldsboro, by G. B. Bryant, \$23.82; Onestore S. S., by W. H. Brooks, \$2.25; Long Creek S. S., by Mrs. G. W. Herling, (C. D.), \$2; by H. I. Brigg, Tr. St. Con., (of which \$10.51 for R. T. Bryan), \$65.04. Total, \$113.61.

Previously reported, \$3,002.01. Total this year, \$4,135.62. SOUTH CAROLINA.—Hunter's Chapel ch., Barnwell Assn., by J. G. Renitz, Tr., \$3.10; Bamberg ch. and S. S., by T. Black, Tr. B. Ch., \$2.71; by T. M. Bailey, C. S. Ex. Bd. St. Con. (less ex.), \$53.43; Mountain Creek ch., Edgely, Assn., by C. H. Black, S. S., \$2.55; Mt. Zion ch., by H. B. H., \$3; by C. P. Ervin, \$4.15; by H. S. Hardin, Tr. Chester Assn., \$30; Branch S. S., York Assn., by S. N. Johnson, \$1.95; Second Division, Orangeburg Assn., by G. L. Holen, Tr., \$10; Chester S. S., by T. J. Irwin, \$6.75; S. S. of Columbia, by R. King, (C. D.), \$3.25; Newberry S. S., by J. S. Canville, (C. D.), \$15.00; Rock Hill S. S., by J. G. Sharpe, (C. D.), \$4; New Bethel S. S., by G. U. Hinton, (C. D.), \$5.30; New Bethel S. S., by G. U. Hinton, (C. D.), \$5.30; Gaffney city S. S., by W. O. Lipscomb, (C. D.), \$5.12; Swift Creek S. S., by A. McA. Pittman, (C. D.), \$10; by J. A. Robinson, from Little River S. S., (C. D.), \$13; and from Little River ch., \$9.70; Parksville S. S., by G. W. Ramsey, (C. D.), \$4; Union S. S. York Assn., by S. N. Johnson, \$1.47; from B. R. Church, by G. McSmith, Tr., \$2.30; annuity paid by Geo. W. McFar, \$20.74; by Chas. Many, V. P. (of which \$5 from S. S. S. S., (C. D.), \$1; Longtown S. S., by J. L. Jones, (C. D.), \$1; by A. P. Abell, Tr. Ex. Com. G. B. Assn., (of which \$2.89 from Greenville S. S., (C. D.), and \$2.60 from Sundry Spring S. S., (C. D.)) \$37.09; Enoree ch., Reedy River Assn., by S. S. Cunningham, \$7.35; Yorkville S. S., by J. O. Ferguson, Tr. (C. D.), \$2.05; Anderson S. S., (of which \$7.35 from (C. D.)) \$11.00; by B. P. Bouldin, \$16.11; Spartanburg S. S., by W. T. Derieux, (C. D.), \$19; Johnson S. S., by J. O. Lewis, Sec., \$10; Bamberg S. S., by C. P. Ervin, (C. D.), \$9.47; Chester Assn., by H. S. Hardin, Tr., \$10.50; Cross Hill S. S., by H. W. Seymour, (C. D.), \$2; Horeh ch., by S. W. Chilce, \$3; Infant class, by Mrs. F. Y. Hyde, Charleston, 75 cts.; Mineral Spring S. S., Pee Dee Assn., by H. G. Lucas, \$1.75; Marion S. S., by J. O. Watson, (C. D.), \$6.20; Barnwell Assn., by T. A. Binnion, (less 40 cts. ex.), \$123.60. Total, \$710.16.

Previously reported, \$2,200.32. Total this year, \$2,910.48. TENNESSEE.—Concord ch., by J. T. McMillan, \$13.40; Island House ch., by C. C. D. Armound, \$15; Mt. Olive ch. and S. S., by J. L. Willoughby, \$5.30; Judson Assn., by R. K. Simson, Sec. Ex. Bd., \$3.80; by J. M. Senter, V. P., \$17.15; New Hope S. S., by H. O. Fields, (C. D.), \$8; First S. S., Nashville by J. W. Eastman, (C. D.), \$7.03; L. F. M. Soc., Morristown, for Mexico, by S. H. Flemin, \$11; by J. T. Henderson, Tr. ch. Mossy Creek, \$4.02. Total, \$53.40.

Previously reported, \$983.69. Total this year, \$1,067.09. TEXAS.—By A. T. Hawthorne, Agt. for Brazilian and Mexican missions, (of which \$84 for Sutillo ch. building; and \$20 for girl at Madero Inst.), \$385; Mrs. Ann Heurlinger, Grand Prairie, \$5. Total, \$390. Previously reported, \$2,083.52. Total this year, \$2,473.52.

VIRGINIA.—By N. Ryland, Tr., \$775; New Prospect S. S., by S. J. Watts, Sec., \$4.85; "Will," Richmond, for girl at Madero Inst., \$5; Miss Eliza Reid, Walnut Grove ch., for Italian missions, by G. B. Taylor, \$5; Grand Run S. S., by S. H. Hinton, (C. D.) through Religious Herald, \$6.75; from "Little Workers" of Bethlehem ch., by J. L. Jeter, \$4; J. T. Betts, for Mrs. David's Memorial Fund, by W. V. Macfee, \$1.25. Total, \$801.85.

Previously reported, \$3,350.65. Total this year, \$4,152.60. WEST VIRGINIA.—Miss H. G. Gouldman, Alderson, \$2. Previously reported, \$70.65. Total this year, \$72.65. AGGREGATE, \$7,819.32. Previously reported, \$25,821.52. Total this year, \$33,640.84. N. B.—The letters "C. D." in parenthesis in these receipts, indicate the contributions made by Sunday-schools on "Children's Day."