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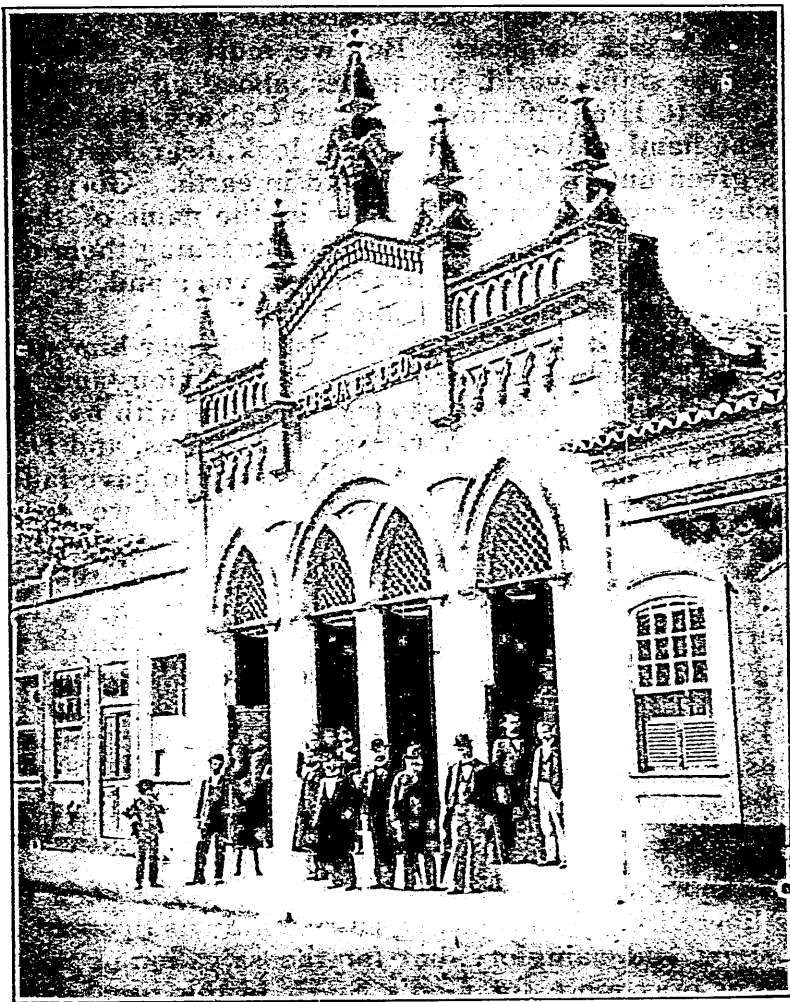
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HOPEFUL IN THE LORD'S WORK.

If we are working in harmony with God's plans failure is not in the range of possibility. We may grow weak and weary and faint by the way, but the work goes on and cannot fail. God uses us, and with this thought we should press forward. In the work of evangelizing the world we are in the greatest conflict of earth. The world and hell combine to oppose us. Superstitions, customs, pride, policy, sensuality, avarice, and sin in a thousand forms, say "Back, oh soldier of Christ." Climatic conditions oppose, and a self-centered form of Christianity at home, says impossible, yet, with all, the Great Commander is saying "Go." If we stand and look at the difficulties and our weaknesses, the situation is appalling, and we grow sick at heart. But we must not look altogether at self and the sinful world, but rather, above all, we must look to Christ; look to Him suffering, dying on Calvary—look to him now at the right hand of God, and as we look, hear him say: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Who could look at our Lord Christ and hear him speak these words and then consider his death, resurrection and ascension into glory, and say it is no use to try? God is with us; Noah had to work and wait in faith; Abraham, and Moses, and David, and Daniel, and Job, and thousands of others, had to have faith and be faithful, waiting God's good time. Why should we grow weary and repine?

We can see great signs of progress. The promises and providences of God should thrill us with joy and move us to higher, holier purposes. Let hope take possession of us, and then we will sing while we work, shout while we war, and in God's name the victory will be ours. We want a hopeful, rejoicing people to do the Lord's work. Satan would make us give up in despair. God calls to us constantly, saying, "Fear not"—"Only believe." With hopeful hearts we can and will conquer in Christ's name.

WE NEED more spirituality in our churches. Then there will be more liberality. We need the Spirit within us to create longing, not for show and vainglory, but for the salvation of men lost in sin. Let us pray more for God's Spirit in this great work. The old time monthly concert of prayer for missions could well be revived in our churches. Let it be made interesting by preparation beforehand on the part of the leader, and it should be the sweetest service of the church.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.

The work in which we are engaged is a very great one. The devil would mar and retard it if he could. He would have us divide and waste our strength on those whom we should love, and with whom we should co-operate. While at times we may differ as to methods, we should never forget we have one common Master; one common war against the kingdom of Satan; one common aim, bringing the lost world to Christ. Whatever we do, we should stand in Christ's truth and love, battling for Him.

During the past few years there have been some differences among some of our people, and these have led to exaggerated statements. Some things have been said which should not have been said, even under provocation. Good and wise brethren have deplored these statements. THE JOURNAL has had very little to say, feeling that it was best. Brethren, excitedly, have written, and we have said, let us try to exercise charity and patience. We know that brethren, who have been in full sympathy with our organized work, have regretted hasty statements of friends of the Board, and we feel that good brethren, who have not been working with the Board, did not approve of much that has been said about the Board. We are brethren, and, after all, in many things we agree, and when our life work is done we are going to see that we loved each other more than some of us thought for, and perhaps those who linger here longest will regret that we did not try harder to work together for our Master with those who were trying as best they knew how to carry on His work. Whatever we do, let us be certain we *speak the truth in love* as we speak one of another—if not for each other's sake, then *for Christ's sake*. When we do not know, it is best not to speak. So often we do wrong to others when we speak on ex parte testimony. Wait; give the brother the benefit of a doubt. Let us do as we would be done by. If we know all the truth, and it is necessary, give that, and remember the truth is strong enough without coloring. Oftentimes it is unnecessary, and unbecoming, and unchristian to tell all we know even about our own brother or ourselves. Tell what is good, what will strengthen, what will bless, and in humility and charity ask God to forgive the rest.

WE CALL the special attention of the sisters to the Band Department this month. The Sunbeam Society's work has been turned over to the Woman's Missionary Union, and in this issue, Miss Heck, President of the Union, makes some valuable suggestions. We need to train our young people, not only instructing them in the facts of missionary work, but teaching them to give for the work.

FINDING FAULT.

It is very easy to find fault, to censure others, even when one has not done as well himself. Anybody can find fault—it is not a mark of sense, or wisdom, or superior learning, or good heart. But it takes a person of superior head and heart to see where and why there has been failure, and then set to work and help to bring success in its stead.

We all need help. No one is so wise, so strong, so high, but what he needs help. It may be in counsel or in sympathy, or otherwise. Never censure when you have omitted to help the one who has failed to succeed, when you could have helped.

Perhaps in no line of work are there more shades of opinion as to method, means, &c., than in foreign missions. Let each one be certain that we are working for God and His glory, and doing our best, before we find fault with others who are trying. Some one may ask, does this preclude all criticism? Not at all. We ought to criticise methods, but be sure we do so in the love of the Master and our brethren, and in order to help and strengthen, not to weaken and destroy. Urjust criticism and unwarranted censure may hurt a work more than we can ever afterwards help it. In foreign mission work there are many ready to grasp at any pretext to excuse themselves from duty. What we want to do is to strengthen the little interest into a mighty, potent factor for influencing our people. We believe a lively interest in missions will settle many questions as to method, while no method *per se* will create an interest. Get the people to believing that Christ meant it when he gave his last great command, and they will do the work. Let us not by fault-finding and abuse break down and destroy, but rather in every way we can let each strengthen, encourage and help forward the work of Christ.

THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

We give our readers this month our JOURNAL in new dress with improved paper and pictures, and we hope they will give us a large number of new subscribers. The price per annum is only 35 cents, or in clubs of ten, 25 cents each. THE JOURNAL does not propose to take the place of the State paper. It cannot do that. But you will find that it supplements your State paper. Please see that your pastor and deacons and Sunday-school superintendent get THE JOURNAL, if you have to send it to them. They need it to keep posted on our work. Our leaders cannot lead well if they are uninformed, and hence indifferent as to our work on account of their ignorance. We need well-informed, active, earnest leaders in the Master's work. We would be glad to have one brother or

sister in every church take up this work of getting subscribers for **THE JOURNAL**, and in this way helping forward the great work of Missions. Write for Sample copies.

HOW, WHEN, HOW MUCH?

The first of June we sent out the following postal card to a number of our brethren whose churches are among the largest givers for Foreign Missions:

Will you please give in a short article (say about one hundred words) an answer to this question: How are Foreign Mission collections taken in your church? Please let your answer indicate also when they are taken, how many members in your church, and the amount given for the past year. What proportion does the F. M. collection bear to the amount spent for home purposes, including pastor's salary, etc.

Below we give some of the answers received:

C. C. BROWN, Sumter, S. C.:

Our mission method is very simple. At the end of each year promises for the next year are made by the members on a little card circulated among them. These amounts are entered against the subscribers by a collector, on a book kept for the purpose, and comprise a regular account of indebtedness. Pledges are payable monthly. If not paid within three months the collector in person visits the subscribers, and collects the dues. We have 280 members. About 120 are contributors to foreign missions. We gave last year \$120 to your Board. The foreign mission receipts are about ten per cent. of the total income for home expenses, including everything.

LANSING BURROWS, Augusta, Ga.:

This church presents Foreign Missions on the first Sunday in May, the beginning of the Convention year, with an anniversary of the Woman's Society and a sermon by some invited brother. At that time pledges are taken, payable through the year in monthly or quarterly sums as suits the givers. The Woman's Society takes on itself the charge of looking after and collecting these pledges. Before the day named each member of the church is personally visited and envelopes put in their hands, together with some recent tract or statement of the foreign work; these envelopes provide for a cash offering and also for the pledge referred to above.

There are now about 620 members in this church, and something over \$700 was given last year, including some personal gifts for the deficiency. The current expense account is about \$4,500.

N. A. BAILEY, Leesburg, Fla.:

In answer to your question, "How are Foreign Mission collections taken in your church?" will say: No collection for Foreign Missions as such is taken in this church. We make a pledge annually to the general work of missions, including every department thereof, and take collections regularly to liquidate the pledge. These collections are taken bi-monthly and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Convention. The Board of Missions apportion the collections received for its general work between the Foreign, Home and State work.

The proportion given by this church to missions is nearly one-half as much as the church pays the pastor. Since the freeze of February, 1895, the church has been greatly reduced in its financial ability, but our pledge to missions has suffered no reduction.

J. C. BREWTON, Eastman, Ga. :

We have 125 members. For all purposes we raised during the last Conventional year, \$1,685, which was paid out as follows: Pastor's salary, \$700; Foreign Missions, \$450; Home Missions, \$125; State Missions, \$125; Ministerial Education, \$75; Mercer University, \$25; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$35; Charities, etc., \$150. For missions and kindred objects we pay monthly. Once a year we have a week of prayer, self-denial and study for missions. These meetings have been exceedingly helpful. We endeavor to view the work from a Scriptural standpoint and then give our means from a sense of duty and as a glorious privilege. No begging is ever done to raise money for the Lord's cause.

J. D. ANDERSON, Memphis, Tenn. :

In answer to yours of the 5th inst., I desire to say for Millington church: We endeavor to get every member to subscribe the amount he or she can pay to missions during the Associational year. This we do in the fall. Then we collect and forward just as fast as possible. In the spring we take a public collection as a free-will offering. Last year we gave \$75.20 to Foreign Missions; \$38.80 to State; Home, \$36.15; Associational, \$50. Total, \$200.15. Our home expenses, including salary, &c., was just about that amount. This is a country church. Urge the churches to send as much abroad as they use at home.

J. H. KILPATRICK, White Plains, Ga. :

Our collections for missions are quarterly, beginning with January. We raise for all benevolence about \$3.25 per member. Of this \$1 per member for Foreign Missions. Pastor's salary \$400—two Sundays in the month. Members last reported, 134. Nearly all the members give something. We have more members than ten years ago, but not so much money.

GEORGE COOPER, Richmond, Va. :

To the First Church the day for the annual offering for Foreign Missions is the day of highest spiritual privilege. It is the great day of the year. The other Sabbaths of the year seem to stand about this one as the foot-hills stand about and look up to the great peak that rises thousands of feet above them. From this height we look out on the horizon of humanity. Then most thoroughly we feel that we are not the final objects of God's salvation, but the media through which the light is to shine on those in darkness.

For some years we have held special services on each night of the week preceding the Sabbath of offering. These do not take the place of the monthly missionary service. They are times of prayer for the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts with renewed love for the work and generous response to its needs. We try to reach our people by the way of the throne of prayer as well as by other methods. These have been very precious seasons. Prayer has been answered. No great sermon has been needed. Low-toned appeals have been dismissed. Spiritual power has been manifested in the service of the offering. Gladly is it made.

Our offerings for all causes aggregate about as much as for home expenses. We aim to give as much as we spend for ourselves. Of this Foreign Missions receives the largest proportion. For recent years our gifts have been for Foreign Missions from twenty-five hundred to thirty-five hundred dollars a year.

L. G. BROUGHTON, Roanoke, Va. :

Your request for my method of raising Foreign Mission money is before me, and I cheerfully respond.

1. I have found about February or March the best time to take the collection.
2. I always precede the collection with at least three days of prayer—meeting in the church every night in Bible study and prayer for the guidance of the Holy Ghost. I believe more and more in the Holy Ghost in the Church. It is easy enough to get people to give when the Holy Ghost for one week has been sought as a teacher of how much to give.
3. Sunday following my week of prayer I preach on some appropriate text. Last Foreign-Mission day I preached on “Missions the Heart and Pulse of the Church.” Following the sermon we have prayer again for Holy Ghost guidance; then slips of paper are distributed and the pledges taken.
4. These pledges are placed in the hands of a committee to collect, which is done in about two months.

This is about all I can say about the plan. By way of general interest I might say our missionary societies, male and female, are kept in constant touch with the mission fields. Regular correspondence is kept up; letters read from missionaries, etc., at their monthly meetings. This helps wonderfully in collections. I would like to say, also, that my experience has been that the pastor must be a missionary man himself. He must put his money down, and his people must see it. Besides, he must realize that God's plan is to give and receive; and he must so convince his people. The pastor who is afraid of hindering home progress by giving to Foreign Missions is not fit to lead his people. He is wanting in spiritual discernment. God's plan is to give back in increased measure. Why cannot we all see it?

This has been our plan for three years, and though we have been building our new church, and the times hard, we have grown in collections from \$25 to nearly \$1,000—and Foreign-Mission day is the happiest day in the year with us. God help us to realize the personality of the Holy Ghost in our giving—that He will guide us as to how much we ought to give, and take care of us when we obey.

J. L. WHITE, Macon, Ga. :

It is the custom in our church to take an annual collection for Foreign Missions during the month of March. Besides this the three missionary societies make monthly contributions. The total for past year was \$1,000. Our membership numbers 725. Our home expenses are \$6,000, which includes the salary of a city missionary. This last amount does not include our gifts to education, home missions, orphanage, charity, &c.

It is my purpose to secure the gifts to Foreign Missions by December, so as to prevent in part the interest paid out by the Board for us—for us, because, should our churches send in their contributions early in the fall and winter, the great question of debt would be solved.

We have heard much of plan and system. The experience of these brethren shows that we need men back of plans. *No plan works itself.* The pastor should teach his people, but it should be somebody's business to gather the funds regularly.

We need more of the funds given in the opening of the Convention year. This would save much in interest. This change will not come of itself. Live brethren in different churches should take hold of the matter and make the change at once.

We note that some of the churches giving the largest amounts

give after earnest prayer. Every church and individual ought to give in that way.

We need earnest prayer to God for guidance. We need to get and give information as to the work. We need to give time and talents to plan and arrange. We need to give money to carry on the work. The spirit of missions is the spirit of giving. It involves God's love and God's gift and our love and our gifts.

We would be glad for many of our strong churches to consider whether they could not serve God better by giving the salary (\$500 or \$600) of a missionary on the foreign field. They could thus have two preachers, one at home and one in foreign lands. How easily a church with 500 members could give \$125 each quarter for this work. What blessings would flow back in return.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were written by Bro. S. G. Clark, of Salem, Ky., while at the Convention in Chattanooga. While they were not introduced there, they are good to act on. He says he has tested this plan and knows it will work good results:

Whereas, the Foreign Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention is deeply in debt—a condition, due, as we believe, to a lack of information on the part of our people, and a proper presentation of the claims of said Board; and whereas, we believe that a true Baptist will do his duty in this work when made sensible of the same and given an opportunity—be it therefore resolved:

1. That we, the delegates to this Convention, obligate ourselves upon our return to our homes and respective fields of labor, to earnestly urge upon our churches that they, by church act, appoint one or more in each church to canvass said church, and present the claims of the Foreign Mission Board privately to each member, and learn of them how much they are willing to pay for Foreign Missions, and at what time it will suit them to pay same during this conventional year.

2. That we will visit our district associations, or cause them to be so visited, and urge upon the messengers composing said associations, by resolution or otherwise, that they will urge upon their respective churches the adoption and execution of the above plan.

3. All money so collected shall be sent through the present channels of correspondence in our respective States

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Brother W. P. Winn and wife have just started for Africa with Brother C. E. Smith, who returned to his work. These missionaries go to work with Brother Smith without any salary from the Board, so that the only expense incurred was getting them to the field. Most excellent accounts are given of this brother and sister by those who know them well. We believe they will be able to do a good work in Africa, where our mission so greatly needs re-

inforcement on account of the number who have recently died at their posts there.

Below we give short accounts of their lives, written at our request by each of them.

W. P. Winn writes: I was born in Hancock county, Illinois, September 27, 1854. When I was about two years old my parents moved to Iowa, and about my fourth year they moved to Ohio, where I lived until I was grown. My father died when I was about 11 years old, leaving my mother with four children, of whom I was oldest. In my twenty-first year I moved to Arkansas. My life has been spent on the farm.

I was converted at the age of seventeen, and joined Beulah Baptist Church, near Sonora, Ohio. I have always felt a deep interest in the Lord's work, and have tried to take an active part in the church.

For the last ten or twelve years I have taught in the Sunday-school, and have superintended mission schools. I have always felt a great desire to engage more fully in the Lord's work, but have tried to do what the Lord placed at my hands.

For a number of years I have been impressed that I would like to work in Africa as a missionary, but thought it impossible, until suggested by Rev. C. E. Smith recently, and now I am greatly rejoiced that the way has been opened for me to go, and as I go forth my prayer is that I may be used of the Lord in pointing sinners to the Saviour of the world.

Mrs. Winn writes: I was born in Platteville, Wisconsin, January 5, 1857. The precepts and example of pious Christian parents, which I had, is a legacy I prize above everything else. For three years I attended the Wisconsin State Normal preparing myself for teaching.

My most successful and enjoyable work in teaching, both in day school and in Sunday-school, has always been among the children.

I have taught the infant class in the Judsonia Baptist Sunday-school (in the church in which I was converted, and of which I have been a member since I came to Arkansas in 1876) for ten years, and it is with many heart aches that I leave it soon to go to work among the children in far-off Africa. But surely God has a work there for me to do, or else he would not send me.

I do desire that all who read this will pray that I may speedily learn the language and be useful in the Lord's work in Africa.

My prayer is that I may be a living witness for Jesus.

NOTES.

The Foreign Mission Board never has dictated or even suggested to our missionaries how they should dress in the foreign field. We feel that is a matter for the missionaries to decide for themselves.

The plan for churches to assume the support of individual missionaries has been encouraged by the Board for years past. We wish many more of our churches would take a missionary each to support. The funds go direct to the missionary. The Board exercises an oversight in the location and arrangements of the missionaries. As the committee appointed by the churches send-

ing the missionaries, the Board feels responsible to these churches for the general direction of the work.

The same principle which would do away with the Foreign Mission Board would do away with the State Boards and Conventions, also all Associations and all Committees appointed for ministerial education as well as all denominational schools, colleges, and seminaries.

Some persons are under the impression that the Foreign Board pays for the servants of the missionaries. That is a mistake. The missionaries when they have servants, employ and pay for them themselves.

Some ask as to the salaries of missionaries. This varies. In all of our missions except China and Africa it is \$600 a year for man or woman, with an allowance of \$100 for each child until ten years old, then \$150 until sixteen, then nothing. In China and Africa, by a rule adopted several years ago, the rates are \$500 for a man or woman.

The Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms have gotten out the cards for the systematic study of our Home and Foreign Mission work for the year July, 1896, to July, 1897. The arrangement of the subjects is as follows: July, Home Board; August, Foreign Board; September, Italy; October, Mexico; November, Brazil; December, Missions in Southern States—State Missions; January, Colored People; February, Frontier Missions; March, Japan; April, China; May, Africa; June, Cuba.

The Maryland Mission Rooms have just issued a tract by Dr. J. S. Dill on *The Foreign Mission Board—Its Administration and Policy*. It is excellent. You can get a copy by writing to the Board at Richmond, Va.

The sisters of the W. M. U. have been quite active in assisting to lift the heavy burden of debt resting on our foreign mission work.

"*Gleanings*" is a little monthly paper published in Yokohama, Japan, by the missionaries of the Baptist Missionary Union, and, Southern Baptist Convention. The copy for May has just come. It is neat and gives an account of the work in Japan.

Rev. Joseph Aden, of Maceio, Brazil, recently returned to this country. He gives encouraging accounts of the work.

Dr. J. H. Eager and family are at Bedford City, Va. Bro. Eager will "supply" for Eutaw Church, Baltimore, one month this summer.

Dr. W. D. Powell wrote that he expected to attend the great gathering of the B. Y. P. U. of Texas at San Antonio, and then accompany a party of excursionists from that body on a trip through Mexico.

"I WILL CURSE YOUR BLESSINGS."

R. H. GRAVES.

This text has always seemed to me one of the most solemn in the whole Word of God. It was originally spoken to the priests through the prophet Malachi (ii: 2). The reason of this terrible threat was that they failed to "give glory" to God's name. God threatens to change even our blessings into a curse if we fail to use them aright—to employ them for His glory. What a solemn thought this is!

Has it any lesson for us? God has been blessing our Southland. All the testimonies agree in saying that the state and prospectus of the South are better than they have been for years; crops are promising, prices are good; and the prosperity is not based on a mere "boom," but is on a solid basis. Men are selling their lands to emigrants; they have increased facilities for finding a market for their crops; factories are built, mines worked, and trade prospers. Of course there are many who have gotten so used to crying "hard times" that they fail to recognize God's goodness or to be thankful for their blessings. But sensible and thoughtful men feel the truth of the statistics that prove that the South is enjoying an era of prosperity. Shall we refuse to acknowledge this as a blessing sent by God?

How do we respond? Why is it that our churches are cutting down their contributions for sending the gospel to the heathen? They are buying clothes, furniture, farms, factories, fixing their homes, rebuilding and improving churches, and yet God's cause for heathen lands languishes. Ah, brethren, have a care, lest God's curse rest upon your blessings. How did God threaten to punish the Jews? He says: "I will rebuke the seed for your sake" (Rev. Ver.), or, with a different vowel pointing of the Hebrew, as some ancient versions have it, "your arm." God can give poor crops, or palsy the arm that labors by sickness. If we withhold "more than is meet" we may be guilty of "robbing God;" if we neglect to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse" we may lose God's blessing. If we "prove" Him by our liberal contributions has He not promised to "pour out a blessing" until "there is not room enough to receive it" (Mal. iii: 8-10)? It is a fearful thing for us to tempt God. He has promised by this same prophet that "from the rising of the sun even until the going down of the same My name shall be great among the gentiles," and God will fulfill His promise and not disappoint those who are laboring to make known the name of Jesus; but woe be unto those who have no share in this work. Remember the curse of Meroz "because they came not up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Deliverance will come from some other source, for God's work will go on; but sad will be the condition of those who decline to help in the work, and let their fellow-men perish in the darkness of heathenism while they themselves dwell in their "ceiled houses" and employ God's blessings merely as a help to their own selfishness. May God avert His anger and not "curse our blessings" but bless us and make us a blessing to our race.

TEMPTATIONS OF MISSIONARIES.

R. E. CHAMBERS.

The above was the subject discussed at a recent meeting of the Conference of Missionaries in Canton, China. The conference is composed of the missionaries of all denominations working in Canton and vicinity. Believing that the subject would be of interest to people at home, in that it gives some idea of the missionary's life, I have briefly summarized the points brought out in the paper and in the discussion which followed.

The first speaker, in introducing the subject, broadened it into "things which missionaries should guard against."

1. A missionary should take care of his health; get plenty of sleep, be careful about going in the sun, and not try to live as the Chinese do. People at home may not see so much need of such advice. In this hot, damp climate more sleep is necessary than in the home land. Many missionaries have broken down for continuing habits formed at home. Then, again, the tropical sun is especially severe, and even in the midst of the winter season it is necessary for one often to carry an umbrella when going in the sun. As to living as the Chinese do, it was pointed out that the Chinese do not live in a model way, and we are here to set them an example. We should lift them to a higher plane of living rather than to descend to theirs. While it is proper and highly desirable for us to show our true sympathy for the Chinese, yet it is wrong to pander to their conceit. Our influence over them is spiritual.

2. A missionary is tempted by the almost boundless opportunities with which he is surrounded, (1) to have "too many irons in the fire," and (2) to distribute his energy over too wide a field. Concentration on some definite kind of work and in a restricted field, was urged.

3. Missionaries are tempted to regard too lightly the opinions of other missionaries. As a rule, only those who have strong wills and positive convictions come to the foreign field. Missionaries should consider all questions candidly, and not on the principle "How can I carry my point?" but rather "How far is it proper for me to yield my opinions?"

4. Missionaries must guard against working for temporary appearances and results. There are many discouragements in having to wait long for results, and people at home want to know fully about what is being done in the foreign field. The missionary is tempted not to scrutinize carefully enough those applying for baptism. On the other hand he is apt to send home too glowing reports of his work—not that he is likely to tell anything untrue, but, failing to tell all, a false impression is made. It was emphatically urged to make the reports convey the whole truth. The large majority of those who crowd to hear a foreign preacher in a new place are attracted by sheer curiosity—much as they would be to see an elephant or a kangaroo.

5. The multitude of those around who are steeped in sin, "having no hope and without God in the world," often too exclusively engages the attention of the missionary and he neglects his own spiritual life. We should look carefully to our own hearts. "Take time to be holy."

These are only some of the things mentioned, and only a portion of the temptations of the missionary were considered. Let all those who read these lines pray much for their own weak brethren who are preaching the gospel in heathen lands.

CANTON, CHINA, January 31, 1896.

A LIVING CHURCH.

BY H. R. BERNARD.

When an experienced woodman walks through a forest in the early spring, and desires to be fully assured that any given tree is really living, in the very best sense, he will look to the top—to the tip-top branch—and if he discovers there a living and at its extremity he is satisfied. He does not cut the tree down, does not cut into the heart, or even chip through the bark. The sight of the bud at the extremity is enough. He is *sure* that the tree lives. Just so of a church. When we see a church praying and giving in the interest of foreign missions, we do not care to look further for evidence that the church is alive. Has your church the evidence that it lives?

HOW IT CAN BE DONE.

WE GIVE BELOW A CIRCULAR LETTER WHICH FELL INTO OUR HANDS. IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

GO TEACH ALL NATIONS.

(Matt. 28: 19).

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

You have no doubt seen from *The Religious Herald* the urgent call for increased contributions to foreign missions to enable the Board to pay our missionaries now on the field.

On last Sunday was taken our annual offering, and as you were not represented in this collection we write to ask and *urge* that you contribute as liberally as you can to this great and important work.

We desire that *every one* of our 800 members shall contribute to this cause. The text at the head of this letter is the one from which our pastor, Rev. H. W. Tribble, preached last Sunday. These words, "Go teach all nations," were among the last words of our Lord to his disciples just before his ascension. Let *us* realize our duty in this matter and obey the Master's command. We often fail to give, not for lack of means but for lack of willingness.

It is ordained that the gospel message shall be carried to the nations *by and through the instrumentality of man*. Let us see to it that *our individual* part in this work is performed. There was a time when Christians were asked to pray that the doors to the heathen nations might be opened; that prayer has been answered, and *every nation* is now ready to hear the gospel message; and since this is the case it only remains for us to send the missionaries. You will find an envelope enclosed in which to place your contribution, which please return as soon as you can, so that we may forward to the treasurer.

THE MISSION JOURNAL gives much encouraging news about our missionaries and their work. Subscribe for it and keep posted by reading letters from our workers on the foreign field.

Read carefully the enclosed leaflet.

Very truly and fraternally,

M. C. THOMAS,
C. G. SINCLAIR,
J. C. MATTHEWS,
D. R. SNOW,

Committee.

As will be readily seen by our readers, THE JOURNAL this month considers especially the subject of methods at home for raising foreign mission funds. This is a most important question right now with our churches.

Dr. Broadus said that the real temper and promise of a church may be tried by these three tests: the prayer-meeting, the Sunday-school, and the contributions for Foreign Missions.

World-Wide Views.

"Out of the shadows of night,
The world breaks out into light;
It is daybreak everywhere."

TWENTY-FIVE years ago there were but seven hundred Protestants in Spain, the Pope's stronghold; but now that number has increased to eighteen thousand.

SEVEN years ago the Church Missionary Society of England had on its list four "honorary missionaries," that is, missionaries who supported themselves from their own means. Now there are seventy such missionaries connected with the society.

IT is a remarkable fact that of over fourteen millions given for Protestant foreign missions last year, England gave over seven millions and the United States over five millions. The two strongest countries of earth are back of the foreign mission enterprise.

THE country of China is open as never before to foreigners. Many are applying to enter schools where English and "Western Learning" are taught, and already arrangements are made for railroad building. Where railroads go, there prejudice and superstition are weakened and the gospel messenger is more welcome. The emperor has issued a decree directing that a railroad be built from Tien Tsin to the Lu Kow bridge, which is eight miles from Peking. The decree also suggests that the merchants build a line from the Lu Kow bridge to Hankow. Other lines will soon follow.

THE climate of Western Africa has been terrible for missionaries. Scores of them have died. Foreign mission boards have had to send physicians with the missionaries. One missionary wrote: "I think it is with African missions as

with the building of a great bridge. You know how many stones have to be buried, all unseen, for a foundation. If Christ wants me to be one of the unseen stones, lying in an African grave, I am content."

THE black spot on the history of the nineteenth century is the massacre in Armenia of seventy-five to one hundred thousand Christians, with other abominations and persecutions too horrible to relate in detail. But God reigns, and another century, it may be only a decade, will show again that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Turkey and her heartless sultan have hastened their own downfall and destruction.

ON the death of his father, Muzafer-ed-Din has come to the throne as shah of Persia. He is highly spoken of as temperate, devout, humane and a friend of education. But his health is said not to be vigorous. May the tendencies of his disposition make for the advancement of Christianity in his dominion.

SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT, lieutenant governor of Bengal, says: There is unquestionably an undercurrent working among the higher classes in India toward Christianity, in spite of all the open manifestations against it, and we look forward with confident expectation to the day when all India shall bow at the feet of Christ, who alone can uplift, justify and save.

"THERE is an African area large enough to hold all Europe that is without a single missionary." Add another sentence, and say it is surrounded on every side by missionaries, and if the

same progress is made the next fifty years as the last, it will be lighted up by the cross of Christ.

THE Ashantees in West Africa are a superstitious people. There is a belief among them that the spirits of dead persons are to be treated the same as if the persons were on earth. So when a king dies a number of men are killed to be his servants. When the baby son of a chief dies a woman is put to death that her spirit may take care of him.

IN THE Yoruba country, Africa, they believe in spirit worship. When a child has convulsions they believe he sees a spirit, and so the medicine man washes his eyes with a solution from the bark of a plant.

A WONDERFUL change has come in Japan. The reports from there show a great change on the part of the officials in reference to the possessing and read-

ing of the Bible. Colporteurs have freely distributed the Scriptures in the army and navy.

It is reported that a Tibetan soldier has been baptized in India by an English Baptist missionary and that he is anxious to go home and preach to his people the gospel of Christ. Who can lock a door when God gets ready to open it?

WHAT high testimony is this: Rear Admiral George E. Belknap, U. S. N., says: "I assert it to be a fact beyond contradiction that there is not a ruler, official, merchant, or any other person, from emperors, viceroys, governors, judges, counsellors, generals, ministers, admirals, merchants and others, down to the lowest coolies in China and Japan, Siam and Korea, who, in their association or dealings with their fellow-men in that quarter of the globe, are not indebted every day of their lives to the work and achievements of the American missionaries."

BRAZIL.

Where is the Trouble?

RIO JANEIRO, April 16, 1896.

How my heart grieves over the sad state of finances with you all who have the burden of responsibility and care to carry. I do pray earnestly and continuously to God that He may awaken our people at home to this great and disheartening lack of consecration of their God-given *means* to *His* glory. I often wonder why it is so, and where the fault lies. Are our methods wrong, and is God withholding His blessing on this account? I do not believe it. I sincerely believe that our methods are Scriptural and wise, and as effective as we all know how to make them. Are we missionaries to blame, in part, at least? It may be so. I feel my own unworthiness and coldness of heart very often, and sorrowfully deplore it. I wish I knew how to live nearer the Lord and use His money more wisely. I wish that I knew how to lessen

my own expenses (family) and that of the work, but I do not know how to do so and keep healthy and carry on the work rightly. With expenses as they are in our own mission, they are much *less* than in the Methodist and Presbyterian, whose missionaries receive larger salaries and more rent money than we. I have now been on the field for fifteen years, and with all economy consistent with health and usefulness, *I have not been able to lay up a cent of my salary* for the future. Were I to return home to-day I would have *nothing* from the salary of these fifteen years to fall back on.

May the Lord show us the way out.

We look for Brother Irvine very soon. The work goes on encouragingly. We are well, with the exception of myself. I am far from well, but manage to keep going.

Yours most truly in Christ.

W. B. BAGBY.

JAPAN.

Hopeful and Happy.

KOKURA, JAPAN.

Dear Brother,—When we read of the condition of finances—that the Foreign Mission Board was still resting under such a burden of debt—we were almost ashamed of having burdened your heart with another appeal. True we need another man badly, and equally true that we need a house in Moji, but we feel that we cannot expect expenses to be incurred while there is a decrease in contributions. What is the matter with our Christians? We read of great revivals, and we say, "That means more for missions." Yet money seems the one thing that even a Christian clings to. Now we are reading with pleasure of the marshalling of our young people, and again we hope "that means more for missions." God grant it may be so. We most earnestly pray that this year may find the Board free from the clog that is retarding its workings, and that it may be enabled to send the much needed help to these "begging missionaries" as some of our friends (?) in America call us. We have been a long time getting our house tolerably comfortable, and before we could get the numerous crevices of a Japanese house closed succeeded in laying up a good stock of *cold*. With this exception our health is good, and we are busy, hopeful, and happy. Sometimes it is very lonely for me; to-night for instance, when, I suppose, I am the only foreigner in a city of 10,000 Japanese. Mr. Maynard is in Fukuoka and I am here with only a servant, yet I do not feel the least fear. I could hardly have done this in America, but there is nothing more sure than that needed strength is given for times of need.

We are learning the language much more rapidly since we have been thrown upon our own resources. Some of our friends would be intensely amused to see me walking around giving the cook directions with my dictionary in one hand and, sometimes, recipe book in the

other. We stumble terribly sometimes, as I did when I directed my helper to buy a *zashiki* (sitting room) for each of the larger girls attending Sunday-school for a Christmas gift, meaning a hair pin (*kangashi*). We laugh at the English of these people; our Japanese must be equally amusing to them.

Your reference to our pictures reminded me of something that amused us so much at the time. One of the country churches in Tennessee spoke of writing to you and asking for a *hundred copies*, to be sold at *ten cents a piece* for missions. How we laughed! One old sister said, "that woman looks like a corpse; she will be dead in less than a year; *it won't pay to send her*." I was so very tired at the time that the picture was really very poor, yet I am sure our friends are welcome to use it as a *reminder* of one of their missionaries. Mr. Maynard will soon acknowledge your letter; he is kept very busy indeed, and I find myself reminding him of his correspondence quite often. We do not want to get away from our people, but if possible to keep in close touch with them. Our love to friends. Praying God's blessing upon you and the work, with affection, we remain yours in Christ,

BESSIE MAYNARD.

CHINA.

Leung Kwong Baptist Association.

The Association connected with our Canton Mission held its eleventh annual session with the Shiu Hing Church on February 27th—March 1st. The opening sermon, on the evening of the 26th, on "Receive ye the Holy Spirit" (John xx: 22), seems to have left its impress on the meeting. All felt that it was good to be there.

The Shiu Hing Church made abundant provision for the entertainment of the delegates, and had their meeting-house decorated with mottoes and evergreens. We indeed had a right royal welcome.

Misses North and McMinn, who reside at the station, gave unstinted hospitality to the American part of the delegation. After organizing, the work of the Association went on as usual. Important papers bearing on our work were read and discussed, resolutions against intemperance and in favor of the sending out of women workers, were unanimously passed.

The utmost harmony and brotherly love prevailed, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evidently felt in our midst. Our meeting would bear favorable comparison with most of our Associations at home in the good order which prevailed, the reverent spirit manifested, and the constant attendance and attention to business on the part of the delegates. With a few exceptions the papers were well prepared, and discussed with earnestness and order. The culminating practical outcome of the meeting was the determination to appoint an Associational missionary, and the raising of \$142.80 toward his support, and the opening of a new mission station.

Brother Simmons, who was a leading spirit in our meeting, suggested this new advance movement, and conducted the subscription. I never saw a collection which seemed to be a more earnest expression of real interest and quiet enthusiasm. There was no 'high-pressure "extortion" of money, but a voluntary outpouring of offerings to the Lord's cause.

One hundred and one names were put down—men and women subscribing for themselves and their children. As one of the Chinese brethren said, "The Spirit of God seemed to move their hearts."

There were forty-five delegates present, and all the eight Churches but one were represented. The statistics showed 83 baptisms for the year.

The net gain in membership was only nine, owing chiefly to the fact that the Canton Church has been revising its rolls, and excluded or dropped a number of names.

The ladies visited over one hundred

villages during the year, and met with opposition in only four or five. This shows how unfounded the outcry is against single ladies as mission workers. Provided they wait until they are acquainted with the Chinese language and the people, and use Christian discretion in their work, they are no more unwelcome than men would be.

Altogether we felt that God was with us, and that we could "Thank God and take courage." We closed by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and parted feeling that Christ's promised presence will be with us in our work as it was during our meeting.

R. H. GRAVES.

Paying Schools.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, March 5, 1896.

Dear Brother,—Perhaps you would like to hear a word about our Shanghai work.

Last fall our three churches in Central China united to form an Association, and appointed an Educational Board and a Home Mission Board. The Educational Board has begun a male school in Shanghai, charging \$1 a month for tuition and \$2.50 a month for board. The school opened last Tuesday with twenty-five—all we had room to receive—and more want to come. All but one are day pupils; eight of them are children of our church-members. It is a step in advance to have schools controlled by the native Churches, and run entirely on the pay basis. We teach the Bible and Christian books one hour and a half; geography and arithmetic half an hour each; Chinese books, two hours; English, one hour; and writing, a half hour each day. The demand for English is very great. Unless we give it to them they will get it from unchristian sources. The English books which we use have a great deal about God in them. We use a series which were prepared by Christians for this purpose. All the pupils who attend the school have to attend Sunday-school and preaching on Sunday. In this way we are reaching

a better class of people, and at the same time are making them pay the expenses of doing it. We could easily get a hundred pupils at two dollars a month if we had room. Would that God would put it in the heart of some of His wealthy children to give us the money to build suitable buildings for both male and female schools.

Yours sincerely,

R. T. BRYAN.

Class for Training Women.

CANTON, CHINA.

The semi-annual Woman's Class has just been held here in Canton. We feel that it has been a time of blessing both for the workers and for the Christian women who attended, and we would ask for most earnest prayer on the part of our colaborers at home, that the end may soon yield an abundant harvest.

The object of this class is to give the Christian women, especially those who live in the country villages, an opportunity to learn more fully the way of Life. It is often impossible for them to leave homes and children and come for any length of time to the Boarding School for Girls and Women; so the plan has been adopted of holding a special class twice a year during vacation, to which the women are allowed to come with their babies, and stay for ten days in the school. At the recent session there were nearly one hundred women and children who "ate rice" in the school, about sixty or seventy being Christian women, with perhaps a half dozen heathen, who were sent by Christian relatives.

It was no easy matter to manage such a number of women, unaccustomed to the restraint of keeping still, and so many unruly children; but Mrs. Graves and Miss White seemed equal to the undertaking, with the hearty assistance of the other ladies of the mission. Meetings were held nearly all day long, one or two teaching, and some one else trying to keep the children quiet in another room. Miss Whilden and Mrs. Green had charge of the heathen women and those who

could not read, while Mrs. Graves, Miss White and Miss McMinn gave regular courses of Bible lessons. The women also attended one of Dr. Graves' courses of lectures before a similar class for men; and there were, besides, two prayer meetings held every day, one conducted by the women themselves, while the other it was my own privilege to lead through an interpreter. It is refreshing to see how willing these women, who have had so little training, are to take part in the meetings, in any way they can. It would be a helpful object lesson to some of the sisters—and brethren, also—at home.

The spirit was manifestly present in the meetings, in giving the messages and in opening the minds of the women to receive it. Many of them seemed fairly hungry to know more of the doctrine, and we believe that the promise will be verified that such "shall be filled." Will not Christians in the home land pray especially for this class, that it may become an increasingly important factor in the lives of the Chinese women?

E. B. SALE.

Entrance Gained.

CANTON, CHINA.

Dear Brother,—I had a good trip to Kwang Sai province. At Ug Chau secured a place for a chapel and school. Much property is being bought at Ug Chau by foreigners, with the expectation of it being opened as the principal port on the West river. It was thought best not to let this opportunity to begin work there slip again. We have been driven out from Ug Chau three times. Think we will be able to stay this time. At Shek Tong I spent ten days in Bible study with the members. While there fourteen were baptized. The one church at Kwang Sai has over 80 members now. But what are these in a province of over eight millions? We are praying much for the Convention, which is in session at this time. This month of waiting will be one of anxiety to us, for we are much

troubled about the debt of the Board. There is much plague in Canton now. Mission all well. Yours, &c ,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

More Spirituality Needed.

CANTON, April 14th, 1896.

My Dear Brother,—Your letter of March 6th reached me by the last mail. I am very glad to hear of the week of prayer, though the time had passed before your letter reached us. Our hearts had been drawn out to pray for you and the cause, as we know that this month is one of great anxiety and a time of heavy burdens. I do trust you may come out free of debt, but can scarcely say I anticipate it.

I am perplexed and do not know what has come over our people, nor what the lesson is the Lord will have us learn. There should be great searching of heart on the part of the Board, the pastors and the people. Is there anything in our methods or spirit that is not pleasing to the Master? When at our meetings at home I felt oppressed with a want of *spirituality*, shall I say? I mean the glorying in our numbers, the busy activity and rush in our meetings, so many things to be attended to that there was not time to attend to anything thoroughly, so many fine speeches that there was little opportunity for calm deliberation and careful consultation, and still less for bringing our difficulties before the Lord. Might not relief come if the whole time assigned to foreign missions were made a devotional meeting in which our souls might be poured out before the Lord? I fear the devotional element is too much lacking in our meetings—that they are too much times for social intercourse and brotherly greetings, important as these are in binding us together, rather than seasons of spiritual refreshment and waiting upon the Lord.

Then as to our churches: I was grieved to see how little notice was taken of the week of prayer recommended by the Atlanta Committee last summer. I fear petty controversies about methods and

details may crowd out of the hearts of the brethren the great subject of the conversion of souls and the glory of Jesus. A spirit of fault-finding and criticism will kill out the spirit of consecration.

But I am afraid you will think I have joined the fault-finders. I do deplore the spiritual deficiencies in our churches, but I believe that the remedy must be a spiritual one. We have a constituency noble and great in many respects, but we really lack systematic giving and thorough consecration to the Lord. Would there might be a revival among our church members—a revival of spirituality and consecration of ourselves wholly to God. Yours fraternally,

R. H. GRAVES.

AFRICA.

African Difficulties.

In defending the policy of the Lagos government, which is largely supported by the liquor traffic, the government is on record in the British newspapers as advising all Christians in the Yoruba country to become Mohammedans!

I understand the British are preparing to deal with Ilorin, the Mohammedan stronghold on our northern border, which is the chief political trouble now remaining to be settled among the Yoruba tribes. From the terrible threats and fanatical attempts I hear are being made by Mohammedan priests and leaders, I fear his excellency. Sir Gilbert, will not find the followers of the "false prophet" to be such lovely characters at last. The idolatry of the heathen is disgusting rather than troublesome. The two chief troubles in the way of the progress of our work on the west coast are rum and Mohammedanism. The former is not felt so much here in interior now as at Lagos and Abeokuta. It may be that some good brethren can afford to oppose schools and education on their fields, but I fully believe that if we mean to do a staying work side by side with other sects in this country we need to pay more attention to religious education, and especially at this time in our interior work. The C. M. Society of England is doing a large part of its work by foreign as well as native training forces. I feel sure it would be a great help if we could do more in the way of training workers in the interior. Fraternally, W. T. LUMBLEY.

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"WE ARE OFF FOR THE COUNTRY."

Miss Willie Kelly and Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, China, going out on an Evangelizing Trip.

MISSION-CARD TOPIC FOR JULY, 1896.

HOME BOARD.—"Thou shalt open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Missionaries, 411; churches and stations, 1,626; baptisms, 5,617; Sunday schools organized, 372; teachers and pupils, 12,635; churches constituted, 207; houses of worship built, 92; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 2,595. Receipts of Home Board, \$75,927.24.

STUDY TOPICS.—*Great increase of foreign element. Dangers to our institutions, secular and religious. Our responsibility. Undeveloped rural districts.*

PROGRAM FOR JULY, 1896.

SUBJECT—THE HOME BOARD.

*"Because I held upon my selfish road
And left my brother wounded by the way,
And called ambition duty and pressed on—
O Lord, I do repent."*

1. Opening prayer for our vast Southern Home Field.
2. Scripture—Acts 1.
3. Hymn—"My country, 'tis of thee."
4. Quiz on branches of S. B. C. Home Work (consisting of questions and answers conducted by a leader; information in W. M. U. Secretary's annual report).
5. 1st. Frontier Work—Boxes
6. 2d. Colored People.
7. 3d. Foreign Population.
5. Prayer for Home Board and its work, especially for its Secretary.
6. Statistics for years 1888 and 1896 reported by W. M. U.: 1888—W. M. U. gave to Home Missions, \$6,723.10. 1896—W. M. U. gave to Home Missions, \$33,542.64.
7. Doxology.
8. Leaflet—"Great Opportunity, Great Responsibility," by Mr. Richard H. Edmonds.
9. Prayer for Missionaries on the Frontier, among the foreign population and Colored People.
10. Hymn—"Soldiers of Christ, arise."
11. A Chain of Prayer, each one expressing the sense of need in a sentence petition.
12. Business. Closing Hymn.

Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR CHURCH CONCERTS AND SOCIETIES.—As "facts are God's arguments," we commend the little monthly messenger to missionary thinkers and workers. Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, the editor of the *Manufacturers' Record*, has done us all a service in putting some notable facts in compact form in the leaflet, "Great Opportunity, Great Responsibility." If we love God and our country, we would do well to study these facts, pray about them, and then act as the Spirit bids us. Price, 3 cents. Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 9 W. Lexington street, Baltimore.

With this month, July, begins the new mission calendar. The new Mission Card—that valuable compendium of S. B. C. statistics—is just out. Price, 50 cents per hundred. The new quarterly literature, based upon the mission card order of topics, is also published, 8 cents per quarter, 30 cents per year. Every pastor and leader of missionary enterprise should avail themselves of these admirable helps.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.—The *Young People's Leader* and *Kind Words* are the best helps for our own people. Send to Nashville, Tenn., Bapt. S. S. Board for sample copies.

Home Board Recommendations to Woman's Missionary Union, Adopted at Annual Meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 11th, 1896.

1. The Home Mission Board asks that the Woman's Mission Societies make an effort to raise for its work during the conventional year 1896-'97, thirty thousand dollars, one-half in cash to aid in paying the salaries of our missionaries and the other half in boxes of supplies for those of them upon the frontier.
2. We invite special attention to the work among the colored women and children in and about our homes. While

the two Baptist Home Mission organizations of America are co-operating to elevate this race, no more helpful work can be done than may be done by the Baptist women of the South for the moral and intellectual improvement of these women. On this all true progress depends. There is placed before us an open door. May many enter it to engage in this Christ-like work.

3. The Board renews its earnest solicitation that the wants of our foreign population, Mexicans, Germans, French, Chinese, Indians, and the struggling Cubans, may receive special favor from the Baptist women of the South. Let not our cities become as some of the great cities of this and other continents, nor our rural districts as some sections of the country where our Christian Sabbath is set at naught.

4. The Board suggests that the Mission Societies take special interest in "THE MISSION JOURNAL" of the Convention, and also in "*The Kind Words*" and "*Our Young People's Leader*." These are all helpful to every department of our mission work, and we would gladly see their circulation greatly increased.

5. Gratefully acknowledging the liberal help the Board has received in past years from the Week of Self-Denial, we earnestly ask for its observance in the interest of our Home Mission work during the coming year.

Letter from Dr. I. T. Tichenor to Woman's Missionary Union, Explanatory of the Recommendations.

Such has been the uniform and increasing interest manifested by the women of the Southern churches in the work of our Home Mission Board, that I feel it scarcely necessary to add a word to the requests presented to them by the Board. Whenever we have asked for a specified sum, their liberality has equalled it and oftentimes exceeded it. To make a request of them is deemed by the Board tantamount to receiving the sum requested.

The year's work before us promises to be the most extended one in our history. Not to speak of other departments, there can be but little doubt that our work in Cuba must, before the end of the year upon which we are entering, be greatly enlarged. We cherish the confident expectation that before the close of the current year the patriot cause in Cuba will have succeeded and that beautiful island will be free. That will mean the removal of all obstructions to our mission work, and the opening of that enticing field to our missionaries. I will not stop to enlarge upon the amount of means and the number of men and women that will be required to meet this opening of Divine Providence.

Another, and what seems to me an equally important field, is the work which must be done for our negro women throughout the South. The co-operation of the Home Mission Society with the Southern Baptist Convention and with the State Boards of our Southern States in the work of evangelizing the negro, is meeting with the most gratifying success, and is being received everywhere with the deepest interest on the part of our people. We know that the true basis of all morality and social order, and the uplifting of any race, whatever its color, must rest upon the culture and the high moral character of its women. This is the one great point which is not embraced in the co-operative work of these bodies. The experiments which have been made by our sisters in Baltimore assure us not only of its necessity, but the ease and economy with which a great work in this field can be accomplished, and the Board proposes this year to work vigorously along this line. Not much may be accomplished beyond organizations here and there before our next meeting, but if we sow the seed with a generous hand, we are sure it will ripen into a glorious harvest. We shall need the sympathy and the co-operation in this work of all the Baptist sisters everywhere, and we invoke their

consideration to this great work, and their active efforts in promoting it.

I feel I need say nothing about the noble work of sending supplies to our missionaries. In that your generosity has exceeded all expectations, though it has not surpassed the needs of our workers. We are confident that in the coming year, as in the one that has passed, you will not be forgetful of those who are laboring for us on meagre salaries, and under the trying conditions of our wild frontier.

Thanking you for the kind interest you have evinced in the past, and wishing you a most pleasant and profitable meeting, I am,

Your brother,

I. T. TICHENOR,

Corresponding Secretary.

Frontier Boxes.

From the following W. M. U. Societies boxes of supplies, valued as below, have been reported as sent to home missionaries from April 15th to April 20th, *i. e.*, before the close of conventional year :

"Sunbeams," South Macon Church, Georgia, \$20; Woodlawn, Alabama, \$15; Pratt City, Alabama (contribution), \$14; Avondale, Ala. (contribution), \$10; First Church, Baltimore, Maryland (contributed to German work), \$2.30; Young Ladies' Society, Franklin Square Church, Baltimore, Maryland (contribution to German work), \$6; Franklin Square Church, Baltimore, Maryland (contribution to colored work), \$6; Cedartown, Georgia, \$40; Hopewell Church, Mississippi, \$22.75; Harmony Church, Mississippi (contribution), \$11.60; Thomson Church, Georgia, \$60.40; Ways, Georgia, \$25; Crawfordville, Georgia, \$30; First Church, Augusta, Georgia, \$65; Waynesboro Church, Georgia, \$35; Richland Church, Georgia, \$30.40; Vineville Church, Georgia, \$100; Lancaster, Texas, \$56.45. Total, \$549.90. Previously reported, \$20,925.13. Total, \$21,475.03.

For the new year, beginning with April 20, 1896, the following are reported :

Riceville Church, Tennessee, \$9; Slater, Missouri, \$55; Kosciusko, Mississippi, \$32 85; Washington Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas, \$26.65; Lone Oak, Texas, \$16; Macon, Mississippi, \$55; Canton, Missouri, \$25; Beulah Church, Missouri, \$6.20; Covington, Tennessee, \$20. Total, \$245.70.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary to Woman's Missionary Union, Auxillary to S. B Convention, Chattanooga, May 8th, 1896.

Over the heaped-up wealth of letters, reports, statistics, etc., lying before us, from which to construct the eighth annual report to Woman's Missionary Union assembled in Chattanooga, there seems to wave a bright banner. As it folds open to the breeze we read its Heaven-born inscription :

"To God be the glory; great things He hath done."

Let this be the keynote to our song of thanksgiving, and, in the review of the year's work, the source of our keenest joy.

If the limits of space allowed and if your time and endurance permitted, delightful and helpful extracts could be culled from these letters from faithful, persevering workers over our Southern Zion, who have not been in feverish haste to gain results, yet who have been privileged, as they have patiently continued in well doing, to see them. Faithfulness over our few things here is the Saviour's ground for reward by many things hereafter. Our report is a general summary of this "faithfulness" throughout our borders, which the Master has graciously crowned even now with the present reward of success. If the comparatively few engaged in this effort to tell the glad gospel news afar and near have accomplished much, who can compute the results if all were actively at work? What better definite aim for the new year could be steadily and prayerfully set before each of us than the winning of one more

worker apiece to the cause of missions? We cannot reach all our members at once; each one of us can reach one. "Hand-picking" is a choice method in the garden of the Lord.

We have sounded the keynote of praise for success. Had we only maintained our last year's record of \$48,500, in this time of strain and stress, we should have designated that success. The Boards, Home and Foreign, called on us last May to aim for \$55,000. We have reached it; we have exceeded it; for our total of collections in money and frontier box values is \$56,000, or \$8,200 advance over last year. The Centennial collection of 1892, our banner year, was more than \$62,000. As our second high prize of attainment for the coming year, could we not set before us the reaching once more this top notch in our history, now that we are, for the first time, within seeing distance of it? If we double our working membership, as first suggested, we should not stop at adding \$6,000 to our treasury. The first attainment secures the second. We have taken a look at the work as a whole, spreading out through our fourteen States. Let us take a nearer view of some of the pulse-beats of life that vibrate to the remotest corners. They are presented in statistics, which are not dry to thoughtful minds. One letter may be a quickener, under God, to a drooping worker; one leaflet may be an inspiration, under God, to an awakened life.

STATISTICS OF SECRETARY FROM MAY, 1895, TO MAY, 1896:

Letters written.....	8,112
Postals written.....	181
Leaflets, Pamphlets, etc., distributed.....	153,651
Mission Cards (Prayer).....	21,150
Mite Barrels or Boxes.....	2,665
Christmas Envelopes.....	
Papers.....	3,050

We will formulate the report in the order, and on the lines, of the Recommendations of the Boards.

HOME BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *A total of \$25,000 was asked from*

Woman's Mission Societies, covering all special efforts. The request was but a small advance upon last year's total of \$23,500. It was unanimously accepted at Washington as our aim for 1896, and was suggestively apportioned among the States, the distribution based upon the gifts of previous years. The Treasurer's report will show \$33,542.64 as the Societies' brave response to the Home Board's request. The "Week of Self-Denial" was observed in March throughout the States. An appeal from Dr. Tichenor was issued and distributed in its advocacy, accompanied by a leaflet called "Experience of Rev. A. J. Holt when Missionary among the Indians." This embodied a touching recital of real facts—"a handkerchief story," as it was called by Rev. E. Y. Mullins' little boy, now gone home to glory. The history of this "Week of Self-Denial" would form a beautiful chapter in our annals, the smallest gifts doubtless proving the largest, as they did in the days when the Master stood over against the treasury. One little orphan girl who was presented with two cents—an unusual possession for her—gave both to this offering. A cook in a family, seeing the earnestness of the children of the household, did extra service and contributed the \$1 earned by her labor. Such gifts go up as a sweet incense before God, and put to the blush many who could give them a hundred times over and not feel it. The actual returns of this and other efforts cannot definitely be known to us, but they all contribute as rills to swell the streams of beneficence and come back as refreshing dews upon the givers.

2. *Boxes to Frontier Missionaries.*—A doxology to God would be appropriate in this connection. 358 boxes, against 224 for last year, valued at \$21,475, carried necessities, comforts, happiness and hope into hearts and homes that would have known none of this cheer without them. The increase shows a deepening and broadening sense of the need and worth of our frontier mission-

aries. Let no less be done in this direction; it is none too much. But with this growing knowledge of Home Mission work, let moneyed contributions which have been already stimulated by nearer acquaintance with the missionarie's life, increase year by year, according to our increasing abilities and members.

3. *Work Among Foreign Populations.*—Year by year is this department of Home Missions becoming more important as the heathen and godless are flocking to our shores and latterly locating in the South. At the gateway of Baltimore, second to New York as an entry port for Germans, the Home Board has wisely located a wise and consecrated woman worker, Miss Buhlmaier, whose tender sympathies, strong common sense and thorough piety admirably fit her for the emergencies of emigrant work, and the more usual duties of city missionary labor among the 100,000 German residents. In Missouri, Kentucky and Texas earnest work is done for this people. The peculiar and individual work of the Chinese Sunday-schools is bearing fruit in New Orleans, Augusta, Baltimore and elsewhere. Other nationalities are being reached, and needing to be reached, in other localities. As Americans as well as Christians we should support this department of missions.

4. *Colored Women and Children.*—More and nearer is the importance of this "neighbor work" growing in the estimation of Southern Baptist women, whose opportunities for it are unequalled, and whose responsibilities and vital interests are unsurpassed. The plan of unpaid, personal missionary effort in the home, the Bible class, the prayer meeting, mothers' meeting and industrial schools, is acknowledged as the ideal one by Miss Burdette Secretary of Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, headquarters at Chicago. Its results have been good, and only good wherever tried, and the plan only awaits universal adoption to solve the problem that has threatened us. God sent the Africans to

us in the providence of events and calls on us, as on no others, to be their "neighbors." Shall we hear Christ's voice in this and "go" at His bidding?

5. *Missionary Day in the Sunday-Schools.*—Jointly advocated by both Home and Foreign Boards, into whose treasuries the collections flow, we will defer report on this effort till the Sunday-school Board recommendations are reviewed.

FOREIGN BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Christmas Offering for China.*—This yearly custom, now grown a part of our Christmas thinking and giving, was arranged for as usual by the Executive Committee, W. M. U. The collection envelope was prepared as a registry of birthdays, for the reception of cents, nickels, or dimes, and a very interesting program, to which the missionaries in China contributed able articles, was distributed to societies. An earnest appeal for the offering was also written by Miss Heck and published in all of the State papers. The Christmas Offering program fitted into the general program for the Week of Prayer, observed in January, 1896. The observance of this Week of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions, with its mid-week collections of Christmas offerings, is looked forward to and prepared for by many. Upon such, the benediction of the Spirit falls, to strengthen and to bless. The returns from the Christmas offering are accounted at \$4,217.54, an advance upon last year. We still face the disadvantage and disappointment of partial acknowledgment of the returns from this effort because some of the State Treasurers fail to designate the sums sent for this object.

2. *A Total of \$30,000 Asked for.*—Nearly \$25,000 were contributed last year to Foreign Missions. An advance of \$5,000 was sought in the Board's recommendations. We believe, if the times had been propitious, as the advance was distributed and accepted by the States at Washington, the amount could have been secured.

There is no lessening of interest in this section of the Lord's vineyard, but business influences which have been universally felt, have made their impress here as well. The total contributions were \$22,799.55. A closer relation with the missionaries, who are supported only in part as yet by W. M. U. offerings, was secured through correspondence more extensive than heretofore. Copies of these letters, when practicable, have been forwarded to Central Committees for stimulating interest in Foreign Missions, or more widely disseminated through State papers. This correspondence has mutually aided the workers at home and abroad.

3. *Missionary Day in the Sunday-Schools.*—Reviewed under S. S. Board Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

1. *Missionary Day in the Sunday-Schools.*—Primarily the joint work of the S. S. Board and W. M. U., it is one of the many instances and proofs of the facts and advantages of uniformity and identity of interests in our entire circle of mission work, S. B. C. The program and collection design were furnished by W. M. U. as usual. This year the printing was done in Nashville, for the first time, and distribution made, as for the past two years, from Nashville. The Home, Foreign and S. S. Boards advocated the observance of the day in a joint circular, which W. M. U. diligently pressed, while the treasuries of the Home and Foreign Boards were final recipients of the moneyed results. What these were, as with the Christmas offering, cannot be definitely known, as they might have been if every Superintendent had made returns of money to the S. S. Board, and furnished reports alone to his church and State. Perhaps we shall, in the distant future, all be willing to bend ourselves to the one way of doing things which shall secure their largest success. But we are Baptist, and Baptists are

nothing if not independent. The educational feature of "The Day" will tell on the future as well as on the present; its repetition year by year cannot fail to make its lasting impress for God and good.

2. *Convention Series of S. S. Literature.*—Through circulars from S. S. Board to Woman's Mission Societies, by large distribution of sample copies of the literature, and by constant notices in THE MISSION JOURNAL, these publications as educational forces in the missionary activities of the Southern Baptist Convention, have been urged upon the attention of our workers. The conviction of the usefulness and the necessity of such a series is a growing one, if the young people of to-day, who will be the adults of to-morrow, shall be conserved to uphold the lines of definite work which are represented by S. B. C. It is sought in some directions to scatter the interest of the young by the fascinating plea of broadness, when concentration for effectiveness was never more needed than to-day. The S. S. Board, S. B. C., can do this work as it can be done by none others, and it should have the earnest, constant support of every lover of S. B. C. Missions.

3. *Kind Words*—The fourth page of every weekly issue has been prepared to interest young people—not very young ones are in view in its preparation—in S. B. C. Missions, alternately Home and Foreign. Its articles are sought from our brightest and best writers, its illustrations and blackboard exercises are selected and made with care, its programs are most helpful, and we are confident its educational value in its weekly influence upon mind and heart cannot be over-estimated.

4. *Young People's Leader.*—The same service for an older class of young people is aimed for in *The Leader*.

[TO BE CONTINUED IN AUGUST ISSUE].

Band Department.

[Edited by Miss F. E. S. HECK, Raleigh, N. C.]

To the Women of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dear Sisters: Most earnestly in the name of the Master would we ask your aid in the organization and direction of Children's Missionary Societies. This is work for which women are responsible. If we do not do it, it will not be done. Our hearts are heavy with the debts overhanging our home and foreign work. As another has said, "Southern Baptists last year insulted the Lord by giving only eight cents apiece for Foreign Missions, and less than that for Home." The fault was not with the few, but the many. The seed for this result was planted twenty years ago, when ignorance and indifference to missions were allowed to grow unheeded in the hearts of the children. As it is to-day, it will be twenty years hence if we, the women of the Baptist churches of the South, do not *now* train the children to a love for and knowledge of missions. The duty lieth at our door. If it is not performed, on us will lie the sin.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union we were requested to take up the work so well begun and carried forward among the children by Dr. George Braxton Taylor. We trust that the work thus formally given into our hands will be taken up at once with eagerness and enthusiasm, and that many, very many, societies may be organized during the year, while those already organized may receive hearty encouragement. Below is given a constitution, and suggestions for the organization and maintenance of such societies, which, it is believed, will be found helpful.

Let us say again that while all agree that this work should be done, we must bear the responsibility if it is left undone. In our hands is the training of these young hearts. For the Saviour's sake we then beseech you to hasten to train them for the widening and strengthening of His kingdom, and for their own development in His service.

FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President of the Woman's Missionary Union.

CONSTITUTION OF CHILDREN'S OR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be known as the Sunbeam or— Missionary Society of the ——— Baptist church of———.

ARTICLE II.—It object shall be to educate its members in a knowledge of and love for missions, and to aid the Home and Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III.—It motto shall be "*Workers together with God.*"

ARTICLE IV.—The officers shall be (1) a Lady Manager, who shall have general oversight of the work; (2) a President, who shall preside at the meetings; (3) a Vice-President, who shall preside in the President's absence; (4) a Secretary, who shall keep the minutes, correspond, give notice of the meetings, and prepare quarterly and annual reports; (5) a Treasurer, to take charge of the money, and forward as directed by the Society.

ARTICLE V.—Anyone may become a member of this Society by attendance on the meetings and the payment of one cent a week, or as they may be able.

ARTICLE VI.—The organization of this Society shall be reported to the Secretary of the State Central Committee of Missions, and a quarterly report of all money contributed, and other items, of interest shall be sent regularly to the same officer.

NAME.

As is well known, a large number of children's societies, at the suggestion of Mr. Taylor, have taken the name of Sunbeams. As there is help and inspiration in the thought that many are working under the same name for the same purpose, this name is recommended. It is, however, by no means obligatory that the societies have this name. A common aim is greater than a common name. A society under any name, provided only that its object is to learn more and give more to missions, will be most heartily welcomed to the work and to all the help which can be given either by the Woman's Missionary Union or by the Central Committees of the various States.

SUGGESTIONS.

Begin and close promptly. Do not let the meeting exceed one hour. Have plenty of singing. Open and close with prayer. Sometimes have the members respond to roll-call by repeating a verse of Scripture. Vary the meetings as much as possible. Give all, in turn, some part. Prepare programs beforehand. Dismiss meeting rather than let it lag. Be quick, bright, spirited. Suggest ways of making money and being Sunbeams at home. As far as possible encourage the children to Bible reading and study. Teach, thoroughly, one missionary Bible text at each meeting. Review texts constantly. *Never* let the children beg. Teach them that the money they give should be theirs—not merely given them by their parents to bring to the society. Keep before them always the motive—"For Jesus' sake."

Other Officers.—Other officers than those mentioned in the constitution may be created: Organist, Editor, Item Gatherer, Curio Collector, Historian, Artist, or Map Drawer, News Gatherer, Reporter, Traveller, etc.

Committees.—Committees may be appointed in great variety—Music, Lookout, Absentee, Floral, etc.

Ways of Making Money.—Self-denial, birthday offerings, Christmas offerings, raising chickens, selling eggs, picking berries, raising vegetables, missionary cotton-patch, saving and selling rags and paper, doing errands, tending baby, making lamp-lighters, selling wild flowers, gathering sumach, dressing and mending dolls, etc.

Suggestions for Meetings—Receive new members formally; introduce new officers to society formally; remember to call for report of each committee appointed; make much of importance of work to be done. Write out subjects for prayer, to be taken home. Member dressed to represent native of country studied. Products of country exhibited—tea, coffee, oranges, lemons, figs, etc. Special meeting for mite-box opening once in six months. Open meeting occasionally—each child allowed to invite two. Question-box. Alphabetical texts, each one repeating text beginning with A, B, etc. Bible drill—finding texts in different parts of the Bible quickly. Debate: Which is the Neediest Country—China or Africa, etc. Map exercise; map drawn by member of society, society to mention stations and to put in correct places on the map. Matching party—names of missionaries written on one set of slips, stations on another—to be matched. Children's mission day in the Sunday-school once a year.

INDISPENSIBLE HELPS.

Kind Words, published by the Sunday-School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 50 cents a year. This paper has a page every week devoted to missionary stories,

and information prepared especially for the children of the Southern Baptist Convention by the Woman's Missionary Union.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, 35 cents a year.

Other Helps.—Quarterly Leaflets, 30 cents a year; Narrative Leaflets, one and two cents apiece. Baptist Mission Rooms, 9 West Lexington street, Baltimore, Md. *Garnered Gleanings*, and tracts on the various fields of mission work, free to societies, to be gotten either from the State Central Committee or from Miss Annie Armstrong, 9 west Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

REPORT OF ORGANIZATION.

Report organization of society to the officer in your State :

Alabama—Mrs. I. C. Brown, East Lake; Arkansas—Mrs. E. Longly, 1011 west Sixth street, Little Rock; Florida—Miss J. L. Spalding, Deland; Georgia—Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Mercer University; Kentucky—Miss E. S. Broadus, 1319 Third street, Louisville; Louisiana—Mrs. P. Lisle, 1036 Marengo street, New Orleans; Maryland—Miss Annie W. Armstrong, 9 west Lexington street, Baltimore; Mississippi—Mrs. Rebecca Sproles, Jackson, Hinds county; Missouri—Mrs. J. L. Burnham, 2928 Holmes street, Kansas City; North Carolina—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh; Western North Carolina—Mrs. Joseph W. Starnes, 9 Hiawassee Place, Ashville; South Carolina—Miss M. L. Coker, Society Hill; Tennessee—Mrs. A. C. S. Jackson, 1209 north Cherry street, Nashville; Texas—Miss Mina S. Everett, 345 Main street, Dallas; Virginia—Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, 402 north 12th street, Richmond; District of Columbia—Mrs. B. D. Smith, 3248 N street, N. W., Washington.

(Cut out and send to proper State officer.)

REPORT OF ORGANIZATION.

Name of Church.....
 Name of Association.....
 Name of President.....
 Post-office address of President.....
 Name of Secretary.....
 Post-office address of Secretary.....
 Date of Organization.....
 Number of Members.....
 Remarks:

I SPENT a night with brother T. B. Magness, of San Patrice church recently, and upon learning that I collected for missions he handed me \$5 and said, "For a long time I have wanted to give something for missions, but after my debts were paid and my expenses met I never had any thing to give; but last year I planted a little patch in cotton for the Lord, and this is the result" Brother Magness is a very poor man, but he raised \$5 for missions in this way and says that he is so happy over it that he will continue it year after year. Dear brother, won't you do likewise.—*T. D. B. in Baptist Chronicle.*

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From May 15th to June 15, 1896.

Alabama.—C. G. Anderson, \$25; Pleasant Field ch., by J. S. W., \$140; Zion ch., by J. S. W., 25 cents; Jasper ch., by G. D. O'R.—D. O' Rear, \$10; L. A. Morris, \$10—\$44; Mary Lais Kitchens, by Dr. J. K., \$5; S. W. Averet, 25 cents; Mrs. L. C. Morgan (Italy), \$1; John E. Cooke, \$10; Mrs. A. L. Wigham, by D. E. B., \$1.50; Bethel ch., by T. S. M., \$33.50; Mulberry ch., by F. V. W., \$7.35; L. A. S., First ch. Birmingham, by Mrs. B. D. G., \$25; Mrs. R. A. McMillan, \$25. Total, \$176.25.

Previously reported, \$42.48. Total this year, \$218.73.

Arkansas.—E. T. Mitchell, \$3; M. P. Watts, \$100; E. B. Miller, \$37.30. Total, \$140.30.

Previously reported, \$66.83. Total this year, \$207.13.

California.—Albert R. Marshall, \$10. Total this year, \$10.

Florida.—W. N. Chau-doin, Sec'y \$25; W. M. S., Pensacola, by Mrs. B. B. C., \$10; Bartow ch., by C. H. N., \$50; W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., \$25; Union Hill ch., by J. E. W., \$2. Total, \$112.

Previously reported, \$10. Total this year \$122.

Georgia.—Mrs. I. A. Jordan, Treas. (A. B. Rudd), \$25; Mrs. A. C. Stinebeck, \$2.35; Capitol Avenue ch., by E. G., \$11.10; Enon ch., by S. J. W., \$8.95; Hamilton ch., by J. L. B., \$10; Harmony ch., by E. A. H., \$3; J. W. Pitts, \$25; W. M. S., First ch. Macon, by Mrs. A. F. J., \$5; Lumpkin ch., by H. E. R., \$5; Poplar Springs ch., by J. T. N., \$1.10; Grove Level ch. by J. T. N., \$1.20; Summer Hill ch., by W. W. A., \$3; Valdosta ch., by W. C. W., \$28.67; J. G. Gibson, Treas. (W. D. Powell), \$291.22; Toccoa ch., by D. V. B., \$12; Greensboro Sunbeams, by S. H. B. (Peyton Stephens), \$15; Mrs. S. H. Bowen, \$5; Antioch ch., by W. W. W., \$3.03; Enigma ch., by W. W. W., \$1.10; W. S. Walker, \$10; W. M. S., Port Valley ch., by Miss C. L. R., \$6; Addie Hoge, \$3; J. C. Brewton, \$25; Moxley ch., \$3.50; Back Camp ch., \$5.72; Little Buckhead ch., \$1.50; M. R. Little, \$5; Elim ch., by A. B. H., \$10; Rehoboth ch., by W. W. M., \$5; C. B. Willingham, \$200; "H." of Athens, \$20; Duffy-Street ch. Savannah, by N. F., \$14.80; First ch. Augusta, by Miss M. E. W. (W. H. Sears), \$25; Concord ch., by T. H. S., \$2; L. A. S., Concord, by T. H. S., \$1; Summer Hill ch., by W. W. A., \$15; W. M. S., First ch. Macon, by Mrs. A. F. J.—Italy, \$10, Brazil, \$10—\$20. Total, \$1,128.44.

Previously reported, \$672.92. Total this year, \$1,801.26.

Kentucky.—Middleton S. S., by C. H., \$1.45; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, by H. B. T., Treas., \$4.21; Caney Fork ch., by W. J. A., \$13.10; Mt. Sterling ch., by W. R. Thompson, \$20; Richmond ch., by R. C. H. C., \$20; John. A. Lee, \$5; Pleasant Ridge ch., by W. J. A., \$8; Honest and Earnest M. S., by M. M. W., \$7.05; C. M. Morris, \$10; John F. Cargyle, \$2.75; P. E. Burroughs, \$25. Total, \$152.26.

Previously reported, \$225.09. Total this year, \$377.65.

Louisiana.—Grand Cane ch., by C. W. T., \$6.35; C. W. Tomkies, \$5; Coliseum ch., by D. Y. W. (Girl in Madeira Institute), \$20; G. A. Turner, Treas., \$50. Total, \$81.35.

Previously reported, \$3.85. Total this year, \$85.20.

Mississippi.—Learned ch., by J. P. H., \$7; Clinton Junior Circle, by G. W., \$5; Mt. Zion ch., by N. P. H., \$6.35; Wm. T. Ashford, \$10; J. T. Godball, \$2.50; T. J. Bailey, Treas., \$900; General Ass'n of Mississippi, by D. T. C., Treas. (Wilson's salary), \$150; Tockshish ch., by J. L. H., \$11; Pleasant Grove ch., J. L. H., \$4.10; Troy ch., by J. L. H., \$4.25. Total \$1,100.20.

Previously reported, \$212.11. Total this year, \$1,312.31.

Missouri.—L. A. S., Third ch. St. Louis, by L. E. K. (Education Mexican girl), \$25; Mt. Zion ch., by T. W. T., \$10.25; A. E. Rogers, Treas.—W. M. S., \$111.95; Marshall W. M. S., \$5; Christmas offering, \$16.81; Bible woman. Cnefoo, \$20; Peyton Stephens, \$3.33; Pupil in E. Young's school, \$25—\$240.24. Total, \$275.49.

Previously reported, \$775.29. Total this year, \$1,050.78.

Maryland.—Miss Davidson, \$5; Cordova ch., by J. L., \$2.38; Longwood ch., by J. L., \$6.53; Eutaw Place ch., by J. L., \$1.00; Misses Wheeler, \$100; H. T. of Baltimore, \$1.0; K. F. T. of Baltimore, \$100; O. F. Gregory, \$25. Total, \$1,335.96.

Previously reported, \$55.55. Total this year, \$1,424.51.

North Carolina.—A. L. Kimbrell (new missionary to Japan), \$5; Brown's S. S., by S. L. B., \$1.50; S. S. Conv., Sandy Run Ass'n, by F. B. G., \$15; Master Charles Hare, by J. T. A., 10 cents. Total, \$21.60.

Previously reported, \$65.27. Total this year, \$107.57.

South Carolina.—Unity ch., by J. B. A., \$5.60; Union County S. S. Conv., by J. A. S., \$16.18; Enoree ch., by E. C. W., \$2.90; Silam ch., by E. C. W., 50 cents; Batesburg ch., by W. B. P., \$8.66; Manning ch., by F. O. R., \$3.80; Bold Spring ch., by J. S. J., \$6; Sardis ch., by I. C. B., \$2.35; Graham ch., by J. T. H., \$1.50; Seneca ch., by A. W. T., \$3.33; Hurricane ch., by J. D. M., \$2.35; Darlington, by G. H. E., \$18.47; E. M. Peoples, Treas. (W. W. Lawton), \$32.50; Gaffney ch., by Miss L. C. B., \$59.68; Mrs. A. S. Williams, \$2; Chestnut Hill ch., by W. R. E., 43 cents; Chestnut Hill ch., by W. R. E., 65 cents; Furwood S. S., by G. S., \$1.34; Bethany ch., by W. H. Y., \$3.26; "A Friend," by A. C. W., \$5; Central Committee W. M. S., by Mrs. J. S.—Canton, \$1; Mary Harley, 76 cents—\$45.57; New Prospect ch., by J. A. P. M., \$8.59; Cooper Limestone Institute, by Miss M. W. (Brazil), \$11; Brown's Chapel, by A. B. S., \$2.35; Mrs. T. T. Hardee, \$2; Lower Div. U. M. Ass'n, by A. J. S. T., \$7.04; Marion Union, Lower Section, by H. G. W., \$11.27; Sardis ch., by E. E. H., \$2; Green Pawn ch. W. H. M., \$1; Red Bank ch., by J. W. E., \$30; Crooked Run ch., by E. T., \$1; New Westminster ch., by W. A. L., \$8; Bellevue S. S., by T. O. W., \$1.15; Edgely ch., by O. S., \$15; Union meeting at Mt. Lebanon, by J. P. C., \$4.32; D. P. Montgomery, \$18.70; Little River ch., by T. J. R., \$1; Horeb ch., by I. W. C., \$3.10. Total, \$330.40. Previously reported, \$311.69. Total this year, \$642.09.

Tennessee.—Limestone ch., by W. S. S., \$3.40; First ch. Knoxville, by W. W. W., \$100; Lawson Chapel, by R. F. B., \$1; L. M. S. Dumplin, by M. E., \$5; Ball Camp ch., by W. W. R., \$11.23; Salem ch., by Z. J. A., \$2.80; W. M. Woodcock, \$114.52; Carson and Newman College, \$22.57; Concord ch., by S. S. H., \$1; Mrs. M. B. Wall, \$1; Antioch S. S., by A. T. R., 25 cents; A. T. Rule, 50 cents; Rev. J. B. Walker, by A. T. R., 20 cents; J. M. Elton, Treas. Cumb. River ch. \$15.60; Pleasant Grove ch., by W. M. M., \$5; W. M. S. Gravelton ch., by T. W. L. G., \$4.03; John M. Harlow, \$10; "A Sister," Nashville, \$10; Miriam Band, First ch. Memphis, by C. E. B., \$5; Missy So. Dandridge, by Mrs. J. A. W., \$5; Mrs. Sloan's S. S. class, Third ch. Nashville (Miss Lattie Price), \$2. Total \$320.45.

Previously reported, \$138.68. Total this year, \$459.13.

Texas.—Gause S. S., by Mrs. S. A. D., \$1.75; Anson ch., by J. D. K., \$3.30; Steward Mill ch.,

by I. H. W., \$3.50; W. H. Ray, \$1; Miss Judith P. Hubbard, \$10. Total, \$24.55. Previously reported, \$10.40. Total this year, \$34.95.

Virginia.—Mrs. Lucy A. Mayer, by S. C. H., \$10; W. M. S., Woman's College, 80 cents; Braxton Craig, \$35; Pleasant View ch., by J. D. \$2.70; L. A. S., Walnut Grove ch., by Mrs. Bates (for Ah Ying, Miss White's school, Canton), \$15; Norvell Ryland, Treas., \$1 000; J. T. Betts, \$8 18. Total, \$1,071.63.

Previously reported, \$40.58. Total this year, \$1,112.26.

Brazil.—J. J. Taylor, \$3.50, W. B. Bagby, \$6.50. Total, \$10. Total this year, \$10.

American Baptist Publication Society (Bible Work), \$200. Total this year, \$200.

Ohio.—F. E. Presgraves, \$2.50. Previously reported, \$5. Total this year, \$7.50.

Massachusetts.—Springfield Union, Chinese S. S., by A. L. H. (for preacher's school, Canton), \$25. Total this year, \$25.

Mexico.—Orizaba ch., by I. N. S., \$5.49; "Mercedes," Miss Sarah Hale, \$1.25. Total, \$6.74. Previously reported, \$31.50. Total this year, \$38.24.

District of Columbia.—First ch. Washington, by W. F. H., \$50. Previously reported, \$53. Total this year, \$103.

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