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CONTENTS FOR FEBRUARY.

We present this month much which we hope will be stimulating to our people in missionary effort. We lay stress on the need of prayer to God, and the preachers pressing the truth upon the people. Read the first article and see that missions are a glorious success. Then in the second article study the true basis of preaching missions. Many pastors and churches will be interested in the article, What to do with the deacon opposed to missions. What brethren say, and how the work can be done is most interestingly presented. By all means read the article by Dr. Broughton on How the Spirit helped them. Also how the B. Y. P. U. in the Fifth Church, Washington, does active mission work. Dr. Eager's article is interesting and instructive.

The Woman's Work Department sets forth in an attractive way what our Home Board is doing in Frontier Missions. The Band Department has, as usual, an interesting spread for little folks. Our receipts show a decided increase over last year at this time. In fact, with two exceptions, every State has given more. Georgia stands ahead in the columns, but other States are doing well. We need a few more live advertisements. Read what we have.

ARE MISSIONS A FAILURE?

These old sayings, "Missions are a failure," and "Nothing has been accomplished," are such chestnuts, that it might seem like time wasted, again to answer them. Yet there are so many people, who live in such utter ignorance of what has been accomplished, that we have again and again to give the facts. Let us say here just this plain truth, if up to this time there were no visible results, and not one convert, the command to us from the Master would be just as imperative to go and disciple all nations, as it is, to-day with all the visible results. God never tells us to be successful, but ever to be faithful. There are, however, most blessed results which cheer and strengthen us in the work.

See what has been accomplished in the home land. The Word of the Lord has taken hold upon the people, and prejudice and opposition have been largely swept away. Those who have read of the

early history of modern missions know somewhat of the cruel with biting sarcasm, and depressing opposition, both in and out of the church, which were heaped upon the movement. To-day all this is changed. The man who opposes Foreign Missions confronts facts and figures which stun and stultify him. Dr. Pierson has said, "That the same England that sneered at Carey is to-day prouder of him than Macedon was of Alexander, Athens of Pericles, or Rome of Cicero.

This work has awakened our churches to higher, holier living, and more consecrated zeal for God. The Sunday-school and revival movements came along with the missionary movement. Reaching out for those afar, makes us reach for those at our doors. See how the spirit of the work has developed. At first it was difficult, very difficult, to get men or means. Sixty-five dollars and one man, whose wife was opposed to going, stand out conspicuously. Now we have annually over \$15,000,000 and 12,000 missionaries on the fields, and at home over 5,000 connected with the student's volunteer movement, besides others, who are getting ready to go.

Schools, colleges, newspapers, and governments, are finding out that the great Book of all, is God's Book, and that the teaching of that is, Christ for the world, and the world must be won to Christ. All which works to that end is in harmony with God's purpose. He

is to rule. His kingdom must be supreme.

See what has been done on the foreign fields. Less than one hundred years ago the nations were inaccessible. Pride, lust, avarice and iniquity joined with ignorance, superstition and idolatry, to keep out or destroy the missionary. To-day this has greatly changed, and the missionary goes everywhere the harbinger of peace, light and life. Bishop Thoburn, of India, said in an address some time ago, that since he had gone out, the door of access had been thrown open to over 700,000,000 people, about half of the human race.

Formerly ignorance of language stood in the way, now 360 languages and dialects join in cadence of praise to Jehovah, and the confusion of Babel is giving way to unison with the note Jesus. Some of these languages were not even reduced to writing until the missionary rendered that useful service, to teach of God and

His truth.

It is impossible to tell of how hoary superstitions have been broken down, how heathen temples and religions are going to decay and are now toppling, ready to fall. Surely the undermining process is going on. It is expressed in the Mohammedan lands in the terse but meaning sentence, "Where a Christian school goes up, a mosque comes down."

Judson prayed that he might be able to translate the Scriptures and see 100 converts. He not only translated the Scriptures but

saw 7,361 converts. That was not failure.

Among the Telugus, in 1866, there were 11 baptisms and 38

members; in 1889 there were 6,000 baptisms and 40,000 members. That was not failure.

In Africa it is estimated that there are over 17,000 converts annually, and the work is only fairly begun. That is not failure.

India formerly furnished forty women a day to be burned with their dead husbands; all this has been done away and the religion of Christ gone into thousands of hearts and homes. That is not failure.

In 1872 the first church was organized in Japan; twenty years after, there were 365 churches, 35,000 church members, 359 theological students and 233 ordained native preachers. That is not failure.

The time would fail to tell of China with her fifty or sixty thousand converts. Of the wonderful work in Madagascar and other isles of the oceans. Of the work in South America, Mexico, and all over the world.

To-day with 12,011 foreign missionaries, 60,164 native assistants, 1,251,175 communicants, in the foreign lands, and the number doubling in less than every ten years on an average, who can say the work is a failure and nothing has been done?

Some say progress has been slow and at great expense. Pioneering is always expensive in men and means. When we build it costs much to lay deep, broad foundations. In putting the great bridge across the Mississippi, at Memphis, the granite piers were sunk fifty feet through water, then fifty feet through mud and debris to get solid foundations. One hundred feet of solid granite sunk out of sight.! But it was not a waste, for it meant the safety of the thousands and hundreds of thousands who now go over. God's work cannot cost too much if done as He commands. Neither is it failure. Much of the Mission work up to this time has been a series of beginnings. Foundations have been laid; but the future will show results most glorious. Let us take new courage and press forward in God's name.

The morning is dawning on nations which long have sat in night and darkness. The people see a great light. These hundreds of thousands in foreign lands rejoicing in God's truth, with thousands of others who have gone from these lands to glory, know that the work is not a failure, but only well begun.

When men go to war here to gain possessions, or hold territory, they do not count it failure if in the struggle millions of money are sunk, and tens of thousands of men lose their lives. Shall we who undertake to conquer this world for God speak of failure, or lose courage if a few men fall in the lines? Our cause is more valuable than our lives. We may fall, but the cause shall never fail till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our God and His Christ. Herein is success and victory over which angels and redeemed souls shall shout in Heaven eternally.

UNDERLYING DOCTRINES.

To indoctrinate a people in Missions and arouse them to activity, it is not necessary, nor is it always best, to preach directly the doctrine of Missions. There are certain great underlying doctrines that must be presented faithfully before Missions can be preached effectively—doctrines that are the foundation and undergirders of Missions. We mention one of them here and will mention some others in their logical order later, hoping that everyone who reads these things—especially every pastor—will give them prayerful thought, as well we may. Many a magnificent sermon on Missions, many an earnest, eloquent appeal, has gone for naught because it had no base of support—because the way had not been prepared for it by the faithful presentation of these underlying doctrines.

At the very bottom of all missionary activity, lies the doctrine, that the world is absolutely and totally lost without the Christ of the Gospel. And yet, self-evident as this is to every thinking Christian, there are many people who do not believe it; nay, more, not one of us realizes it fully in all its tremendous meaning. one can be a really zealous worker for souls either at home or abroad. unless he first realizes with all his heart that those for whom he labors are absolutely lost. Most of us do in some degree believe that those about us are lost without Christ; but there is a maudlin sentimentalism, born of ignorance of the plain teachings of God's Word, which asks, "Do you really believe that the heathen who have never heard of Christ will be lost?" No; not will be lost, but are lost alreadylost hopelessly and eternally. The pastor that would fire his people with a holy zeal in missionary work would do well to preach frequently on such text as "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4: 12). Ring out this doctrine clear and strong as it is taught in the Word; let the people understand and comprehend, as fully as they can, this tremendous, awful truth, that regardless of past conditions or present environment every soul in all the world, that has not heard and believed in the name of Jesus, is rushing headlong into hell, with the sentence of condemnation already impending; then there will be a mighty awakening among Christians; they will begin to labor for the salvation of loved ones and friends at home, and be ready to reach out a helping hand to the regions beyond.

In presenting this doctrine we may add to the eloquence of Scripture that of common sense. For to be sure there is no other ground on which we have any duty or even right in prosecuting Missions than that the world is forever lost without Christ.

Not the whole, but the sick need the physician. Sometimes appeals for Missions are based on the secondary fact that the Gos-

pel enlightens, civilizes and refines a people. True as this is, it must be kept subordinate to the greater, sublimer truth that the Gospel brings the only hope of salvation. As long as we make such superficial appeals we may expect missionary effort among our people—if effort it can be called—to be sporadic. What this world needs is not refinement—though this follows in the wake of the Gospel—but salvation from sin and its awful curse—a crucified Christ to stand as an advocate between it and a sin-endangered and sin-avenging God in the fearful day of His wrath.

People of ordinary intelligence do not usually labor unless they see and feel the need of so doing; show them the pressing need, the terrible exigency, and they are ready to labor, yea, even die. It is only the crisis that develops the hero. Then this line of doctrine furnishes a pastor one of his finest opportunities to appeal to the unsaved of his congregation. It awakens the saved and unsaved alike. Pastor, try it.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY DEACON?

Such is the question in a letter before us from a worthy young pastor, in reference to one of his deacons, who not only will not give for Missions, but actually opposes them.

It is sad for an office in the Lord's church to be held by a man who opposes the Lord's work. The position of deacon is to be filled by men "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom." The duty of the office primarily was to serve tables. The great work of the Church is to preach the Gospel in all the world and strengthen the saints. How can a man then, occupy a position when openly and avowedly he opposes the very work to which his brethren have elected him, in doing that which God has entrusted to them? The trouble is that he not only brings blight upon himself, but on his church. They are paralyzed in effort and cut off from the blessings which come to a people active in obedience to the will of the Master.

But the question is still before us—What ought to be done with him? The pastor asks the question, and we will try to answer. Let the pastor pray earnestly for wisdom to teach his deacon. He ought to study faithfully God's Word, so that he can easily give the Scriptures to show God's commands based on God's love for the world. He ought to study what has been done, so as to be able to show God's wonderful providences in the Mission movement. He ought to study the deacon, to see what is his trouble. Cases vary; sometimes it is prejudice, sometimes ignorance, sometimes self-conceit desiring to be conspicuous, sometimes covetousness. Good men sometimes get wrong, and need brotherly forbearance and help.

A preacher in one of our Conventions a short time since heard a sermon on Missions, and went away, saying: "I have opposed For-

eign Missions forty years with all my might; from this time forth I will work as hard on the other side." He needed to be lovingly, earnestly told the truth as the Spirit enabled the speaker to present Teach the Lord's people. They do not need to be laughed at nor put off with slighting remarks; teach them, teach them.

Then again, the pastor must lead in missions. There is no such lesson as example. When Paul went as a foreign missionary, people saw and believed in Foreign Missions. It convinced many who had not formerly thought on the subject. Oh, that more of us could go-more of the best men we have-to the hardest fields! How it would convince and awaken deacons and people. But if we cannot go, we can give, give joyfully to the Lord; give our children, our time, our money, our efforts for the work.

Every pastor ought to so love Foreign Missions that he will give liberally, give gladly to it. That will convince some deacons. Try

it and see.

Pray for your deacon, that God will open his heart to see, and if not, that God will get him out of the way of the progress of His work. The Lord can remove him to some other place where he will not be wanted as deacon.

The world needs the Gospel for which Christ died; let no man, whether pastor or deacon, stand in the way of God's purpose. You who are called to stand officially to hasten the Master's kingdom, see that you are doing the King's business according to his com-So will He prosper you and the work.

Note.—How important that no man be selected as an officer and put in the lead in God's work, who is opposed to God's com-

mands, and thus retards and blights the work.

CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On January 13th and 14th the Secretaries and Representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada

held their annual meeting in New York City.

These meetings take up and discuss such subjects as are of interest in connection with the conduct of the Mission work. Twentyfive Foreign Mission Boards were represented, and also the Students' Volunteer Movement. Some missionaries likewise were present, and aided by their counsels. Two days were spent in discussing questions in reference to Self-Support, Unmarried Missionaries, Students' Volunteer Movement, Chinese Indemnities, and other important subjects. The Corresponding Secretary of our Board was present, and will be glad to send minutes of the meeting to brethren who wish them.

WHAT WAS RESOLVED; NOW FOR RESULTS.

We take the following quotations from the reports of committees on Foreign Missions in the various annual State gatherings. We like thus to emphasize these wholesome sentiments, and call attention to the fact that the time for putting them into practice is the living present. Brethren, if the results correspond in any sense with the tenor of these resolutions we must bestir ourselves.

ALABAMA.—"Let the pastors teach their people on the subject of Missions; show them their obligation to give the Gospel to the world, and encourage them to give of their means to this end. Let contributions be made early in the year to save interest on borrowed money. When we really pray, we will rightly give "

ARKANSAS—"Never so plain as to-day has been the fact that Almighty God has opened a door that no man may shut. Your committee recommends a thorough course of education in Missions on the part of each pastor, both for himself and the flock under his care. Also we urge and recommend the inauguration of a well-defined plan of systematic giving in every church and association."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—"When certain portions of the secular press are questioning the wisdom and success of Foreign Missions, we make answer by enlarging our contributions. May we become more and more pronounced in such an affirmation of our convictions. Brethren, has not the time come when the hearts of all God's people should be stirred with an enthusiasm for Missions?"

FLORIDA.—"Strange indeed, that, with such community of experience in sin, and of need for deliverance from sin, any who have been enlightened should be willing for any to perish. Men and brethren, can you hoard your treasure of silver and gold while immortal souls, for whom Jesus died, are perishing without the Gospel? No pitiful excuse will avail with the Master when He demands of you 'Where is thy talent?'"

GEORGIA.—"The crisis is full upon us, and the most energetic measures are essential. Let the pastors, or other well-qualified persons, begin a patient work of education along the line of individual duty to the Mission cause. Use every proper means to open the eyes of the membership to the Scriptural fact, that baptism is no more essential to the obedience of every convert than is activity in world Missions."

MARYLAND.—"The committee would recommend the following: First, that the churches refuse to recommend the ordination of any brother to the Gospel ministry unless there is satisfactory evidence that he will use his influence, sympathy, means and prayers for the furtherance of the Gospel in all lands."

Kentucky.—"Your committee would urge that missionary subscriptions be pressed in our churches in accordance with our system, in order to greatly increase the number of systematic givers. We would urge, also, that our wealthier members increase there contributions, so that there may be more large gifts as well as more givers."

LOUISIANA —"We urge pastors and missionaries to keep the important subject of Foreign Missions constantly before the churches and their congregations."

Mississippi.—"It is a glorious provision of Providence that the churches can combine their efforts for the glory of our enthroned Lord."

NORTH CAROLINA.—"In the past year there has been a faithful sowing and a glorious harvest. New churches have been organized, new fields interested, and new forces quickened into life. More conversions more baptisms, more eager, seeking throngs have been reported this year than in any previous year in the history of the

Board. The cloud is lifted from the ark. God has signaled "Forward, march." Shall we march?"

South Carolina.—"This unevenness of receipts is the chief reason why the Board has to borrow money. To arouse ourselves from this apathy and to do our duty we need more spirituality, more intelligence, and more wisdom in methods"

TENNESSEE.—"If the pastor is not interested in giving the Gospel to the world how can he expect his church to be? A church will never rise above the plane occupied by the pastor."

Texas.—"Thousands are praying to-day as never before that this work may be laid on their hearts by the Holy Spirit and that they may be blessed with that spirit of consecrated zeal and sacrifice which will enable them to prosecute the work as God would have them"

VIRGINIA.—"Inasmuch as we feel that our Foreign Mission work is hampered and hindered by the oppressive debt which has been hanging over it for years, and we know that Southern Baptists by one united effort can easily pay this debt in a day—

"Be it Resolved, That we try to raise in this State before the close of this year \$7,350 as a thank offering to God for the conversions reported on our fields during the past year, and to this end we ask every church to get as many of its members as possible to give \$1 each as a thank offering for the great blessings of God on the work.

MAPS RECEIVED.

The Mission Rooms have just received a new supply of Colton's Missionary Map of the World. The regular price of this excellent map has been \$20. The Board handles it, not to make a profit, but in the interest of missions, and lets the brethren have it at \$12.25, actual cost. This is a large, well-colored and well-printed map, $6\frac{1}{2}x_12\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and is, so far as we know, the best missionary map published. Pastor, you can hardly imagine what new life you would be able to see in your church if you would get this map and hang it before your people, delivering some talks on it, showing them in this impressive way the spiritual condition of the world. Besides, you will be amazed to see how gladly they will pay for the map if you will give them an opportunity after such a talk. A Sunday-school teacher once used quite a number of maps in his class, and they were all bought by each scholar's giving a nickle just when he chose to do so at the end of the recitation.

The Foreign Mission Board has asked all State secretaries and treasurers to make remittances by or before the tenth of each month so that credit may be given the States as they contribute. The returns for The Journal are always made out on the fifteenth of the month. To help forward this plan the treasurers of churches and associations will please see that they send forward remittances in time to reach the State treasurers before the tenth. By this arrangement we can better systematize our work and save on interest account.

NOTES.

Rev. M. A. Adams, of Asheville, N. C., has been requested to act as Vice-President of the Board for the Western North Carolina Convention until the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May.

The many friends of Dr. J. B. Gambrell and Missions, both in Texas and outside of that great State, rejoice that he has accepted the position of Superintendent of Missions in Texas. He has charge of all departments, State, Home and Foreign, and loves them all.

A letter from Rev. M. L. Stone, Lagos, Africa, informs us of the death of Rev. A. S. Eli, one of our native pastors stationed at Haussa Farm, Africa. This loss is the heavier to our work on account of the diminution of our forces in Africa by death and the necessitated return home of other workers.

Some might suppose that all of the native workers, given in our list of missionaries for Southern China, are paid for their services out of the mission funds. This is not so; only about half of them receive any pay. Four of our foreign missionaries also in this mission, draw no salary this year.

The North China Mission not long since passed resolutions of esteem and appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Randle, of Pingtu, China. These resolutions, which have been published in many of our State papers, we wish to commend, in view of the excellent and efficient services of these faithful missionaries.

Why leave your money for lawyers to quarrel over? As recently announced through the papers, S. J. Tilden's will has been set aside. If he could not write a will to stand, who can? Give your money while you live, and rejoice in seeing it do good. There are many who could give to Foreign Missions by legacy, but would do better to give some of it now while they live.

Rev. R. N. Barrett, Gallatin, Tenn., has recently issued a tract on "Our Missionary Problem, and How to Solve It." He goes to foundation principles, and shows that we must have missions in home, in church, in associations, in papers, in colleges and seminaries. The tract is good. It would be well to send to him for a sample, and then get a supply and distribute among your people.

REV. R. T. Bryan writes from Shanghai, China:

"The work in China now is very encouraging everywhere. Good news come from every quarter. In the very province where the English missionaries were murdered last year, Fuhkien Province, 20,000 have applied for membership in the different churches, and more than 5,000 have already been received. Phil. iv. will express my state of mind."

REVIVAL IN MISSIONS.

It is encouraging to see not only the increase in contributions, but also the earnest spirit of consecration in many letters received in the Foreign Mission Rooms. Many write of their looking to God for help. We believe that in answer to prayer God is helping us, and will bless us more and more.

Here are extracts from a few, out of many good letters received:

- H. S., North Carolina: "I will pray for the success of Foreign Missions. And may the Lord help us make greater sacrifice than ever before. I now solemnly promise that I will do all that I can, as the Lord gives me grace to see and do my duty."
- C. C. B., South Carolina: "You may count on me to do all I can for Foreign Missions. The real trouble is two-fold—

"First. The pastors are asleep, and many of them have no missionary spirit.

"Second. The churches have no system in giving, but work by spasms and jerks, and sometimes it is long between jerks.

"Oh, that God would open the eyes of men to see the golden opportunities!"

A young Lady, District of Columbia: "Thave been greatly impressed about Missions; mother promised to give me a fur collarette for a Christmas gift, but I asked if she would give me the cost instead, so now send the money, hoping it will help a little towards sending the Gospel."

(No name given, but twenty-five dollars enclosed in the note.)

- M. K. R., Mississippi: "I believe this church will soon adopt the plan of giving as much to Missions as they do to the pastor's salary. Many of our churches should do this."
- J. G. G., Georgia: "I am in hearty sympathy with you in the work, and am trying to prove it by my own work in this State. I stand ready to aid you in any way
 possible. I believe the Lord will bring us out all right. I am afraid we do not pray
 enough. We must cultivate the spirit of wrestling. The Lord will incline His ear
 unto us and lift us out of the pit of financial gloom."
- J. Q. A., North Carolina: "Always count on my help to the extent of my ability. I preach and pray and talk Foreign Missions to my people, and set them the example by giving for the work."
- L. O. D., Alabama: "I will do all in my power and will write, will distribute all the tracts you send, will join you in prayer."
- T. S. P., Tennessee: "I promise to do all in my power for the work. Next quarterly collection with us is for Foreign Missions, and I shall use every effort in my power to make it the best in our history."
- J. L., Maryland: "I am much pleased to know that notwithstanding the prevailing hard times you can make such a good showing as regards the receipts for the Foreign Board up to date. It will certainly be a matter of rejoicing if you are able to come to the Convention in May with a marked diminution in the debt, if not an entire cancellation of it."
- J. L. W., Georgia: "Lean on me and if you press too hard, I will still do my best. God bless you."
- R. V., Georgia: "My people say that we ought to give as much for the work abroad as we give to the work at home. I think so too, and am going to work for that. You can count on me. I want to see every cent of that debt paid by May 1st."

- R. A. C., Mississippi: "We make Foreign Missions first. I have no method of taking collections. I try to put everyone on Scriptural grounds. I speak of the depravity of the heathen, of their being children of wrath, even as we, of the abundant sufficiency in Christ for them as well as for us. I want the world to know of Jesus."
- E. Z. F. G., Georgia: "My people say all my sermons are mission sermons. This is true, I think. No sermon should have less scope than the whole field, which is the world. We gave for outside benevolent objects last year about three dollars per member. This is well for a small, poor church. I consider your work my work. You are lifting at one end of the log, I at another. I do not intend to throw off on you."

E. Y. M., Massachusetts: "Glad there are rays of light coming to you in special gifts. I believe God is going to move his people mightly towards Missions in the

near future."

L. J, North Carolina: "I am praying that this may be the best year for Foreign Missions in the history of our State, and shall try to couple honest effort with my prayers."

A Brother, Alabama: "My wife and myself concluded last night to send you this year one thousand dollars instead of six hundred dollars, the amount we usually send, because the Board needs it more than usual. I know that we ourselves and all we possess belong to the dear Lord, and it is as His stewards we send this." (Check enclosed.)

- A. J. H., Tennessee: "I am ashamed of the contributions to all our work. I am doing what I can to stir up our people. We will do our biggest, level best for Foreign Missions in Tennessee in April. We will send something all along, but then we will do our best to bring up the whole amount lacking. Our hearts beat for you—that is some of them. God bless you. In haste, but with a heart full of love for our Foreign Mission work."
- J. L. G., Georgia: "I think the light is breaking down here in Georgia, owing, in large measure, to Gibson's great work. He has the right idea—increasing the number of givers."
- W. C. B., Alabama: "I most ardently hope that Alabama will come up with her quota for your Board. We rejoice that she is doing as well as she is."
- J. M. B., Georgia: "We are trying to show our churches that missionary activity is essential to the spiritual growth of any church, and in order for a church to resemble the apostolic churches it must be missionary in *fact* as well as in *name*. I assure you I will give the people no rest until they come nearer apostolic *doctrine* and apostolic *practice*."
- R. H. H, Georgia: "Let us take a stand firmly upon principle, and let us in season and out of season,' in the conventions, associations, meetings and our pulpits, strive assiduously and continually to convince God's people that as there is woe unto (the called) the minister if he preach not the Gospel, there is woe also unto the called people if they send not the Gospel. This conviction riveted upon the unwilling, and 'the love of Christ constraining' the willing, all our Boards will soon be out of debt, and the mission work go grandly on."

A brother in writing speaks of the "Necessary discount on the subscription" made at a certain time. What a reflection! No man has a right to subscribe any amount which he does not fully intend to pay, and does pay.

A PRACTICAL PLAN OPERATED.

The Fifth Church, Washington, D. C., pays the salary of Brother R. E. Chambers. The Young People's Union agrees to act as the Church Committee to raise the money. The check comes regularly every quarter. The president of the union tells how it is done:

I gladly comply with your request for a brief statement of the plan adopted by our Baptist Young People's Union of the Fifth Baptist Church of this city in raising funds for the support of our missionary in China-Brother R. E. Chambers. In undertaking the work we recognized that to insure success every department of our church must be interested; and this we have endeavored to accomplish in several ways and with some success. The Executive Committee of the Union, composed of the officers and chairmen of the several committees, were constituted a Committee on the Missionary Fund, and a canvass of our church membership was made to obtain subscriptions for the fund, payable quarterly, and quite a number secured. This number we hope to increase until the list embraces a large proportion of our membership. The subscriptions obtained have been paid promptly and cheerfully, and contributions made by those who have not yet subscribed. The Sunday-school, also, has been enlisted in the work, and a special collection for the missionary fund is taken each quarter with good results. From our Junior Union, also, we have had, assistance, for we confidently rely upon them for a contribution of not less than five dollars each quarter. For myself, I feel it in my heart to thank you for the suggestion made to our union which led to our undertaking the work. It has stimulated our interest in the missionary cause, and has given definiteness and purpose to our work as a Baptist Young People's Union. I do not now recall a single occasion when we have met for prayer, either as a church or as a union, when "our missionary in China" has not been specially named, his name being linked with that of our pastor in prayer for God's blessing upon them both; and I know also that we speak to God of him in our closets. Praying for Missions, giving for Missions-do not the two things go hand in hand?

I hope that many other of our unions may be induced to engage in a similar work, and thus to speak of "our missionary" along with "our pastor." I commend to them a trial of the plan outlined above; and if anyone has a better, we at the Fifth Church will be glad to hear about it and put it to a test. Wishing you and the great cause you represent the richest measure of blessing from Him whose we are and whom we serve, I am,

Yours in the work,

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Washington, D. C., January 19, 1897.

Remember that the subscription for THE JOURNAL is only thirty-five cents a year, and due strictly in advance. You can send by post-office order, registered letter, or by enclosing stamps, which we constantly need.

ORDINATION AT SHIU HING, CHINA.

In the summer Brother Fung Chak, pastor of the church at Shiu Hing, resigned and moved to Seattle, Wash. For some time the church was much at sea as to & The man recommended by the retiring pastor is teaching in Canton, doing a most excellent work, for which he has special qualifications, and seemed quite unwilling to assume the responsibilities of the pastorate. After a few weeks I found the minds of the brethren seemed to be turning with great unanimity towards Brother Tsang Wai San, and by the time appointed for the election there was a unanimous opinion that he was the man. The missionaries said nothing in the matter, except that Brother Chambers had a partial promise from this brother to help open the new work at Ng Chau in Kwong Sai; but when this matter was mentioned to several leading members of the Shiu Hing church, they said it would be much easier to find a preacher for Ng Chau than to find a pastor for the church. With this view of it, Brother Chambers withdrew his claims, and Brother Tsang was unanimously called. As he was a member of the church in Canton, a letter was sent asking for his ordination. A Presbytery was appointed and the candidate was examined in due form here in Canton, and approved for ordination. Certain members of the Presbytery were then asked to conduct the public services of the ordination in Shiu Hing. For this purpose Brother Simmons, Brother Fung Gat Poon, pastor at Tsing Uen, and I, met at Shiu Hing on Sunday, November 15th. After brief devotional exercises, the regular business meeting of the church was held, at the close of which a candidate was examined and approved for baptism. Then the ordination sermon was preached by Brother Simmons. Brother Simmons also ledthe ordaining prayer, and the hands of the Presbytery were laid on the candidate. The charge to the new pastor, by Pastor Fung, was short and to the point. I then addressed some words of exhortation to the church in the way of a charge.

The ordinance of baptism was then administered by the newly ordained pastor, and the service closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The whole service lasted over three hours.

The new pastor is one of our most effective preachers, and, withal, a man of much good sense. He has spent some years in America. Since his return he has been preaching in Canton under employment of the Chinese Missionary Society. We hope for good results from his labors in Shiu Hing.

In the afternoon an interesting meeting of the women was held in Miss McMinn's reception room, attended by Miss North, Miss Sale, Miss McMinn, and Mrs. Simmons. At night we had a very striking sermon from Pastor Fung.

Monday morning, before day, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and I, were in the swift current of the West River, which brought us to Canton, seventy-two miles, in one day.

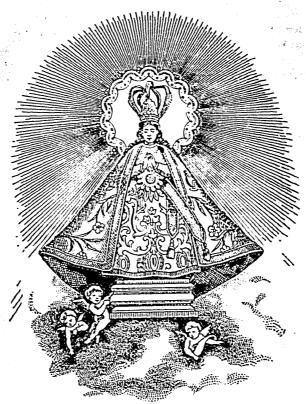
Miss McMinn and Miss Sale were to start on Monday, farther up the river, for a trip of three months in Kwong Sai Province. Miss North was left alone in Shiu Hing. Since then two missionaries have come up from Singapore and rented Miss McMinn's part of the house for a few months to study the language for more efficient work among the Chinese resident in Singapore.

Since we left, letters have come announcing the death of another of our Bible women. She was quite old, and for some time had been very feeble.

Just before this meeting at Shiu Hing I had gone with Brother Chambers to Ng Chau, the metropolis of Kwong Sai Province, and left him there preparing a place for him and Mrs. Chambers to live and a chapel to preach in. They hope to move in, about the beginning of next year.

G. W. GREENE

🦩 Canton, China, November 23, 1896. 🕾 🐉 🦠



The above is the picture of an image about a foot high which is worshiped in Mexico. The chapel of this "Saint" is near Guadalajara, Mexico. If one recites a prayer to this image on a certain day in the year 25,000 years will be deducted from his time in Purgatory! Shorter periods, such as 20,000, 11,000, 5,000, will be deducted for prayers recited to her on other days! So say the priests.

She is said to have done many miracles, as is testified by the little waxen votive offerings in her chapel representing the parts of the body on which the healing was performed. In times of drouth this image is brought to a church in the city, followed by a procession of thousands of people, that prayers may be offered to her. The educated people pray to her as well as the ignorant.

THE SPIRIT GUIDED US.

BY L. G. BROUGHTON.

By the special request of the Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, I venture to say a word concerning the development of the Foreign Missionary spirit in our Calvary Church at Roanoke, and in doing so there is only one feature of which I will speak, and that is The Dependence upon the Holy Spirit as our Teacher in Giving. It is known that we are a poor people to a large extent, and that within the last three years we have erected our house of worship, and yet we have gone forward in the matter of giving to Missions to an extent which has caused some comment, and perhaps calls for this communication. Our plan is this: First, we set apart the third Sunday in January as Foreign Missionary Day. Toward this day the church begins to look from year to year, and frequent attention is called to it in one way and another



by the pastor. On Sunday preceding the offering, the week of prayer for the preparation of our hearts and the guidance of the Holy Spirit begins. The pastor makes careful and prayerful preparation for these meetings, and every night a congregation assembles and the Bible is studied, and many earnest prayers made for the guidance of the Spirit in the matter before us. These meetings are among the most interesting that we have. It is not at all rare to see strong men and women weeping as they study the Word and feel the quickening presence of the Spirit.

On Sunday following, the pastor is greeted always with a large congregation, for it is a day much talked up and looked forward to by the people. He earnestly preaches along the line of God's requirements of His people, and then, without pressure, the offering is made I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say that of all days this is our happiest. A bar-keeper in attendance on our church the day of our Foreign Mission collection remarked to me at the close of the service, when he saw the people giving with such cheerfulness: "This is what I call religion," and himself put in a liberal contribution. Who could help being happy when coming, as we had, from a week of study and prayer for the guidance of the Spirit, our collection, without any public gift or other strained effort, amounted to not less than a thousand dollars for 1897! What a joy it was for those people to give that day!

Brethren, I beg you to try this method. It will develop your people not only in the matter of giving, but will so deepen their spiritual life—which, after all, must precede the matter of their contributions—as nothing else, in my judgment, possibly can. The Holy Spirit in Missions! Oh, how we need Him to-day! The churches seem to have lost sight of the fact that He is their teacher. Let us come back to Him and honor Him at the risk even of being called extremists, and He in turn will honor the churches.

ITALIAN NOTES.

BY J. H. EAGER.

The December number of our Italian paper, Il testimonio, lies before me, and it has occurred to me that the readers of The Journal might be interested in a brief statement of its contents.

On the first page is an article giving an account of the work undertaken by the evangelicals of Rome in behalf of the suffering Armenians. The plan is to interest all the churches, Young Men's Christian Associations, and other organizations among evangelicals throughout Italy, in the good work—Large bills were printed and posted in every quarter of the city. These contained a programme of the Roman Committee, a vigorous protest against the atrocities of the Turk, and an earnest appeal to Italy, "which also has been bathed with the blood of so many martyrs of faith and liberty," to do her part. The result of the meetings was encouraging—not the least encouraging feature being that the students of the University of Rome asked the privilege of uniting with evangelicals in this humanitarian and Christian work. The daily papers of Rome, with one or two exceptions, were strangely silent about the whole matter.

"Man or Beast" is the title of another article, in which the author discusses the question of evolution, taking ground against the idea that we are only developed and civilized monkeys. The article was suggested by an account which a prominent Italian scientist gives of a visit to a lunatic asylum, where he found men, especially one, who closely resembled the gorilla, physically and mentally. The article is interesting and suggestive.

"Notes on Romanism" gives facts to prove that the Church of Rome both teaches and practices idolatry, and to show the evil consequences of such idolatry. "It is admitted," says the writer, "by all well-informed persons, that in those countries where images are in use, as in Italy, there is much less religion than in those where they are not used. In Italy one finds much superstition and idolatry and bigotry and slavery to the priest, but little true religion, and understanding of spiritual things."

Under the head of "Practical Reflections," one of our English missionaries is writing a series of articles, the second of which, on "Interdenominational Relations," appears in this number, in both of which the general question of the passing of ministers and members from one denomination to another is discussed. The author claims that while many minor motives, such as taste, or preference, or convenience, or offended feelings may induce Pedobaptists to pass from one of their own denominations to another, nothing but a matter of principle should induce them to come to us, or should induce us to receive them. If a man is a Baptist in principle he has a right to be, and ought to be, a member of a Baptist church.

Then follows Some Prophetic Signs-

I. Three signs preceded the first coming of Christ.

(1) A political sign. (Gen. 49: 10.)

(2) An astronomical sign. (Num. 24: 17. Matt; ii: 2.)

(3) A Spiritual sign. (Luke ii: 25-38.) Not the world, but the faithful studied about him, expected him, and saw him.

II. Three signs will precede the second coming of Christ-

(1) The political sign. (Luke xxi: 24.)

(2) The astronomical sign. (Matt. xxiv: 29.)

(3) The Spiritual sign. (Luke xxi: 28.)

Many earnest believers are studying this subject, and longing for the coming of the Lord.

Under the head of "Correspondence," several interesting letters appear. One tells of a great gathering in a Catholic church to witness the christening of five bells by the Archbishop of Genoa. The Archbishop attempted to preach, but so great was the confusion that he gave up in disgust; the people had come to see the bells christened and not to hear the Archbishop's eulogy on Saint Martino.

Another letter is an appeal in behalf of the many priests who wish to leave the Church of Rome, and know not what to do. A letter from Sardinia tells of priest-craft in that island. On All Saints Day the priests earn large sums of money by blessing the tombs of the dead. No tomb, however, is blessed until the regular tariff for this performance is paid in full.

Eight baptisms are reported, and several new publications. An interesting programme for 1897 is also announced.

Let us pray for the work in Italy. The difficulties are great, but the light is breaking, and encouragements are increasing. If anyone is willing to help our journal, *Il testimonio* (The Witness), the money can be sent to Brother R. J. Willingham, Richmond Va. The paper could be much improved if we had more money to spend on it.

THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is the best means that a Southern Baptist has of being thoroughly informed as to our work being done in foreign fields. Many of

our pastors are struggling with the problem of arousing among their members an interest in Missions. One of the greatest helps in the solution of this problem lies in the circulation of The Journal. Information brings inspiration; people that read of Missions give to Missions.

There is not one cent of personal gain to anybody in connection with the publication of The Journal. The Board has fixed the subscription price as nearly as possible at the actual cost of publication. Meantime if any profit should arise it would go directly to Missions. The price is nominal—35 cents a single copy, and 25 cents each in clubs of ten or more—which puts information as to this great work in the reach of all. Our subscription list is growing, but we want to add at least 10,000 names right away, and we are making the following offers:

1. To anyone sending I6 names with the money, \$4.00, we will give one year's subscription free, and send The Journal to him or anyone else, as he may direct.

2. To anyone sending us 25 names with the money, \$6.25, we will send Dr. Tupper's book, "A Decade of Missions"; or 40 names with the money, \$10.00, that charming book, "The Mexican Ranch."

Renewals count the same as new names. If not convenient to send all the names at once you may send at different times. Many have already improved this opportunity. Let us hear from you.

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"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm ii.: 8.)

Jesus would have his people join him in making this request of the Father, and in seeking the fulfilment of this glorious promise. Let us be sharers in the conflict, that we may be partakers of the victory and the glory that are to follow.

THE city of Pekin contains the oldest university in the world. It is called the kwotszekien, or schools for the sons of the empire. The duties of the faculty are somewhat difficult, for in addition to the instruction of the scholars, they have to admonish the emperor of that which is just and good and reprove him for his faults, and have the hereditary privilege of schooling the members of his family in the sciences and arts. A granite register, consisting of 320 stone columns, contains the names of 60,000 graduates of the highest degree These inscribed columns constitute the university roll of honor, and their record goes back more than 600 years.—The Spirit of Missions.

"AGITATE, agitate, agitate," said a great English statesman, in reply to one who had asked how certain much-needed reforms could be effected. How are the churches to be aroused to-day on the great subject of missions? Agitate, agitate, agitate. The matter must be kept before the people, and by pastors whose minds are full and whose hearts are burning. Do not preach missions ad nauseam, but seek wisdom from above to present the subject at the right time and in the right way. A wise missionary pastor will, in time, have a zealous missionary church.

A PASTOR of another denomination writes with much feeling and sadness concerning his efforts to interest his church in missions. Among other things he says:

"My people will have nothing to do with missions. No amount of teaching or preaching appeals to them, and many receive with open derision whatever I may have to say on the subject. Whatever has been contributed has been because of my personal appeal to the indi-

vidual, or through the Sunday-school, and what the first gave was given with a bad grace, and only because I asked in person. This I cannot always do. This parish could easily give \$500 a year. I am sick at heart over their indifference, and ask myself, "What more can I do to arouse them?"

How many Baptist churches would treat a zealous missionary pastor in the same way? Let such pastors report, and ask for the prayers and sympathy of their brethren.

THE following words from Regions Beyond ought to be read and pondered by every pastor in our land: "The greatest need of missionary work to-day is not at the foreign but at the home end. If the people of Great Britain and America were one-quarter as true to the evangelization of the world as the workers on the field are, the work would be accomplished in a generation. It is one thing to stay at home because we do not wish to go; it is another thing to stay for the sake of No minister can do the heathendom. highest work at home till he is consecrated to the evangelization of the world. No Christian can do his best here till he has in spirit obeyed the commission: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to e ery creature."

Sympathy with foreign missionaries is essential to success at home. It would surprise some of us to know how many of our most useful pastors at one time offered themselve for the Foreign Mission field, or at least seriously contemplated doing so.

THE following words of the late Minister Lowell, who long and so honorably represented our government at the Court of England, contain much encouragement for every Christian worker, and a stinging reproof to those who are disposed to belittle Christian work, and especially work among the heathen. They were uttered in replying to some public statement reflecting upon the success of Foreign Missions. He said:

"The worst kind of religion is no re ligion at all, and those men who live in ease and luxury, indulging themselves in the amusement of going without religion, may be thankful that they live in lands where the Gospel they neglect has tamed the beastliness and ferocity of the men who but for Christianity might long ago have eaten their bodies, like the South Sea islanders, or cut off their heads and tanned their hides, like the monsters of the French Revolution.

"When the microscopic search of skep ticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the exist ence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society, and has found a place on this planet ten miles square where a decent man can live in decency, comfort, and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted—a place where age is revered, infancy respected, manhood respected, womanhood honored, and human life held in due regard-when skeptics can find such a place ten miles square on this globe where the Gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way, and laid the foundations, and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither and then ventilate their views. But so long as these very men are dependent upon the religion which they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate a little before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of its faith in that Savior who alone has given to man that hope of eternal life which makes life tolerable and society possible, and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom."

It is stated that London needs as many men to insure her safety from thieves and other lawless ones as the Christian world sends for missionary work, and that London pays nearly as much for her 15,047 policemen as the British Isles give for the evange ization of the world.

Letters from Our Missionaries.

MEXICO.

Hasten to Tell Good News. SALTILLO, MEX., Dec. 16, 1896.

Dear Brother,—How glad are all your missionaries in Saltillo to-day! And knowing that you will rejoice with us, I hasten to tell you the good news.

Sunday afternoon God gave us the joy of seeing three of our girls buried with Christ in baptism.

The baptism, which took place in our court in the presence of the college family and the friends and members of the church, seemed to me to be an unusually beautiful and impressive ceremony. All was so bright and calm and peaceful, we could almost hear the echo back from heaven of "Oh! happy day!"

Coming as this blessing does so early in the school year, we can but feel that it is a promise of yet greater things, a promise that is already being fulfilled in the three other girls who are now waiting for baptism.

There is no meeting in progress; it has been a calm yielding of young, hopeful hearts to the Spirit's call and guidance—a dedication of sweet, innocent girl-life to the Master's service.

That you may fully understand the spiritual status of the thirty-seven girls we have in the Institute, I am going to give you a classified statement we have prepared for our own guidance in our labors with and prayers for the young lives that God has placed under our influence and in our care. This statement includes only our boarders. As you have been told before, the results of the Christian work in our school seem to be confined to the boarders. I say seem to be, for only the "last great day" can reveal the full results of any work for the Master. We realize that there must be a reason for even a seeming lack of results, and we are prayerfully studying the question, hoping to find the cause and overcome

the obstacles, that God may open to us greater and more enlarged fields of usefulness.

Of our thirty-seven boarders-

Twenty-one are members of our church.

Three are awaiting baptism.

Four are under thirteen years of age.

One is a Roman Catholic, but promises from now on to make a prayerful study of the Bible.

One is quite unsettled in her views; seems to be struggling with the "liberal infidelity" that is so prevalent in Mexico.

Three are forbidden by their parents to put on Christ in baptism, and their youth prevents us from urging them to so important a step.

Two are praying daily for strength to confess their Savior in baptism in spite of parental and other opposition.

One confesses faith, but thinks baptism a non-essential.

One other—an unusually strong character—loves the Master, knows her duty and longs to fulfill it, but fears she may not be able to remain faithful.

This is the Institute as it is to-day. You can see how much we have to be thankful for, and at the same time will understand the burden on our hearts, and how earnest must be the prayers, how unwavering the tact of those who daily deal with so many and such a marked diversity of cases.

Knowing, as I do, the priceless value and helpfulness of human sympathy, my heart goes out to those girls whose families have forbidden them to confess their faith before the world. We can't quite understand the courage required to defy parental authority in religious matters in our own land, much less that required in a land whose laws uphold this authority.

It is so easy to give the advice, "Do your duty and leave the consequences in God's hands"; but I have found it takes a tried faith and years of Christian experience to render one always able to put

this precious theory into practice. How can we expect better things from young, untried hearts in a cruel, fanatical country? God is going to bless Mexico this year as never before. Let us take courage.

Affectionately yours,

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TOLUCA, Jan., 1897.

Dear Journal,—The close of the year is a fit time for retrospection and introspection. Through sorrows, misunderstanding and joys, God has sought to teach us deeper lessons of Himself.

I trust that we have learned the futility of our efforts unless the Holy Spirit aid us. One plants, another waters, but God alone gives the increase. I Cor. 3: 6.7:

I have had a delightful rest among loved friends, and am now at work again. I see some signs of revival and hope to baptize soon.

The Missionary workers in Mexico will assemble in Mexico City, January 26.

W. D. POWELL.

CHINA.

Good Quarterly Report. SHANGHAI, CHINA, Sept. 27, 1896.

Dear Brother,-I have been intending for some time to write my third quarterly report, but that thief of time has prevented me so far. I shall not go into details, but simply mention one important result of that quarter. A few weeks before going to Japan for a change, I persuaded six of our young brethren to meet me every evening for a course of Bible study. We would study for an hour, and then go to one of our preaching places and hold a service. They fell in love with this kind of work, and after I left they kept it up for several weeks, holding meetings at two places instead of one. They also organized themselves into a band of voluntary workers, and I shall have something good to tell about their work when this quarter closes. This movement has grown in interest, until now we have two bands of voluntary workers—one among the men and one among the women. They seem to begin to realize that the work is theirs as well as ours.

I baptized four ladies. These were not a result of my work, but the result of us all together. Our force of workers was greatly decreased by the return of Brother and Sister Tatum to their homes to enjoy a much-needed and well-earned rest. May God soon restore our dear sister to health, and send them both back to us. We miss them in many ways. While our laborers were decreased by their leaving us, they have been greatly increased by the voluntary native workers. Price and Kelly, who were doing much work before the Tatums left us, have now taken full work on themselves. both are very efficient workers. very greatly blessed in my co-laborers, both in those at home and in these here on the field. God has blessed us during this last quarter in our hearts, in our homes and in our work.

Yours sincerely, R. T. BRYAN.

Greeting and Welcome.

CANTON, CHINA, Nov. 23, 1896.

Dear Brother Barton,-Ever since you came into the "Mission Rooms," I have been wanting to send you a word of greeting and welcome to a somewhat more intimate participation than heretofore in the work of Foreign Missions, but "was let hitherto." Now, wishing to send for THE JOURNAL the enclosed report of an ordination and some attendant movements, I wish to add this word to you personally. I hear that you have been both pastor and "schoolteacher," and having had much experience in work of these kinds myself, I intentionally speak of your present work for Foreign Missions as "somewhat more intimate participation than heretofore." Your former work was nearer to the sources of supply-training workers and supporters for Foreign Missions. Now you are nearer to the active workers on the field-the medium of communication between us and the workers at home. I try never to forget that there are hundreds and thousands of workers at home, faithfully working with the tens on the field. Don't less few are doing as much as they ought; doubtless the same is true of us who are here; but we are "workers together" One of the saddest features is the large numbers who are not working, not praying, not interested, largely because they have not been taught of the work and of their duty in regard to it. So much remains to be done there as well as here.

Some of the members of our Mission would like a change or two made in the page of THE JOURNAL giving the list of missionaries. At the bottom it is said, "The postage to each of our missions is five cents." Some have suggested that it ought to be added "for each half ounce" In America the brethren send a letter weighing an ounce for two cents, but when the letter so heavy as that, on thick paper with wide margin, written only on one side, comes to China, it ought to have ten cents, and in default we pay twenty cents on its arrival. Many a time a half-ounce letter has only two cents, and we pay twelve cents for the three that the brother forgot to put on.

With best wishes for success in your part of the work,

> Your brother in Christ. G. W. GREENE.

BRAZIL.

Good News, and Hasten to Give It. CAMPOS, Nov. 30, 1896.

Dear Brother,-I have good news for you, and hasten to give it to you. It cheered me up a little, and I am sure it will cheer you up.

Pastor A. Campos returned to-day from San Fidelis, and told me the following:

The brethren have been talking about the need of a house of worship, as the one they are in, was not suitable for the pur-

pose. They thought the best way would be for five of them to lend the church \$250 each, or a thousand mil reis, and with this they could manage to raise the building. But while they were talking about this, an old farmer, father of several of our church-members, but himself no member yet, asked permission to speak, and said more or less like the following: "I am old and useless, but want to do something for Jesus and his Church. I therefore offer to build the church building on my own account, and the Church pay me only the 6 per cent. due until I die, and then it will belong to the Church as a legacy I intend to leave."

You can imagine how this news was accepted. But as the land had already been offered, he asked permission to buy the land from us, as he wanted to give the house and the land. With the money from the land we can buy the furniture necessary for the church.

Thus is the good Lord blessing us amidst many trials and difficulties.

Now for the Campos church! For this we need five times as much as for the San Fidelis church-that is, 25,000 mil reis, or \$5,000.

With the little money we had we bought 50,000 bricks, and intend to begin the work of building Campos church by January next. We must have the church if the work is to go forward. Please pray

Seven candidates ready for baptism in Campos, and six in San Fidelis.

All well at home, praise the Lord. The girl's school is closed for a month's holi-It opens again in January. Oh, for a teacher to help! Can you not send us someone to help? God bless you all.

Yours for Brazil,

SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.

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Mission-Card Topic for February, 1897.

FRONTIER MISSIONS.

FRONTIER MISSIONS.—"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Statistics for Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Western Arkansas: Missionaries, 83; churches and stations, 321; baptisms, 1,110; Sunday-schools organized, 117; teachers and pupils, 4,115; tracts distributed, 10,479.

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STUDY TOPICS —Changing population, immigration bringing the unevangelized. Importance of the foundation work of today Bible distribution by Sunday School Frontier box work of Woman's Missionary Union.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY, 1897.

SUBJECT-FRONTIER MISSIONS.

"Purpose is character crystalized."

1. Short sentence prayers.

- 2. Hymn-" Onward, Christian Soldiers."
- 3. Seed Thought-"Christ, the same yesterday and to-day," would still seek the lost, but He must now do it on our feet; He would still minister, but He must do it with our hands."
 - 4. Scripture-Matt. 19: 16-30.
- 5. Prayer for all the Home Board Missionaries, with special petitions for the family aided by a box from this society.
- 6. Hymn-"He that goeth forth with weeping."
- 7. Study Topics-Changing popula-Immigration bringing the unevangelized. Importance of foundation work to-day. Bible distribution by Sunday-School Board. Frontier box work by Woman's Missionary Union.

- 8. Song.
- 9. Leaflet (to be read in selections)—
 "Frontier Missions," by Rev. Byron H.
 Dement.
- 10. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.
- 11. Appoint a "Lookout Committee" on Absences and New Members.
- 12. Collection Hymn-"Watchman, what of the night?"

Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR CHURCH CONCERTS. MISSION SOCIETIES AND LEADERS OF BANDS -The leastet for February, "Frontier Missions," by Rev Byron H. Dement (price, 3 cents), gives a full and clear survey of this important field for work through the Home Board, with its consecrated, self-sacrificing missionaries, who deserve all our sympathies, prayers and active efforts in their behalf. As "our substitutes," the leaflet will bring its readers into close touch with "our" work which others are doing for us. We would commend this, and all other monthly leaflets, to leaders of bands, not to be read invariably at the meetings, in whole or in part, but to fill the leader with the subject under consideration.

Quarterly Literature, three months, 8 cents; annual subscription, 30 cents. Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 North Howard street, Baltimore.

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General Statement.

Nearly half the missionaries of the Board are working on the frontier of Texas, in the Indian Territory and in Oklahoma.

The labors of our missionaries this year have been attended by the influence of the Divine Spirit, so that only once before in all its history has the

Board been able to report such results. The number of missionaries has been a small decrease from the number reported the previous year, but larger than any other year in the Board's history.

The baptisms have been 5,617—only 304 less than last year.

The receipts have been \$75,927.54, against \$76.770 91, last year.

The estimated value of the Board's property last year was \$99,430. The increase during the present year has been \$7,150 making the present total value \$104,580.

[Adapted to the Journal]

Foreigners in the Cities and on the Frontier.

The rapidly increasing size of our foreign population and its many and varying component elements, may serve to give us some idea of the magnitude and difficulty of the task which God has sent the Christian portion of this nation viz., that of allying itself with the best elements of those nationalities that come to us from other shores, and with them solving the great problem of evangelizing the whole of this vast mass, which, if left to the evil influences that threaten to control it, will prove its own ruin and ours as well.

How can it be done? We must study the different peoples, their history, their characer, even their prejudices, and some of us must learn their languages: we must become acquainted with them, love them, believe in them, adapt our methods of Christian work to reaching them in such a way as not to offend their prejudices or rouse their fears. In all centers of such population in which there is not already a truly evangelical work being done, a commencement should be made at once with Sundayschools manned by the very best elements of our most intelligent churches. Sewing-schools, English classes, clubs for boys and girls, and for young men and young women, should be organized. reading-rooms opened, male and female visitors set to work who can reach the various peoples in their own languages, Christian literature distributed which they can read, and preaching services maintained in the languages spoken by the population to be reached, and probably also, certainly eventually, in English as well. The end sought is the conversion of souls, who are to be gathered into living churches and trained to live and work for Christ.

On the frontier, in the destitute districts fronting or bordering those that are well supplied with Gospel privileges, the need for Gospel work is just as apparent and urgent, while, of course the method will of necessity be less complicated.

The winning of the whole vast foreign population of our cities and of our land for Christ is one of the most important and most vital to the welfare of this land and of the world. Its magnitude and difficulty would appal if the God of nations and the Savior of the world as well had not said, "Lo, I am with you to the end of the age" in all attempts to "go and teach."

Card Playing.

The playful shuffle of a few pieces of pictured and spotted papers in a parlor does not look significant of evil at first. It seems as innocent as swinging the nallet on a croquet sward. But, while through the years of the existence of that exciting game on the sward no corrupting effects have been known to follow, the cases where the spotted and pictured back has been first played inmocently in the parlor, then in worse places, and has turned to be a weight to drag young men to misery and young women to shame, are positively incomputable in the arithmetic of time.

Those who first devised that seductive and sin-nourishing game may not have intended to do harm. But they have. For who shall estimate the immoralities and miseries which have flowed from the play? It has been a course of doing harm, with no known excuses or results to palliate its pernicious consequences. It has made many noble lives base, upright people dishonest, rich people poor, and poor people painfully more impoverished.

Other games have indeed been used as instrumental causes of injury. The once innocent use of boat and oars, the ball and bat, the field and foot-race, have been seized by sin as instruments for gambling. But these have something noticeable to stand upon as a defence and plea for their preservation and practice, in spite of abuses.

The race-course develops muscle in the athlete, and leads to the practice of walking for exercise. The bat and ball lead to physical development, which all must approve. The oar and the boat broaden the chest and make the lungs beat with life.

But who can say gaming cards have ever done anything for physical development, for intellectual enlightment or for æsthetic culture? What excellent part of the nature are they known to improve? What wit do they sharpen which would not be better left blunted? What skill do they train which would not better be left stupid?—Dr. Withrow.

Christmas Envelopes Distributed.

Alabama, 3,820; Arkansas, 2,000; Florida, 2,500; Georgia, 6,025; Kentucky, 2,000; Louisiana, 100; Maryland, 2,216; Mississippi, 1,250; Missouri, 6,100; North Carolina, 3,405; South Carolina, 6,100; Tennessee, 9,000; Texas, 10,075; Virginia, 11,055; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 12; Western North Carolina, 1,200; Miscellaneous, 1,617. Total, 68,475.

No report of returns through envelopes has as yet been received by Corresponding Secretary Woman's Missionary Union. We hope to be able to present it in our next issue.

Executive Committee Notes.

Jan. 11, 1896.—Letters written during the month 778; postals, 67.

Frontier Boxes. One hundred and forty-five boxes have already been reported, aggregating in value 811,697.51. The moneyed value is larger than last year, and the contents of boxes give most substantial comfort, but better than all is the glad news of large numbers converted on the frontier, proving that the material aid has been transmuted by the power of God into spiritual life to dead souls. Let us send as valuable boxes as we can; let us aim to equal or exceed the value of the boxes in money. ed contributions towards the salaries of the missionaries. The Corresponding Secretary has taken further precautions to ensure safe and speedy acknowledgment of the reception of boxes, by requesting a letter to herself from the missionary as well as to the society sending the box.—Christmas Envelopes. 68.-500 envelopes have been called for; it is too early as yet for returns. Virginia set a bright example of thoroughness in their distribution, forwarding ten to every society and band, solicting further orders if desired; many have so requested and been supplied by the Central Committee. A total collection in the eight years of this effort has gathered the not unimportant sum of over \$31,000. The power of littles cannot be computed and should never be despised. woman's right arm of power .- Colored A new phase, and a most hopeful one, of helpfulness for these people, has just began to develop. Due notice of it will be given.—German Work -Miss Buhlmaier is now superintending three sewing schools in Baltimore and one in Washington, at which latter place she conducts a prayer-meeting for the Germans once a week. Polish Jews are also coming to the emigrant pier and gladly receive the Polish Testaments which are given her to distribute by the Sunday-School Board .- Woman's Mis-

sionary Union and the Seminary. Whitsitt, President, has always been in sympathy with the organization and its methods of work. He has just sent an invitation to the Woman's Missionary Union to have the work represented at the February missionary meeting of the Seminary, desiring the students to familiarize themselves with the aims and methods pursued by Woman's Missionary Union, so that, upon entrance into the active ministry, they may be prepared to understand and advocate its usefulness. Dr. T. P. Bell, than whom no one is more competent from intimate and long acquaintance with the work to represent it to others, has most kindly consented to fill the position.—Conference of Mission Workers. An interdenominational meeting for women was called for the first time in New York, for January 15, 1897. The Corresponding Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, greatly regretted her inability to attendto represent the Woman's Missionary Union and to learn of tried methods of other organizations.

We announce in THE JOURNAL the resignation of Mrs. Cary as Secretary and Treasurer, Central Committee in Kentucky, and the appointment of Mrs. B. G. Rees, 2 Jefferson Terrace, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Cary is given up with the greatest regret.

Mission Among the Italians.

As Dr. J. H. Eager has made Baltimore his headquarters during his sojourn in America, it has been thought wise by the Home Board to inaugurate an evangelistic work among the Italians of that city. The young people will aid as opportunity shall arise. The Sunday-School Board will grant the necessary Testaments and tracts. Of this effort, small though it be to-day, Dr. I. T. Tichenor writes: "I trust that the mission among the Italians, about inaugurating in Baltimore, may extend not only to Richmond, but also to other of

our Southern cities. There are thousands of these people in New Orleans, some of them very bad people, but all of them have souls. It would be very gratifying to us if the Baptist Young People's Union of Maryland would take hold of this work and execute it through existing organizations. As the years go by, and I see more and more of the needs of our people, the ever-widening influence of our great country, the grand opportunities to do good to humanity by the evangelization of the masses. I long more and more for the means of its accomplishment. But we must not despise the day of small things-the few thousands we get now will some day be like 'the handful of corn upon the mountain top whose fruit shall shake like Lebanon.' The earth is the Lord's and He has given it to His Son, and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. These things cheer me sometimes in the midst of the doubts and the perplexities and the darkness which environ my pathway."

Frontier Boxes.

From the following Woman's Missionary Union Societies boxes of supplies, valued as below, have been reported as sent to Home Missionaries since December 7th:

G eensboro, N. C. \$115; First Church, Raleigh, N. C, \$75; Carthage, N. C., \$66; Rutherfordton, N C., \$39.95; Goldsboro, N. C., \$37; First Church, Newberry, S. C., \$64; Coldwater, Miss., \$45; Kinston, N. C., \$26 30; Lumberton, N. C., \$66 06; Eutaw Place Church. Baltimore, Md, \$210; Entaw Place Church, Baltimore, Md. (contributinn to German work), \$5; Demopolis, Ala, \$55; Franklin Church., Portsmouth Association, Va., \$95; First Church. Lynchburg, Strawber: y Association, Va., \$114.38; Evergreen, Ala., \$14 65; First Church, Memphis, Tenn., \$100; Humboldt Church, Tenn. \$74.80; Immaruel Church., Nashville,

\$48 66; Edgefield Church, Nashville, Tenn, \$78.10; First Courch, Newport, Ky., \$10; Hopkinsville, Ky., Bowling Green, Ky., \$85; Lebanon, Kv., \$10; First Church Columbia, S C., \$10; Fulton Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md, \$204 74; Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Fulton Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$10; Whatsoever Band, Fulton Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$2; Dorcas Society, Fulton Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution). \$5; Two Sunday-school classes, Fulton-Avenue Church., Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$6.45; Leigh Street Church, Richmond, Dover Association, Va., \$65; Charlo'tesville, Albemarle Associa ion, Va., \$135; Calvary Church, Roanoke, Roanoke Association, Va., \$100; Leetown, W. Va, \$15.21; First Church, New Orleans, La., \$95; King's Helpers, Valence Street Church, New Orleans, La. \$95; Sunbeams, Valence Street Church, New O leans, La., \$60; Clinton, La., \$30 15; Georgetown, Ky, \$55; De Land, Fla. (additional), \$1; New Franklin, Mo, \$22.40; Selma, Ala., \$60; Clanton, Ala (contribution), \$10; Armstrong Woman's Mission Society, Columbus, Miss., \$30: Franklin Square Church, Baltimore, Md., \$79 24; Seventh Church, Baltimore, Md., \$100; Fourth Church, Baltimore. Md., \$67 21; Brantly Church., Baltimore, Md, \$195; Fellowship, Miss., \$46 05; Rodney, Miss. (contribution). \$36 95; Young People's Mission Society. Rodney, Miss. (contribution), \$8.35; Fellowship, Miss, \$25 50; Rodney, Miss. (contribution), \$25 40; Young People's Mission Society, Rodney, Miss. (contribution). \$1; First Church, Little Rock, Ark., \$87; Prescott, Ark., \$60; Lexa, Ark., \$28; Camden, Ark, \$87; First Church, Waco, Texas, \$38; Societies, South Side Church, Birmingham, Ala. (additional), \$.0; Alexander, Ala., \$30; Omaha and Summerhill Churches, Ga., \$72 70; Woman's Social Union, First Church, Atlanta, Ga, \$75; Millstone Church, Den River Association, Va.,

\$32; Bessemer, Ala., \$40 38; Talladega, Ala., \$25; Prattville, Ala., \$26 40: Clayton, Ala., \$25; Clayton Street Church, Montgomery, Ala, \$30: Covington, Tenn., \$50; Boydton Church, Va. (contribution), \$13.85; Earnest Workers, Frankfort, Ky., \$28; Henderson, Ky, \$19; Russellville, Ky., \$61; Jacksonville Fla. (four boxes), \$175; Palmetto, Fla., \$20 48; Pensacola, Fla., \$15; Mission Band, Brooksville, Fla., \$5; Amite Church., La., \$20; Crowley, Church, La., \$21; Winston, N. C., \$56; Young Ladies' "Maggie Nutt" Society. Oxford, N. C., \$14; First Church, Danville, Va., \$54; Sunbeams, First Church, Danville, Va. (contribution), \$6; Second Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$123 50; Hampden Church, Baltimore, Md., \$106 07: Troy, Ala., \$129; Wetumpka, Ala., \$73; Huntsville, Ala., \$43; Chocolocen, Ala., \$13.20; Trussville and Mt. Pinson, Ala., \$11.50; Woodlawn, Ala., \$1120; Avondale, Ala. (contribution), \$12.80; Shuqulak, Miss., \$35; Immanuel Church, Meridian, Miss., \$76; First Church, Grenada, Miss., \$20; Winona, Miss., \$17.25; Hampton Church, Accomac Association, Va., \$56.50; Venable-Street Church, Richmond, Dover Association, Va., \$66 71. Total, \$5,536.09.

Previously reported, \$6,161.42. Grand total, \$11,697.51.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Letter of Thanks for a Box.

DECEMBER 30, 1896.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG;

I am given two "pointers," which I shall act upon, viz., first, "A dress for the baby, belonging to the 'Wide Awake Band, " "from Myra Bennett (five years old), for little Blanche." I surrender to the Band the right to claim her, and therefore the right to name her, May the Lord aid me to raise and train her accordingly! As they have the right (we, her parents, having with all our hearts surrendered this to them) to name her, we now remove the "Mary" and call her Blanche Annie," thus naming her for you and Sister Blanche. the Lord grant that she may live to be as useful as the dear sisters for whom I believe God's providence has ordained that she should be named!

But I am not through the box yet! Here, what is this? Why, it is a beautiful black suit for myself; then shoes, hosiery, furnishings, &c. And now. books! Yes, "Books, beautiful books"! Companions of my life. Source of unnumbered joys! But what is in this box? Oh! a beautiful "Teacher's Bible "! So much needed! "Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul; and all that is within me bless, His Holy Name" when shall I ever be able to express my gratitude to you, dear sister, for your interest in myself and family, and your efforts in our behalf?

The "Woman's Mission Society of the Baptist Church of Paoli, Indian Territory while only five strong, will send their "mi e" to you. But for the dear sisters I should have been compelled to quit my field or suffer, as I have not asked for nor received aid except from them. I will send you as much as \$3.00 cash inside of sixty days, and perhaps \$5.00 or \$10.00 during the year. All that our people can do will be done through your instrumentality.

May God's richest benedictions rest upon you and the Woman's Mission Society in all interest and efforts.

Yours in Christ, ——

The Foreign Mission Journal.

Band Department.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARY.

Dear, Precious Friends: Just a line to let you know I have by no means forgotten you and your love for us. Only a short time ago I baptized two Christians, who joined your Sunbeam church. That makes five this year; others are interested; other centers of interest are opening around us. God has been good to us all at Hwang-Hein. Oh, how precious it is, dear ones, to work for the King of Kings! We certainly feel the Saviour's presence here. You know he said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." This is true to place as well as time. The work everywhere in China is certainly most hopeful.

Yours, with earnest love,

November 14, 1896.

PEYTON STEPHENS.

IDOLS IN AMERICA.

Have you ever thought, dear Sunbeams, that there were temples to idols in America—our own dear America, which we so proudly call a *Christian* land? But such temples there are, and here is a description of how their worship is carried on in New York City. In almost all of the cities and towns of the South there are a few Chinamen. If not enough to build a temple, they still worship their idols at home, and every year send back money to China to be used in placing rice and other food and burning incense before the graves of their ancestors.

"Joss or idol-houses in America are supported by gifts from the Chinese and by the sale of articles used in worship—candles, incense sticks, paper money, and clothing. These temples are under the care of a temple-keeper and his assistants. He sits in a small outside room, and sells the worshipers what they need at their devotions.

After the Chinese worshiper has bought his candles, incense, etc, he goes into the temple. The keeper then beats loudly upon a drum to waken the God, that he may hear the prayers offered to him by the Chinaman kneeling at the table, upon which has been placed his offerings of tea, wine, rice, fruit, and chickens. If he cannot wait to know the answer to his prayer, he shakes a jar filled with bamboo-splints until one falls out. On this is a number, from which he gets the knowledge he wants from a similar number in the temple-book, in which are recorded all sorts of answers to prayers

The Chinese believe that when a person dies he does not know for twenty-one days after death that he is in the land of spirits. There was an annual offering to spirits among the Chinese in New York, on the second of last April. Over sixty coaches drove out from Mott street, to the cemetery. In them were Chinese in splendid clothes, carrying paper money, paper clothing, and other little things they thought might be useful to the spirits in their journey through the long road to happiness. The money passes them through the seven toll-gates. The offerings were burned at the graves, after which a bunch of lighted joss-sticks was stuck at the head and foot of each grave to ward off evil spirits."



A WORD WITH THE LEADER.

No more important lesson can be taught the Band than to do something. Many churches and church members are dying with religious dyspepsia. They know so much and do so little. It is easier to get money to buy someone else to work than to persuade them to work themselves

Remind the children of the New Year's Resolutions of last month, and especially of King Alfred's motto

Give each a card with the days of the week marked on it, a space for a sentence or two being left against each day. Ask each to fill the blank against each day with some "worthy action," and return without name to the next meeting. Explain that a "worthy action" may be a very small thing. A card might read thus: "Monday—Read to a sick woman. Tuesday—Spoke a kind word to a poor man. Wednesday—Tried to be cheerful. Thursday—Gave away some good papers I had saved. Friday—Did some errands for mother cheerfully. Saturday—Read to nurse. Sunday—Went to Sunday-school and church, and carried dinner to a poor woman." Little things, truly, but

Little words of kindness, Little dee s of love, Make this world an Eden, Like the heaven above.

For this we pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

For a small cost a number of these cards might be printed, and by their continued use do much in training your band to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. I give the two sides of a card which has long been used with success:

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.—Ecclesiastes 9: 10.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25: 40.

"Count the day lost whose low-descending sun Views, by thy hand, no worthy action done."

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FOREIGNERS IN AMERICA.

We often speak of these foreigners as though they could not be made into good citizens, and yet among them are men who become Americanized very quickly, and who love and honor the country which has become their new home. The danger lies with the vast number of very poor and ignorant people who come to our shores, and it is among them that Home Mission workers need to go.

Why do we speak of these people as a "danger"?

First. Because they do not understand our language or our laws, and, until they learn both, cannot be counted upon to be loyal to our government.

Second. Because a very large number of them are Romanists, and so promise to obey the priest first and the laws of the country after.

Third. Because they are uneducated, and easily led astray.

Fourth. Because, to a great extent, they come from countries where the Sabbath is a *holiday*, and not a *holy day*, and they bring with them this idea of a Sunday filled with pleasure-trips.

Fifth. Because, though many of these were church-goers at home, they neglect this duty in a new land, where the services are in a strange tongue, and where they know no one and no one knows them.

It is said that about 9,000,000 of the people of the United States have come here from other countries, and that if we count with them their children who have been born in the United States, there are about 21,000,000.

These figures are so large that we cannot understand how many they really stand for. Perhaps you can remember better if I say that one-third of all the people in the United States are either foreigners or the children of foreigners.—Selected

A GLORIOUS WORK.

God is a glorious God, and all His work is, therefore, glorious. Now the work of Home Missions, for the bringing of all the peoples of these United States and Cuba to know and love Him, is surely His work. Last year the four hundred and eleven missionaries of the Home Board baptized more than five thousand people. This is glorious indeed, and you and your Mission Band have had a part in it. This year remember to pray more and give more, that all in our own country—in the cities, on the mountains and on the prairies—may know more of Christ.

WHY?

Howard Ransom is a boy, like some others I know, who is forever asking. Why? He had been "reading up" for the Sunbeam Society that afternoon, and at dinner his whys were all of Frontier Missions.

"Why are our Frontier Missionaries so poor, mama?" he began.

"Are they so poor?" answered his mother absently, helping to the cranberries before her.

"I read about one to-day who had'nt had bread for six weeks. What do you suppose he lived on, father?"

"Roast corn, perhaps," answered his father carelessly, busily unjointing the wing of the turkey before him

"Why should we have turkey and they roast corn, mama?" asked Howard again.

"Do hush, Howard," said his mother impatiently. "I want to tell your father about the lovely picture I bought to-day with the ten dollars he gave me Christmas.

"Why didn't you give it to Missions, mama?" asked Howard again.

"Howard," said his father sternly, "if you don't hush, I'll send you from the table!"

EVERY good American citizen, and all the members of all our Bands are, I am sure, should love to sing "My country, 'tis of thee." Sing it over and over again in your Band until you know every word of it by heart.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From December 15th, 1896, to January 15, 1897.

Alabama.—Newberne ch., by G. W. P., \$13.29; Valley Creek ch., by T. A. G., Treas., \$2.50; Montevallo ch., by W. L., \$10.40; La Fayette ch., by G. W. E. B., \$30; John T. Davis, \$25; Alexander City ch., by T. S. C., \$10; Notasulga ch., by G. E. B., \$4.22; Deatsville ch., by G. E. B. \$2.23; M. L. Long, by G. E. B., \$2.13; J. C. Bush and wife, \$900; Roanoke ch., by W. J. D. U., \$21.50; Immanuel ch., by J. E. B., \$2.85; Mrs. M. C. Sanders, by C. M. S., \$1; a issionary Day, 25 cents; Oswichee Sanbeams, by J. L. N. (Peyton Stephens), \$3 Total, \$1.027.42.

Previously reported, \$2,594.64. Total this year, \$3.922.06.

Arkansas.—Friendship ch. (Gainesville Ass'n), by J. J. B., \$6; Southwestern Ass'n, by T. B. H., \$3.60; E. B. Miller, \$5.55; Warren ch. by N. C. D., \$5; Mine Creek ch., by D. P. T., \$3.45; Dalark ch., by J. J. H. (Christmas offering), \$2; E. B. Miller, \$55.35; Missionary Day, \$9.93; L. A. S., Nashville (Christmas offering, China), \$3.10. Total \$93.98 tal, \$93.98.
Previously reported, \$995.16. Total this year,

District of Columbia.—Rev. E. H. Swem and wife, \$25; Fifth ch., Washington, by J. B. B., \$125. Total, \$150.
Previously reported, \$354.32 Total this year,

\$504.32.

Previously reported, \$524.75. Total this year, \$530.70

Previously reported, \$524.75. Total this year, \$330.70.

Georgia,—L. M. and A. S., Harmony ch., by M. I., \$7.65; Liberty ch., Ebenezer Ass'n, by L. A. B., \$4.40. Long Creek ch., W. M. S., by H. B. C., \$2.55; Young L. M. S., Columbus, \$20; Miss M. E. Wright (Sears), \$10; South Macon ch., by R. E. N. (Z. C. Taylor), \$10; Sarah Hale, M. S., Newman ch., by J. H. H., \$16.35; Summerhill ch., by Mrs. J. D. A., \$3; Summerhill W. M. S., by Mrs. J. D. A., \$1.65; Omaha W. M. S., by Mrs. J. D. A., \$1.65; Omaha W. M. S., by Mrs. J. D. A., \$1.65; Omaha W. M. S., by Mrs. J. D. A., \$1.65; Wheterville ch., by R. T. P., \$10.25; Social M. S., Fyrst ch., Macon, \$10; Sardis ch., by B. M. C. \$60.35; J. G. Gibson, Treas.—W. D. Powell, \$75; China, \$3; Mexico, \$9; Japan, \$1; Mrs. McColium, \$12 21; Brazil \$2; Africa, \$2; Italy, \$2; Burmah, \$2; India, \$2-\$450; Mt Enon S. S., by E. B., \$8.90; L. A. Brantly, \$4.60; Missionary Day, \$7.79; Sumbeams, Thomson ch., by G. W. G., \$12; Long Creek ch. by H. B. C., \$1.06; Long Creek S. S., by H. B. C., \$6.61; Duffy-Street ch., Savannah, by N. F., \$19.43; Mission Band, Washington (Sunbeam Miss'y), \$5; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale Longstreet (China), \$2; Mrs. Thomas' S. S. Class, Milledgeville (China), \$5.75; W. M. S. Hephzibah ch., by Mrs. U. B. F.—Christmas offering to China, \$10; Brazil, \$3.70-\$13.70; W. M. S., Fort Valley ch., by L. D., \$4.61; Grove Level ch., by J. T. N., \$1.10; Poplar springs ch., Previously reported, \$9,84351. Total this year, \$12,093.80.

Kentucky.—J. G. Bow \$55.25; W. O. Carver, \$2.20; W. E. Gwatkin, \$10; J. N, Wallace, \$5; Lewisburg ch. S. S., by C. N. B., \$3.44; Rev. C. M. Morris, Christmas entertainment, \$3; Adair-ville ch., by M. L. F., \$6 50; John A. Lee (Brazil), \$5; Mrs. A. G. Herr, by J. H. F., \$5; W. M. S., Georgetown ch., by Mrs. T. J. S.—Christmas offering to China, \$16.50; Debt, \$17 50—\$34 J. W. Warder, Treas., \$352.01; W. M. S., First ch.,

Bowling Green, \$40 50; Missionary Day, \$1.40. Total, \$5:3.60.

Previously reported, \$5,855.34. Total this year, \$6 408.94.

Louisiana.—R. A. Beck, Benton's Ferry, \$1; Missionary Day, \$12 14; Mrs. Mary C. Winstead, Lake Charles, \$5. Total, \$18.14. 'reviously reported, \$638.62. Total this year,

Maryland.—Immanuel ch., by J. P. F., Treas., \$32 25; W. M. S., by Mrs. J. L.—Miss White, \$23 25; Christmas offering to China, \$5 65—561.18; Misstonary Day, \$7.81; Fourth ch., Baltimore, by J. W. W., Treas., \$10.75; First ch., Hagerstown, by B. F. B., \$1.55; Fulton. Avenue ch., by G. W. L. \$25; Seventh ch., Baltumore, by L. N. B., \$183.60. Total, \$322.24.
Previously reported, \$4,267.80. Total this year, \$4 590.04.

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Mississippi.—Immanuel ch., by C. G. E. \$2.75; Balachitto ch., by W. K. R., \$10.25; Rutherford-Street ch., by R. C. G., \$45.31; A. J. Brown, Aberdeen Ass'n, by E. L. W., \$60.75; Damascus ch., by F. N. R., \$8.90; Camp Creek ch., by L. R. B., \$12.50; Mt. Olive ch., by L. R. B., \$16.75; Iuka ch., by L. R. B., \$57.5; Magnolia ch. by W. P. P., \$112; Pleasant Hill ch., by J. C. B., \$13.50; Strong River ch., by J. C. B., \$5.5; Westville ch., by J. C. B., \$130; First ch., Osyka, by D. M. R., Treas, \$2.20; Corinth ch., by J. B. S., \$20; Bethlehem ch., by J. F. S., \$3.80; Beulah ch. by J. T. S., \$3.50; Concord ch., by J. T. S., \$3.5; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.15; Geo. Whitfield, \$5; Crawford ch., by J. T. S., \$3.50; Chestnut Grove ch., by J. W. S., \$7.25; Mrs. L. A. B. \$3.70; Oak Grove S. S., by J. H. M., 70 cents; Union church, by J. W. S., \$7.25; Mrs. J. A. Sturdivant, \$1.50; Missionary Day, \$10.46; Fair River ch. by L. P. K. C. C., \$5; Meridian ch., by C. G. E., \$4.30; T. J. Raitey, Treas, \$500; Armstrong So., Columbus—Christmas offering, \$2-\$10; Tombignee, M. B. Ass'n by W. T. S., Treas (J. G. Cha-tain), \$10. Total this year, \$4,475.92. \$4,475,92.

Missouri.—W. M. S., by A. E. R., Treas. (Miss McMint), \$61.75; A. E. Rogers, Treas., \$255.93; J. P. Jaudon, by A. E. R., Treas. (Debt), \$25. Total \$42.63.

Previously reported, \$3,416.06. Total this year,

\$3,758,74.

North Carolina.—J. D. Bonshall, Treas. (Yates Memorial) \$500; Bryson City Sunbeams, \$240; Rev. M. L. Kesler (Japan Miss'y) \$10; Missionary Day. \$157; Johnson's ch. M. S. by M. J. C., \$147. Total, \$532,24.
Previously reported, \$2,596.67. Total this year,

\$3,125,91.

South Carolina.—Campobello ch., by A. C. W., \$16.14; First ch., Columbia, by W. C. L., \$13.50; First ch., Newberry, by R. Y. L., \$6.20; Bush liver ch., by I. M. S., \$6.18; Aiken Ass'n, by J. U. R., \$3.41; S. S. Union Northern Sec., by J. F. Q., \$7; Fairmond ch., by J. W. K. (Lawton) \$1.08; Gowensville ch., by J. U. W., \$8.50; Cherokee Falls ch., by A. E. L., \$3; Beaver Creek ch., by W. S. D., \$3.20; Swansea ch., by C., H. C., 61 cents; Antioch ch., by E. G. T., \$1.66; Sunbeam M. S., Laurens, \$16.31; J. F. Hawkins, Treas., \$1.60; W. M. S., Sandy Spring ch., \$5; Sandy Spring ch., by K., and T., \$2; Rev. G. P. White, Johnston, \$3; Sauldam ch., by D. B. P., \$1.50; Goucher Creek ch., by M. W. G., \$3.40; Missionary Day \$6.49; Townville S. S., by W. E. F., Treas., \$28.50; Con-

garee ch., by Wm. T., \$2.35; Mrs. Cossa Joyner, by W. T., \$1; Bethel S. S., by J. W. M., \$3; Gowensville ch., by J. O. W., \$3.94; Seranton ch., by R. H. G., \$125; Batesburg ch. L. M. S., by W. B. P., \$3; Batesburg S. S., by W. B. P., \$3; Batesburg ch., by W. B. P., \$28; Edgefield Sunbeams, by O. S., \$44; Summerton ch., by T. H. H., \$5; Mrs. John Stout, Cor. See'y—Christmas offering, \$63.64; P. Stephens, \$6.22; Mary Harley, \$3.84; sale of silver cup, by Mrs. E. P. Scott, \$1.00; Birthday offering, \$2.25; Thank offering, \$2; Canton, \$1.03; General work, \$239.04—\$224.47; Sumbirthday offering, \$2.25; Thank offering, \$2; Canton, \$1.03; General work, \$239.04—4324.47; Sumter ch., by Mrs. C. C. B., \$5.40; El Bethel ch., by J. E. J., Treas., \$2.87; J. C. Morgan, Parksville ch., by L. F. D., \$5; Buffalo ch., by G. A. H., \$2.40; Griffin ch., by C. L. C., \$2.75. Total, \$651,77.

Previously reported, \$4,788.76. Total this year, \$5 440 53

Tennessee.—Mission Jewels, First ch., Jackson, by W. J. O., \$5; Miss Alice Shepard, \$2.50; Sharp Class, Rowan ch., \$50; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$413.90; Missionary Day, \$23.38; Balt (amp S. S., by C. F. C., Sec'y. \$3.66; L. A. S., Lovelace ch., by Miss L. B., \$3.34; Macedonia ch., by H. S. O. (Christmas offering), 40 cents; W. F. M. S., Clarksville, \$25, Total, \$527.18;

Previously reported, \$3,113 03. Total this year. \$3 640,21

Texas.—New Bethel Ass'n, by W. L. W., \$3.55; S. D. Nunnelee, \$25; R. A. Armstrong, \$45; Mrs. Bush and daughter, \$2; Italy ch., by W. R. S., \$10; Missionary Day, \$5.26; Meridian Ass'n, by

W. W. M., \$2.75; Renner ch., by B. F. B., \$3; A. F. Sellers. \$139. Total, \$23.65.
Previously reported, \$4.083.92; interest, \$120; rent, \$19. Total this year, \$4.322.53.

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Virginia.—Pine-Street ch., Richmond (Blind girl. with Miss L. Whitden), \$25; Special collection by R. H. B., \$10; Infant Class, First ch., Richmond (Clotilda Jones at Madero Institute), \$44; Reedeville ch., by L. P., \$3.0; Missionary Day, \$8.29; S. S. Class of Mrs. L. V. Itae (Peyton Stephens), \$2.30; J. T. Betts, \$5; Norvell Ityland, Treas., \$1.00; Mrs. A. St. Clair Butler, \$5; F. M. S., Potomac ch., by Mrs. B., \$2.22; A friend, Trevillans, \$50. Total, \$1,155.31.

Prevlously reported, \$8,166.67. Total this year, \$9,261.98.

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Western Arkansas and Indian Territory.—Boko-ee ch., by J. B. F (Brazil), \$6; L. A. S., Bokoshethe ch., by J. B. F. (Brazil), \$6; L. A. S., Bokoshe-ch., by J. B. F. (Brazil), \$2; J. S. Murrow, \$5. Total, \$13. Previously reported, \$79.77. Total this year,

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Western North Carolina .- J. M. Stoner, Treas., \$11.96.

Previously reported, \$378.75. Total this year, : \$390.71.

Mexico.--D. A. Wilson, \$50.

Previously reported, \$347.59. Total this year,

Aggregate.-Total this month, \$8 805.04. Previously reported, \$56,317.46. Total this year, \$65,122.50.

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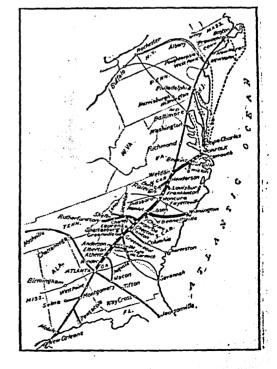
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