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CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

For a number of years the Baptist women of the South have crowned the closing year by making a Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. What is more appropriate than thus to give for sending the "glad news" to those without Christ?

This year the offering goes for China. We hope that all the sisters will give, and will give liberally. Remember the millions in China who are without Christ, and deny yourself some luxury or pleasure so that you can help to send these the Gospel. The contributions received help very much in carrying forward the work. Let every sister whose eye rests on this page present her offering, and try to get others to give also. Whether you have a Woman's Society or not, help in the work.

The Woman's Missionary Union will furnish interesting literature, including tracts about our work in China and the missionaries there, and also neat programs and envelopes for the Christmas Offering. If you wish a supply, write to the Central Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union in your State, or to Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

We hope the pastors and brethren will kindly encourage the women in this good work.

R. J. WILLINGHAM, *Cor. Sec'y.*



Christmas 1897
OFFERING
FOR CHINA
FROM THE
BAPTIST WOMEN
AND CHILDREN OF THE SOUTH
RECOMMENDED BY THE
FOREIGN BOARD S.B.C.
A MILLION A MONTH IN CHINA ARE DYING WITHOUT GOD.
Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

TO THE BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE SOUTH :

At this season of the year, while hearts are stirred by joyous, loving memories of our Saviour's birth, shall we not once more unite in a special effort? In past years by this means \$35,677.87 have been raised for Foreign Missions.

Picture the gloom of China's millions! One missionary among two hundred thousand! No knowledge of Jesus, the world's Saviour! Remember the "Inasmuch" of Him whom our souls love, and appreciating the blessings received through His coming, may each one make a liberal "Christmas Offering." Then indeed shall we join both in the angelic song, "Peace on earth," and fulfil the last command of our risen Lord.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, *Cor. Sec'y W. M. U.*

OUR GREAT NEGLECTED PRIVILEGE.

The Lord He is God. He has all power and wisdom. The work of missions is His. The nations are in His hands. The hearts of the rulers turn at His will. Opposition falls away at His command. Nothing is too hard for Him.

Man is weakness itself. He can do nothing. His life is but a shadow. His best efforts are futile and vain. He can turn no heart from sin. All, all the power comes from God.

But then God invites weak men to participate in His power. He wants us to take hold on His strong arm. By faith His strength becomes ours. We ask, and He knocks open the doors of nations, breaks down the bars of prisons, raises up men and women to go to farthest bounds of earth, opens hearts and hands to furnish the means, opens the hearts of preachers to give the Gospel and the heart of heathen to receive. Oh, we have a wonderful God! He has infinite power, and in love He calls us to share His power with Him and use it.

Blessed the man who knows how to pray. "Lord teach us to pray." What a mighty power for good we would become if only we would pray aright. The world has been most blessed in its praying people. Abel and Enoch and Noah and Abraham and Jacob and Moses and David and Daniel and Elijah and Paul and thousands of others were praying people. Pentecost came in answer to prayer. We can have the spirit for great service if we will wait and watch and pray.

We need a forward movement in our mission work. How are we to get it? Let us plead with God. He stands ready to help us. But it is His plan, to give to those who ask, to work with those who pray. We have been neglecting our privilege for power. Who will join in prayer for more laborers to be sent forth? The fields are white unto the harvest. Who will earnestly pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven?" Let us consider more the cause of God, the cause for which He gave His Son. Let us realize that this is our great work and that we need His help. He stands ready to help. He can and will raise up men to go. He will furnish the means. He will keep and bless the missionaries. He will prosper the work.

Oh for a praying people! God stands committed to hear and help. Why loiter we so listlessly when His everlasting arm is ready to bear us on. Men and women of God, let us pray. We will see great things. Let us pray God to do great things for the glory of His name in the salvation of the nations. We are weak; we are nothing without Him. Yet blessed be His name, in this His work we can take hold of Omnipotence, and rescue nations from hell, and win them for God and heaven.

ONE DAY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

What Christian would not be willing to give one day to Foreign Mission work? If you love Jesus surely one day in each year you would be willing to lay aside all other duties and try to win souls in Africa, China, Japan, or some other mission field, if you could speak the language and could be there to work. But you may say, "The trouble is I cannot speak the language and am not on the mission field." That is true, but you have representatives there, and Christ lets us do much work by co-operation in this world. You can give the day to Foreign Missions and yet remain right at your accustomed work. Here is a beautiful illustration right at hand. Since beginning this article a few moments ago a letter has been received, and on opening it we find \$1.25 and these words: "I am a poor woman * * * . A friend of mine loans me the *Baptist Courier* to read, and in it I noticed your proposition about being a missionary for one day, and as I sometimes go out to sew by the day, I will be a missionary in sending \$1.25, the amount I earn. Please do not put my name in THE JOURNAL." We will not give her name, but Christ still sits over against the treasury and sees and takes note of the givers.

We would not restrict gifts for Foreign Missions to only one day's earnings out of the whole year. Many want to give more. But are there not many who ought at least to consider this proposition, and before the year closes give one day to Christ's great work? Calculating that one out of five of our members earn their living, and get one dollar a day, if each of these would give one day to this work, we could at once more than double our force on the foreign fields.

Will not pastors make this suggestion to their churches? Let the rich banker put in his tens or hundreds of dollars, and the little working boy his dimes. Let the rich sister give her income for one or more days, and the poor toiling girl give of her small store. Surely this would be a becoming way to close the year. Think over this proposition, and pray God to use you. Certainly, if we pray aright for Missions every day in the year we can and ought to give one day or more.

THE JOURNAL.

The new subscribers are pouring in, but we want more. We still give that great book, "Crisis of Missions," for ten subscribers (new or old) and \$2.50. Or, we will give to those who prefer, that excellent book by Dr. Gordon, "How Christ Came to Church." The regular price of THE JOURNAL for one subscriber is thirty-five cents in advance.

SCIENCE AND MISSIONS.

At the recent session of the Columbia Association of Baptist churches in Washington City, Professor Otis T. Mason was chairman of the Committee on Missions. We were so much pleased with the report presented that we publish it for our readers.

Professor Mason is one of the best-known figures in the scientific circles of Washington. His researches in ethnological subjects are widely known, not only for their accuracy and scope, but also for the charming style in which his results are presented. His official position is one of great honor, being that of curator of the Department of Ethnology in the United States National Museum, in which his genius is happily exhibited.

Professor Mason makes many contributions to the scientific literature of the day. He is devoted to his church, the First Baptist in Washington. He has a large Bible class. Here, perhaps, he is at his very best. He has found time to master the great subject of Missions, in which he is an enthusiastic believer, and it is a rare treat to hear him trace the missionary journeys of the apostles and apply the practical lessons thus gathered to the conditions of to-day. His very profession brings him into full view of the great needs of the world, and his warm heart responds, quickly and sympathetically, to the cry of those for whom Christ died. The cause of Missions has in him a warm friend. Here is the report:

Whoever studies attentively any phase of human activity will realize that Jesus was thoroughly conversant with mankind when He commanded His followers to go and disciple all nations. Propagandism is the life of industry, of commerce, of art, of social reforms, of knowledge, and of beliefs. It is for the purpose of converting men and winning them that we rise early and sit up late.

In the kingdom of grace the rule holds good. The successful movements of mankind resemble the Gulf stream in the ocean or the globe-encircling atmospheric currents. If our daily movements, our thought, our creeds, are in them, they endure, and become a part of humanity's progress. Otherwise, we drift into the eddies of life and perish. Therefore our Saviour turned His back upon the Mount of Transfiguration and commands us to go into all the world.

How best to awaken the Christian conscience to a realization of the fact that the missionary spirit is a matter of life or death is the problem of the churches. To this task all other Christian life and thought should be directed; for it they should realize that they exist. The pulpit should enlighten, warm and encourage for this; all devotional services should, in fact, be a burning desire for this, and all social activities of the church should repudiate other ends.

It is reported that our missions are a failure. We should carefully investigate to ascertain the truth; and should it turn out that they are, we are not thereby excused, but are definitely ordered to make wiser and more enthusiastic efforts to give them success.

Your committee therefore rejoice to know that the missionary work of the churches is on the increase, and would recommend to the Association to endorse the sentiment, that the Spirit of Missions is the Spirit of Christ.

EXPENSE OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

As so many people would like to know definitely as to the expenses of our work we give below a short extract from the last report of the Board :

A simple calculation shows that of all funds received at Richmond about ninety-two cents on the dollar went to the missionaries. That is, eight cents was used for all expenses here, including interest and the cost of the Woman's Missionary Union. The interest account ran up our expenses 1.7 per cent, so that the actual expenses were only a little over six cents on the dollar. As can be seen from the report, the expenses of the Woman's Missionary Union are small, owing to the fact that the faithful sisters in charge in Baltimore have always done the arduous work there without taking any remuneration.

The eight cents named above does not include the State expenses for collecting Foreign Mission funds. These average on all receipts less than five per cent. Adding the State expenses and the expenses at Richmond we have for all expenses thirteen cents on the dollar.

It might be well to say that when our receipts increase to twice what they are now, it will not be necessary very materially to increase the expense account. The way to decrease the per cent. of expenses is to increase the gifts. With our present organization, so wisely planned by our fathers, we can easily do much more work as the years go by without any great increase in expenses.

THE CHINESE COMPASSES.

Some time since Rev. R. E. Chambers made a proposition through THE JOURNAL to the boys and girls under sixteen years of age. He agreed to send a lot of Chinese compasses to the Mission Rooms, and asked that one be given to each boy or girl under sixteen, who would send twenty subscribers for THE JOURNAL. The boys and girls can take new subscribers or renewals. Brother Chambers writes that he has shipped fifty compasses; so let those who are getting up clubs and have not sent in the names, do so as soon as possible, and we will send each a compass.

OUR MISSION MAPS.

The contract has been given to Colton & Co., the great map makers of New York, to get out our Mission Maps, and we expect to be able to furnish our people with the same, some time in December. There will be six of these maps, each $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 feet, the six mounted together. They will be printed in colors and put on map-paper, which has a linen back.

The price for the set of six maps will be at the low figure of two dollars. Let all who wish a set send on their names at once to R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Va.

BEQUESTS TO THE BOARD.

Every year some one or more persons in dying leave bequests to the Foreign Mission Board. These gifts help very much in the work. Surely, living or dying, there is no way in which a person can more wisely dispose of possessions which they wish to contribute to God's cause. The funds go directly into the great work of soul-saving through Christ.

In the past, some trouble has arisen by donors getting the name of the Board wrong when making their wills. The Board is regularly incorporated, and we give below the proper form for making bequests.

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, chartered by the Legislature of Virginia by an act approved February 23, 1888 (here insert the amount, if in money, or description of other property, real or personal), for the the purposes contemplated by said Board."

It is wonderful how the inventions of this age help the missionaries. All know of steam, electricity and newspapers. In a recent interesting letter Mrs. League referred to the great advantage of the bicycle. The missionary can start out in the morning, go for miles to neighboring villages, do his work and yet be home at night with his family. In this way not only can he protect his loved ones, but escapes the necessity of stopping in the miserable Chinese inn.

Africa has great lakes, great rivers and great sinners.

Africa should concern the world, for it is so large a part of the world.

The natives of Africa, like many Americans, drink with glad, then mad delight, and die.

Abbeokuta, Africa, a city of 100,000 people, is made up of refugees from the slave trade districts.

The marriage ceremony in Africa is followed by dancing, drinking and debauchery.

The Roman Catholics are very active in Africa. A foreign exchange says:

"German East Africa alone now reckons three apostolic vicariats, viz.: Those of the White Fathers, the Bavarian Benedictines, and the Fathers of the Holy Ghost, three bishops, an apostolic pro-vicar, fifty-three priests, forty-six brothers, and forty-three sisters, a total of one hundred and forty-six missionaries, not including a numerous body of native catechists."

NOTES.

We are glad to hear that Dr. Hartwell continues to improve in California.

Brother W. P. Winn, who has recently returned from Africa, has taken up his residence at Pierce City, Mo.

Rev. J. J. Taylor and family, from Brazil, arrived in this country last month, and are at their old home in Argenta, Ark.

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

Rev. Lewis Odegbaro Fadipe, a native African preacher, was ordained in Lagos September 26, 1897. The presbytery consisted of Rev. W. T. Lumbley, Rev. M. L. Stone and Rev. Illojola Agbebi.

We have cause for continued praise and thanksgiving in the progress of our work on the foreign fields. The good number of baptisms and the development of the work should stir our hearts to greater effort in the Lord's cause.

Rev. E. F. Tatum has been spending a part of his vacation visiting among the churches and associations in North Carolina. He has not only presented the work of missions, but sent us many subscribers for THE JOURNAL. He wants to return to China, to his work, next year.

Rev. W. E. Entzminger, who recently arrived from Brazil, has gone to the Seminary at Louisville to study up in some departments which he did not finish before going out as a missionary. Brother Entzminger was greatly blessed of God in his work in Brazil, and we hope and believe his earnest, consecrated zeal will be a benediction to the young brethren in the Seminary.

The sisters, as usual, will close the year with their Christmas offerings for Foreign Missions. This is certainly a beautiful custom. Why not all, men as well as women, close the year by making a gift for this great work for which God gave His Son? God has watched over and blessed us all the year. Ought we not to come with thank-offerings in our hands, and worship before Him.

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

We are now sending out twenty thousand JOURNALS monthly. This is the largest circulation, we believe, THE JOURNAL has ever reached. But we must not be satisfied with this. We want at least thirty thousand subscribers. Our people need information. Get one or more new subscribers. See terms of subscription elsewhere.

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

MEETING OF COAHUILA ASSOCIATION AT TORREON—SELF-SUPPORT.

BY H. P. M'CORMICK.

For the first time in nine years I have had the pleasure of attending a session of the Coahuila Association. It was held this year, as the JOURNAL readers know, in Torreon, which, though hot and dusty, is vigorous and expectant. When Mrs. McCormick and I, after three days of stifling diligence riding, first saw the place eleven years ago, it was, at best, a miserable ranch of wattle houses scattered like brush heaps at the foot of a desolate mountain. But when it became the intersection of the great International and Central Railroads it sprung into importance, and is to-day a bustling little town of six thousand inhabitants. Soap, cotton seed oil, cotton and woolen manufacturies, railroad shops, furniture, ice and other factories give it a substantial bases for, and promise of, future growth.

Its religious outlook is likewise hopeful. Brother Florencio Trevino, whom I baptized years ago, removed soon afterwards to Torreon, and while supporting himself at the carpenter's bench, and though in very delicate health, set zealously about the evangelization of the town and surrounding ranches. He was afterwards employed as missionary by the churches of the Association, and worked so successfully that when Brother A. C. Watkins, a year ago, made Torreon his home, and the centre for his missionary work, he found there a small but earnest body of believers organized into a church.

Brother Rudd told the JOURNAL readers in October of Brother Watkins' successful church-building efforts there. Through Brother Rudd's influence the Middle District Association of Virginia bought the handsome lot on which Watkins, with good taste and untiring industry, has built an attractive church-house, which he now turns over unembarrassed to the Board. Watkins is a quiet worker, but if deeds had the tongues they are supposed to possess, his praise would be heard in all the churches.

As Torreon lies at the extreme western end of the field, few of the native delegates could attend the Association, but its meetings were full of interest, and the discussions of the reports on self-support, education and missions were notably practical and inspiring. Porfirio Rodriguez who preached the Gospel in Mexico for years before the Southern Baptists began work here, Cardenas, one of the teachers in the Madero Institute, and the young pastors Barocio, Jimenez and Ramirez, and other brethren, showed by their words that they are not slumbering over the great missionary problems that confront us.

It was pleasant to note the growing and hopeful spirit of independence, or rather of self-dependence, manifested by many of these Mexican workers. Instead of appearing as a menace to the future of our work, we deem this as a happy indication that the Gospel is inspiring these noble men with those wholesome sentiments of liberty, confidence, and self-respect which distinguish those who are Baptists indeed. When the burdens of responsibility for and the direction of important missionary fields are laid freely on the shoulders of our Mexican brethren they will, we are assured, prove worthy of the trust. The history of self-support in this Association furnishes new proof of the ever-important fact that the judgment and character of the native brethren develop as the responsibility of self-direction is laid upon them.

Old Brother Trevino moved the Association to tears in a humble, noble speech, in which he resigned the assistance given him by the Association, saying that he was convinced that the time had come when he should support himself, and let the Association and the funds from the American churches be employed in the support of needier districts. It is pleasant to add that the Torreon church has since then promised him ten dollars a month to serve as its pastor, and thus enters the shining list of self-supporting churches.

Brother Teofilo Barocio delighted the brethren by bearing generous testimony to the liberality of his noble church at San Pedro, which supports him for all his time. This pious, brainy young brother, of cheerful temperament and sunny face, is greatly beloved by all of his brethren. Brother Felipe Jimenes has had few opportunities for study, but has made remarkable advance in wisdom. He is of the militant type, and has lately come off with flying colors in a case of persecution directed against him by a priest in his diocese.

The Association closed with the brightest auguries of wider sowing and of more abundant reaping. May blessings from the windows of heaven be poured upon the struggling churches and their godly bishops.

Morelia, Mexico.

A THOUGHT ON OUR WORK IN MEXICO.

BY MRS. S. J. KEY.

While in Monterey and Saltillo last June we visited the Baptist churches and were agreeably surprised at the systematic work, the patient earnest labor, the eager desire to know aright just the Law of God on all subjects, the real progress in education that we saw in every Christian assembly.

The Madero Institute had just closed, and the girls from distant parts of the Republic were leaving for their homes. Their faces beamed with love; their hearts seemed to yearn for the higher life in Jesus. Brother and Sister Rudd could scarcely tear themselves from the embrace of these girls who had finished the course and would make a new home in other parts of Mexico. I saw one of them at the depot, as she took up the "little Maira" suspended from the neck of an old woman, place her hand upon her heart and say: "My Jesus! my only Savior! let her, this woman know thee; let her eyes be opened to the truth before death comes." The old woman seemed overcome with emotion and threw away her idol. I talked to her about God being a spirit and how we should worship him. I gave her tracts that she might ponder after the train moved away. The young girl told me the old woman was her God-mother. The Methodist, Presbyterian, and Church of England people have great respect for our Baptist workers. Would that our own people could rightly appreciate our work in papal lands! The workers seem to me to be the very choice of the world—zeal, prudence, wisdom, knowledge, intellectuality, spirituality, and common-sense are blended with consecration. God bless the work in Mexico.

BOOK NOTICES.

HISTORY OF VIRGINIA, by D. H. Maury. Published by B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va., This book is prepared especially for young people. It is well written, nicely illustrated, and adapted for schools and also for the general reader. It has been adopted by the State Board of Virginia for use in the schools of the State.

The F. H. Revell & Co. book house has done in the last twenty-five years a grand work in publishing religious works. Their catalogue, just out, on their twenty-fifth anniversary, shows a rich collection of biographies, histories, accounts of missionary operations, &c. Write to them for the catalogue. Address F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago, New York, or Detroit.

"CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS," by J. S. Dennis, D. D. Published by Fleming H. Revell & Co., New York.

This is a most valuable book, and is a fit sequel to Dr. Dennis' "Foreign Missions After a Century." The author presents a strong array of facts, gathered with much care, and out of these weaves his arguments, strong and striking. This book is a valuable addition to mission literature.

The basis of the book is a series of lectures delivered first at Princeton Theological Seminary, but much amplified for publication. Volume I. consists of four lectures treating, respectively, of "The Scope of Christian Missions," "The Social Evils of the Non-Christian Word," "Ineffectual Remedies and Causes of Failure," and "Christianity the Hope of the Nations." The second volume will be issued soon.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for November contains valuable and interesting articles. Dr. Pierson, the editor-in-chief, gives the remarkable history of the "World-wide Uprising of Christian Students" as one of the marked spiritual movements of the century.

Missionary work in South America is described by Rev. Paul de Schweintz in "A Bright Spot on a Dark Continent"; by Dr. George W. Chamberlain in "The Genesis of a Church in Brazil"; by Emil Olssen in "The Evangelization of South America." Other subjects of special interest are considered.

The General Intelligence Department is one of the features of the magazine; its items being unique for pith and point. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2 50 a year.

The relation of the universities and colleges of the world to the progress of Christianity and the spiritual conquest of the world is well told in a little volume published by the Revell Company, entitled "STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE WORLD'S CONQUEST," by Mr. John R. Mott. In a tour of twenty months round the world he visited all the great student centers of the Occident and Orient. The desire to make them strongholds and propagating centres of Christian faith is increasing. He secured the introduction of Christian work into most important unoccupied fields. The World's Student Christian Federation was found securing a great student brotherhood in Jesus Christ. Its first meeting was held in July last in Williamstown, Mass., the historic centre of missions, the President of the University of Tokyo being the leader. It contemplates just what the Jesuits attempted years ago in stretching a chain of colleges and seminaries from Ireland to Japan. The story is full of interest.

World-Wide Views.

THE Baldwin Locomotive Works have received an order for twenty more engines from Japan, making fifty which will be shipped to the Eastern empire from this country.

THE Queen of Portugal has a nursery for caring for and training unfortunate children; and she goes regularly to that institution, donning a nurse's uniform, and engaging in work.

THE Congo railroad has made such progress during the last few months that the directors feel confident that the locomotive will reach Stanley Pool in the fall of 1898. The average receipts per mile show a continuous increase from the beginning. About 130 miles are in operation.

CHRIST says: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. (John 15: 14.) What ought we to think of ourselves, and what does He think of us if we fail to keep His great commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16: 15.)

THE Canada Presbyterians are taking hold of the opportunities for home mission work in the gold regions west, and have already sent to the Klondike a young man, a student of the second year of Manitoba College. He has started for Dyea, and will be in Dawson City in the spring.—*Independent*.

THE *Standard* states: The Gospel is not the only benefit conferred upon heathen nations by Christian missionaries. They have been the heralds of commerce, the advisers of rulers, the compilers of dictionaries, the founders of schools. The death of the Baptist missionary who

invented the jinrikisha, the most popular vehicle of Japan, was only recently announced. Now a Presbyterian minister in China has invented a typewriter for the Chinese language which is sure, if it proves successful, to be of great practical benefit. There are something like 18,000 characters in the Chinese language. About 4,000 of these characters which are in common use have been placed upon the wheels of the typewriter. The saving of time and patience, not to mention ink and pens such a machine will effect, may be easily imagined. The readily imitating, educated Chinese will speedily adopt it for business purposes.

NINETEEN centuries have passed since the introduction of Christianity into the world; since the rise of the fifth kingdom, as seen by the prophet Daniel; since the stone appeared which in the process of time "smote the image and became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." To human eye and understanding how small was the beginning of Christianity nineteen hundred years ago! How great the task then of undertaking to Christianize, even the Roman Empire alone, with, according to Gibbon, its 120,000,000 of people. One hundred and twenty Christians against the single empire of one hundred and twenty millions! At the end of the nineteenth century the population of the entire world is estimated at 1,430,000,000, and of nominal Christians there are 477,000,000—or one-third of the whole population. While the actual number of Protestant Christians stands at about 143,000,000, still those under the rule of Protestant Christian governments are not less than 450,000,000. At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were only 32,000,000 that could be said to be under Protestant governments. (Sel.)

Letters from Our Missionaries.

ITALY.

A Visit Among the Churches.

ROME, October 16, 1897.

Dear Brother,—Accept heartiest congratulations on your son's call to the Christian ministry—the best of all callings. May God bless him and make him a blessing.

A few days ago I returned home from a journey of twenty-six days among our churches in the north of Italy. It was not only fatiguing, but exposed me to the heat and the cold, as it was just at the change of seasons. As to the fatigue, I generally feel the minimum by keeping a quiet mind, and, too thinly dressed, I fought the cold with doubling my thin garments. After all, one does not mind these material, or, worse, moral troubles if assured of being useful, as you must be when you return from one of your even longer journeys with your pocket-book stuffed with the means for sending the Gospel to the four quarters of the globe. My work in my mission travel is more intangible. Still I had my encouragements, and you no doubt, have your discouragements in abundance.

The work in Genoa and at Sampierdarena seemed normal. At the meeting in the former, according to their plan, one of the brethren proposed for the hour's meditation one of the knottiest passages in the New Testament, but happily the evangelist and I were able not only to explain it, but to make it the basis of solemn, practical exhortation. He has been compelled to leave his house, the landlord unexpectedly refusing to renew the contract; and a house in Genoa at the same rent presenting itself, he has taken it. Really it is like moving to another part of the same city.

A lovely young lady, one of his members, recently died, and burial in the cemetery was at first refused, on the

ground of her having been a heretic, but the right triumphed.

I was pleased with the look of things at San Remo. The work there is encumbered with a bad element, now providentially outside of the church, and the evangelist is young and timid; but he is prudent, and is a prophet in his own country much respected by the respectable. He had been preparing the ground with a view to opening an out-station at little expense to the Mission, but I begged him to prepare it still more, and seek to avoid any new expense. The Board itself cannot be any more anxious than I am to curtail expenditures and get work done with the minimum of foreign money.

We visited a Russian Baptist lady, an invalid, who bore spontaneous witness to the character and standing of the evangelist, and invited me whenever I came to San Remo to lodge in her villa.

Finding that the young man and the work itself might be greatly helped by a week or two of preaching by a stronger man, I arranged for a visit from Sig. Colombo, of Genoa, the nearest and one of the ablest of our preachers; and he too will have free lodging in the same villa.

At Torrepellice I preached on a week-night by special appointment, and had a good congregation, in part composed of Waldenses. I was sorry not to be able to stay till the next Sunday, when three persons were baptized. The three days spent there were, perhaps, the pleasantest of my trip, made so by feeling well, the bright, bracing weather, the loveliness of the country, and the affection of Brother Malan and his family. An hour or two of boccie (the Italian game of ball) in the parsonage yard brought me nearer to his sons than a week in the house could have done, for, fine boys that they are, they are very shy.

By a mistake, chiefly mine, no appoint-

ment was made for me at Castelletto, and all I could do on the Sunday allotted to visit the brethren there was to call on the family of the colporter, who resides at Caneo. To make up for the disappointment of the brethren, who appreciate keenly a visit, I arranged for Brother Malan to go to them on the following Sunday. Another mischance was my failure, through the fault of the railroad officials, to reach Carpi in time for their 9 A. M. service. I did, however, arrive in time to accompany the evangelist to Migliarina, where the meetings were discouragingly small, due, they said, to the influence of socialism, certainly rife in those parts, and, alas! fostered by the former evangelist, since deceased.

In Venice, and specially in Milan, I attended good meetings, and in both places had conversations with the brethren in charge.

I reached Florence, wet and chilled, on a dark, rainy night, and as soon as possible hied me to the locale of Sig. Galassi, on the chance of there being a meeting and of my being in time. The service was just over, but the brethren—a goodly number—were lingering, and gathered around the evangelist. I was thus able to salute them all, and Sig. Galassi accompanied me back to my hotel. He has written a number of tracts, which have been published by the Claudian Press, and he was naturally jubilant over the success of his last, of which ten thousand copies were sold in a few days. The title, "Let Us Liberate the Pope," was taken literally by the authorities in Rome, who, under a misapprehension, suspended the sale. The clericals, on the other hand, began by buying it up with enthusiasm, and ended with wishing to buy only to burn it. No small discussion occurred in certain journals. The tract was packed with historical and other information as to the papal claim and the relation of the Pope to Italy.

I have not mentioned the stations in the precise order in which I visited them,

but I mention Trieste last because the crown of the journey was the Sunday spent in that city. I preached twice, and the brethren seemed to drink in the Word as thirsty men fresh water, while their affection was a cordial to my heart. They seemed cut with disappointment, and I could not help feeling ashamed, when I told them the Board could not come to their help. I assured them that it was from no lack of good will, but only from lack of means. All the same, it is an opportunity lost. There is only Roman Catholicism and that little Baptist church in Trieste.

There was something Pentecostal in our service. First, it was in "an upper room," very "upper" indeed, being in the sixth story. In the next place eight different nationalities were represented, but all understood the preacher. I believe also that the Holy Spirit was present. Four persons were received for baptism, and I agreed to remain and baptize them. Nothing short of the sea would suit these brethren, and it was arranged to take the train the next morning for a distant, quiet place on the seaside, whither, for the same purpose, they had gone before. Alas! When I rose early the next morning and went to the window I saw the rain falling pitilessly and the wind blowing so that an umbrella could not be held open. Some of the brethren had come from a distance of six or seven hours by rail, and must return. The plan had to be given up, to my serious disappointment, and the delay lost me the direct train, and so instead of reaching Venice in six hours fourteen hours were necessary.

Brother Waschitz handed me, in American currency, at the depot almost enough to pay all the expenses of my visit, including railroad, but I have sent the money to Signor Nicholas Papengouth, on account of his trip when he goes to Trieste to baptize those candidates.

I may add that the railroads give return tickets at reduced rates, and that on

to-morrow a new route between Venice and Trieste will be opened reducing the distance, time and cost by more than one-third. Thus even the railroads are going to help in a modest way the brethren and the work at Trieste.

Speaking of railroads and reduced rates, I had a serious contretemps in the beginning of my journey, for circular tickets, which are a great economy, were not on sale at Viareggio, my starting-point. It, however, left me greater freedom, and I tried to make up the difference in the expense by travelling five or six days third-class—indeed, whenever I properly could. I was a very home-sick man most of the journey, and reached home only to be sick in a more material way, which has delayed this letter.

Remember me to Brother Barton, and believe me yours affectionately,

GEORGE B. TAYLOR.

MEXICO.

Work in Prisons.

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO.

Dear Brother,—Many in the penitentiary here are interested, and are asking eagerly for "gospels" and tracts. They say to Victor, the native evangelist, "There are four Gospels, but you haven't given us but two. Won't you bring us the other two?" A large number are being read there. The lower officials know that it is evangelical work that is being done there; and, so far from interrupting it, they help it. Many are asking for tracts which refute the doctrine of the confessional and other Catholic doctrines. A prisoner who is a Protestant, and who distributes tracts sometimes, says that many are "liberal" who were formerly Romanists. He says that no one says anything out of the way to him for distributing evangelical tracts. The elderly man, whom I mentioned to you in my other letter as the superintendent of all or many of the other prisoners, accepted graciously a copy of Pilgrim's

Progress, and, after reading all or part of it himself, lent it to the prisoners. He also accepted, with apparent pleasure, a New Testament. He was given the employment, he now has, while he was in confinement, and after he had served his time he continued in the same office.

A young man, who is a notorious criminal, seems quite broken hearted. He replied to Victor that he was too great a sinner to hope for mercy. When he was assured that God would pardon him he raised his head and looked at Victor eagerly. So far as we know, however, none have been converted yet. We feel that this is a critical time with them; we don't feel at liberty to deny them tracts against Romanism; but we don't want their minds to be diverted from the main thing—the pardon of their sins. When they have believed, all the Romanism will go out of them.

The work in the barracks is equally hopeful.

Some time ago I wrote to several of the Mexican Baptist ministers and suggested that they do such work as this in prisons, barracks and hospitals. All to whom I wrote are trying. I offered to supply them with all the literature they might need. I send you a postal which I received a day or two ago from one of them, as it is in English. The book he mentions, *El Viador*, is Pilgrim's Progress. I have ordered some copies sent to him.

I feel that the Lord is opening wide doors before us. It is He who has done it, for, in this fanatical city especially, no human power could have done it. Please pray that we may have the wisdom and grace to use these opportunities for the salvation of souls.

Victor is studying English with me as well as Spanish grammar. He is very anxious to learn English so as to be able to use the commentaries. I have seldom seen such hunger for learning, but I am glad to say that he does not love learning for learning's sake, but for the Lord's

sake—so as to make himself a better worker in the vineyard.

Yours with Christian regards,
SARAH HALE.

BRAZIL.

CAMPOS, September 15, 1897.

Dear Brother,—The July number of THE JOURNAL was a thing of beauty and will be a joy for a long time, if not for ever.

We are enjoying good health. Praise the Lord. Little Arvilla and Brazilia are fat and strong. It does one good to look at them. Some of my colleagues talk against Campos as being unhealthy; we have been here now nearly four years without ever going to a cool place in the hot season, and yet we have never enjoyed better health. We praise for it the Almighty, for in Him only do we trust.

We have just passed through

A GREAT TRIAL.

You have no doubt heard of our dear brother Henry Spittle, a young Englishman, full of faith and good works. Since my arrival here he has been a great help to me in the church and in the work. Last Thursday, the 9th instant, he was called home leaving a poor widow, who is now staying with us.

Our colporter, Joaquim Lessa, also is laid up with a tumor on his leg, and does not promise much for the future. He is another believer who worked hard and sacrificed much for the cause.

What, with the lack of these two and myself tired and broken down, I shall do to keep up this large and important field I cannot tell.

THE TOUCHING NEED OF THE PEOPLE.

You say in your last kind letter: "Take good care of yourself." I wish you would tell me how, and not let the work go down! It is impossible, dear brother. It may be easy enough at home, where you can get a substitute now and again; but here, where you are alone amidst

millions of souls who are going to perdition every moment, it is impossible. If you were here you would agree with me.

THE BUILDING OF OUR HOUSE OF PRAYER in Campos continues slowly. To be able to do a little more the believers at work have resolved to work for less, so that the building can be covered, at least. But even so, I am afraid it will have to stop, as we have no cash in hand. A thousand dollars now, with the present exchange, would save us. Is it not possible? Imagine the good that may come of it. Oh, help us in this matter! God will help you to get more, and we ourselves will try to repay all. Do help us finish this house of ours.

God bless you all. Yours etc.,
SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.

NOVA FRIBURGO, Sept. 3, 1897.

Dear Brother,—Thanks to our Heavenly Father, we have seen another one of our little ones pull through a hard spell of scarlet fever and diphtheria. To-night he came out of his prison quarantine after sixteen days. I wrote you from Bello Horizonte, and before I could return home I had a telegram that he was sick. When I returned, some forty-eight hours later, I found him a little better, and he continued to improve, till now he seems free. A son of Brother Bagby was taken down at the same time, but got off much lighter.

We had about given out all idea of getting off on the 10th instant, but now it seems that we will be able to get off. We go down to-morrow (D. V.) to Rio, with the view to getting off on Friday next.

I can add another note from Bello Horizonte: I left the church in possession of title to a good little lot, given by a young man; also a goodly part of the materials in hand for church building, much enthusiasm and good-will. The church will be built with little or no help from abroad. A letter from there tells me of interest on the part of some persons in their own salvation.

Brother Alves is on the field. He was received heartily by all the brethren.

I am sorry I never did get my July number of *THE JOURNAL*, but I saw a copy, and it could hardly be better.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

J. J. TAYLOR.

AFRICA.

Letter from Our Native Evangelist in Lagos.

Dear Brother,—On the 20th of August, at a little after twelve in the night, arrived Brothers Smith and Winn and Sister Winn from interior Ogbomoshaw to Lagos. Brother Winn has been quite sick and could not stay any longer at his work at Ogbomoshaw. Brother Smith thinking it best to send him home, brought him and wife down to Lagos. We enjoyed their short stay with us very much, though we were so sorry for Brother Winn and wife to leave us and the work which needs them most. They all spent Sunday with us. Brother Smith preached a very interesting and instructive sermon to a good gathering of our members on 22d of August, at 10:30 A. M. After sermon a warm hand-shaking was given to Brother and Sister Winn by the congregation in praying God's blessing and safe voyage home on their journey. On the same Sunday Brother Smith preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church, at 4 P. M., for Brother Agbebi. He could only stay a few days with us to arrange for Brother and Sister Winn's passage home. As he has left his family in the interior—Ogbomoshaw—he left Lagos on the 24th of August for his station and work at Ogbomoshaw. Brother Winn and wife left Lagos the next day, the 25th August, for England by steamship Bathurst, after staying four days at Lagos, our prayers for their safekeeping following them.

The Lord is teaching and telling us by His wonderful providence, and by the sickness and deaths of the missionaries, that if Africa will be evangelized and

Christianized it must be by her sons and daughters. I suppose you have heard of the sad and sorrowful death of Mrs. Sutcliffe, the beloved daughter of our dear late Brother C. C. Newton missionary to Lagos. She died after a few days' sickness in the same month that her father and mother died in Africa. She left a child in England behind her. She died in the Lord's work, and is reigning with Jesus in glory

May the Lord keep us faithful in His work and do all we can and the best we can before we leave this world of sickness and death.

I am your Brother in Christ,

M. L. STONE.

P. S.—A young man was received for baptism at our last prayer-meeting. Pray for us and for the work. STONE.

CHINA.

Interesting Trip to North China.

CHEFOO, CHINA, Sept. 8, 1897.

Dear Brother,—When I returned yesterday from Tung Chow and Hwang-Hien among other letters was one from you. I rejoice with you in your having so much better health.

I have enjoyed my visit in the interior very much. I believe it has done me good. I was very anxious to go on to Pingtu and see something of the flourishing work out there, but friends advised me not to go, as they thought the ride too long and hard for me.

I stayed at Tung Chow two nights and a day. Of course we all feel the need of having a male missionary there, for it will be some time before Dr. Hartwell can return. But although we have no male missionaries there at present, yet the two ladies who are at work for our Master in that part of the vineyard are untiring and earnest workers, doing much to let the light shine into the dark places. It is, of course, very hard and trying on Miss Anna Hartwell to have so much work left on her, but she systematizes

things and thus can accomplish no little. Having Miss Moon so near, with whom she can consult, must be a source of comfort and help to her. Mr. Pruitt has been called to act as pastor. He expects to go over once a month. Having a wheel, he says the trip to Tung Chow is a pleasure. In bad weather he can go in a mule-litter.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and their little Howard were returning after a summer's outing up here in Chefoo. After being in Tung Chow two nights and a day, which time was most pleasantly spent, we went on to Hwang-Hien. Miss McMinn was along also. Reaching Hwang-Hien on Saturday afternoon I saw little of the place or work until Sunday, when I had the privilege of attending church services in the morning and Sunday-school in the afternoon. This was quite a treat. Mrs. Pruitt has a nice-looking set of boys in the boarding school. The compound is very conveniently arranged for school work. Their property is nicely situated for a school, and yet not too far away from the populous part of the city to do evangelistic work. Mr. Stephens has one of the cheapest and best bargains in his new place that I have met up with in China. It is a pity we could not always get a "haunted house" when we wish to buy.

In North China we are working three stations, and then a number of out-stations. None of these are open ports. In Central China of our four chief stations three are open ports. I could not help but notice what a great difference life would be in Hwang-Hien and in Chinkiang. In the latter place we have daily steamers going up and down the river; read our North China *Daily News* just two days after it is printed; see a number of foreigners, both of the missionary and business forces, and, in fact, are much more in the busy, bustling world than when down in my old home in Lawtonville, in South Carolina. In Hwang-Hien the *Daily News* is rather

old when it reaches there; company is not seen often, and although a large and wealthy city it is altogether a Chinese city. Of course both places have their advantages and disadvantages. I am very well satisfied with Chinkiang at present, and hope to return this week to do more efficient work than ever before.

Mr. R. E. Speer and wife leave here to-day for a visit to Tung Chow.

The Southern Presbyterians are having their annual meeting in Shanghai this month, and are rejoiced to have Dr. Chester, their Corresponding Secretary, with them.

The Northern Methodists have a bishop and a secretary out here looking at the work.

I know Baptists are not Methodists or Presbyterians, but we all meet the same questions in the mission field. Don't come before the Lord's time, but do not put it off longer than that.

With Christian love, I am, yours for work in China,
W. W. LAWTON.

Work on Bible Revision.

SWATOW, September 4, 1897.

Dear Brother,—I have two of your letters unanswered. One, July 21st, reached me quite recently. I am rejoiced to know that you are so well. We are glad too to learn that there is hope of Brother McCloy's returning in the fall. We shall be needing him next year, as Brother Greene hopes to return to the United States then.

I have been at this port since July 2nd, working on Scripture revision. We have finished Luke and John—working four hours a day from July 3d to August 31st, with occasional extra sessions in the afternoon. Beside the united work with our Chinese writers in the committee room it took me four or five hours daily to prepare for the next day's work, comparing previous versions, examining difficult points, etc. So we were pretty closely confined by our work. However,

the work was a congenial one; we got some exercise for an hour or so of an afternoon, and I usually stayed from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning with Mrs. Graves at the Baptist Compound, which is on the other side of the arm of the sea on which Swatow is situated. Though the months are usually the hottest of the year, they were cool for the season. This time of the year, when folks usually take their vacation, is the only time we can spare from our usual mission work. Through God's blessing we were kept in health, and lost not a day from our work; but on the day on which we finished our sessions I was taken ill. The fever soon left me, but I am quite weak. So our return to Canton has been delayed for a few days. I stayed with our English Presbyterian friends at whose mission our committee met, and met with the greatest kindness from them. Mrs. Graves stayed with the Ashmores, of the Baptist Mission. We hope to return on the 6th instant if I am able to leave.

You, of course, have heard of the severe and long-continued illness of Mrs. Chambers. It has indeed been a trying summer for them.

I hope the \$13,000 all came in in time, and that you are out of debt. I fully realize the necessity of trying to keep so.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you and Brother Barton and the Board, and fit you for the responsibilities of your post.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. GRAVES.

Welcome Letter from Dr. Hartwell in California.

Dear Brother,—I was so ill I could not eat ship food (didn't go to dining-room once), so had to provide my own food on ship almost entirely. I had to be carried bodily almost everywhere.

I paid for the first two weeks' board of myself and wife at hospital from my own pocket. About that time the superintendent asked my wife if we were paying

our hospital expenses ourselves, or if our Board were paying them for us. She did not quite know, as I had been too feeble to write to the Board and arrange for our stay in California. He told her he wished us to remain as *guests* in the hospital. In a conversation with me on the subject I told him we paid our own doctor's bills, drug bills, &c., on the field, and I supposed we would be expected to do the same at home. He repeated the invitation cordially, and said: "You are trying to save the souls of men; we want to save your bodies." He also told me that about one-third the profits of the institution are thus expended in charity. They frequently entertain ministers of the Gospel, but they evidently watch first to see who is who.

I am now too utterly weary to write further, except to say that I am improving more rapidly than I had conceived it possible that I could in so short a time. My disease is fairly under control, my bill of fare ample and satisfactory, my appetite good, my digestion good, and all my vital organs—heart, lungs, liver, &c.—are sound. My strength and flesh, and ability to move around necessarily return very slowly. I wish to tell you some of the Lord's special kindnesses to me when I am stronger, but cannot today. Will you, through THE JOURNAL or otherwise, ask friends who have written me to excuse my slowness in replying? It is because I have not the physical strength. I have not yet been able to write to my own sisters and brothers.

In Christian love and in hopes of many years more of successful work, I am

Yours fraternally,

J. B. HARTWELL.

San Francisco, Cal.

Yet the world is Thy field, Thy garden;
On earth Thou art still at home.
When thou bendest hither Thy hallowing eye,
My narrow work-room seems vast and high,
Its dingy ceiling a rainbow dome;
Stand ever thus at my wide-swung door,
And toil will be toil no more.

—Lucy Larcom..

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MISSION-CARD TOPIC FOR DECEMBER, 1897.

CUBA.

CUBA.—“Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires.” Conditions in Cuba are such that the only regular work maintained is teaching and such religious work as can properly be done by the women and laymen, missionaries having been banished from the island.

STUDY TOPICS.—*Political and religious freedom. Effect of the war on mission work: Mongrel population. Our opportunity.*

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1897.

SUBJECT—CUBA.

“A good man's prayers will from the deepest dungeon climb Heaven's height and bring a blessing down.”

1. Hymn—“Sweet hour of prayer.”
2. Leader's introduction of subject.

3. Items—The work in Cuba, which has been conducted by two deacons, Porta and Valdes, and the female missionaries, has been prospered. Of it, Dr. Belot, a prominent member of the church, who has charge of our property in Havana, says:

“There is no reason to be discouraged; on the contrary, considering the absence of pastor and ministers, the deacons and ladies in charge are doing much better than could be expected. The meetings are well attended, and there is a gradual increase of numbers who want to join the church; others waiting to be baptized. The religious work is not interfered with either by Catholic clergy or police; this body protects when needed.”

4. Scripture—Heb. 12: 1-11.

5. Prayers for the Cuban “heroes of faith,” and for the refugees in United States.

6. Hymn—"He that goeth forth with weeping."

7 Leaflet—"Cuba Libre," by Rev. Gilbert Dobbs.

8. Open discussion.

9 Bits of cheer—See "Our Home Field."

10. Reports of Secretaries, etc.

11. Preparation for Christmas Offering.

12. Hymn—"Lord of all being throned afar." Collection. Closing prayer.

Monthly Mission Literature.

FOR USE OF CHURCH CONCERTS, SOCIETIES AND LEADERS OF BANDS—The Leaflet for the month of December, "Cuba Libre" (price 3 cents), has been written by Rev. Gilbert Dobbs. It contains a resume of facts about Cuba, remote and near, told in a very interesting style. It is up-to-date as far as practicable with a country whose political aspect changes from day to day. With topics classed distinctively under different headings, the leaflet will afford admirable material for reading by different persons at a missionary meeting. *Kind Words* for December has also a variety of interesting data on the same subject.

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Cuban Work in Tampa, Fla.

Our Cuban work in Tampa is most encouraging. The city is filled with exiles from the island, who come in a most pitiful condition, both of body and mind. It is a good thing to receive them here, with the gospel of peace, on this land of refuge and safety for them, when the vast majority come mourning for relatives either murdered by the Spaniards or fighting for their country, or perishing through unhealthful climate, or starvation in the African Spanish settlements. I have

opened a Baptist chapel for those Cubans arriving since the beginning of the war, as well as for those old residing in this place engaged in the cigar industry. They are very near 14,000 in town. The meetings at the chapel are very well attended, and I have done my best to make the room attractive to them. But we feel great needs. There must be in connection with this work a free daily school for the hundreds of Cuban children we have here. The vast number of them, coming from distinct portions of the island, have never seen a Bible, and can scarcely read. I think they must be cared for, and be submitted to sound Christian influences and teaching. I think they need having a Bible class and other religious training. I think we need them spread at home what they learn in the mission school, and so to try reaching their Catholic or indifferent parents through them. This is a good work, and I would say a necessary work in missions.

J. V. COVA.

Cuban History in Brief.

Spain colonized the island in 1511.

In 1533, and again in 1554, Havana was destroyed by the French.

Matanzas was the first city to fall into the hands of the insurgents.

Cruelty and injustice to the natives has always been the creed of the Spaniards.

The present revolution began February 24, 1895 when the republic was proclaimed by Marti.

In 1848 President Polk offered Spain a million dollars for the island, which offer was refused.

The constitution of Cuba, modeled on that of the United States, was adopted September 23, 1895.

The revolution of 1868 lasted ten years before Spain succeeded in compromising by promising reforms.

A triangular blue union, having a single star and five stripes, three of red and two of white, is the flag of the republic.

Very little reliable news of the present

insurrection can be obtained, owing to the censorship of the press and the mendacity of the leaders of both sides.—*Selected.*

QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TREASURER
OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Missions of Southern Baptist Convention.

State.	Home.	Foreign.	Sunday-School.
Alabama.....	\$256 90	\$200.68	
Florida.....	258.89	45 61	
Kentucky.....	246.79	350 13	
Maryland.....	467.96	669 88	
N. Carol.na....	181 33	341 82	\$ 4.00
S. Carolina....	162 13	545.70	
Tennessee....	476.83	243.46	
Texas.....	379.55	80 05	128.85
Virginia.....	856 90	965 80	
West'n N. C..	8.34	55 52	40.14

Mrs. W. D. LOWNDES,
Treasurer.

Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Society, Western North Carolina.

My Dear Miss Armstrong,—You will accept my sincere thanks for the use of the chart, "In Union There is Strength," and the accompanying paper. They showed the workings of the Boards, I think, in a way that nothing else could. I had a copy of the chart made on canvas, and will send it to the societies all through the Convention.

This has been our most successful year. In spite of our great loss of numbers who went into "Gospel Mission" we have raised a few dollars more this year than we did last. We had the largest attendance at Waynesville, and the deepest feeling manifested that I have ever witnessed at any of our annual meetings. At this meeting our collection for the Bible fund amounted to \$11.80. We are encouraged, and we expect to work on.

MRS. JOHN W. STARNES.

Christmas Offering.

In the early history of the Jews their

memorial and festival days, commanded of God, were the veins and arteries of their national life. Because it was a duty "to make them days of feasting and joy, of sending portions one to another and gifts to the poor," individual interests were laid aside and as a nation they glorified God. Again we find Joshua, at God's command, impressing a perpetual object-lesson by the placing of stones as memorials of the great thing God had done for them when crossing Jordan. Blending these two lessons, prompted by the same spirit, does it not seem appropriate, even though we do not know the exact date of the Babe of Bethlehem's coming, to set aside a definite time for bringing certain great truths to our remembrance, in the hope that faith and love may be quickened, and also that gratitude may be given opportunity for special expression?

In the past how many have been inspired by the simple story as told in the first two chapters of Luke! The brush of the painter has thrown around it all that is lovely in art; the soul of the poet has received his highest inspiration as he told it in his verse; the genius of the singer has touched the noblest chords of music as he sang the sweet old story; Christians everywhere have engaged in holy service because the manger at Bethlehem held the promise of love's greatest gift at Calvary. As the Christmas-tide draws near, which, if rightly kept, perpetuates as an object-lesson the great truths of the Gospel—may every Baptist woman in our Southland be inspired with a greater desire than ever before to send "light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Once again the Woman's Missionary Union pleads for a Christmas offering from every woman and child to foreign missions—this year, as last, to China. This custom, bound up in the very life of the organization, having been observed every year, has gradually met a deeper response from all who have taken part.

The total amount of contributions reported has been \$35,677.87. It is hoped the desire to be of service to God, the gratitude of loving hearts to One who has taken away the guilt and sin, who gives comfort in sorrow, who has vanquished death and given beautiful views of immortality, may manifest themselves by giving gladly and freely a *special offering* in money, that the millions of China in sinfulness and misery, leading hopeless, loveless lives, may be enabled to share in the good that has been given us. By this giving our joy will be made full, and we shall truly join in the chorus that sounded over Bethlehem's plains. Our deeds of help will have more music than grandest cathedral chimes; and when, in the New Jerusalem, we behold those gathered from far-away China, we shall share in ascribing glory to God for having entrusted the proclamation of His Gospel to human agencies.

The missionaries of Southern Baptist Convention in China are doing noble work, but what are they among so many! One missionary to 200,000 souls! As a nation, boasting of historical records, extending back to the time of Moses and Socrates, isolated from others by the power of ancestral worship, filled with inordinate conceit, they still love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. But thanks be unto God, individuals are hungering and thirsting for the Word of Life. Having gladly received it, some have even organized missionary societies. Think of it!

Wishing to furnish interesting information in regard to China and the work done by our missionaries, Woman's Missionary Union, as usual, is prepared to supply societies with Christmas offering literature. This may be obtained either by sending to Central Committee in each State, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street. The literature consists of a leaflet, "China's Needs and Opportunities," by Mrs. E. F. Tatum, a

programme arranged by Miss F. E. S. Heck, and also an envelope for the offering. "Give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee"

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec'y W. M. U.

The designs on the Christmas envelope are the Chinese flag and coat of arms. The latter is altogether hideous, but it is a correct copy.

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 October 7th:

First Church, Selma, Ala., \$104.45; Mt. Andrew, Ala., \$34.40; Sunbeams, Mt. Andrew, Ala. (contribution), \$5.65; Livingston, Ala., \$26; Jacksonville, Ala., \$41; Kendall Church, Washington, D. C. (contribution), \$36; Waynesboro', Ga., \$55; Monticello, Ga., \$66; Omaha, Ga., \$83.46; Cedartown, Ga., \$64; Cairo, Ga., \$72.70; Hepzibah, Ga., \$79.08; First Church, Rome, Ga. (two boxes), \$184.25; First Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$27; Stone Mountain, Ga., \$24; Social Union, First Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$200; Warrenton, Ga., \$54; Washington, Ga., \$75; Hopeful Church, Ga., \$34.50; First Church, Rome, Ga., \$108.80; First Church, Macon, Ga., \$133; Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$90; Union Church, Halcyondale, Ga., \$50; First Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$135; Sunbeams, Albany, Ga., \$50; Mission Band, Tatnall Square Church, Macon, Ga., \$20; Hepzibah, Ga. (additional), \$8 55; Hopeful Church, Ga. (additional), \$2; First Church, Americus, Ga., \$35.35; Georgetown, Ky., \$70; Eutaw Place Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution to German Work), \$10; "Ready Reapers," First Church, Baltimore, Md., \$121.61; "Gladsome Gatherers," First Church, Baltimore, Md., \$18 60; First Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution to German Work), 75 cts.;

"Gladsome Gatherers," First Church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution to German Work), 85 cts.; Upper Seneca Church, Md. (contribution), \$6; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland (bedding), \$83.25; Laurinburg, N. C., \$33; Spring Hill, N. C. (contribution), \$26.50; Maxton, N. C. (contribution), \$8.10; Rockingham, N. C., \$20.60; Roberdel, N. C. (contribution), \$17.60; Monroe, N. C., \$46; Graniteville, S. C., \$75; First Church, Greenville, S. C., \$75; Third Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$35.45; Trenton Church, Tenn., \$49; Central Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., \$34.72; Cleburne, Tex., \$67.50; Timpson, Tex., \$60; Kerens, Texas, \$78.35; ——— Church, Dallas, Tex., \$100.45; Fredericksburg, Va., \$100; Centennial Church, Va., \$75; Central Avenue Church, Norfolk, Va., \$18.50; Berkeley Avenue Church, Berkeley, Va., \$70; Walnut Grove, Dover Association, Va., \$27; West-End Church, Petersburg, Portsmouth (Va.) Association, \$46.84; Staunton, Va., \$35; Red Bank, Va., \$25; College Hill, Va., \$194; Woman's Missionary Society and Sunbeams, Laurel Hill, Va., \$56.77; Salem, Va., \$70. Total, \$3,655.63. Previously reported, \$1,137.99. Grand total, \$4,793.62.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

A CUBAN CHRISTIAN.

One Sunday, in Havana, Cuba, a young lady came forward to join the Baptist church. Brother Diaz, the pastor, gave her a New Testament, and asked her to read it carefully, fully to learn what was meant by consecrating herself to Christ in that holy ordinance. She took the book, and while she read of Christ she loved Him and his people more and more, and her heart longed to do something by which she could express her love to her Saviour and the church she wanted to join.

She was an orphan without means of support, living with her aunt, who was a rigid Catholic. What could she do?

Being expert with her needle, she resolved that she would make a handsome cover for the communion table of the church.

Procuring a suitable piece of cloth, she proceeded, with those deft fingers of hers, to ornament it. One part of the plan was to work in large letters, in the center of the cloth, the name of the church. Everybody in Havana knows the name—"The Gethsemane Baptist Church." So "Gethsemane" was the word she proposed to work in the center of the cover for the table.

She had more than half finished this word, working on it by night, because she knew her Catholic aunt hated the Baptist church. One night, to her great surprise, her aunt came into her room. "What are you doing, my daughter?" said she to the startled girl, who had thrown the ends of the cloth over the letters. "Let me see" (unfolding the cover). "Gethsemane." "What is that? Gethsemane? What? Are you a Baptist?" The girl, strengthened by Divine grace, boldly told her aunt she was. Some further conversation passed, when her aunt said to her, "That will do. Go to bed now, and we will see about this in the morning."

The poor girl apprehended the meaning of these seemingly polite words, and and as soon as her aunt left the room bowed down and asked her Saviour not to forsake her in this hour of her sorest need. Arising from her knees she took her pen and wrote to Brother Diaz, her pastor, what had happened, and her conviction that she would be sent to a convent next day; that he probably would never see her again; and asked him and the church to pray for her continually, expressing her unalterable purpose, wherever she went, to love and obey her Saviour. Next morning she folded the unfinished cloth and contrived to send it with the letter to Brother Diaz. The story went abroad among all the church and congregation, and the most diligent inquiries were made to ascertain where she was. Two months passed, and not

one word had been heard from her. The church had about given her up as lost to them forever, when one day Brother Diaz received a brief note, written on a piece of coarse paper, asking him and his wife and other sisters, if possible, to meet her at the church that afternoon at 4 o'clock. The joyful news spread, and at the appointed hour several of the sisters, with the pastor, were at the church awaiting her coming.

Suddenly she stepped in at the front door. They advanced to meet her.

"Hush! Hush!" said she; "there are two Sisters of Charity waiting at the door for me—baptize me. It is my last opportunity. They have put me in a convent, and I shall probably never see you all any more. Baptize me now, pastor."

"Why," said Brother Diaz, "baptize you? You have no clothes to exchange for those you have on."

"No matter. Baptize me just as I am. I cannot wait. I shall never have another opportunity."

"But sister, I have on my Sunday suit, and it will soil it," said Brother Diaz.

"Never mind, you will be provided with another," said she. "You must baptize me now, quick! The sisters will not wait for me much longer."

The pool was prepared, and in another minute she was buried with her Lord in baptism.

Advancing with the ladies to the front door the surprised Sisters of Charity said:

"Where have you been? What have you been doing? Taking a bath?"

She explained that she had been baptized.

"Baptized? Baptized? In the Baptist church? What shall we do? How wet you are. How will you get home? What will Mother Superior say to you and to us?"

They were in great perturbation. They knew not what to do. Seeing Brother Diaz approaching they began to cross themselves to keep the evil spirit away. He ended the scene by calling a carriage

and putting the young lady and two sisters into it.

They drove to the convent and immediately reported to the Mother Superior what had occurred.

"Well," said she, "no Baptist can stay in this convent." She instantly gave orders that the young lady, with all her baggage, be put out upon the sidewalk. In a few minutes the poor girl, in her dripping clothes, stood by her trunk upon the pavement and saw the gates locked against her. What should she do? Where should she go? Her aunt would not receive her now, and there was no place she could go to. She seemed to herself, like her Master, to have nowhere to lay her head. At length, as the rude boys and ruder men gathered around her, jeering and ridiculing her, she determined to go to Brother Diaz and tell him all about it. Calling a carriage, she was soon at his door.

In reply to her mournful story, told with many tears, that she had nowhere to go, no friends to help her, he said:

"My sister, God has sent you to us, and here you shall stay. My wife will be a mother to you, and as long as God gives us bread to eat we will divide it with you."—*Christian Index*.

A STORY is told of the noted missionary, John G. Paton, who was, it would seem to us, as providentially delivered from danger as were Paul and his companion from the jail at Philippi. On his little island of Anyeitum, among a tribe of bloodthirsty savages, he had almost given up his hope of life, when far away upon the horizon he saw a ship's sails and a line of smoke going up from the sky. Soon the natives saw the same, and in their superstition and fright they fled and hid themselves, crying, "The fire-steamer comes." The chief, who had treated Paton very cruelly, came to him and begged for his life. Paton was not only delivered from a terrible death, but when the ship came nearer it proved to be one of Her Majesty's men-of-war, "and the sight of the power of Paton's Queen so struck the native imagination that they decided to leave the man who had such powerful friends to do his work unharmed. So, behind the Christian there is the Christian's God, all-powerful, all-willing."

Band Department.

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

A Christmas Exercise—"Shining Stars."

[Hang a large gilt star over the platform, or make a large star of pasteboard, cut out all of the centre, and cover with red or yellow tissue paper. Cover edge with evergreens and hang before a bright light. The star will thus shine out brightly. Use plenty of evergreens about the room.]

1. Hymn—While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night:

Whi'e shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, &c.

(See words and music, Gospel Hymns, 1 to 6, No. 693, or Baptist Praise-Book, No. 288.)

2. Recitation for six children—

THE BETHLEHEM STAR.

(1) "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

(2) A beautiful star of purest light
On Bethlehem rose, divinely bright,
And over the infant Saviour smiled,
While angels blessed the holy child.

Chorus: Shining still, shining still,
Beautiful Bethlehem morning star.

(3) "Lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

(4) That wonderful star, whose beams of old,
The prophets in their song foretold—
That wonderful star that came to earth,
Bright heralds of the Saviour's birth.

Chorus: Shining still, etc.

(5) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will towards men.

(6) O, children of God, with rapture sing,
Hosanna to our Saviour King,
Oh, joyfully sing the song again
Of glory, peace, good will to men.

Chorus: Shining still.

(Tune in Songs of Salvation, or use as recitation, omitting chorus.)

CHRIST, THE BRIGHT AND MORNING.

3. Recitation (by older girl):

Wise men! Hail the wondrous stranger,
Now to Bethlehem speed your way.
Lo! in yonder humble manger,
Christ, the Lord, is born to-day.

Christ, by prophets long predicted,
Joy of Israel's chosen race.

Light of heathens long afflicted,
Lost in error's darkest maze.

Bright the star of your salvation
Pointing to His rude abode.
Rapturous news to every nation:
Mortals, now receive your Lord.

4. Hymn :

Never shone a light so fair,
 Never fell a song so sweet
 As the chorus in the air,
 Chanted by the angel throng.
 Every star took up the story.

Chorus : Christ has come, the Prince of
 glory.
 Come in humble hearts to dwell,
 God with us, Immanuel.

Still that jubilee of song
 Breaks upon the rising morn ;
 While the anthems roll along.

Floods of light the earth adorn ;
 Old and young take up the story.

Chorus : Christ has come, the Prince of
 glory, etc.

Welcome now the blessed day,
 When we praise our Saviour King ;
 When we meet to praise and pray,
 And His love with gladness sing ;
 Let the earth take up the story.

Chorus : Christ has come, the Prince of
 glory, etc.

(Gospel Hymns, 1 to 6, No. 432.)

5. The Wise Men's Gifts (for three boys).

(This recitation may be made effective by boys being dressed in costume, which may be easily copied from any Bible picture.)

(1) I came from the east with gold in my hand,
 A present to offer my King.
 Your star that I've seen has guided me
 here,
 Where I make my glad offering.
 I've heard of this Christ, the Saviour of
 man,
 By prophets and sages foretold.
 Adoring I lay royal gifts at thy feet,
 My treasure and all of my gold.

(2) 'Tis frankincense sweet from Araby's
 shore,
 A present I offer my King.
 'Tis all that I have, and yet shall I dare
 Too meagre an offering bring?

But frankincense speaks of prayer and of
 praise.
 My heart in devotion shall rise :
 Accept then, my King, my heart's offering,
 As incense ascending the skies.

(3) It is myrrh that I bring, of costliest price,
 A present to offer my King.
 But costlier far is the sacrifice made,
 The gift of heaven's offering.
 Yet divinely I see in the myrrh which I
 bear,
 A perfume to sweeten thy grave.
 O, conqueror of death ! who lightens the
 tomb,
 Take this myrrh and all that I have.

6. The Children's Gifts (Recitation for 12 very little children, following immediately as boys leave rostrum) :

Half of children in concert :

What can the children give.
 The children weak and small.
 To the dear Lord who loved them so,
 Who lived and died for all?

Half of children reply :

He will accept what children have—
 Hearts, voices, praise and love,
 And smile with joy such gift to see,
 From His great throne above.

1st Child : Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

2d Child : Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love.

3d Child : Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

4th Child : Take my voice and let me sing
 Always only for my King.

(See Gospel Hymns, 1 to 6, No. 124.)

All together :

Thus can the children make
 An offering rich and grand,
 And heart and life and voice show forth
 His praise in every land.

7. Hymn.

8. Christ the Morning Star (for ten children) :

(1) No more in the heavens o'er us
 Shines the radiant Bethlehem star.
 Which with heavenly glory beaming,
 Led the wise men from afar.

Is there then no star to guide us—
 Little children here below,
 No bright, beaming, moving signal
 Pointing out the way to go?

(2) Answer.—“ Jesus said, I am the root and offspring of David and the bright and morning star.”

Chorus after each verse, repeated by all, impressively :

Such wondrous words! such precious
 words!
 Oh may we feel their power!
 Such gracious words! such glorious
 words!
 Thank God for them in this glad hour.

- (3) Little children early seeking
 What to do and where to go.
 Is there light to guide their footsteps
 And a pathway plain to show?

(4) Answer.—“Take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day-star arise in your hearts.” (Chorus.)

- (5) Little children know so little ;
 Whom to follow, whom to trust ;
 Who will lead them, ever faithful,
 Strong and willing, wise and just.

(6) Answer.—“Jesus said, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (Chorus.)

- (7) Little children, loved and loving,
 Should remember not a few
 Live unblessed and unbelieving—
 Cannot such see Christ's light too?

(8) Answer.—“The day-spring from on high has visited us to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.” (Chorus.)

- (9) Little children blest and grateful,
 Glad their light and love to share—
 Where shall they the Gospel's sunshine,
 Send with faith and earnest prayer?

(10) Answer.—Jesus is the “true Light, which lighteth every man.” “Go ye, therefore, into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” (Chorus.)

9. Hymn :

Shine on, O star of beauty.
 Thou Christ enthroned above.
 Reflecting in thy brightness
 Our Father's book of love.

Shine on, oh star of glory !
 We lift our eyes to thee.
 Beyond the clouds that gather
 Thy radiant light we see.

Chorus ; Shine on ! shine on !
 Thou bright and beautiful star !
 shine on !

(Chorus.—Gospel Hymns, 1 to 6, No. 292.)

10. Short talk by pastor or superintendent on *Shining for Christ*, showing how we may shine by our gifts, and briefly explaining object of Christmas Offering for enlargement of Mission work in China.

11. Chorus by very small children.—“Jesus Bids Us Shine” (Gospel Hymns, 1 to 6, No. 386.)

12. Collection.

13. The Lord's New Year :

Do you wish you could keep your watch
 by night
 Like the shepherds of Bethlehem ?
 Do you wish you could see a glory-light
 As it shone in the sky for them ?
Have you kept your watch in the fields
 afar,
 Where the heathen in darkness dwell ?
 Have you watched in the east for the
 rising star
 That shall lead to Immanuel ?
 Have you seen how the Gospel of God's
 good-will

Is speaking through heathen climes ?
 Have you heard how they call on the
 Lord until
 It is sweet as the angels' chimes ?
 I tell you the Christmas glory *now*
 Is a thousand times more bright
 Than the glory that shone so long ago
 On the first glad Christmas night.
 The earth *shall* be full of the knowledge
 of God !
 It is blessedly drawing near !
 And peace on earth, good-will to men
 Shall come with the Lord's New Year.

14. Hymn by Congregation—“The Morning Light is Breaking.” . . . Benediction.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 15th to November 15th, 1897.

Alabama.—Demopolis ch., by E. K., \$10; Pleasant Valley ch., by C. C. D., \$6.20; Tuskegee Ass'n, by E. B., \$29.78; L. A. S., Siloam ch., Marion by Mrs. L. (Miss Kelly, extra), \$10; Tuscaloosa Ass'n, by J. T. B., \$17.25; North River Ass'n by J. S. W., \$3.30; Antioch Ass'n, by H. M. M., \$36.25; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$119.79; Harmony Grove Ass'n, by J. W. R., \$2.06; W. C. Bledsoe, Sec'y—Japan, \$7.10; Sunbeam Miss'y, \$5; Birmingham Miss'y, \$127.85; Miss Kelly, \$36.75—\$676.70. Total, \$911.33.

Previously reported, \$380.23. Total this year, \$1,291.56.

Arkansas.—Charles Wal'ler, by J. C. W., \$5; L. M. S., First ch., Fort Smith (Brazil), \$10; W. M. Duren, \$2.35; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$21.88; E. B. Miller, V. P., \$129.50; L. M. S., Conway ch., by Mrs. C. W. C., \$5. Total \$173.73.

Previously reported, \$567.10. Total this year, \$740.83.

Florida.—W. N. Chaudoin, \$30; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$27.93. Total \$57.93.

Previously reported, \$204.99. Total this year, \$262.92.

Georgia.—S. S. Con., Mell Ass'n, by W. W. W., \$5; Mell Ass'n, \$14; Athens Sunbeams, by M. R. (Sunbeam Miss'y), \$5; J. G. Gibson, Treas., \$1.200; W. B. Smith, \$5; W. M. S., by J. G. G., \$9.60; J. G. Gibson (W. D. Powell), \$490.40; McRae ch., by W. J. B., \$4; Morganton Ass'n, by J. M. C., \$3.70; J. G. Gibson, Treas.—W. D. Powell, \$25; Mexico, \$1; Japan, \$19.60; Mrs. McCollum \$11.60; J. W. Carlin, \$25.25; Sunbeam Miss'y, \$5; Miss Moon, \$14.85—\$591.70; R. swell Ass'n, by W. D., \$22.51; W. M. S., First ch., Macon, by W. W. J., \$10; Bethel Ass'n, by F. M. B., \$187.35; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale, \$3; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$258.25; First ch., Gain'sville, by G. H. P., \$32; J. G. Gibson, Treas., \$378.73; Isabella S. Jordan (A. B. Rudd), \$86. Total, \$3,306.24.

Previously reported, \$4,270.32. Total this year, \$7,576.56.

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\$471.19; Louisa ch., by R. E. L., \$2.20. Total, \$962.20.

Previously reported, \$3,866.79. Total this year, \$4,828.99.

Louisiana.—Helen Covington, 65 cents; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$11.85; Mrs. R. A. Beck, by M. M. W., \$1. Total \$13.50.

Previously reported, \$67. Total this year, \$80.50.

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Previously reported, \$1,761.38. Total this year, \$2,719.35.

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Previously reported, \$1,425.63. Total this year, \$1,468.40.

North Carolina.—Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$79.39; Mt. Pleasant, by M. M., \$1.20. Total, \$80.59.

Previously reported, \$1,179.30. Total this year, \$1,259.89.

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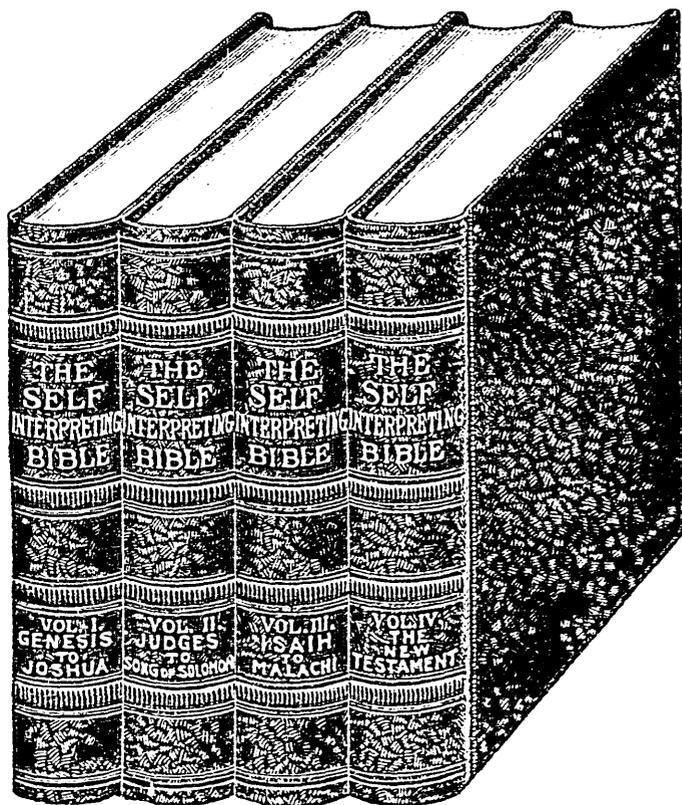
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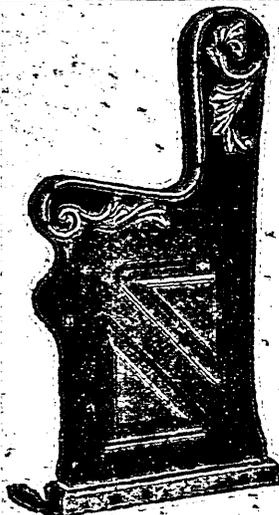
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