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PASTORS' EDITION.

This issue of The Journal is especially for the pastors. These men are our leaders. We love them. They are worthy of our love and esteem. They teach us in the way of God. In the walks of life they direct our paths. In affliction they comfort us. In trials they are our counsellors and best friends. In sickness they visit and pray for us. In joy they rejoice with us. We have good pastors; we love them. What we say in this Journal is because we love them, and this great work which they and the churches have entrusted to us. While we say much to them in this Journal of their duties in reference to missions, it is not to teach, but to encourage and incite to higher effort.

The pastors would do a great deal better if the people would pray for them more and encourage them in their efforts to lead.

The pastor to-day as surely needs the help of his laymen as did Moses when Aaron and Hur stood by him in the battle and held up his hands. May no pastor in our bounds have his hands to fall heavily by his side for want of supporters.

Two or three good, earnest men or women in a church are an untold blessing to a pastor in any work he wishes to do. The next best thing to being a good pastor, is to be the truest, best friend and helper the pastor has.

May every pastor who reads this know by experience how sweet and blessed it is to have Aarons and Hurs all around him.



Would it not be well for our churches to return to the old custom of holding special monthly prayer meetings for missions? It is to be deplored how little some churches pray for the evangelization of the world. Some pastors are introducing into their churches a week of prayer for missions. This is as good as a week of prayer for a revival. We give much more cheerfully when we have prayed for guidance in giving.

Mention is made elsewhere in this JOURNAL of a brother who spoke so effectively on foreign missions as to convince himself that he should offer to go, and he has been accepted by the Board. Does any man ever speak earnestly and effectively enough who does not do himself what he pleads with others to do? Do you ask others to give for foreign missions, and give nothing yourself? Surely not.

PASTORAL NOTES.

Christ is not satisfied with a pastor who does not preach missions, and the church ought not to be.

Christ is not satisfied with a church which does not give for missions, and the pastor ought not to be.

"My conception is that every preacher of Christ's Gospel is under obligation to go to the foreign field, or give his life in getting his people to give for others to go." If this exalted conviction, expressed by a pastor, were shared by *every* pastor, there would be many more applicants for appointment to the foreign field, and no lack of money to send them.

"For twenty or more years, publicly and privately, over and over, again and again, I have proclaimed the conviction, which is growing and deepening with the flying years, that our Baptist people will never be reached until the preachers themselves are reached." So says a pastor.

One pastor, speaking of his Association, says: "There are 2,260 members in our bounds, and our minutes show \$53.25 for foreign missions." Room for improvement. A consecrated pastor ought to thank God for the privilege of living in such an Association—that he may change the figures.

"We are a poor, struggling church, largely because we are not more missionary; our people will give to anything [else] easier than to foreign missions; they have averaged nearly \$10 per member for all purposes—about half of this was for church property—and only *six cents* for foreign missions." It ought not so to be in any church.

A pastor, whose church gave last year \$250, says that this was a gain of 250 per cent. over the previous year. A magnificent showing; many other churches would report similar gains if properly taught and lead.

"My ambition is to make this a great missionary church," says a pastor. A good ambition that, and sure to win. No surprise that his church increased its contribution to foreign missions from \$96 to \$154 in a single year.

The largest gain that any church can make in its missionary contributions is to go from nothing to something, even though that something should be only one cent. Many of our pastors have the opportunity of getting their churches to make this largest possible advance in the next three months; and if the churches do not make it, the pastors will have to stand in the way.

No pastor ever lovingly asked his people to give to the Lord's work and got nothing. Will you be content for your church to do nothing when this is true?

"It nearly all depends on the pastor," says a pastor writing about the work of foreign missions in the churches. This is so true and has been said so often that it ought never need be said again. And yet it needs more to be said, possibly, than any other one thing. If it could be said so often and so loud that no pastor in all the land could forget it even for a moment, and every pastor could realize its tremendous meaning and its awful responsibility, the missionary problem would be solved.

In answer to the question, "How much did your church give last year to foreign missions?" quite a number of pastors say, "Don't know." That such an answer to that question could be possible from a pastor raises a serious question as to whether or not there is not something wrong with that pastor. While he is not supposed to run the finances of his church, the pastor certainly ought to know how much was contributed to foreign missions—ought to know so well that he could tell at any moment without reference to any minute or document. It is not strange that the same pastors in nearly every case respond to the question, "How much do you think you can raise this year?" by saying, "I can't tell." The pastor who does not know what was done last year, of course could not give any reasonable estimate of what can be done this.

A church does not stand still in its gifts any more than in its life; we must either go forward or backward. Your church will either give more or less this year to foreign missions than last. Which shall it be? The pastor's resolution or lack of resolution as to this point will determine what answer will have to be given to this question.

In a certain State the sisters tried to get the pastor's wife to join the missionary society, "in hopes that by this means the pastor might become interested in missions."

A pastor who will not urge his people to give for fear he will not get his own salary, does not understand God's law of providing. Where did church ever give freely for missions and forget their pastor's needs?

A former pastor of country churches says: "When my churches got behind I would sometimes preach on missions and their duty to the men who represented them at the front. They would give for the missionaries, and then give for their pastor."

If a pastor will set a figure and ask his people to give a certain amount, they are much more likely to give it. Ask for a good, large amount, and they will see your interest and zeal and honor you and the cause. A pastor who expects "only a small offering" generally gets it. "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God." Ask for a good collection. Set the figures at what you think ought to be given, and press for the mark. Men who do great things for God purpose and plan, and pursue with patience until it is accomplished.

TEACHERS OF SELF.

A young man had been appointed by our Board as a foreign missionary in the afternoon. At night he attended the prayer-meeting of the Grace-Street Baptist church, and the pastor, Dr. Hatcher, asked him to tell the congregation how it came to pass that he offered himself for this work. He said that while in the College and Seminary, though deeply interested in missionary work, he had no thought of going himself to the field. Soon after entering the pastorate last September, he was invited to make an address at a meeting held specially in the interest of missions. "And," said he, "I reckon I spoke more to myself than to any one else; for it was there and then that the conviction that I must go first took hold of me." Is it not true with every preacher or speaker on missions, or, indeed, any other great topic, that he must speak to himself as much as—yes, even more than—to any one else if he would affect and move his hearers? And yet, of how few preachers and others speaking on this great theme of giving light and life to the lost it may truly be said that they speak as much to themselves as to others! What power would come upon speaker and hearer, and how vastly different would be the course of both, if this could always be said! It is a poor, tame, insipid sermon that is not preached to the preacher's own heart, in so far as principles go, as truly and earnestly as to that of the hearer. "Thou, therefore, which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" (Rom., 2: 21.) How long till all of us shall learn this lesson? How many of us who teach the people will prepare and preach in our studies to ourselves on this text? Can we who have been appealing for a lost world in the name of a loving Saviour truly say we have exemplified this principle?

Some of our strong young pastors, perhaps, as they have prepared and preached sermons or prepared and delivered addresses, urging the people to give liberally of their money and to give their children and themselves to the world-wide cause, have heard in their own words a call from God coming like a bugle blast marshalling themselves to the front. And yet they have put their words aside and eased conscience by saying, "Ah, that was for them; my duty has been done in telling them their duty." Or, may be, more probably, indeed, the question is suppressed, driven back, refused a hearing at the bar of conscience; this enemy that dare intrude even for a moment upon the territory of ease and comfort is summarily banished. And as the din of battle dies away, the preacher is startled to hear the heavy beating of his own heart, stirred by this strange sensation; and, the short, sharp conflict, resulting in the complete vanquishment of this intruder, having ended, he finds his face flushed with a sense of shame that he has thus conquered the voice of his conscience and of his Lord. Let him who has had such an experience, throw wide open the gates and meekly surrender the citadel of his heart and life the

very next time the enemy comes! If God wants you to go to the foreign field, go; go at any cost; you can never be really happy and content till you do. Go if it costs you the best pastorate in the land; your loss will be your infinite gain. And whether God wants you to go to the foreign field or not, be sure that you hear His voice in your own words calling you to liberal giving and great sacrifice of self for the work at home.

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LUMPING THE COLLECTIONS.

A pastor says: "We take our collections for all missions and divide by five." And this pastor is the representative of a class. The five objects remembered in this division are, we suppose, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Sunday School and Colportage, and Ministerial Education. In some instances the division is longer, the Ministers' Relief Fund and Orphanage being included. But, supposing the division to be only five, let us look somewhat into this matter. Notwithstanding the facilities for travel and trade, which have brought the ends of the earth together, the earth still remains a right good-sized ball to most of us. Specially does it seem great when we think of its crying corruptions and awful needs, and think of trying to lift it up to God. The world is the field and is all one, but it can best be seen by sections. The pastor will find himself greatly embarrassed and hampered by the breadth of his theme, and will find his presentation of the subject and his appeal to the people tame and ineffective by the necessity of being too general; when the collection is to be for all missions. The people can best see the needs of the world when they see them presented in the needs of some particular section. The fervor of the speaker and responsiveness of the hearer should not be dissipated by an effort to cover too much ground at once; if so, the work will suffer at every point.

We ought ever to keep in mind the absolute oneness of the work; we ought always to think of God's thought of a whole world lost in sin and to be won to righteousness; our heart strings ought constantly to vibrate in harmony with the sweetest music of the highest heaven as the angelic hosts sing of a Universal King; but we can best help to realize this splendid ideal by putting directness into our efforts. Otherwise our thinking will become hazy and our efforts dreamy, our giving being more a matter of routine than of spirit and life. We do not believe any church will give nearly so much when the collections are lumped as when each cause is presented and supported separately.

But let us look at another phase of this matter. We have said that the world-field can best be seen by sections; we may say here that it cannot be seen intelligently any other way. While

the work is all one and the field one, the needs of the different sections of the field are by no means the same. Our giving should be with intelligence, having reference to the need, not with stupidity. Not to speak of the money paid to pastor's salary and for assistance in protracted meetings, which ought to be as fruitful in soul-saving as money spent anywhere else, the church that pursues this plan of lumping gives at least four times as much for the salvation of persons in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention as for the salvation of the whole world besides. We make no invidious comparison; the work is all one, absolutely—in principle and spirit—and a soul at home is worth as much in the eyes of the Redeemer as is one abroad. Nor would we make even the shadow of a suggestion that any one should give one cent less to any department. But we do mean to say that each one of us should have a just and discriminating knowledge of the relative size and needs of the different parts of the field, and regulate our gifts accordingly. Should a church be content to give only \$10 for the evangelization of the more than eight hundred million souls who are utterly without Christ, while it can give \$40 for preaching to the some twenty-five or thirty million embraced in the territory of our Convention, most of whom have at least some chance of hearing the Word?

If you include pastor's salary and all other objects supported and not included in the division by five, the average church gives perhaps from ten to fifty times as much for the Lord's work at home as abroad.



THE WORST KIND OF LUMPING.

The effects of the policy of lumping discussed in the foregoing article are best seen when we look at the plan in its highest development, we mean when the collection is taken only once a year and then lumped as is true in some cases.

When all the missions are lumped and the collection taken once a year, it simply means that there is a church that will feel the duty of giving God's Word to the lost pressing upon them only once in a whole twelve-month. For a whole year they will be deprived of the privilege of entering into loving fellowship with Christ in His sufferings and sacrifice for the lost by giving something to help in the work; for a whole year they will go without showing to the world and to their own hearts that they do really love Christ, and that they love and sympathize with the world whom He came to save. That must be a barren church—barren both outwardly and inwardly—that goes thus a whole year. Bad enough is the plan of making "the annual offering" for each division of the great work; incomparably worse and more pernicious is this habit of having only one collection a year and then dividing it between all the objects.

A church had as well go for twelve months without meeting for prayer or any form of worship, the members had as well go twelve months without eating, as to go without giving for twelve months. The pastor that allows such a thing to occur in his church is guilty of robbing his church of its greatest blessings and power, for no church can be rich in grace and mighty in power that so neglects this God-given duty and Heaven-blest privilege.

This policy is equally disastrous in its effect upon the work, robbing every mission of a large part of what belongs to it, and of what the people would readily give to it if they had the work laid upon them frequently. Just in proportion as our people hear frequently of the work and give frequently to it will they love it and be ready to give to it. The regular and frequent use of any power increases that power, thus making still greater service possible. The regular and frequent exercise of any grace brings more and more joy, hence willingness to exercise it again. The church that gives often is the church that is both able and willing to give liberally. If all our pastors and churches could be induced to introduce frequency in their plans for giving, the treasury of the Lord would be full to overflowing, and every field could be occupied. "The annual collection," "lumping the collections," and all such like things, we believe, are against the best interests of the Master's kingdom.



A SPECIAL LETTER.

With the New Year twelve hundred and fifty of our pastors received a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. These pastors were selected by brethren in the various States as holding some of our stronger churches. The letter set forth important facts connected with our mission work. A special request was made for a reply by January 10th, and for this stamped envelopes were sent. Up to January 20th about four hundred and fifty answers have been received. Most sincerely do we thank every one who sent a response. We feel that any brethren who will take enough interest to answer a letter can be counted on for future help. Some, perhaps, considering all the questions asked, were "ashamed to answer." Make the record better this year, brother. Any church in our bounds can give at least ten cents a member. Every one ought to give more than that. Let us remember that this is Christ's work entrusted to us, and each one of us should do his very best.

We are glad to see that many pastors say that they think they can raise more this year than last.

No church ought to make a debt and keep it, and then neglect the God-given work of giving the Gospel to those in darkness and sin.

A GREAT TEMPTATION.

We are in great danger just now from an old temptation, which has assumed a very serious form. Most of the States of our Convention are pleading that they have "a special local State interest, which must be attended to right now;" and the natural inference is that our great denominational interests must either be looked after by the other States, or suffer loss. If only one or two States were making this cry, the danger would not be so great, but when it is known that about ten of our fourteen States are pleading a local interest, it can be readily seen that unless a change is made our great mission interests will seriously suffer. For months past, the word has passed around, "now that our Foreign Board is out of debt," help this or the other interest. That means neglect foreign missions a while. But it must be remembered that just such line of action as this, if heeded, involves any board in debt, and, alas, that it has been heeded. We give here the figures showing our receipts for the past four years from May 1st to January 15th: 1896, \$53,612; 1897, \$65,122; 1898, 52,146; 1899, 41,526. The brethren can readily see how this cause will suffer unless they rally to the work. The Board has been very conservative, trying to prevent any debt at the close of this year, but they will utterly fail, unless our brethren rally around us and their work. We sympathize with State interests, but no State ought by any means to go back one cent in her contributions for taking this whole world for Christ. Remember, brethren, we averaged only about eight cents a member, in our Convention, for foreign missions last year. Eight hundred millions of beings are without Christ. He tells us to send them the glad tidings. Shall we do less than in the past? Let every church and every member by increased gifts answer before God and men an emphatic, NO.



CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARIES, AND THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
FOR 1900.

On January 18th and 19th the annual conference of the Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada was held in New York city. The meeting was a good one. Excellent papers were presented on important questions connected with foreign mission work.

The most important subject before the conference was the great Ecumenical Council, to be held in New York in the latter part of April, 1900. The committee of arrangements is planning for one of the greatest meetings ever held in the world. While it will be similar to the great meeting held in Exeter Hall, London, in 1888, it will have the advantage of the mighty momentum which has been given to the foreign mission movement in the last twelve years. Representatives will be present from many lands. About two hundred foreign mission organizations

have already been heard from by the committee in charge. Leading laymen, as well as preachers, will take part in the proceedings. The meetings will last over a week. This conference, which will be for emphasizing the work of world-wide evangelization, is wonderful in its potentialities. Many hearts ought earnestly to pray God that His Spirit may direct those preparing for the meetings, and that He may preside when as never before the ends of the earth shall come together to confer as to how we can take this world for Christ.

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THE CONVENTION ALMANAC.

We announce herewith the Convention Almanac for 1899. It is a pamphlet, six by eight inches, containing forty-eight pages, very neat and attractive in its illustrations. It contains twelve calendar pages, and thirty-six pages setting out the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is full of facts, dates and incidents in Baptist affairs. It is edited by Dr. Lansing Burrows, and that is equivalent to saying that the work is well done. It is sold at 10 cents a single copy, or \$1 a dozen. Send to Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and get copies.

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A CASE OF NEED.

A notice appeared in *The Journal* recently, telling of the sad death of Rev. E. H. Soper, one of our former missionaries to Brazil. He left a wife with four little children. The mother is feeble, and the children small. They are in want. Our Board does not feel at liberty to take funds appropriated for missions to give them, but any funds sent directly for that purpose to our Corresponding Secretary in Richmond will be gladly forwarded to Mrs. Soper. So far eight dollars have been contributed. Many of our people could give from one to ten dollars to this feeble mother and little children. Remember that the husband and father got sick working for souls in a foreign land, while representing us.

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REAPPOINTMENT.

On January 17th Rev. J. L. Downing and wife were reappointed to the work in Brazil. They first went out as missionaries of our Board in 1891, but on account of the poor health of Mrs. Downing, they had to return home. Since their return, Brother Downing has taken a medical course in St. Louis, and also done work in one of the hospitals in New York. He now goes back fully equipped as a medical missionary.

It is likely that he will locate at Bello Horizonte, the new capital of the State of Minas Geraes, Brazil.

MISSIONARY BOOKS.

A pastor writes that his church has raised \$25 to buy good missionary books for the church and Sunday School, and asks for a list of such as we can recommend. The list below can be gotten by applying to almost any good book store. If you will write to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, they will furnish any or all of these books and allow a church or pastor a special discount. Our Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., would also take pleasure in furnishing the books for any who wish them, and will allow special discount.

The Holy Spirit in Missions—Gordon.....	\$1 25	The Story of Uganda—Miss Stock	1 00
Miracles of Missions—Pierson	1 00	The History of the Telugu Missions— Dowell	1 00
The Bishop's Conversion—Mrs. Maxwell..	1 50	Heroes of the South Seas—Mrs Banks....	1 25
Medical Missions—Lowe	1 50	Adoniram Judson—by his son	1 00
Moravian Missions—Thompson	2 00	The Story of John G. Paton, for Young Folks—by his brother	1 50
From the Heart of England	1 50	William Carey—Culross	50
A Cycle of Cathay—Martin	2 00	David Livingstone—Blakie	1 50
Forty Years in China—Graves	1 00	Foreign Missions After a Century—Den- nis	1 50
Story of Yates, the Missionary—Taylor ..	1 00	A Century of Baptist Foreign Missions— Mrs. Titterton	1 25
Gist of Japan—Peery	1 25	Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention—Tupper	1 50
An American Missionary in Japan—Gor- don	1 25		
Mercedes—Miss Hale	1 50		
Mexican Ranch—Mrs. Duggan	1 25		
Italy and Italians—Taylor	1 50		
Great Missionaries—Creegan	1 25		



We take the following from a report on foreign missions made by J. D. Pitts, Chairman, in an Association in South Carolina. It is well said:

This bald fact, as a granite rock, stands out in bold relief before us, our Baptist people are not doing the work they are well able to do. The great mass of our people are as yet unreached. They are not in sympathy with our mission work. The problem, therefore, as to how this sleeping giant is to be aroused and enlisted in the great work of the world's evangelization, will, in a great measure, have been solved when the preachers themselves have been reached, aroused, and enlisted, and not before. Frantic appeals and sky-scraping oratory on the floors of Conventions and Associations will never reach the patient. He is out of your reach. He may wake up for a moment, lazily look around with half-opened eyes, and stupidly inquire, "What's the matter anyhow?" and then drop back, more dead than ever, to continue his snooze and snore, while millions of fellow-mortals are going down to the spasms of the second death. A Baptist church, with her pastor, is a missionary organization or nothing. She cannot vindicate her right to further existence except as in some measure she embodies and manifests the spirit of life that throbs and breathes in the great commission. Your committee would not underrate any agency that has for its object "the eliciting, combining, and directing the energies" of our people, yet we would most earnestly emphasize the pastor himself as the most potent factor. If he is missionary through and through, the people will be. Such a pastor will

be alert, wise to seize and utilize all forces and make them effective for our great purpose of giving the Gospel to every creature. Your committee, therefore, would most earnestly call the attention of the pastors and churches to this great work. Brother, get on fire for missions yourself, and then set the church afire.

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NOTES.

A postal card has come as we go to press announcing the safe arrival in China of Rev. E. F. Tatum and family.

Brother Cheavens writes a cheerful letter from Torreon, Mexico, where he arrived about the middle of December.

A note from Rev. W. H. Clarke, in San Francisco, stated that his party expected to sail December 24th on the Gaelic.

Some people find trouble in pronouncing Brother Cheavens' name—just like C-heavens. He is a sweet-spirited brother, and his name is not wrong.

The Chinese in the Mission Sunday School of one of the churches in New Orleans gave \$2.80 to be included in the Christmas offering for China.

A letter from Rev. W. T. Lumbley, in England, says he had arranged to marry on January 17th, and sail for Africa on the 28th. The Master guide and bless them.

So far as we are informed, no church in our bounds averages better for foreign missions than a small church at Gwathmey, Va. Last year their average was \$5.77 a member.

Rev. J. W. Lowe, our new appointee for China, said recently in a farewell speech in his State: "I would rather be with Christ to-day in China than be with Him in heaven."

Our Foreign Mission Board has recently appointed fifteen new missionaries. May each one be thoroughly spiritual and deeply in earnest, and may we who send them be equally so.

Broadway church, Louisville, Ky., led all the churches in her gifts for foreign missions last year. It is appropriate that our Convention should sit within her doors at our next meeting.

Many of our country churches are really wealthy in this world's goods—much more so than some of the town and city churches—but they have not realized what they could do for the Master.

Our receipts are much behind what they were at this time last year. Let every church and pastor remember that we have sent out many new missionaries, and the reports from the fields are glorious. Three months

more remain before we will close our books. We can easily pay all we owe if each will do his duty.

We have just received over a hundred thousand new tracts. A supply will be sent free to any brother or sister who will write for them. Our people need information. Get these tracts free and scatter the information abroad.

Do not wait until the last of April to take your foreign mission collection. Begin now. Some will agree to give much more if they have a month or too in which to give. Let us use good business sense in doing the Lord's work.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., is prepared to furnish maps to churches and schools. The Board has maps of Palestine, the journeys of Jesus, and the travels of Paul. Write to J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary, if you wish any of these maps.

The Board has recently appointed fifteen new missionaries. Many of those who were at home sick or recuperating have returned to their work. It has been very expensive to move so many by land and sea, but our stations are better manned now than for several years past.

What does Christ think of some of our churches? Fine furniture, buildings, music, elegant homes, and eloquent divines, and three cents a member per annum to send the Gospel to men and women in the blight of sin, darkness, and night? Awake, awake; put on thy strength, oh, Zion!

The Sycamore church, Alabama, J. G. Lowrey pastor, has agreed to pay Brother Lee's salary every year. This is made possible by the gifts of two liberal brethren who belong to the church. How many of our country and small town churches could learn a good lesson from this noble example.

In this Journal you will find an article on "The Devil Opposed to Foreign Missions." You are requested to read it carefully. We fear there is not a church in the land where some part of the article will not apply to some part of the church. May it not apply in any case to pastor or deacons.

Much is said as to the responsibility of the pastor, but it must also be said that one great need in our churches is men and women who will help the pastor. If the pastor can get a few earnest spirits in the church to help him, how much easier and more successfully the work goes forward. We need missionaries abroad, but surely we need them in the churches at home also.

We Missionary Baptists are going to be more missionary as the years go by. With 11,270 preachers at home, we are going to have more than

thirty-five or forty on mission fields. No one doubts that every thirty churches at home could support a missionary abroad. At that rate we would have over 600 missionaries. Some of us are not pleasing the Master as we should.

This JOURNAL goes out in time to get to the pastors before the fifth Sunday meetings in January. We hope at every one of these meetings the subject of missions will be discussed. See to it, brethren, that this great God-given work is not lost sight of nor neglected. We also ask that in every meeting held, some brother or sister will take subscribers for The Foreign Mission Journal.

Our receipts are far behind what they have been at this time for several years past. We have appointed missionaries and gone forward, feeling that we could rely upon the churches. Let us not go backward because we paid all indebtedness last year. Our expenses this year will not exceed the receipts for several years past. If we have a deficit, it will be because the churches fall back. Let us go forward.

One pastor says: "I long for the time when side issues will be done with, and we can give ourselves to *the great work*." That is a lofty and noble sentiment, but such a thing can never be. The "side issues," to use his term, such as endowing colleges, building church houses, and all such work, are here, and here to stay. In truth, they are all essential to "*the great work*," and just in proportion as we do a good part by them shall we be able to carry it forward. We need well-poised judgments in deciding the relative position and importance of all the different interests of the kingdom, and should never at any time put the less important before the more important; should not reverse the position of the means and the end; and should never allow interest in our cause to flag because of the needs of another. All must be kept moving together. The pastor that waits for all "the side issues" to get out of the way to urge his people to do their duty to foreign missions will wait till it is too late. Never allow any issue to keep you from doing a liberal, unselfish part by this work.

Christ wants this world. He died for it; and tells us to give the glad news to all nations. Satan does not want Christ to have this world, and is trying to keep God's people from proclaiming the Gospel. It is wonderful how easily he persuades them to neglect God's command. Pastors, deacons, and others fall into Satan's way and realize not that God is dishonored.

And now, above all things else, let us pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon us all, so that we may be fitted for service. God is willing to give His Spirit to them that ask. Surely we all need Him. Let us all with one accord pray for His presence, and He shall be given to us abundantly.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE.

From the responses to a letter recently sent out from the Foreign Mission Rooms to pastors, and elsewhere referred to, and such other sources of information as we could command, we have compiled a list of those churches contributing \$100 or more to our work last year. With reference to such list, a few things ought to be said: (1) In compiling and publishing such list we have no thought of disparaging those churches giving less than this amount, which have given according to their ability, but hope in this way to commend those giving this amount, and encourage others to reach it. (2) Many churches not included in this list have given as large average per member as these churches reported here; some larger. (3) A goodly number of churches not in this list gave almost as much as \$100, and we should have been pleased to include them in this honor roll, but had we come under the point to include any, we should have hardly known where to draw the line. (4) This list is based on last year's contributions, while some churches that did not give \$100 last year and cannot be included, have already given more than that this year, and others will. (5) The *fields* of several pastors embracing several churches have given \$100 or more, and the pastors through whose ministry it has been done are worthy of special honor. (6) We publish the names of the pastors so far as we can. But in some instances there has been a change of pastors since this money was raised, and it remains for the new pastors to say whether the figures shall go up or down. (7) This list contains, probably, some mistakes, and is not complete. In some instances it has been impossible to get the pastor to report, though stamped, self-addressed envelopes were sent for replies. Hence the amount could not be given. When the amount column is blank, some other pastor has given the name of the church as one giving \$100 or more, but did not know the exact amount, or failed to give it. We shall be glad for any correction in the amounts, or for any addition of churches that ought to be in the list. The list follows, and we hope every pastor and every member will read it, carefully observing whether or not his church is in it, and if not, questioning seriously whether it ought not to be, and if so, questioning whether the figures ought not to be increased this year:

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Amount Given.
Alabama:		
Livingston	W. G. Curry	100 00
St. Francis Street, Mobile	J. J. Taylor	800 00
Pratt City	J. V. Dickerson	138 02
South Side, Birmingham	A. C. Davidson	212 31
Woodlawn	W. M. Blackwelder	130 25
Taladega	T. M. Callaway	103 97
First, Birmingham	B. D. Gray	
Anniston	J. H. Foster	200 00
Eufaula	E. P. Lipscomb	126 95

Arkansas:

Fort Smith	O. L. Halley	113 27
Pine Bluff	C. W. Daniel	250 55

District of Columbia:

Fifth, Washington	C. C. Meador	500 00
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Florida:

First, Jacksonville	J. J. Parsons
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Georgia:

Rome	R. B. Headden
Third, Atlanta	Len. G. Broughton	500 00
Hawkinsville	R. VanDeventer	244 25
Quitman	W. H. Cooper	331 33
First, Atlanta	W. W. Landrum .....	.....
Second, Atlanta	H. McDonald .....	.....
First, Augusta	L. Burrows .....	.....
First, Savannah	J. D. Jordon	300 00
White Plains	J. H. Kilpatrick	135 00
First, Newnan .....	.....	.....
La Grange	G. A. Nunnally .....	.....
Central, Newnan	J. H. Hall .....	.....
Athens	William H. Young	211 94
Columbus	William H. Smith	200 00
Griffin	T. W. O'Kelley	114 50
First, Macon	J. L. White	1,563 00
Americus	Samuel C. Dean .....	.....
Greensboro	A. M. Bennett	600 00
Washington	J. L. Gross .....	.....
Crawfordsville	R. E. L. Harris .....	.....
Sardis	B. M. Callaway .....	.....
Valdosta	Carl W. Minor	100 00

Kentucky:

Pembroke	J. G. Bow	175 81
Hopkinsville	C. H. Nash	354 77
Salem	John S. Cheek	190 00
22nd and Walnut, Louisville	M. P. Hunt	259 90
East Louisville	John T. Christian .....	.....
Chestnut Street	J. M. Weaver .....	.....
Broadway	C. H. Jones .....	.....
Walnut Street	T. T. Eaton .....	.....
Eminence	S. O. Mitchell	375 00
Georgetown	Z. T. Cody	120 35
David's Fork	W. H. Felix	162 00
Glen's Creek	J. W. McGlothlin	327 76
Midway	J. M. Roddy (resigned)	171 56
Mt. Vernon	J. S. Sowers	200 00
Paris	F. W. Eberhardt	135 18
First, Owensboro	G. L. Morrill	100 00
Third, Owensboro	F. D. Hale .....	.....
Shelbyville	D. D. Forward (resigned) .....	.....
Russellville	E. S. Alderman	115 64
Salem	J. S. Cheek	190 82

Kentucky—Continued:

Bethel .....	.....
Frankfort	M. B. Adams
Franklin	W. A. Whittle

Louisiana:

Monroe	C. T. Kincannon	113 27
Coliseum Place, New Orleans	D. G. Whittinghill	100 00

Maryland:

Immanuel, Baltimore	C. W. Duke	445 30
Eutaw Place, Baltimore	J. W. Millard	1,762 85
Lee Street, Baltimore	Weston Bruner	415 00
North Avenue, Baltimore	J. M. Willbur	189 39
Seventh, Baltimore	W. J. E. Cox	119 00
Brantley, Baltimore	H. M. Wharton	506 89
First, Baltimore	C. L. Laws	408 60
Franklin Square, Baltimore	S. W. Melton	552 49

Mississippi:

Hernando	N. W. P. Bacon	100 00
Jackson	H. F. Sproles .....	.....
Clin.on	George Wharton .....	.....
Crystal Springs	W. F. Yarborough	189 20
Hazlehurst	J. K. Pace	150 85
Wesson	R. H. Purser	108 30
Winona	W. P. Price	103 00
Brookhaven	A. R. Bond	147 85
Columbus	E. Pendleton Jones	225 00
West Point	E. B. Miller	100 00

Missouri:

Columbia	G. W. Hatcher	115 00
Hannibal	Everett Gill	170 00
Liberty	T. P. Stafford	172 53
Boonville	C. M. Truex	100 00
Marshall	J. F. Kemper	303 00
Mexico	N. R. Pitman	167 00
Calvary, Kansas City	J. O'B. Lowery	191 00
Tabernacle, Kansas City	B. L. Davidson	136 00
First, St. Joseph	J. C. Cook	200 00
Delmar, St. Louis	J. T. M. Johnston	147 00
Third, St. Louis	R. P. Johnston	596 00
Olive Street, Kansas City	J. R. Brown .....	.....

North Carolina:

Tryon Street, Charlotte	A. C. Barron .....	.....
Greensboro	Livingston Johnston	\$ 120 00
First church, Raleigh	J. W. Carter	340 62
Wake Forest	J. W. Lynch	145 78
Tabernacle, Raleigh	A. M. Simms	147 18
First, Durham	W. C. Tyree	200 00
Morganton	Sam. J. Porter	105 00
Henrietta	J. E. Herring	125 00
Louisburg	Forrest Smith	187 00

South Carolina:

First, Greenville	C. S. Gardner	
First, Anderson	O. L. Martin	
Due West	J. A. Brown	116 70
Welsh Neck	C. L. Dowell	164 87
Darlington	R. W. Lide	118 32
Hartsville	J. W. Perry	137 54
Sumter	C. C. Brown	145 62
Spartanburg	W. T. Derieux	500 00
Gaffney	B. P. Robertson	102 00
Laurens	J. D. Pitts	119 47
Chester	H. C. Buckholtz	145 85
Society Hill	C. L. Dowell	
Citadel Square	D. M. Ramsey	275 11

Tennessee:

Clarksville	A. U. Boone (resigned)	275 14
First, Nashville	J. B. Hawthorne	229 32
Edgefield, Nashville	J. O. Rust	114 67
Central, Memphis	Thomas S. Potts	293 15
First, Jackson	Oscar Haywood	113 53

Texas:

First, Waco	B. H. Carroll (resigned)	
First, Tyler	J. H. Gambrell	365 00
Ablene	R. T. Hanks (resigned)	174 90
Decker Branch	L. L. Luck (resigned)	100 00
First, Dallas	George W. Truett	450 00
East Waco	Austin Crouch	192 85

Virginia:

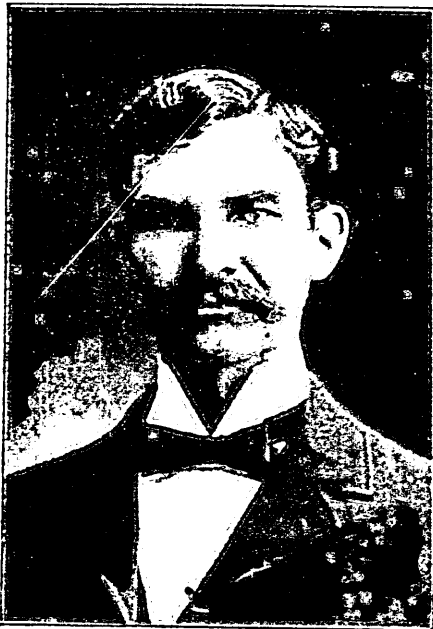
Hampton	A. B. Woodfin	445 92
Farmville	George F. Bagby	135 00
Calvary, Richmond	H. A. Bagby	344 56
First, Richmond	George Cooper	1,507 46
Second, Richmond	W. R. L. Smith	862 75
Leigh Street, Richmond	M. Ashby Jones	172 22
Grace Street, Richmond	W. E. Hatcher	473 38
Pine Street, Richmond	J. B. Hutson	192 36
Grove Avenue, Richmond	J. C. Hiden	218 68
Venable Street, Richmond	J. S. Dill	135 91
Broadus Memorial, Richmond	H. L. Quarles	107 61
Staunton	M. L. Wood	106 44
First, Lynchburg	F. C. McConnell	300 00
Bruntington	B. C. Henning	105 15
Fredericksburg	T. S. Dunaway	102 63
Churchland	W. V. Savage	150 00

Virginia—Continued:

Freemason Street, Norfolk	M. B. Wharton	167 76
First, Petersburg	H. W. Battle	143 23
Court Street, Portsmouth	A. E. Owen	173 84
Calvary, Roanoke	P. T. Hale	1,016 89
First, Roanoke	T. J. Shipman	278 00
Enon	J. M. Luck	117 27
Charlottesville	H. W. Tribble	314 00
Martinsburg	C. P. Stanley	103 08
West End, Petersburg	W. S. Lenke	100 00
South Boston	J. W. Wildman	123 14
Beth Car	W. J. Shipman	100 00
Fourth Street, Portsmouth	W. F. Fisher	100 50
Bluefield, West Virginia	W. W. Hamilton	106 85
Bainbridge Street, Manchester ...	L. R. Thornhill	118 10
First, Danville	T. B. Thames	191 03
Lael	F. H. James	138 51
College Hill, Lynchburg	C. J. Thompson	158 86
Salem	F. H. Martin	119 38



SKETCH OF A NEW WORKER.



W. W. LEE.

W. W. Lee was born in Floyd county, Ga., July 11, 1869. His parents, Joshua Lee and Elizabeth Doster Lee, had just moved from Union county, N. C. His father has been a deacon in the Baptist church for more than thirty years. Both his parents are still living and in good health. W. W. Lee is the seventh son of a family of ten sons and one daughter. Of his brothers, two are preachers and two are deacons, and all are Christians.

His early education was mostly obtained in the country schools and by reading and studying at home. When he was twenty-one years of age he attended High School at Childersburg, Ala. After teaching one year, he entered Howard College as a ministerial student. Being well prepared for college, he was admitted to the junior class, and in June, 1894, graduated with the degree of M. A., and first honors. He was ordained at Childersburg, Ala., in September, 1894, and in October of the same year entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. In June, 1895,

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he accepted a call to Cattsboro and Gurley churches, in Alabama, and preached to them for one year. In June, 1896, he returned to Kentucky to accept the care of South Elkhorn church, near Lexington, Ky. He also served Bryan Station church one year, after which time South Elkhorn required preaching every Sunday. In October, 1896, he entered the Seminary, and while preaching pursued his course of study, and in June, 1898, graduated with the degree of Th. M.

Immediately after graduating at Louisville he began work at Huntsville, Ala., as pastor of Dallas-Avenue church, which position he will resign to go as a missionary to Brazil. Rev. H. W. Provence, of Montgomery, Ala., was in the Seminary with Brother Lee. On hearing of his appointment, he wrote:

"So W. W. Lee goes to Brazil. I congratulate you on getting so good a man for the place. I feel sure no better selection could have been made. Lee is one of the finest spirits I ever knew. I was intimately associated with him three years in the Seminary, and there I learned to know him well. If religion and common sense count for anything, he will be a very useful missionary. What a choice lot of men you are getting! God bless them all."

On December 21, 1898, Mr. Lee was appointed missionary to Brazil, whither he expects to sail March 20th.



THE DEVIL OPPOSED TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is for foreign missions. He is the author. He gave His Son to die for the world. Christ was a foreign missionary. He taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The apostles were taught and trained to be foreign missionaries. Paul, the greatest preacher of all the ages, was called to be a foreign missionary. God's Holy Word, the sword of the Spirit, is for world-wide knowledge of Christ, for His dominion everywhere. God calls all His people to take part in this work. The great work of the churches is to teach all the world of Christ and strengthen men everywhere to serve Him. It is the Christian's duty and privilege to help in the extension of the Master's kingdom. We are called to be co-workers with God in the grandest work of earth—a work which angels would be glad to do. God has planned for man to help Him in this work. He has honored us by so calling us. He could do the work without us, but He has arranged to do this work through us. There are no people on earth to-day who stand in more perfect harmony with God's plans than those who labor earnestly and truly for souls and for the extension of the Master's kingdom in all the world.

But the devil is opposed to all of this work. He does not want it done. He knows that as Christ's kingdom is set up, light, life, joy, peace, love, liberty, truth, and right must and will prevail more and more. Hearts and lives that have groped in bondage and night will be liberated, hovels of misery will be changed into homes of happiness; woman, a slave and drudge, will become the heart, the best part of human life. Man, who has lived for sin, will look up to God and worship Him; will live for heaven, his eternal home. We take not time here to recount the blessed results where satan has been dethroned and Christ has been enthroned. But the devil knows them full well, and he is opposing in every way that he can this glorious work.

He uses men to carry out his plans. He sees that God uses men, and so he

tries the plan also. Let us consider the devices which satan uses to oppose foreign missions. We do not refer now to his machinations among the natives on the foreign fields. That story of cruelty, persecution, and death would take too much time. But we wish to notice how he opposes the work here in Christian lands:

(1) He uses *open opposition*. He gets men openly to oppose the work. They laugh at and ridicule it by tongue and pen, as impractical, illogical, unscriptural, and impossible. All manner of denunciation is hurled against it. These men often stand high in society and State, and sometimes even in church; but they stand with the devil in opposition to God's great work. In answer to all this, we say the fortifications are strong, but our Commander told us to take them, and by His help we will. When we are told of our weakness, we answer, Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and He has promised His presence. When we are told it is impossible, we answer, With God all things are possible, and He is going to have this world for His Son; the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdom of His Son. We are told, God can do all this without us. Yes, indeed; but He has seen fit to commit this work to us, and therein we rejoice and will rejoice. We are told that there is enough to do at home. We answer, Christ knew of the home needs when He told His disciples to go into all the world to every creature. Besides, those do most at home who obey Him most implicitly by sending the Gospel afar. "The light that shines the farthest shines brightest at home." We might give other objections suggested by the devil and used by those who openly oppose the work, but we pass now to a second class of opposers, perhaps even more harmful than the open opposers of the work:

(2) These are the *quasi endorsers*. They acknowledge the command of the Master. They glory to be called missionary. They would feel deeply offended if any one would question their loyalty. And yet, alas! the cause of the Master languishes in their hands. There are always to them good and sufficient reasons why they do nothing or comparatively nothing for the redemption of the millions in the darkness of sin. Satan always has excuses ready. He uses men to give these excuses for him. One says, we believe in foreign missions, but have "special needs at home just now." No need at home ought to cause us to neglect the dying millions for whom Christ died. Many of our "home needs" are imaginary, or the calls of self-gratification, instead of God-glorification. Another says, we have "a debt," and must pay that first. We honestly believe that the devil at times causes churches to stay in debt so as to paralyze them for God's great work. Years come and go, and churches which could easily pay all they owe, and become great factors for the world's redemption, rock themselves into easy contentment, crying, "Debt, debt." Awake, awake: put on thy strength, O, Zion!

Some say, we have personal debts, and must pay those first. Why rob God to pay man? We do not think a man should use a cent of his income until he first takes out God's portion. Let him take out the tenth or such portion as he feels is God's due, and then use the remainder for himself. The Jews were taught to honor God with the "first of the first fruits." The evil one says to us, take the last of the refuse, which generally means next to nothing. Let us be honest, but, "render unto God the things which are God's" first. This makes true honesty. Some say there is too much machinery and method. The devil knows that it takes method or machinery to run any enterprise with large success.

Therefore he attacks our plans and methods, without giving anything better. He knows that if he destroys these the results to mission work will be disastrous.

He also casts aspersions on the mission workers. Some, he says, are "unworthy," others "cranky," others "weak-minded." Many other such like damaging charges he brings against them. No one holds that all missionaries are what they ought to be, but, taken together, they are as good and noble and true a set of beings as can be found on earth. They are Christ's children in His service. Do not let the devil use you to decry them. They are doing a work which makes the angels in heaven rejoice.

We might point out many other objections used by the devil, but these are enough. The great question with each one of us is, Are we, heart, mind, soul, and body, with Christ for the world's evangelization through His redeeming blood, or have we been consciously or unconsciously used by the devil to obstruct and oppose Christ's great work? Who would stand in the way of God's purpose and plan to save a lost world? The armies of King Immanuel move forward. The nations long in bondage shall be free. The doors are open, the heralds go forth by thousands to proclaim the King cometh. Satan and his hosts oppose still, but his strongholds have been broken. Christ, our King, shall conquer, and all nations shall bow before Him and worship and praise. Faithful pastor, devoted Christian soldier, thy Master wants thee to have a part with Him in the conflict and the glory with Him in the final conquest.



ASLEEP ON THE COMMISSION—A SHORT SERMON ON JONAH.

(By Prof. E. B. Pollard.)

Jonah was a good man. The saddest thing that can be said of him is that he slept on his commission, and that the most important of his life. A great city was doomed to eternal destruction, and the people on his own ship were about to be overwhelmed by the sea and—"he lay fast asleep."

It was the heathen sailors who first roused the good man from his deep repose, and touched his conscience to tenderness. "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise and call upon thy God!" "Whence comest thou, and what is thine occupation?"

Jonah, acknowledging his neglect of God's urgent call, is about to suffer his well-deserved fate, when that which seemed his destruction became not only the means of preservation, but his restoral to the line of duty. The great fish became, in fact, his friend, which bore him toward the divinely appointed task. Soon the penitent prophet is preaching repentance on the streets of heathen Nineveh.

From all this we may learn—first, that sometimes good people (who ought to know far better) are entirely oblivious to their highest call; asleep on the greatest of all commissions. Not to one heathen city, but to many; not to "six score thousand persons," but to "every creature."

Second. Too often Jehovah's servants to-day must be aroused to consciousness of duty, as was Jonah, by the outside world and outside influences. This should shame us, of course; but it is far better that it should spur us on. Recent events in China, in Cuba, in the islands of the Pacific, should arouse the Chris-

tian conscience from its torpor, and the Christian body from its sleep, even if the commission itself had lost its power over the heart.

Third. Many a circumstance in the history of Christian missions to the heathen, which seemed at first to be adverse, has turned out helpful. This has been true from the days of the first great foreign missionary who wrote out of his prison to the Philippians, "The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the Gospel." It is so to-day. The China-Japanese war, the wars in Africa, the temporary breaking up of our work in Cuba, all will tend finally to bring our missionaries closer to the lost, as truly as the beating of the waves and the belly of the fish brought the dilatory Jonah nearer to his God-given task. Catching a new glimpse of duty, we shall rejoice in our commission, and say with the once erring prophet:

"I will sacrifice unto Thee
With the voice of thanksgiving;
I will pay what I have vowed.
Salvation is of the Lord."

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THE CHILD'S CEMETERY.

(By W. W. Lawton.)

Chinkiang has a number of free cemeteries especially for the poor, but we want to call your attention to the Child's Cemetery. It was pure and unadulterated Chinese benevolence which made the officials of this port open a burying ground for the dead bodies of the wee ones, yet the foreigners can congratulate themselves that it was their presence which gave a cemetery to the children.

Those who live in China know the Chinese custom of bundling a dead child up in a piece of matting and putting it out on the hillside, where the dogs or wild beasts often feed on its remains. After the foreigner came the superstitious Oriental decided that we and the dogs were playing a grab game for these bundles of dead children. It was nothing for the dogs to eat the corpse, but for the foreigners to come along and "take out the eyes and heart" of the dead child "to make medicine," was too much—it had to be stopped. A piece of ground ten mow in area, with a wall six feet high surrounding it and a keeper in charge, is the salutary outcome of the affair. About two thousand children have been buried there within the last four years. Pray for China's superstitious millions.

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BOOK NOTICES.

SENORA'S GRANDDAUGHTERS.—Published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Mrs. J. P. Duggan, The author of the Mexican Ranch, has given us in this new book another interesting story of Mexican life. The customs and manners of the Mexican people, as well as the methods of mission work among them, are told in a charming style.

CATHARINE OF SIENA.—By Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., Editor of "The Missionary Review of the World." 12mo., 68 pp., Cloth. Price, 50 cents. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This little book is a brief sketch of one of the remarkable women of history. It is fitted to inspire and stimulate consecrated womanhood.

We commend this simple story of the Middle Ages to the women of this privileged era, in the hope that it may provoke them to love and to good works, but most of all to devout and prevailing prayer.

IN CHRIST JESUS.—By Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., Editor of "The Missionary Review of the World." 12mo., 176 pp., Cloth. Price, 60 cents. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

The author says: "Those three short words, 'In Christ Jesus,' are, without doubt, the most important ever written, even by an inspired pen, to express the mutual relation of the believer and Christ. When, in the Word of God, a phrase like this occurs so often, and with such manifold applications, it cannot be a matter of accident; there is a deep design. What that teaching is, in this case, it is our present purpose to inquire, and, in the light of the Scripture itself, to answer. These words unlock and interpret every separate book in the New Testament. Here is God's own key, whereby we may open all the various doors and enter the glorious rooms in this Palace Beautiful, and explore all the apartments in the house of the Heavenly Interpreter, from Matthew to the Apocalypse, where the door is opened into heaven. The more we study the phrase and the various instances and peculiar varieties of its recurrence, the more shall we be convinced of its vital importance to all practical holy living."

The book is written in the most devout and helpful spirit, and cannot fail to encourage and inspire all classes of Christians. For preachers it is peculiarly suggestive.

SIDE BY SIDE.—A Child Study. By Mrs. E. Y. Mullins. 12mo.; 115 pages. Price, 50 cents. American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

This is a little memorial volume, written by Mrs. Mullins in memory of their little son that they lost while Dr. Mullins was Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. It is a product of mother-love and memory intensified and sanctified by sorrow, and is one of the richest, sweetest publications that have come to our desk. No one, whether parent or child, can read it without having his heart enriched.

JOHNSON'S SERIES OF READERS.—Six in the set, including Primer. Prepared especially for and published by B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va. Carefully edited, beautifully illustrated, nicely printed, and well bound.

This is the first successful attempt to issue by a Southern house a series of readers especially adapted to the needs of our schools. This excellent series has been adopted by the State Board of Education of Virginia, and is used in a large number of other States. Teachers pronounce them well adapted to the needs of the school-room work. Write to the company for prices, which you will find very reasonable.

We have received T. W. Wood & Son's Descriptive Catalogue for 1899. A new feature this year is insect remedies for various crops, telling how to prevent or rid crops of injurious insects. The calendar, telling what to plant each month in the year, is a most useful feature, while the cultural directions given both for vegetables and flowers will prove a great help to all gardeners. The informa-

tion about grass, clover, and all farm seeds is full and complete, and the recommendations as to grasses adapted to different soils and situations will be found very helpful to any one interested in grass culture. It will be mailed free upon request to T. W. Wood & Sons, at Richmond, Va., provided you mention The Foreign Mission Journal. Every reader interested in farming, gardening, and flower culture would be well paid to send and get it.



Foreign Missionary Societies of the Evangelical Churches of the United States, 1897-'98.
[Table taken from the American Board Almanac.]

SOCIETIES.	Date of Organi- zation.	Principal Sta'ts.	Out Stations.	American Miss'ries.		Native Labor'rs.	Churches.	Communicants.	Added last year.	Under Instruc'n.	Native Contribu- tions in Dollars.	Total Income in Dollars.
				Male.	Female.							
American Board.....	1810	101	1,271	188	351	2,975	465	47,023	4,652	56,625	116,753	\$657,200
Presbyterian Board North.....	1837	115	933	280	416	1,233	361	34,782	3,831	30,402	.....	835,560
Presbyterian Board, South.....	1861	40	126	65	90	128	31	2,918	523	1,121	3,550	146,000
Reformed Church in America (Dutch).....	1832	22	241	31	55	282	47	5,561	396	7,093	10,758	124,301
United Presbyterian Board.....	1859	19	261	50	75	592	60	7,910	916	17,993	18,202	114,000
Reformed Presbyterian Ch. (Covenanters).....	1856	5	10	9	15	38	3	274	60	611	156	23,18
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	1845	5	7	8	12	24	8	802	93	225	.....	20,640
Reformed Church of the U. S. (German).....	1873	2	56	7	9	37	8	1,950	185	179	3,093	28,014
Reformed Presby. General Synod.....	1837	4	12	6	6	50	12	1,180	60	1,220	.....	6,500
German Evang. Synod of North America.....	1869	4	6	7	.....	38	4	807	176	1,506	10,000	17,000
Associate Reformed Synod of the South.....	1880	3	9	3	5	8	.....	266	31	.....	.....	1,874
American Baptist Missionary Union*.....	1814	93	1,322	178	281	3,916	1,033	121,807	7,903	31,266	103,514	782,474
Baptist Conv'n, Southern.....	1845	102	92	33	45	117	102	4,760	701	1,111	6,556	121,219
Free Baptists.....	1833	8	9	7	15	79	12	791	62	2,981	654	26,547
Seventh-Day Baptists.....	1847	1	1	1	3	9	1	42	7	139	600	4,000
German Baptist Brethren (Tunkers).....	1886	20	.....	5	5	13	11	281	97	78	25	20,641
Methodist Episcopal Ch.*.....	1819	122	456	199	408	3,785	624	113,291	13,030	45,351	14,491	946,402
Methodist Epis. Ch. South.....	1845	.....	58	58	191	216	5	8,928	141	1,997	17,540	354,765
Methodist Protestant Ch.....	1888	4	10	5	10	16	5	376	60	147	.....	12,194
Free Methodist Church.....	1882	6	2	8	9	9	4	68	25	200	100	10,097
Wesleyan Methodist.....	1862	1	1	2	1	2	1	23	.....	20	3,000	3,000
Protestant Episcopal Ch.....	1835	99	216	52	53	495	61	4,880	479	5,407	10,583	280,969
Evangelical Association.....	1876	1	20	.....	1	30	18	819	93	.....	1,100	7,31
United Brethren in Christ.....	1853	20	198	24	16	20	57	6,056	561	650	3,860	41,901
Evang. Lutheran, General Synod.....	1841	5	9	10	15	488	420	6,361	1,628	7,087	4,291	42,561
Evang. Lutheran, General Council.....	1845	7	191	7	10	160	5	2,002	.....	2,719	.....	20,300
United Synod of Evang. Lutheran Ch. in South.....	1892	6	.....	2	2	3	1	66	16	.....	300	4,000
Foreign Christian Miss'y Society (Disciples).....	1875	74	40	38	54	102	63	1,426	324	1,175	14,449	116,476
Christian Ch. (Convention).....	1887	2	20	4	3	13	5	330	36	509	351	6,384
American Bible Society.....	1816	.....	12	.....	.....	349	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	266,097
American Friends.....	1870	18	46	21	34	86	23	1,237	148	1,638	.....	36,977
Woman's Union Miss Soc..	1860	7	.....	18	.....	234	.....	.....	285	5,000	3,000	46,459
Totals.....		916	5,565	1,323	2,083	15,562	3,667	377,030	36,557	224,087	434,829	\$5,158,114

* The work of these churches in Protestant Europe is not here reported.

The work of the United Brethren (Moravians) is reported with the British societies.

Letters from Our Missionaries.

CHINA.

Miss North at Work Again.

Shiu Hing, P. O. Canton,
November 1, 1898.

Dear Brother in Christ,—Am again privileged to be back at my station, after the summer vacation. The session of the third quarterly class is nearly over. We meet with some encouragement in our work. Last Sabbath three women and one man were baptized. The baptism of one of the women is the direct result of this year's classes. She is sixty-two years old, and the other two sixty-six. Another old woman, not a class member, I trust is converted, and will ask for baptism soon, and there is evidence of the Spirit's work in the hearts of others. Brother McCloy held a week of meetings here a short time ago for the benefit of the public, which were well attended.

H. T. N.

“An Expression of Gratitude.”

Hwang-Heln, China,
P. O. Tenchowfoo, Nov. 16, 1898.

Dear Journal,—Yesterday I took a trip of eight miles on my bicycle to accept the invitation to dinner of one of our Christians who lives there. His father has recently died, and on yesterday he invited neighbors and relatives and friends as an expression of gratitude for their kindness at that time. His father was an old friend of mine, and I went for his sake, but more particularly because I knew I would have a good opportunity to preach the Gospel. There were a good many people there. I am afraid they were more interested in the “creature comforts” than in my message. That is not to be wondered at, for it is the rule in this country that the carnal takes precedence of the spiritual. Still I had a

good opportunity, both during and after the eating, to tell the company about our Lord. At least one man listened with interest, and declared his intention to visit me soon.

Perhaps I interested more people—men, women, and children—when, just before I started home, I gave a little exhibition of the bicycle on an adja-



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cent threshing-floor. The wheel is wonderfully popular with this people. It seems they would never tire watching its gyrations. Many have bought wheels, and more will do so. This will not convert men, but it will make them more friendly.

Yours in the work,

C. W. PRUITT.

Canton, China, Nov. 7, 1898.

Dear Brother,—We are very thankful to have Brother and Mrs. Chambers and Miss Sale back with us, and all looking so much better. We hope they

will be able to go on with their work without further interruption.

It is to be hoped that some of those new missionaries are to come to us. We are all over-worked, and we need some one to be getting ready for the ever-expanding work. The two men that I have been asking for for the Hak Ka work are specially needed. There are none of our mission that are fitted for or care to take this work. We have had more than thirty baptisms in that field this year. It is a promis-



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ing field, and we should have some one to take this work. I have been pleased with the interest at three stations—Sai Nam, Shek Kok, and Tsing Une—recently visited. I baptized two at Sai Nam. There are many inquirers at our various stations; already 145 have been baptized this year. So you see, we are going to report larger additions than we have reported any former year.

With Christian greetings to all the members of the Board, I am,

Yours fraternally,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

Dr. Hartwell Writes from California.

You will be glad to know that I continue to improve in health. I am gradually but steadily gaining in strength and in weight. During my last setback in July and August I ran down in weight to less than 100 pounds. I now weigh 130 1-2 pounds. Not only does Dr. Kenyon think I may go back to China in the spring, but Dr. Beattie also. The latter thinks I need the associations, the surroundings of home and loved ones, and that I shall probably improve more in Shantung with my family, now that I am so fairly on the mend, than I should do to continue here. My present thought is to go not later than the steamer China, which is to sail March 25th. This will bring us to Shantung the latter part of April, when the spring will be fairly opened. I should prefer to go on the Gaelic, March 9th, but the steamer people say it is always rough in March, and advise us not to make the voyage during that month. Can you imagine how anxious Mrs. Hartwell and I are to get back to our children and our work, now that the object of our visit to America has been so largely attained?

Yours fraternally,

J. B. H.

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MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY, 1899, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.—
"For the love of Christ constraineth us." Auxiliaries in eighteen States, Territories, and District of Columbia. Contributions sent to Boards S. B. C.—Home Board, \$35,636.24; Foreign Board, \$21,633.51; Sunday School Board, \$1,023.76. Four hundred and thirty-five boxes of clothing forwarded to Home and Sunday school missionaries. Christmas offering for China, \$4,356.42.

STUDY TOPICS.—*When organized and how constituted. Relation to the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention Results accomplished. Mighty possibilities.*

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY, 1899.

SUBJECT—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

"Prayer links our weakness to God's almighty-
ness."

1. Hymn—"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire."

2. Power for Work—John, 15: 5; Acts, 1: 8; II. Cor., 9: 8; Eph., 6: 10, 11; Results: Psa., 126: 6; John, 4: 36; Dan., 12: 3; James, 5: 20.

3. Prayer for self-emptying and Spirit-filling.

4. Hymn—"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

5. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

6. Items—Woman's Missionary Union handles no missionary money, employs no missionaries, pays no salaries or expenses to officers, and does no independent work. In the ten years since organization Woman's Missionary Union has made contributions in cash and frontier boxes of \$468,859 through the three Southern Baptist Convention Boards.

7. Blackboard—Woman's Missionary

Union: Its relation to the Southern Baptist Convention and to the Woman's Mission Societies. See black-board illustration in leaflet, "An Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, etc."

8. Hymn—"Go, labor on, while it is day."

9. Leaflet—"An Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention—Woman's Missionary Union," by Miss Alice Armstrong. To be read in two sections.

10. Question—Has woman's organized work helped or hindered general church work?

11. Discuss and adopt active measures for reaching uninterested members of the church and congregation.

12. Collection. Closing prayer.



Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR PASTORS, LEADERS OF SOCIETIES AND BANDS, AND FOR INDIVIDUALS.—As this is the first time that Woman's Missionary Union has had its place on the calendar of topics, it was thought well to give a summary of its ten years' history in the leaflet supplied, and an explanation of its relations to the Boards of the Convention. The leaflet is entitled, "An Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention—Woman's Missionary Union," written by Miss Alice Armstrong. Price, 3 cents: Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 north Howard street, Baltimore.



Woman's Missionary Union as a Unifier.

For ten years the organization has been at work, and while dubiously regarded by some at first, its dreaded tendencies have not materialized, and its helpfulness has developed. Surely the hand of God has been leading, preventing mistakes, and guiding into paths of usefulness. It started out with the avowed purpose of helpful-

ness to the Boards of the Convention, and nearly half a million sent to their treasuries testifies to financial assistance. Its less than 3 per cent. of expenses speaks of economical administration. Its 77,447 letters tell of unremitting effort to influence others by counsel and suggestions. Its two million of leaflets, etc., indicate an educational movement that has been widespread. Its weekly and monthly departments in the organs of the Boards, in *Kind Words*, and in State papers have made continuous appeals to a larger reading public.

While the means and methods have been various, with general results as noted above, there has been one effect produced, for which, under God, we feel most profoundly grateful. While its prophets of evil saw dismemberment of churches and other catastrophes in its train, the wisdom of God has guided Woman's Missionary Union to be a unifier of the missionary forces of the Southern Baptist Convention as they never have been united before. It has come about in this wise: The Mission Prayer Card has been the fundamental basis of all woman's work, guiding its topics of prayer and study. Home and foreign missions have alternated impartially in its course; later, Sunday School Board work, and now Woman's Missionary Union. As all financial results of woman's work have been turned over to the Boards, at first to Home and Foreign, and later to Sunday School, these Boards have paid Woman's Missionary Union expenses, printing, postage, clerks, etc. (not salaries to officers). Yet these expenses have not been burdens, save as a bird may count its wings a burden, for their 3 per cent. of expenses have *lessened* the general higher percentage.

Woman's Missionary Union inaugurated Sunday-School Missionary Day, which was later adopted by the Sun-

day-School Boards, though the programme is still in Woman's Missionary Union's care. The Sunday-School Board distributes this literature, makes the collections, and turns them over to the Home and Foreign Boards. Collections are made by the Sunday-School Board through the Woman's Missionary Union and otherwise, for a Bible fund, and Home Board missionaries distribute the Bibles and Testaments purchased with this fund. The three Boards paid for a quarterly installment of the mission literature to be sent to every Southern Baptist pastor; Woman's Missionary Union did the work.

The collections of the Foreign Mission Board have not diminished because of better knowledge and more active interest in the Home work. The two earlier ones on the field have not been pulled down by the advent of a third, the Sunday School Board, which is doing a most necessary and heretofore neglected work. And Woman's Missionary Union, has an important share and interest in the efforts of all three, growing larger and broader as new widening opportunities are either presented or made by her. May this union of effort never be disturbed, but may it grow stronger and stronger, being cemented by the "bonds of peace."

A. A.



Invitation for Annual Meeting.

Through the kindness of Miss E. S. Broadus, president of Kentucky Central Committee, the following invitation was forwarded:

"The Woman's Circle of the Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., by formal action at its regular meeting, held Tuesday, November 29, 1898, cordially extends an invitation to Woman's Missionary Union to meet with it during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention, in May, 1899.

SUE M. ALLAN, Sec'y."

The invitation was gladly accepted by the Executive Committee in the name of the Woman's Missionary Union, and acceptance returned through Miss Broadus to the Woman's Circle of Broadway church. Letters have also been sent to the President and State vice-Presidents, seeking suggestions for the programme. These are most eagerly welcomed by the committee in charge of its preparation and incorporated wherever practicable. It is asked that earnest prayer be made that this necessary preliminary of preparing a programme be done to the glory of God, and then it cannot fail to be for the edification of all who attend the meeting.



Executive Committee Notes.

December 13, 1898.—A most busy month of work. Two lines of work to press: Frontier boxes and Christmas offering.—2,010 letters against \$800 of the previous month. Special letters sent to every society in six States regarding the Christmas offering, to urge greater activity on account of last year's falling off for foreign missions.—CUBA: Very important conference held in Washington between the Home Mission Society of the North and the Home Board of the South, with representation from the two publishing interests, the Publication Society of the North and the Sunday-School Board of the South. Result: A most satisfactory division of the work, Porto Rico and the two eastern provinces of Cuba to be under the care of the Home Mission Society; the four western provinces, including Havana, to be under the Home Board. As soon as practicable, advance movements will be inaugurated to make the Gospel known throughout these regions.—Corresponding Secretary visited Washington, and with the approval of the ministers, laid the interests

of the German population of the District—15,000—on the hearts of the women. It will be taken into careful consideration.—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Indian Territory have held annual meetings. Short reports of some of these have come to hand, with gratifying accounts of progress.—“The Baptist” is now published at Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. J. B. Searcy, wife of the editor, will have charge of the woman’s column.—Sunday-School Board keeps Miss Buhlmaier supplied with Testaments in several languages, to give to emigrants. Miss B. is suffering greatly with a throat affection; is undergoing heroic treatment under most skillful hands. She needs the prayers of her many friends. Expectation of entire recovery is held out.

—Letters from missionaries’ children or about them have been received and copied, to be sent to Band superintendents.

A. A.

These notes were crowded out of the January number.

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January 9, 1899.—The Secretary was absent from the office for the week on account of sickness, the first time (of any length) for eleven years. The stenographer came to her home, and the business proceeded as usual.—Letters written, 1,037, the general average being 800.—Seventy-one frontier boxes reported, valued at \$4,604; total to date, \$14,569, a little less than the same time last year. Sunday-School Board boxes, 11, valued at \$697; total to date, \$1,791, more than last year. While more boxes have been received by missionaries than the above, it has seemed more than usually difficult to get reports from societies. The missionaries are all in correspondence with the Secretary, and have been sending the most jubilant letters of thanks for the contents of the boxes.

—Christmas offering: Too early as yet for State returns, though individual amounts have been received. Small contributions from Indian Territory, and from Cubans in Florida, have borne touching witness of the earnestness of the givers.—Cuba: Very full report of the present condition, especially financially, of the work of the Home Board in Havana, is given in January “Home Field.” Every worker should be supplied with a copy and preserve it for reference. Mr. O’Halloran, our strong, able Cuban missionary, now in Santiago, will doubtless remove to the western part of Cuba, as the four western provinces are to be the field of work for the Home Board.—Dr. Willingham paid a visit to Baltimore, which afforded a quiet time for discussing the work in its various aspects, which was much enjoyed. He ordered a large number of leaflets for distribution.—Miss Daisy Hutson, who has had extended practical experience with Central Committee work in Virginia, upon the resignation of Mrs. J. S. Dill, was unanimously placed in position as President.—Two more State papers have been supplied with the monthly missionary data sent out by Woman’s Missionary Union—i. e., North Carolina Baptist and Kentucky Baptist Evangelist—twenty-six papers in all.—The new Manual for Woman’s Missionary Society, called “Mosaics in Mission Methods,” to take the place of “Chips from Many Workshops,” will shortly be printed. It is more closely identified with Southern Baptist Convention work than the former help.—The programme for Week of Self-Denial has been prepared by Miss F. E. S. Heck, and a narrative leaflet, “Her Resolve,” written by Mrs. E. Y. Mullins, now of Newton Centre, Mass., will accompany it. Miss A. W. Armstrong will write the appeal to the societies for

observance of the week. Dr. Tichenor has promised, also, to prepare a leaflet on Cuba and its needs. The third week in March, as usual, has been appointed as the time.—Mrs. Kuykendall writes of work in Oklahoma and Indian Territory: "I find time each day to send out a number of letters to our women, both in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. The work is very hopeful and encouraging.

A. A.

Interesting Letter from Cuba.

Mention was made in the December Journal of a colored missionary sent out by the colored people to Cuba. Below is a very interesting letter from him:

A. A.

Santiago de Cuba,
December 10, 1898.

My Dear Miss Armstrong,—After a long and tiresome journey of thirteen days, on the Obdam, which went first to San Juan and Ponce, we landed in this town on the 5th instant. The Rev. J. R. O'Halloran had gone to baptize his first seventeen converts. At 8 P. M., he returned and received us cordially. We are now staying with him. I have found him to be a Christian gentleman, and an enthusiastic worker in the cause of Christ. He rises at 5 A. M., and does all the necessary work, then prepares for school, teaches all day, and preaches at night. The average attendance on the services is about 128 for this week.

On Thursday evening, the 8th, I attended preaching here for the first time, and was surprised to see a crowded house. Every one seemed anxious for the Word of God and the sweet old story of the Cross. The school is kept in the church. Mr. O'Halloran told me that he and his wife teach every day in the week, without a cent of pay, with the exception of the little salary he receives

from the Board, out of which he has to pay \$30 rent monthly.

Things are very high here. I bought a broom to-day, for which I paid 50 cents. The cost of the same in the United States would not be more than 10 cents. From the smallest to the largest articles cost from two to three times their price in the States. I have wondered since my arrival here how the poorer people subsist.

Although the city has been somewhat improved since the conquest by American troops, yet it is not clean, and would disgust a person accustomed to the cities of the United States. I have said this much in order to suggest a faint idea, for I am incapable of describing the city with my pen.

To-day was baptism also, and six persons were immersed, making the number already baptized forty-six. My wife has taken charge of the little choir, and every member seems delighted with her.

In my humble opinion, Rev. O'Halloran and wife are doing a great work, which should not be overlooked. He needs encouragement in every way, and we have been trying to assist him in method and in plan.

Although I have been here but five days, yet I can safely say that there is a great future in Cuba for Christ, and the churches will surely be blessed for sending the Gospel of Jesus to this people, who apparently are hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

May you ever have strength and wisdom to appeal and labor in behalf of missions.

Yours truly,

D. N. E. CAMPBELL.

Frontier Boxes.
From the following Woman's Missionary Union Societies boxes, valued as below, have been reported

as sent to home missionaries since December 14th:

ALABAMA.—Trussville, \$71.25; Sunbeams, Trussville (contribution), \$42.50; Central church (contribution), \$9; Clayton-Street church, Montgomery (additional), \$3; First church, Montgomery, \$150; Second church, Selma, \$55.75; First church, Birmingham, \$58; First church, Selma, \$42; Greenville, \$36.75; Bessemer, \$61.33; Woodlawn, \$55.50.

FLORIDA.—Plant City, \$28.50; Electra, \$19; Ocala, \$30; DeLand, \$25.

GEORGIA.—Bainbridge, \$50; Long Creek church, \$55.72; Quitman, \$60; Monroe, \$37; Gainesville, \$50; La Grange, \$50; White Plains, \$75; Fellowship church, Ivanhoe (contribution), \$13; Fort Valley, \$26.

KENTUCKY.—First church, Lexington, \$81.63; Mt. Pleasant church, \$50; Midway, \$26; Covington, \$55.50; Third church, Owensboro, \$75.

LOUISIANA.—Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, \$211.

MARYLAND.—Cedar Grove (contribution), \$8.35; Centennial Missionary Society, Rockville (contribution), \$9.87; Fourth church, Baltimore, \$48.19; Pastor's Aid and Missionary Society, First church, Baltimore, \$145; First church, Baltimore, \$150; Young Ladies' Society, Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, \$231.26; North Avenue church, Baltimore, \$63.41.

MISSISSIPPI.—The Armstrong Society, Columbus, \$115; Starkville, \$30; Winona, \$33.50; Clinton, \$34.35; Raymond (contribution), \$20.95; West Jackson (contribution), \$1; Edwards (contribution), \$8.65; Oxford church, \$45.19; Water Valley church (contribution), \$2.50; Kosciusko, \$76; Grenada, \$14; Hardy (contribution), \$12; Seoby (contribution), \$5; Liberty (contribution), \$3.45.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Cary, \$22; Ramseur, \$53.72; Clinton, \$15; Durham, \$76; Sunbeams, Durham (contribution), \$4; Charlotte, \$120; Young Ladies, Charlotte (contribution), \$25; Oxford, \$45; Oxford Female Seminary, \$23; Weldon, \$20; Elizabeth City, \$52; Carthage, \$82.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Williston Ch., \$70; Mother Pack Mission Band, Pendleton Street church, Greenville, \$60; Piedmont, \$33; Pendleton Street church, Greenville, \$68.35.

TENNESSEE.—Sweet Water Ch., \$53.20; First church, Memphis, \$130; Trinity church, Memphis, \$50; Whiteville, \$31; Murfreesboro church, \$90; Third church, Nashville, \$28; Cog Hill church, Cambria, \$22.25; Milan church, Milan, \$25.85; Riceville, \$14; Edgefield church, Nashville, \$50; Immanuel church, Nashville, \$44.30.

TEXAS.—First church, Dallas, \$50; First church, Dallas, \$25.

VIRGINIA.—First church, Lynchburg, \$126.09; Pamunkey, Goshen Association, \$65; Enon church, \$68.30; the Y. W. M. Society, Second church, Richmond, \$58; — church, Lynchburg, \$63; Red Bank church, Accomac Association, \$26.45; Hebron church, Appomattox Association, \$35.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Bluefield, \$69.

Total, \$4,554.61. Previously reported, \$9,964.89. Grand total, \$14,519.50.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.—Jonesboro church, Tennessee, \$25; East Lake, Alabama, \$91.60; Summerton church, South Carolina, \$55; Pine Grove, Georgia, \$16.65; Decatur, Georgia, \$44.24; Aiken, South Carolina, \$42.75; Capitol Avenue church, Atlanta, Ga., \$52.71; Berkley, Va., \$51.75; Humboldt, Tenn., \$50; Fulton Avenue church, Baltimore, Md., \$208.27; Young Ladies' Auxillary, Fulton Avenue church, Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$8; Frankfort, Ky., \$47; Earnest Workers, Frankfort, Ky. (contribution), \$5.

Total, \$697.97. Previously reported, \$1,093.52. Grand total, \$1,791.49.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Band Department.

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

THE ENTRUSTED LETTER.

One day Farmer Bliss received a letter from a great prince. When he opened it, what was his delight to find that it contained a check for a large sum of money, and a promise that if he used this well he should constantly receive more, and by and by be allowed to move to a still larger estate than he could possibly buy in this country on the Prince's own possessions. How rich and happy he felt. "This is good news, truly," he exclaimed. Indeed, for a time he was so overjoyed that he failed to notice that there was another letter enclosed in his. He took it out eagerly, but was not a little disappointed to find it directed, not to himself, but to a man who lived at some distance from him. Holding it up to the light, he thought he could see the end of a check just like his own, but of this he was not certain until, taking up his own letter again, he saw a postscript which he had before overlooked.

"Will you have the kindness," the postscript read, "to hand the enclosed letter, which contains a check and promises exactly similar to your own, to your neighbor, Purmon Knight?"

"Why," exclaimed Farmer Bliss, "I'd hardly call him a neighbor. He lives full ten miles from here. I don't believe I ever saw him, and the little I know about him hasn't been much to his credit. A kind o' ne'er-do-well fellow. I think the Prince might have found some one near by to send the letter by, or else sent it to him direct. It does seem a little unreasonable if I do say it, as I oughtn't to, to ask me to take that long journey. Nevertheless, since he did ask it, I'll take or send it the first time it's convenient; but just now I shall be uncommon busy getting the things I so much need with this check."

So he slipped Purmon's letter into the big family Bible, and as it chanced it covered the last three verses of the last chapter of Matthew.

For days and weeks every time Farmer Bliss' eye happened to light on the Bible on the centre table, he resolved he would take the letter over the next day, if it was convenient, but somehow it never was convenient. His new estate must be fenced in, a better house built for himself and family, and each day was full of some new work for his own comfort. Thus the weeks lengthened into months. One bright May morning he was busy superintending a large new barn in which to bestow his great increase, when a neighbor drew up to the fence.

"Had you heard the news?" he asked. "A man died last night of starvation down Darkville way."

"You don't mean to say so!" exclaimed Farmer Bliss, stopping a moment in his work. "It's a shame such things should be. Did you happen to learn the man's name?"

"Yes," replied the neighbor. "It was Purmon Knight."

Purmon Knight! Purmon, for whom a check for houses and lands and food and clothing lay in his Bible. The saw fell from Farmer Bliss' hand. He went into his house and shut the door. From between the leaves of his Bible the yellowing edge of the letter for Purmon Knight pointed at him. He fell upon his knees, but even as his stiff lips tried to say, "Oh, Lord, forgive!" he seemed to hear a voice—stern, awful—saying, "His soul shall be required of thee." * *

And who was Farmer Bliss? Ah, who but you, if so be you have held back the good news from any one for whom it was entrusted to your care. Open your Bible at the last chapter of Matthew, and see if the Prince's letter to some starving soul does not lie covering the verses at its close. Hasten, hasten; let him have it, ere it is too late.

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A CHINESE KINDERGARTEN CLASS.

Dear Miss Heck,—I would like to tell the girls and boys about my little Chinese kindergarten class. I teach them how to sing, sew mats, fold paper, and march. I have fourteen little girls and boys. After school I give them each an apple or a pear as a treat. I have my class every Wednesday, but I hope to have it oftener. I teach them about Jesus, too. They know how to sing "Jesus Loves Me," and are learning other little songs. They are very sweet little children, and like to come to school very much, and I dearly love to teach them. I hope you will not think me conceited if I tell you something about myself. I was



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born in Chinkiang, about 176 miles from Shanghai. I am nine years old, and will be ten this December. I was named Eliza Yates Bryan after my "grand-mother Yates." I want to be a noble and good woman like she was. I know Jesus as my Saviour, and am trying to serve Him every day. I was baptized the 17th of October, 1897, and am a member of the Chinese Baptist church. Give the little girls and boys my love. I would be glad to hear from them sometimes. I send you a picture of my class. Don't you think them nice and sweet little children? I love them dearly. With much love,
ELIZA BRYAN.

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Previously reported, \$2,550.69. Total this year, \$3,259.40.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Missy Day, by J. M. F., \$14.53.

Previously reported, \$3,211.50. Total this year, \$3,226.03.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Batesburg Ch. and S. S., by W. B. P., \$20; Shiloh Ch., by J. R. E., \$4.25; Beech Island Ch., by J. C. G. (W. W. Lawton), \$5; Union Ch., by H. E. J., \$2.46; Philadelphia Ch., by M. A. F., \$10.60; Fairmont Ch., by J. W. K., 75 cents; Friendship Ch., by W. T. C., \$2; Mt. Zion Ch., by J. H. D., \$9.85; Beulah Ch., by S. C., \$1.75; Vancluse S. S., by D. W. D. (Christmas offering), \$3.48; Bethel S. S., by J. W. M., \$3.40; Miss

Lidle McCollum, Enon Ch., by B. P., 25 cents; New Hope Ch., by Mrs. R. H. (China), \$2.25; Tyger B. Ch., by J. T. W., \$1; Bamberg Ch., by W. E. J., \$5.34; Bamberg S. S., by W. E. J., \$2.32; Sumter Ch., by C. C. B., \$9.36; First Ch., Greenville, by E. W., \$33.40; First Ch., Haffney, by Miss L. C. B., \$1.26; First Ch., Columbia, by W. C. L., \$20; Rabun Creek Ch., by C. H. R., \$6.48; Missionary Day, by J. M. F., \$14.74; C. M. W. M. S., by Mrs. J. S., W. W. Lawton, \$8, by Lawtonville Soc'y; Sunbeam Miss'y, \$5.53; Canton, \$2.18; Christmas offering, China, \$168.26; Mrs. Entzlinger, \$3.63; \$370.26; Little Lawrence, by Mrs. J. S., \$1; Gowensville Ch., by J. O. W., \$5.54; Dartington S. S., by C. B. E., \$1.36. Total, \$539.10. Previously reported, \$3,115.96. Total this year, \$3,655.06.

TENNESSEE.—Mulberry Gap Ass'n, by W. J. S., \$3.40; Mill Spring Ch., by F. K., \$5.50; Byersburg Ch., by B. F. W., \$9.17; Third Creek Ch. S. S., by W. D. P., \$1.19; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$35.10; W. M. Woodcock, Jr. (China), \$14.57; Japan, \$1.05; Bible Woman, China, \$5; \$123.63; Maggie Greisser (Miss Lottie Price), \$1; Halls Ch., by W. J. S., \$5.30. Total, \$194.29. Previously reported, \$2,169.49. Total this year, \$2,363.78.

TEXAS.—Mt. Joy Ch., by S. P. H., \$2.50; Fredell Property, by J. P. W. (given by H. Sellers), \$53.05; G. E. Murphrey, \$2; C. A. Davis, \$5; Thomas D. Goodwin (China), \$50; Mrs. T. D. Sisk, Gordon (China), 25 cents; M. M. Cochran and wife, \$2; Olive Street Ch., by W. M., \$2.60; Mrs. T. D. Sisk, 25 cents; Wallace Creek Ch., by P. B., \$2; S. A. Kendrick, \$19.55; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., 50 cents; Aid Soc'y, Mexia Ch., by M. M. W. (Christmas offering, China), \$2.25; J. B. Gambrell, Sup't, \$129.03; Ben. Wheeler Ch., by A. G., \$19.50. Total, \$233.53. Previously reported, \$2,534.79. Total this year, \$3,128.32.

VIRGINIA.—Woman's Aux. B'd, Roseland (Christmas offering, China), \$7.25; M. J. Eastman (China), \$2.16; Juvenile M. Class, Hollins Institute, by Mrs. E. S. C. (China), \$6.50; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$2.50; Nansemond Ch., by Mrs. J. W. (Christmas offering), \$5; Hollywood Ch., by P. T. W., \$5; "A Friend," Richmond, \$1. Total \$29.41.

Previously reported, \$5,387.11. Total this year, \$5,416.52.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Mountain Grove Ch., by T. J. B. (China), \$6.30; Sisters of Sulphur Springs Ch., 83 cents. Total, \$7.13.

Previously reported, \$82.87. Total this year, \$90.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Metropolitan Ch., Washington, by J. C. H., \$5; "A Friend," Washington, \$5. Total, \$10.

Previously reported, \$107.60. Total this year, \$117.60.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.—Pleasant Hill Ch., by J. W. P. (Christmas offering), \$2.45; Baker Ch., by M. M. W., 25 cents. Total, \$2.70.

Previously reported, \$26.55. Total this year, \$29.25.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Frank Cavendish, by M. J. M. (China), 50 cents; Miss Maggie Tyler, by M. J. M. (China), 50 cents; Paul Peck, by M. J. M., (China), 10 cents; Birdie Peck, by M. J. M. (China), 10 cents; Mrs. Mattie Jones Masters, by M. J. M. (China), \$1. Total \$2.20.

Total this year, \$2.20.

ITALY.—G. B. Taylor, \$50. Total this year, \$50.

NEW JERSEY.—Orange Italian Mission School, by A. T. (Dr. George B. Taylor), \$2. Total this year, \$2.

MEXICO.—A King's Daughter, Mexico City (China), \$3. Total this year, \$3.

GRAND TOTAL, \$4,186.57. Previously reported, \$37,340.10. Total this year, \$41,526.67.

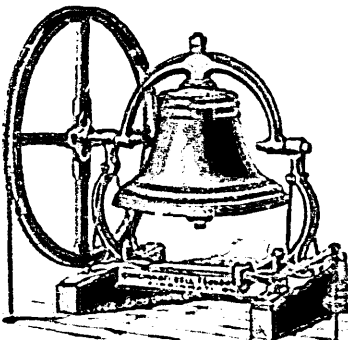
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MISSOURI.—Y. P. U., Second Ch., Liberty, by W. T. S., (Mrs. Kiang, with Mrs. Peyton Stephens), \$25; E. H. Sawyer, Tr., \$363.51; G. H. Eppard, for Slater S. S. (Wan King Chung), \$15. Total, \$408.51.

Previously reported, \$2,850.59. Total this year, \$3,259.40.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$14.83.

Previously reported, \$3,211.50. Total this year, \$3,226.33.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Batesburg Ch. and S. S., by W. B. P., \$20; Shiloh Ch., by J. R. E., \$4.25; Beech Island Ch., by J. C. G. (W. W. Lawton), \$5; Union Ch., by H. E. J., \$3.46; Philadelphia Ch., by M. A. F., \$10.60; Fairmont Ch., by J. W. K., 75 cents; Friendship Ch., by W. T. C., \$2; Mt. Zion Ch., by J. H. D., \$9.85; Beulah Ch., by S. C., \$1.75; Vancluse S. S., by D. W. D. (Christmas offering), \$3.48; Bethel S. S., by J. W. M., \$3.40; Miss

Edie McCollum, Enon Ch., by B. P., 25 cents;
New Hope Ch., by Mrs. R. H. (China), \$2.25;
Yger B. Ch., by J. T. W., \$1; Bamberg Ch.,
W. E. J., \$5.34; Bamberg S. S., by W. E.
\$2.32; Sumter Ch., by C. C. B., \$9.36; First
Greenville, by E. W., \$33.40; First Ch.,
Jaffney, by Miss L. C. B., \$1.26; First Ch.,
Columbia, by W. C. L., \$20; Rabun Creek Ch.,
C. H. R., \$6.48; Missionary Day, by J. M.
\$14.74; C. M. W. S., by Mrs. J. S.,
W. W. Lawton, \$8, by Lawtonville Soc'y;
unbeam Miss'y, \$5.59; Canton, \$2.18; Christ-
mas offering, China, \$168.26; Mrs. Entzminger,
\$3, \$370.26; Little Lawrence, by Mrs. J. S.,
\$3, Gowensville Ch., by J. O. W., \$5.54; Dar-
rington S. S., by C. B. E., \$1.36. Total, \$539.10.
Previously reported, \$3,115.96. Total this
year, \$3,655.06.
TENNESSEE.—Mulberry Gap Ass'n, by W.
S., \$3.40; Mill Spring Ch., by F. K., \$5.50;
yersburg Ch., by B. F. W., \$9.17; Third
reek Ch. S. S., by W. D. P., \$1.19; Miss'y
ay, by J. M. F., \$35.10; W. M. Woodcock,
n (China), \$14.57; Japan, \$1.05; Bible Wo-
an, China, \$5, \$133.63; Maggie Greisser
Miss Lottie Price), \$1; Halla Ch., by W. J.
\$5.30. Total, \$194.29.
Previously reported, \$2,163.49. Total this
year, \$2,357.78.
TEXAS.—Mt. Joy Ch., by S. P. H., \$2.50;
edell Property, by J. P. W. (given by H.
sellers), \$53.05; G. E. Murphrey, \$2; C. A.
avis, \$8; Thomas D. Goodwin (China), \$50;
Mrs. T. D. Slak, Gordon (China), 25 cents; M.
M. Cochran and wife, \$2; Olive Street Ch., by
W. M., \$2.60; Mrs. T. D. Slak, 25 cents;
Wallace Creek Ch., by P. B., \$2; S. A. Ken-
rick, \$19.55; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., 50
cents; Aid Soc'y, Mexia Ch., by M. M. W.
Christmas offering, China), \$2.25; J. B. Gam-
brell, Sup't, \$129.08; Ben. Wheeler Ch., by A.
G., \$19.50. Total, \$293.53.
Previously reported, \$2,834.79. Total this
year, \$3,128.32.

VIRGINIA.—Woman's Aux. B'd, Roseland
(Christmas offering, China), \$7.25; M. J. East-
man (China), \$2.16; Juvenile M. Class, Hol-
lins Institute, by Mrs. E. S. C. (China), \$6.50;
Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$2.50; Nansemond
Ch., by Mrs. J. W. (Christmas offering), \$5;
Hollywood Ch., by P. T. W., \$5; "A Friend,"
Richmond, \$1. Total \$29.41.

Previously reported, \$5,337.11. Total this
year, \$5,416.52.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Mountain Grove
Ch., by T. J. B. (China), \$6.30; Sisters of Sul-
phur Springs Ch., 83 cents. Total, \$7.13.

Previously reported, \$82.87. Total this year,
\$90.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Metropolitan
Ch., Washington, by J. C. H., \$5; "A Friend,"
Washington, \$5. Total, \$10.

Previously reported, \$107.60. Total this year,
\$117.60.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.—Pleasant Hill
Ch., by J. W. P. (Christmas offering), \$2.45;
Baker Ch., by M. M. W., 25 cents. Total,
\$2.70.

Previously reported, \$26.55. Total this year,
\$29.25.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Frank Cavendish, by M.
J. M. (China), 50 cents; Miss Maggie Tyler, by
M. J. M. (China), 50 cents; Paul Peck, by M.
J. M. (China), 10 cents; Birdie Peck, by M. J.
M. (China), 10 cents; Mrs. Mattie Jones Mas-
ters, by M. J. M. (China), \$1. Total \$2.20.

Total this year, \$2.20.
ITALY.—G. B. Taylor, \$50. Total this year,
\$50.

NEW JERSEY.—Orange Italian Mission
School, by A. T. (Dr. George B. Taylor), \$2.
Total this year, \$2.

MEXICO.—A King's Daughter, Mexico City
(China), \$3. Total this year, \$3.

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ported, \$37,340.10. Total this year, \$41,526.67.

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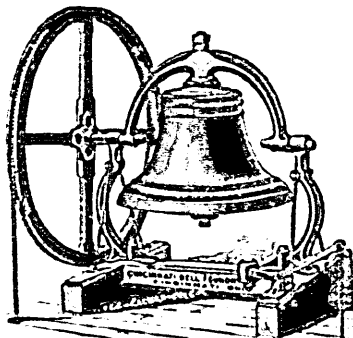
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