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## AN OPEN LETTER TO PASTORS AND LAYMEN.

Dear Brother,—The reports coming from our Foreign Fields show that God has greatly blessed our workers during the past year. Many converts have been baptized, and the cause is greatly prospering. The Board has recently appointed a goodly number of new workers, who have gone out to the fields. Many more are asking to be sent. It surely seems that we ought now to make a FORWARD MOVEMENT IN OUR CHURCHES IN THE HOME LAND. How is this to be done? Some churches will have to set a noble example before the others, and thus incite them to greater effort. In the February Journal was a list of many of our churches which gave last year large amounts to the work, and yet some of these are not giving as they should. Can you not get your church to give a dollar a member for this great work which Christ loves so well? Some, perhaps, cannot well give two cents a week, but many can give more.

You perhaps noticed in the February Journal whether your church was recorded as one of the larger givers. We wish to print a little later several different lists, as follows: Those churches giving during the year for Foreign Missions \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$300, \$100. Also, a list of those which average one dollar a member for Foreign Missions. In this way some churches will be stirred to give by seeing the gifts of others. Surely our churches ought to do more for this great work which the Master has committed to us. In one of our cities during the recent cold spell, a call was made for help for the poor, and \$12,000 was generously given in two days. Millions of human beings are dying, in sin, and the Master calls on us to give them the bread of life. Every church and every member should feel that it is a privilege to help. Let every reader of this letter, prayerfully consider whether he and his church is doing faithfully what the Master wants done. Will not you try to make an advance movement? You can help to influence others. May you have the Spirit of God resting on you for this His work.

To get a person or church to accomplish a great thing there must be an ideal aimed at. Put up an ideal before yourself and your church. If you have been giving two dollars a year for foreign missions, perhaps you can give ten or twenty. If your church has been giving fifteen dollars, they can very likely give fifty. Will you prayerfully consider what Christ wants you to do? We have a great work to preach the Gospel in all the world. The call of the Master is very imperative. The opportunities for proclaiming the truth are very inviting. Will not our people

awake from their lethargy and indifference? Let us pray over this matter and give ourselves to the work of the Lord with more true consecration than ever before.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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#### WHAT IS THE MATTER?

Who can satisfactorily explain the condition of our missionary interests at this time? The work on the foreign fields was probably never more prosperous. The baptisms in China alone for last year were nearly four hundred. Other fields report good numbers gathered into the Master's kingdom. The missionaries are hopeful and pressing forward. Nearly all of them are at their posts. A large number of young men and women are begging to be allowed to go to the foreign fields. The opportunities which lie out before us are very inviting. But with all this, in the home land there is not that increased interest which there should be in the mission work. What is the trouble? Some say it is the pastor's fault; others say it is not, but that it is the stinginess of the people. Some contradict this, and say it is not stinginess, but poverty. Some give as the cause of the trouble, want of doctrinal preaching. Others, want of consecration and vital religion. Some say it is want of plan and system for taking collections. These and other reasons are given, but yet no one will hold that Southern Baptists have approximated their duty in giving in the last ten months on an average only about four cents a member for foreign missions. What do the angels in heaven think of us? What does God think of us? Suppose we give in the next two months as much more as in the past ten, is even eight cents a member all that God requires from people blessed as we are? Souls are dying for whom God gave His Son. He has told us to give them the blessed Gospel of salvation. Surely many of our churches are not doing their duty. We may continue to try to excuse ourselves, but we should remember that it is not only better for the heathen for us to give them the Gospel, but far better for us also. Alas, if God should pronounce on us the curse of Meroz, and for the same reason. Let us honor our God.

One of the surest ways for us to have God's continued presence and blessing is for us to actively take part in giving the Gospel to all the world. May sleeping churches awaken and give to God that earnest effort and deep consecration which He requires and which He so richly blesses.

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#### MAPS.

We have on hand a few of Colton's large missionary maps of the world. These are the best large maps ever published. We sell them at \$12.25. The retail price in New York is \$20. If you wish one, write us.

### HOW TO GET A SMALL COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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(1) If it is your purpose to get a small collection, do not pray for Foreign Missions, or for a liberal collection. In private and public prayer do not let your heart yearn for lost men. Do not plead for the coming of Christ's kingdom. When we pray earnestly for this great work God opens men's hearts. Do not think of holding a week of prayer for missions if you wish the collection to be small. God promises to answer His people. When His Spirit comes in power His people will want to give.

(2) Do not give out information about the work and its wonderful successes. This quickens interest and zeal. People in ignorance of the work find it much easier to excuse themselves and do nothing. Just as soon as a Christian man or woman hears of the glorious successes of God's cause and the winning of souls he feels his heart tingle with joy, and he has a desire to take part. If the pastor does not want his people to give for foreign missions, he must not use missionary illustrations. By no means let them find out about the work.

(3) To destroy interest, speak about the work and the workers in the most disparaging way. Complain at the methods employed and the men engaged in the work. The missionaries are mortal and have their shortcomings. You can find out these and magnify them. You can also complain at what seems want of success on the part of some of the missionaries, though they may be doing most excellent and lasting work. Still, if you get the people to distrust the workers, they will give very sparingly, if at all.

(4) Do not use any plan or system to take the collection. Just announce in an indifferent, perfunctory way that the time for the collection has come, and that those who wish to do so can give. Then sit down.

Such conditions as these named above will cause the foreign mission collections to be small enough to please the most narrow-hearted pessimist in the congregation. But will Christ be honored? Will He be pleased?



### HOW TO GET A GOOD COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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Do you want your church to give a large contribution for the great work of the world's salvation? We present here suggestions, believing they will be helpful. Put them into practice, and see if they will not work to the glory of the Master.

(1) Remember that God wants the Gospel preached to all nations, and that He calls on all who love Him to take part in this work. It is not the work of a few, but of all. Get the people to believe this. Then let each one give as God has prospered him.

(2) It is necessary to overcome a great deal of selfishness and shortsightedness to be a good missionary. Therefore we must study God's Word and works, so as to see His way and walk therein. Teach God's

Word. Tell of what God is doing. Nothing is surer to develop an interest among those who love Him.

(3) Have faith, hope, and charity. The work is great, the obstacles many, but God leads us on. Have faith in Him. The victory is sure. The nations will be won to God. With strong hope press on. The men who work are weak, but they are God's servants, yea, His children, working for souls and their Father's glory. Have charity for the heathen, for the missionaries, for your brethren everywhere.

(4) Think and talk for the work. It needs more earnest hearts taking part. We need men and women who are thoroughly foreign missionary in our churches at home. Plan for the collections. Get many hearts interested with you.

(5) Get foreign mission literature and sow it down in your church. If you are a preacher, use illustrations taken from foreign mission work. This furnishes a gold mine of most excellent illustrations.

(6) Be sure to give liberally yourself. No one can get others to be liberal who is known to be stingy. A man may be liberal who has only a mite. One may be stingy who has a million. If there is any cause on earth towards which we should be liberal it is towards giving the blessed Gospel to dying men. Yet Satan and selfishness often make men most penurious just here. Be sure you please Christ when you present your offering.

(7) Pray for the work. Pray earnestly; pray unceasingly. In private and in public talk with God. Ask Him to give His Spirit graciously and open the hearts of His people. After all that we can do, it is only God who can touch, move, and open men's hearts. But he can, let us talk much with Him.



#### THE PLAN IMPROVED.

Many churches have plans for raising their mission and other contributions. This is good; very good, if worked. But "plans" very often are put up as excuses for negligence. The plan is adopted, and there the matter stops. If the plan has failed to do what it should, or, rather, if the church has failed to use the plan, do not let that interfere with your duty to get a good contribution. Supplement the plan by a SPECIAL COLLECTION. Success and duty performed are far better than an unworked plan. We are always glad to hear of a church which does its work systematically, but sorry to hear of fossilized plans in a dead church. They are a bulwark behind which pastors and deacons take refuge so easily. Blessed the church which "brings things to pass" for Christ, if by system, all the better; but if, over and above all obstacles, sometimes even ignoring paralyzed plans, still well and good. Let no church come up empty handed or with meagre gifts before God and render the excuse that they had rules of their own making for taking their collections which caused them to give meagerly to God's cause. It is a pitiable sight to see

a pastor or deacon of a great, strong church which has done next to nothing for the salvation of men, when approached on the subject, say, "Well, you see we have a plan." Give; improve your plan. Give, that God may be glorified.



#### THE METTLE OF THE MAN.

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board a most excellent and well-prepared young man was examined with reference to his fitness for the foreign work. After the examination was over, and before he retired from the room for the Board to consider and pass upon his application, he said: "Brethren, before retiring, I wish to say that I think my duty is to go. But if you think I am for any reason not suited to the work, which you know better than I do, or am deceived about it, I want you to protect me from making a mistake. And I assure you that I shall appreciate your frankness and go back to my church and do my best for foreign missions."

These words were born of a fine Christian spirit and splendid common sense. We believe implicitly in the leadings of the Lord in His dealing with an individual soul. And yet one of the strange things about it is that sometimes a good brother feels confident that the Lord is calling him to a given position for which all his brethren feel he is not at all fitted. It is at such times that the mettle of the man is tested. Will he clamor to go ahead, heedless of the judgment of his brethren, or will he be influenced by them? It is no disparagement of Providence to say that our brethren are often better judges of our ability and fitness for a specific work than we ourselves, or to say that the Lord would have us influenced even in the most important matters by the counsel of wise and godly men. The man, who blindly refuses to be influenced at least in some degree in his decisions, even relative to his individual duty in any given case, by the judgment of his brethren, only demonstrates his unfitness for any responsible work. And he who becomes disaffected or disgruntled because his brethren do not think of his ability or fitness as he thinks, clearly shows himself lacking in one of the very first qualifications for any responsible place.

It hardly needs to be said that the brother referred to was accepted by the Board, some of the members thinking that of all the good points of character revealed during his examination none was better than that brought in the language quoted above. That's the kind of man we need on the foreign field; not a man with heart void of conviction as to duty, but a man who has strong convictions, and at the same time willing to have his convictions modified or confirmed by the voice of his brethren and having the grace and sense to be sweet even though some or all of his brethren should not agree with him in the matter—men willing and

ready to go if those of more experience in the work think it wise, but willing to stay and work with needy hands and loving hearts if not.

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### CHANGE OF PROPERTY.

Several months ago a liberal offer was made to Dr. R. T. Bryan, in Shanghai, China, for the property in that city used by our missionaries for residences. The missionaries and the Board thought it best to sell, and the offer for the property was accepted. This sale in nowise affected the church property. The brethren of the mission were instructed to re-invest the funds. This they have done. Read what Dr. Bryan writes:

"You will be glad that we have at last agreed on a piece of land, and that I have succeeded in buying eighteen mow of land near the railroad not far from the first station. Every one says that we have done well. The land averages 700 feet from east to west and 170 feet from north to south. It will cut up into seven lots, each one as large as the two lots combined at the Old North Gate. This will give us a lot each for the three dwellings, one for the girls' school, and three for the boys' school. Our houses can all face the south, which is the proper direction for houses in China. God has blessed us in this purchase. The land cost taels 400 a mow—7,200 for the whole. There is a narrow strip at the back, which I am trying to buy at the same price for a road. I think I can succeed. We have about finished the plans of the houses, and hope to begin building soon. Our schools are doing well. We can make them pay expenses if we can get buildings. God has given us the land. Seven thousand five hundred gold dollars would build us enough buildings for the present. Can't you get some one to give us this money? Money could not be better spent. If we raise enough here for the girls' school, will you not raise five thousand there for the boys' school? I could send you a short history of the school and a picture of the boys. God has wonderfully blessed us so far. We have outgrown the first and second building, and are now praying for the third. Some man of money would honor God and himself, too, in building this house for us. God is going to give it to us. Our work is encouraging."

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The Foreign Mission Board, having been requested to appoint two delegates to the great Ecumenical Conference, to be held in New York, in April, 1900, have asked Dr. R. H. Pitt, in company with the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to attend.

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Reports for 1898 from our missionaries show glorious results. Think of nearly three hundred and fifty baptisms in two of our Chinese missions. The report from the Campos Mission, in Brazil, shows one hundred and nineteen baptisms. We ought to thank God and make increased contributions for the work.

SUMMARY OF PROTESTANT FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The table given below, though more exact than those of previous years, is not complete, since in certain items the reports of societies other than those of the United States and Great Britain are not uniform. From the United States and Canada we have full reports up to the latest date, received, with a single exception, directly from each society. The statistics of German societies we take from a table prepared by Pastor Dohler, and given in the *Allgemeine Missions Zeitschrift*, in which no distinction is made between stations and out-stations. Before his lamented death, Dean Vahl, of Denmark, had prepared his annual statistical review of "Missions to the Heathen," for publication in 1898, and to this pamphlet we are indebted for the summary of societies of Asia, Africa, and Australia, and of Continental Europe, Germany excepted. Dean Vahl's tables do not give either the stations or out-stations, or the number under instruction, so that the grand total under these columns should be increased, the stations and out-stations probably by 900 or 1,000, and the number under instruction possibly by 100,000.

In the column of income a large increase is shown over the reports of last year. This comes chiefly (1) from the United States, where an increase of about \$825,000 is shown; (2) from Great Britain, where we add to the \$6,471,840 contributed to the regular foreign missionary societies the sum of \$2,089,134 expended by organizations not strictly foreign missionary, such as Bible, Tract, and Colonial societies, Medical Missions to the Jews, yet for work outside of Great Britain. This sum has not heretofore been reckoned in our summary. The total of missionaries is certainly much below the proper figure, since many European societies do not include the wives of missionaries. Taken altogether, this summary is full of cheer and calls for devout thanksgiving to the God of missions.

COUNTRIES.	No. of Societies.	Stations.	Out-Stations.	Missionaries.			Native Laborers.	Communicants.	Under Instruction.	Income in Dollars.
				Male.	Female.	Total.				
United States.....	32	916	5,565	1,323	2,083	3,398	15,562	377,030	224,087	\$ 5,158,114
Canada.....	6	90	201	97	132	229	613	9,412	6,801	243,627
Great Britain.....	28	3,302	8,845	2,709	2,109	4,818	30,133	394,482	506,100	*8,560,974
Germany.....	16	471		600	482	1,082	6,059	315,064	73,961	897,182
Continental Europe, except Germany.....	61			1,094	841	1,935	7,128	251,200		893,825
Asia, Australia, Africa..	99			273	104	377	8,259	101,673		490,650
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4,779</b>	<b>14,614</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>11,839</b>	<b>67,754</b>	<b>1,448,861</b>	<b>810,949</b>	<b>\$16,244,372</b>

\* Including \$2,089,134 expended for foreign work by British organizations not enumerated in the table on page 36.—*American Board Almanac*.

## HEADQUARTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Hartwell has arranged with the *Mentone Hotel* to take our missionaries at special rates. Those who are going to or coming from China and Japan can stop at the *Mentone* at \$1.25 a day. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Chown, who keep the hotel, are excellent Christian people. The house is conveniently located. Dr. Hartwell says: "Tell missionaries to keep their checks until they get to the hotel, and Mr. Chown will save them about half the expense." The hotel is on the corner of Sacramento and Powell streets, and very near the Baptist Chinese Mission. Hereafter our missionaries will please call at the *Mentone* in passing through San Francisco, as we will send mail or telegrams to them in care of this house. Their friends should also keep this address.

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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 and 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. During the past month a number of persons have sent help, but there are others still who would like to contribute. 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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## NOTES.

Rev. J. L. Downing and family will likely leave for Brazil some time in March.

Dr. J. B. Hartwell and wife expect to sail from San Francisco for China March 25th.

A person must give liberally himself if he tries to get others to give. Poor givers make poor collectors.

We sympathize with our missionary, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, in the loss by death recently of both her father and mother. May the God of grace comfort and strengthen her.

Rev. C. W. Daniel, of Pine Bluff, has been elected Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for Arkansas, in place of Rev. E. B. Miller, resigned. Dr. Miller has moved to West Point, Miss.

We have sent out many thousands of foreign mission tracts during the past month. Those who wish can get them free by dropping a postal



to the Corresponding Secretary at Richmond, Va. Get a supply and distribute them in your church.

In taking a collection, it is well first to decide as to the amount you wish to raise. Have a mark and work to that.

Rev. W. T. Lumbley was married in London, England, January 17, 1899, to Miss Carrie Green. The happy pair sailed for their home in Abeokuta, Africa, January 28th. Brother Lumbley has been one of our faithful missionaries for many years.



MRS. CARRIE GREEN LUMBLEY.

Mrs. Lumbley, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Green, was born in London, England, December 29, 1869. The father and mother were members of a "Strict Baptist" church, worshipping at "Cave Addullum," London, the former a deacon, and both active workers in the same. Her mother died in 1878. Mrs. Lumbley had the benefit of the general school training in London, followed by some experience in the position of "pupil teacher" (about 1885 or '86), in co-operation with the governesses of the school. She was in early childhood impressed with the truth of Christianity. She was a member of the Sunday school, and later was for a long while a Sunday-school teacher. She felt she was converted in 1888, and was baptized in 1890 by Rev. John H. Lynn.



MRS. C. G. LUMBLEY.

She had two cousins, who were missionaries in Africa, and in 1894 felt called to mission work, and offered herself for service to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. On account of the financial embarrassment of the Board, she was not accepted.

Meanwhile she was engaged in the work of the Mission and Tract Society, in connection with her church and pastor, at Dacre Park chapel, London. In this capacity she served for four years. On January 17, 1899, she was married to Rev. W. T. Lumbley. On January 28th Mr. and Mrs. Lumbley sailed by the steamship "Accra" from Liverpool for Lagos, West Africa.



THE AGED CARPENTER.

(By Rev. C. W. Pruitt.)

I have recently seen a remarkable case of the comfort of the Gospel in the heart of an aged Chinese. Hearing that he was confined to his bed, I visited him last Friday. I hoped to strengthen his faith, and I got my own very much strengthened also. This aged carpenter has already passed his eighty-second

birthday, and he supposes he has taken to his bed for the last time. But with unclouded faculties and unabated strength, he talked about the joy he had in believing. He has not been a Christian long—only a few years. When he became a Christian he didn't know a character, being a simple country carpenter. But after that event, so stirred was he in his whole being, that he determined to learn to read, and Friday a portion of the time was spent in reading over the simple Christian books. He read in such a way as to show that he knew what he was reading. His old face was luminous with the joy of the Holy Ghost.

I happened to be present some years ago at the examination of this same old brother when he applied for admission into the church. Knowing that the Chinese do not always appreciate the real value of baptism, Dr. Hartwell asked him if he thought baptism could wash away sins? The answer was quite characteristic: "No; if you were to soak one a month, it wouldn't wash away his sins."

Hwanghien, China.



### REACTION IN CHINA.

(R. H. Graves, D. D.)

The papers of late have been full of "the crisis," as they term it. The fact is, the Reactionaries have gained the upper hand in Peking. The young Emperor showed a disposition to be guided by members of the Progressive party, and astonished his subjects by a series of edicts making great changes in the established usages of the Empire. The old cast-iron style of essays for the examinations was abolished, and questions on living, up-to-date subjects were to be proposed; the smaller temples were to be used for school-houses; the right of petition to the throne was granted; and an attempt was made to correct abuses and reduce expenses. These edicts made such important changes and came in such rapid succession as to almost take away the breath of this conservative, backward people. Of course, they created much opposition. The late Empress Dowager put herself at the head of the Reactionary party, seized the throne, deposing its youthful occupant. We were reminded that we are living under an Oriental despotism by her barbarous treatment of her political enemies whose only sin was their loyalty in following the young Emperor. Some of the palace eunuchs and maidservants were executed or beaten to death, their only crime being that they were the immediate servants of the Emperor. Some of the more prominent leaders of the Reform party were beheaded and punished, their parents and children arrested, and all their property confiscated. All newspapers were ordered to be stopped and the publishers punished. The reform measures of the Emperor have mostly been countermanded. Thus an effort has been made to crush the spirit of reform, and to remand China to the darkness and despotism from which she was just beginning to emerge.

The reform movement has received a severe check, but it will break out in open opposition and rebellion, or secret intrigue. All feel that the check will be only temporary, or China must be divided up among western powers.

The air has been full of rumors, and the country is in a very unsettled state. Robbery is rife, and risings have started up or are threatened.

What effect has this had on mission work, all will inquire. Men are beginning to break with the old, and many are seeking to connect themselves with Christian churches. If we are wise we will be very careful whom we admit, for

the inquirers are not few; their motives are frequently not spiritual. Still, the ferment in men's minds is going on, and we may hope that the chains which bound men to the past are being broken, and they will feel freer to act. We have received more members this year than ever before. As the fallow-ground is broken up, we must be ready to cast in the good seed of the Word. The China Inland Mission are organizing a "forward movement," and calling for young men to give five years to evangelistic work exclusively. It might be well for other missions to follow them. We need earnest, devoted men, both foreign and native, to take up the work. May God stir up the hearts of many in America to come and the churches to support them in their labors for Christ.



### MY BIBLE WOMAN, OR "SECOND SISTER."

(By Miss H. F. North.)

I give a few facts in regard to her life. At three years of age her father died. At eleven she was engaged to the son of a blind fortune-teller, and at fifteen married. Her husband was a gambler, and seldom came home, so "Second Sister," feeling that no one cared for her in her new home, spent most of her time with her own mother. Ere long the husband, owing to disagreement with his step-mother, left home entirely, and has never returned. It is not known whether he is living or not. She was then eighteen, and is now forty-seven. After her husband left, she began fasting—fourteen days in the month eating only vegetables and rice. She was especially diligent in worshipping the God of Mercy, counting beads, etc., hoping thus to gain long life, the return of her husband, and future happiness. Also daily worshipped the sun and moon. A Christian neighbor suggested to her that she become a Christian, but she replied that, although the doctrine was good, she would wait until the "next life" before becoming a Christian. A Bible woman came into the neighborhood occasionally on her round of visits, but afterwards "Second Sister" would repeat her talks for the amusement of her friends and relatives when she visited them, little dreaming that some time she herself would become a Bible woman. About seven years ago, during the visit of some missionary ladies to Shiu Hing, she became interested in her soul's salvation, and after a few months became fully convinced that the gods she was trusting in were false, and was received into the church. The last two or three times she worshipped the Goddess of Mercy she said: "If you are truly present in the image, I invite you to go elsewhere, for I am not going to worship you any more. Hereafter I shall worship the Heavenly Father."

After studying for a sufficient length of time, she was employed as a Bible woman. She says: "I thank God that He sent the missionaries to tell me of Jesus, for I had determined to take my own life after my mother died. Now, I have not only my present life prolonged, but the prospect of life everlasting in the next world." She now testifies to her former acquaintances and others of the power of God to comfort in this life and give hope of eternal life beyond the grave.



Only two months until our books close for this Convention year. Our receipts have been very small so far. Let every one help in these two months, so that we may pay all we owe before the Convention.

## Letters from Our Missionaries.

### CHINA.

#### Trouble in China.

Shamin, Canton.

Dear Brother,—Since March last there have been bands of robbers all over the province of Kwang Sai. At Pangfashan, twenty miles from our Shek Tong church, was the centre of their gatherings. There, several bands united themselves together, and in September became a small army. There are from twenty to thirty Christian families at Pangfashan, and the rebel chief said he was going to seize two of the Christians, behead them, sprinkle the flag with their blood, and in this way raise his standard. He thought this would be good luck, and the rising would be a success. He was not successful in catching two of the Christians to "stripe his flag," but did it with the blood of an animal. They got possession of several market towns, and were just going to take one more large market town (Tai Wong Kong), and then go to the village where most of our Christians had gathered and exterminate them—men, women, and children. About midnight they attacked Tai Wong Kong, and easily got possession of it. Half of the army remained at one end of the town, and the other half went exploring, and they found in a large temple several hundred soldiers' coats, so they thought this was grand, and they put them on and returned to their friends at the other end; but they thought, here are soldiers coming, and began firing on them, so the Lord turned them to fight themselves (I believe this was in answer to the prayers that had been offered by us), and when the few soldiers that were there saw the confusion, they got up their courage, and were able to disperse the band. That was the beginning of their fall, so the

rebels did not get to the village where our Christians were, or there would have been a great persecution.

The rebels returned to the mountains of Pangfashan, and the Christians, having done no wrong, lived in their houses and attended to their fields. Some weeks afterwards the district mandarins gathered their soldiers and went into Pangfashan to find the rebel leaders. They came to a village of five houses, all Christians, and three of the houses belonging to widows. When the soldiers came the people went out the back way and hid in the long grass. The doors were opened and the houses entered, and they saw the chickens, pigs, and rice all there—nothing removed. One said, these are not robbers. Then they saw a Christian calendar hanging on a door, and one said, these are Christian houses. The Kwai Ping mandarin, on hearing that, said, burn them, burn them, and break down the wall, so that they cannot rebuild the houses. The same thing was done with twenty of our Christian homes, and the Christians had to flee to the mountains, or that mandarin would have beheaded them.

At our chapel at Shek Tong, our evangelist heard rumors of the trouble, so started over the mountains to the place, and when he got there he was greatly distressed to see their houses all burned, and no trace of the brethren. He found one heathen man, and asked where the Christians were. He said, away in the aboriginal tribe mountains hiding. The evangelist said, I want to find them; but he said, you cannot; they won't come out of their hiding, for they will think you want to catch them. But the evangelist said, we are Christians, and I must find them and comfort them by words from our Bible. The heathen finally consented to lead this brother to the

mountains. They walked two days, then ascended a high hill, and called out again and again the names of some of the Christians. They saw some movements in the trees on the opposite mountain, but no one appeared. Then the evangelist sang out in a loud voice the hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus," and then one of the Christians came out from among the bushes on the opposite mountain, took off his coat, and waved it around his head, so glad to find a friend and hear the name of Jesus. The evangelist went over to this brother and found others there, and remained with them several days, helping and comforting them.

These brethren are going from house to house begging their rice, and no house will give them more than one meal, or let them stay in their house, because they are afraid. The Christians escaped the hands of the rebels, but those who should protect and help are persecuting them, and at this time of unrest and continued change of government it is so difficult to get anything done to help them. Our souls cry out, "How long, oh, Lord, shall Thy lowly followers suffer thus?"

Dear Christian brothers and sisters, pray for these poor homeless and suffering ones. May the Lord help us to help them.

Yours in the Master's service,

THOS. MC'CLOY.



#### Missionaries in Trials.

Shamin Baptist Mission, Canton.

Dear Brother,—I know the people at home ought to have all that is interesting about our work. Would it interest the readers of the Journal to hear of the scare we had two weeks ago to-night? Where we live, a little strip of water separates us from the city proper, with its teeming millions. Early in the evening we were startled to hear cries of "Kill the foreign devils!" "Kill the foreign devils!" The children were

in bed asleep, and after waiting some hours, listening to the mad yells of the mob trying to cross the little bridge, the English Consul sent along to say we were all to go to the consulate—at least, all the ladies and children. Then we woke up the children; tried to dress them, very shaky and hurriedly, and went out with only what we had on, and that was not much, for it was a very hot night. We did not know whether we would ever see our home again. If the foreign men had not all turned out fully armed, the mob would have gotten over and burned every house to the ground, and perhaps beaten some of the foreigners; but the Lord reigns, blessed be His name, and after a time things quieted down, and we were allowed to come home. The children went to sleep; but it was far on in the morning before we could lie down. We need your prayers and sympathy.

Yours in His name,

MARY MC'CLOY.



#### Pingtu Station—Gracious Results.

We were very happy to hear of the appointment of Brother and Sister Lowe. They will receive a hearty welcome. I knew Brother Lowe in William Jewell College, and can heartily concur in your opinion that "Lowe is A No. 1." It will take just that sort of a person to take Dr. Randle's place, and that is just the kind of a missionary we want.

I have just returned from the Tenglai Association. There were about forty messengers, besides several visitors, present. This was not as large an attendance as we have had, but it was an enjoyable and profitable meeting.

There were exactly one hundred baptisms reported. The total membership is about 420. There has never been as many as 100 baptisms before in any one year in the history of our North

China work. There were 53 baptisms last year. Encouraging reports were received from all the stations.

The next meeting will be held at Pingtu, where a decennial celebration of the first Baptist church organized in the Pingtu region will be held. Bro. C. W. Pruitt, because he baptized the first Pingtu (Saling) converts, will preach the sermon.

Our little Association has grown to eight churches, and as most of our churches are made up of members scattered over quite an area, and are poor in this world's goods, it was decided to accept the pay-as-you-go policy. This suggestion came from and was heartily supported by the native brethren. The idea of self-support is quite on the advance. A movement was set on foot, in which it is hoped that the Hwang Hien School will be entirely self-supporting in the future by requiring the boys who study English to pay the deficiency caused by the boys who study only Chinese.

WM. H. SEARS.

Kiao Chow, Tsintau, China,  
November 8, 1898.



#### North China Mission.

Mrs. E. J. Sears writes: Two weeks ago we had twenty baptisms here. Among them one old woman of seventy-five, who had come four miles. Another of sixty-two had walked ten miles to come and be baptized. Of the eighty-three people baptized this year, twenty-six were women.

Last year a Mr. Kiang and his son joined the church together. The wife and mother was so angry that she was quite ill for some time. (It is not unusual for a Chinese woman to get so angry that it makes her very ill, or else leads her to commit suicide.) Now, this Mrs. Kiang has herself joined the church, and is an influential member of the Hwoasan church.

More than ten years ago, when Miss Moon visited Saling often, a Mrs. Chang, of that village, became very much interested in the Gospel. But her son and other members of the family were so much opposed to Christianity that they would not permit her to go to church, nor to have much intercourse with other Christians. Last winter she grew very sick. They expected her death any moment. She was dressed for burial, and placed on the floor to die. (They never leave any one on the kang, or bed, to die.) But, much to their surprise, she recovered—as she believes, in answer to her prayers to the true God. Her son was so much moved by this circumstance that he said to her, "Now you may go to that chapel on the back street. If you want to worship such a God who can really answer prayer, we will hinder you no longer."



#### Good Work Among the Women.

I wanted very much to send you a picture of the little chapel here in Quin San, but just now there is no artist here.

In reading "Yates the Missionary," you will see this place often spoken of. He organized this work about twenty-eight years ago. No missionary has ever lived here, the work having been carried on entirely by two native evangelists, with occasional visits from resident missionaries in Shanghai. In all, I think, there have been thirty to unite with this church. Just now we have a native evangelist stationed here, paid entirely by our native Home Board. I have made three visits here this year; Miss Price one. Each time we come the outlook seems more promising. Since I have been here this time in one day there were a hundred women at one of our meetings, and there are eight women who say they believe, but will not unite with the church because of opposition in their families.

They have been coming regularly at night to read and study with us, and will very gladly kneel with us in prayer—something very unusual for heathen women. I have two Bible women with me this time; one is also paid by the native Home Mission Board. I hope soon to be able to report a glorious ingathering from all the work that has been done here. I am the only foreigner within twenty-five miles from here.

Had a visit last Sunday from Brother and Sister Britton, of Soochow. He has charge of this work here, and on that day eleven of God's children gathered around His table—the first time in some months. I am writing by this mail to Brother Crumpton, to send you



a picture of three very old ladies, members of this church. I'd like to see it printed in the Journal, as I think our people would be interested in seeing it.

May our Father bless you in your work. (1. Thess., 5: 25.)

Your sister in His work.

WILLIE H. KELLY.

Postoffice, West Gate, Shanghai.



Good News to Tell.

Yangchow, China.

Dear Journal,— I have some good news to tell you. I have just returned from a trip of four days to the country.

My object on this journey was to visit a family which has been very much interested in the Gospel for the past few months. This man is a member of the community where a Christian has been teaching school for a part of the past year. This Christian is certainly a monument to the power of the Gospel. He has been the only light in all this section of country for the past seven or eight years. No one cared for the Gospel, and many opposed openly. While I was away in Shon Tong province this inquirer sent several times for me to go to his house, having come himself one time with a donkey to take me out. I found him deeply interested in his own salvation, as also was his wife, while the family, consisting of two sons and two daughters-in-law, are inquirers. Four neighbors have declared their faith in Christ. In fact, this whole section of country has been moved. I was treated with the greatest kindness wherever I went. Feeling confident as to the genuineness of these conversions, I promised to return on the 30th of the month and baptize the husband and wife and a neighbor, one man promising to go to Yangchow and there receive baptism. Before

the time for the baptism had come this man, with his wife, made arrangements, and came to Yangchow, a distance of twenty-five miles. It was my privilege to baptize five on the 7th of this month. Three were from the section of country that I have lately visited. One of these members has offered a house free for worship. They hope to have services every Sunday. The distance from Yangchow being about twenty-five miles they cannot attend worship very regularly in the latter place. There is another man awaiting baptism in this section. Should the people in this part of the

country continue to change toward the Gospel in the next five years as they have in the past five, we may expect to see them turning to Christianity by the scores. Some have said we missionaries always tell the bright side of things in our letters. Well, perhaps we do. I am glad I have something bright to tell you.

The political condition of China is rotten, and hence tottering, ready to fall. The people are beginning to awaken to this fact. I think what was said of Japan in 1891, while I was in the Seminary, may be said of China, in part, at least—that is, she is losing faith in her old institutions. The Chinese are waking up. Now is the time to do both teaching and evangelistic work in this great mission field. I mean to say there are greater prospects of immediate results than ever before. Most of us like to see results. But, brethren, we need not expect very great results unless our laborers are increased. We have now been in Yangchow seven years, and not a single missionary sent to help us give the Gospel to these hundreds of thousands in and around Yangchow. What can we missionaries do to increase our working force? Is it not time that it be increased?

Yours fraternally,

L. W. PIERCE.

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Many Converts.

Canton, January 2, 1899.

Dear Brother,—This past year has been one of much encouragement to us in the South China Mission. The baptisms will number some 250—nearly twice as many as we have had for any previous year. There is a ferment in men's minds, and though the reactionary measures at Peking may check the enthusiasm of reform, they cannot prevent the spirit of inquiry which is abroad. We enter upon the new year, therefore, with hope, and trust that

by God's blessing we may see much fruit. Though rejoicing in the number of baptisms, I cannot but feel anxious with regard to the training of these new converts. The Master has told us to teach the baptized to observe all that He has commanded. I feel the importance of training men who can teach the Bible to these new recruits. We should also have Christian schools in the neighborhood where there are a sufficient number of children of the converts to justify them. The enlarging work calls for more laborers.

The training class has just closed its semi-annual session of four months. We had an average attendance of seven. The demands of the work compelled us to let two men go before they had finished the course.

During the past quarter I preached nineteen times, lectured weekly at the Academy on the teachings of Christ, and gave lessons to my training class for twelve hours a week.

In my study I have worked on the revised Chinese Scriptures, preparing for the next session of our committee, which is to meet (D. V.) in Hong Kong this month.

My health has been fairly good, so that I have not had to neglect my work, but the malarial fever I contracted in Hong Kong last summer has recurred every now and then, weakening my strength.

Yours fraternally,

R. H. GRAVES.

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BRAZIL.

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Earnest Words.

Rio de Janeiro.

Dear Brother,—In San Fidellis the work of Jesus is growing wonderfully. I have had the pleasure to baptize over twenty believers here last week, and there are over twenty awaiting baptism before this year finishes. Last Sunday I baptized a lawyer, who pro-



misses to be a great help in the near future.

In Macabi persecution continues, but the cause prospers—slowly, but surely. Praise the Lord!

Now, a few words as regards the future: I want you to give me ample means to make use of the opportunities before me. I need at least six or more native helpers to take up the places that are opening up to the cause.

I want, also, means to educate young men ready and willing to do work for Jesus. We ought to be looking into the future. We missionaries cannot always live here and preach. We need native pastors for the new fields opening, and we have not got them. If our work is to be permanent, we must have them, and that soon. The Board cannot always send out and support missionaries, and missionaries ought not to be pastors. It is a waste of money to send out a man here and give him a big salary just to look after a church of twenty-five, fifty, or one hundred. The Lord cannot and will not bless such a waste of money. The money spent on foreign men as pastors could support two or three native pastors, and to better advantage. The foreigner cannot live on a small salary, but for that very reason he ought to do a greater work—foreigners for missions and natives for pastors. Just think of the money spent on foreigners who have come out here and just learned the language, and having looked after a little church, have gone back home, having accomplished practically nothing. What future has the Baptist cause in Brazil? Unless the Board continues to send out new men, I do not see what the result would be. And can the Board do it? Or, rather, ought the Board to do it? It seems to me, no! Two or three missionaries, chosen and well prepared, as well as tried and proved men, ought to be enough.

These men working for a well-prepared native ministry would save Brazil.

We Baptists must wake up. We must work with an eye to the future. We must have a native ministry. Without it we are working almost in vain. What is the use of building up churches, suffering persecutions, risking our lives, if, after all, we have no man to take up the work accomplished? Think about this, dear brother, and you will see that I have reason on my side.

Yours for Jesus in Brazil,

SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.



Great Success.

Palmeiras, Brazil.

Dear Brother,—I have good news to write you of the progress of the work. In Rio we have had much interest lately, increasing congregations, and half a dozen conversions and additions to the church. Old and young have entered the baptismal waters together. We are all rejoicing, and the church is much strengthened. I have just returned from a long trip to S. Paulo State, where I visited Victoria (a new place) and Santa Barbara. Preached three times at Victoria—twice to crowds of Brazilians, who had never heard the Gospel before, and who fairly drank in the blessed story of life. At Santa Barbara we had a great crowd on Sunday. Two converts were received for baptism, one of which was baptized. From Parahyba do Sul I have received news of several conversions and baptisms. At Palmeiras we are preaching weekly, and several have professed conversion. I went up to Bello Horizonte a few weeks ago, and preached three times. We eagerly look for Brother J. J. Taylor back soon in Brazil for that important field.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. BAGBY.

**School Work Prospering.****Bahia, Brazil.**

Dear Brother,—Since my school opened in May, I have written very little, as I have had neither time nor inclination for writing.

Satan has done everything, it seems, to overthrow the school. My own health was never worse, but God has given me strength to continue in the school work. For many days I would remain in bed of mornings until the doctor had made his regular visit, and then get up and go to school. I can't believe that sickness comes from God, especially in my own case. If Satan could have overthrown me, the school would have gone. But I have ever believed that it is a creation of God and has come to stay. About the time of its inauguration its founder was taken. Mr. Taylor became very ill, and so was I. But, thanks be to God, we have triumphed over every obstacle! Since the opening of the school I have enrolled seventy pupils, and they all pay except three. I do not believe in free education in mission schools, and from the very first took a very bold position against it. In fact, I was so opposed, that I refused to teach in a free school. There are individual cases which I accept free. For instance, the three children that I have received are children of a poor widow, whose husband was for years Mr. Taylor's helper in evangelical work. He was a good man, and a faithful preacher. When he died he left his wife in a destitute condition, with eight small children. She began making cigars for a support. Her children to-day would be making cigars had I not asked her to send them to school. I help her to pay for their books. There are nine others who pay only half the regular price. Their parents are members of the church, but very poor. They pay as much as they would pay in ordinary schools. The school has grown as fast as I

could take care of it. Next year it will be larger still.

Neither a catechism nor the Bible is studied in the school, but one-half hour every day is given to devotional exercises—reading the Bible, singing, and prayer.

I hope by another year it will enable us to put another teacher in. I consider the kindergarten the very foundation work, but I find that I have neither time nor strength for the two departments of work. I teach five hours every day besides instructing some of the teachers and superintending the entire school. If I only had a woman of ability to share my labors in the school, I believe God would doubly bless the work. I have some of the first people of the city as patrons.

Mr. Taylor has been gone on an evangelizing tour for more than two weeks. Last news received he had baptized nineteen. He is receiving more invitations than he can accept. In some places he cannot go, on account of drouth. Distressing reports reach us about the famine and drouth interior.

Yours in the work,

LAURA BARTON TAYLOR.

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JAPAN.

**Good News from Japan.**

I baptized a man the third Sunday in December. Expect to baptize another next Sunday. Have four inquirers—three of them of great promise. One has asked for baptism, and I would baptize him also Sunday, but he can't get off duty, as he is a soldier. It may be a month before we can get him, but he is converted happily.

A clerk of the court here is among the inquirers. Our meetings are not so well attended as before the winter set in, but they are encouraging, and we hope for a good winter's work.

With love from us both,

N. MAYNARD.

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## MISSION CARD TOPICS FOR MARCH, 1899,

### MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES—STATE MISSIONS.

"I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from evil." Missionaries, 730; baptisms, 10,411. Within the past decade the seriousness of the State Mission problem has been augmented by the rapid multiplication of factory towns and cities. Immigration, with its tide of Romanism, infidelity, and socialism, is setting more and more in this direction.

#### PROGRAM FOR MARCH, 1899.

#### SUBJECT—MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES—STATE MISSIONS.

"Prayer is the necessary preparation for service."

1. Hymn—"My gracious Lord, I own Thy right."

2. Items—The work of State Boards and that of the Home Board, Southern

Baptist Convention are closely related; as State Missions are to a single State, Home Missions are to all of the States collectively. When the first is unable to meet all of the needs, helpfulness is extended by the latter. One third of the population in Southern Baptist Convention territory is Christless. Love for State, for country, for Christ, should inspire every Baptist.

3. Scripture Selections—Personal Work. Matt., 21: 28; John, 1: 41, 42; John, 4: 28, 29, 39; Acts, 8: 29-32, 35.

4. Prayers for open eyes to see opportunities and willing hearts to use them.

5. Missionary Drill on Home Board and State lines of work. Suggestion: Cut out of white paper, or draw on left hand side of blackboard, a large interrogation point. Let members prepare themselves to make brief talks on the various lines, writing the titles in order opposite the question mark. (See

Convention or Woman's Missionary Union Report; write to State Secretary.)

6. Hymn—"Work, for the night is coming," the verses to be interspersed with above talks.

7. Prayer recounting by name before God each line of effort.

8. Leaflet—"State Missions," by Rev. L. A. Freeman.

9. Reports of Secretaries, Treasurer, and Committees, especially on success in interesting new members.

10. Plan for the week of Self Denial.

11. Symposium on Giving—Who? How? When? Why?

12. Closing Hymn—"Come, thou fount of every blessing."

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#### Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR ALL CLASSES OF MISSION WORKERS, FROM PASTORS TO LEADERS OF MISSION BANDS.—Rev. L. A. Freeman has done us good service in his forcible presentation of the needs of home missions in their multiplied forms, and especially for State missions. This latter is the title of his leaflet. (Price 3 cents: Baptist Mission Rooms, Baltimore.)

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#### Appeal for Week of Self-Denial.

Doubtless all W. M. U. workers know that since 1895, following recommendations of the Home Board, the third week of March has been observed as a season of special prayer and self-denial. Perhaps the need has never been so great as at present. For months, yes, for years, we have been reading and talking of the wondrous possibilities for mission work when Cuba became free. The hour has now come for doing. Nor is this all. Up and down the mountain sides of the sunny South, Mormons—four hundred of whom have their headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn.—are carrying their pernicious doctrines, gaining converts from

among those who, if cared for, will make strong Baptists. Millions of negroes are waiting to be uplifted by the helping hand of those who really understand their needs. How true it is of this land that the nations to be irradiated by God's light are coming to our shores as doves in flocks to their windows. Neither must we forget those of our own native family on the frontier and in other destitute sections, as well as the Indians, who will perish unless the Bread of Life be sent them.

The Home Board is ready to meet these various God-given responsibilities. Will you not do your part in enabling it to "go forward"? Permit me to direct your attention to a few thoughts in connection with the two offerings that are asked during the Week of Self-Denial—viz., prayer and moneyed contributions.

The felt need of churches, leaders, missionaries, and our own souls is a baptism of the Holy Spirit, which shall set every heart on fire to possess the land for Christ. Prayer is the only way by which it may be obtained. Through prayer we are also kept in remembrance of the true basis and character of mission work. It puts God first, leads to dependence on Him, and gives encouragement through the consciousness of aiding a divine enterprise. It is earnestly desired, therefore, that you set apart some portion of each day during the Week of Self-Denial for special prayer, "assemble yourselves together," and follow the programme which has been prepared for use of societies. If this be impossible, will you not make with the Saviour a special appointment in your own home?

In regard to moneyed contributions. I am convinced that God's work requires self-denying giving. Did He not exemplify it when He crowned all other mercies by the gift of His Son? Did Christ not recognize it by coming, "not to be ministered unto, but to min-

ister to others," and when on Calvary He bore in our place all the agony of sin? Surely we who have been called to be "co-laborers" with God in this wondrous plan for the redemption of the world must also be obedient to the divine law of self-denial. How many can think of the Japanese temple, with its coil of rope, weighing a ton and a half, made from the hair of women worshippers of Buddha, used to lift timbers and stones to their places in the temple, without feeling a rebuke to our self-sparing gifts?

Before closing, I would remind you that as in the olden time the Saviour stood in the temple, saw the rich and the poor, noted the lonely widow, and spoke commendingly of her, so to-day He is in a position of observation. Shall we not heed the lesson that our self-denial may be determined, not so much by the amount given as by the amount possessed? Great, indeed, would be the encouragement to the Home Board and the spiritual results which would follow if the Master would speak approvingly of the gift from every Southern Baptist woman.

With the assurance that my heart's desire is that you may be "always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain," I am,

Yours in Christian love,

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

P. S.—Special literature has been prepared for the use of societies during the Week of Self-Denial—March 12th-18th. This consists of a programme by Miss F. E. S. Heck, a narrative leaflet, entitled, "Her Resolve; or a Heavenly Vision," by Mrs. E. Y. Mullins, and an appeal by Dr. I. T. Tichenor. In addition, for the first time, envelopes for the offering have been prepared.

The literature mentioned may be had by making application to your State Central Committee, or to Woman's

Missionary Union, 304 north Howard street, Baltimore. Kindly use your influence in making the observance of Self-Denial Week as general as possible.



Suggested Topics for a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions, March 12-18.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO  
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Sunday, March 12.—Topic, "Self-Denial for Christ."

Heart Question—I deny myself for those I love on earth, do I deny myself for Him whom I love in heaven—even Christ, my light and my salvation?

Bible Reading—"Then said Christ unto His disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Condition of Discipleship—Luke, 14: 27; Luke, 9: 62; I. John, 2: 6.

The Example—Romans, 15: 2 and 3; I. John, 3: 16 and 17; Romans, 12: 1.

The Reward—Mark, 10: 29 and 30; II. Tim., 2: 12; Matt., 25: 23.

Silent Prayer (Closed by leader)—For such condition of mind and heart that we shall delight to deny ourselves for Christ.

Paper—What Christ needs for the salvation of the South.

Paper—Our Church and our Society in the work of soul-saving.

Prayer—That God may open our eyes to see self-denials we can make for His cause.

Facts and Figures—"In fifty years the unevangelized population in the South has increased from three to twelve million." The population of the territory of our Southern Baptist Convention increases at the rate of half a million a year. "The Gospel is the radical cure for the world's great evils. Its propagation, like its spirit, requires sacrifices." Two hundred un-

converted souls depend on each Christian for knowledge of salvation.

Suggested Leaflets—Gold and Incense (price 1 cent). A Question of Ownership (price 1 cent).

Monday, March 13.—“Our Home Mission Board.”

Bible Reading—Thanksgiving: Why, when, where, how to give thanks. II. Cor., 4: 15; Eph., 5: 19, 20; Col., 3: 17; Heb., 13: 15 and 16. The result, peace. Phil., 4: 6 and 7.

Prayer—Of thanksgiving for work of Home Board.

Papers—(1) The Southern States as a factor in the evangelization of the world. (2) Some features and results of our home mission work.

Prayers—For increase of gifts to home mission work; special requests for special fields; guidance for officers of the Home Board and Woman's Missionary Union; for home missionaries.

Food for Thought—“America Christianized means the world Christianized.” “If America fails, the world fails.” “Immorality and crime are increasing much more rapidly than church membership.” “Now is the nick of time.” “One man now is worth a hundred fifty years hence.” “The evidence of our salvation is the interest we feel in the salvation of others.” Our Home Board has averaged 391 missionaries each year for the last five years. In this time they have baptized 25,828 converts.

Suggested Leaflets—“Pass It Along” (price 1 cent), “Home Missions” (price 2 cents).

Tuesday, March 14.—“Special Fields and Special Needs: The Frontier, Louisiana, the Mountain Section.”

Bible Thoughts—Power for service. John, 1: 12; Acts, 1: 8; Phil., 4: 12-13; Isa., 40: 29-31; Zech., 4: 6; Heb., 4: 12; Matt., 28: 18-20.

Chain of Prayer—For power for service for ourselves; our society; our

church; our Woman's Missionary Union; our Home Board and its missionaries.

Paper—“Blessed Boxes.” Frontier mission boxes sent by Woman's Missionary Union.

Symposium—Incidents known or read by members, of the needs or blessings of such boxes.

Reading—“Louisiana as a Mission Field” (price 2 cents).

Talk—Our Mountain People. Where they are, who they are, and what they need.

Points and Pointers—“The Mormons have recently sent four hundred missionaries into the mountain regions of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia. If we would not see a miniature Utah in our midst, we must strongly reinforce our missionaries in these sections.” Louisiana has large districts of country in which there are no Baptist churches. There is but one Baptist to each fifty of a population largely Catholic. The frontier to-day is the teeming city of to-morrow. The order of settlement is first the saloon, then the cabin, then—a long time after—the church. Satan stakes the claim long before the church arrives to dispute the territory. The Woman's Missionary Union sent out last year boxes valued at \$24,352.92. Total contributions of Woman's Missionary Union to home missions, \$35,636.24.

Suggested Leaflets—“Our Sort of Folks” (price 1 cent), “The Mountain Region and Its People” (price 2 cents).

Wednesday, March 15.—“Cuba: Our Great Opportunity.”

Scripture—Ps., 91. Peace, Protection, Promotion.

Prayer—Of thanksgiving that the war is over; for the preservation of the Baptist flock; for their faithfulness in trial; for the heroism of the women of the church.

Talks—Ten minutes each. First, Cuba: Its people, its climate, its territory. Second, Cuba: Its religion, its church, its priests.

Paper—Our Opportunity: What shall we do with it?

Sentence Prayers—For grace, wisdom, strength to seize our opportunity for the salvation of Cuba.

Food for Thought—God has offered Cuba to Southern Baptists. Will they go in and possess the land? The Home Board needs now fifty thousand dollars extra for work in Cuba. Opportunity never looks back. Seize the present moment and thou art rich; lose it, and thou art forever poor. God's now is eternal; ours but a point in time. Prayer is the heart, information the brain, and "money the sinews" of missionary conquest.

Suggested Leaflets—"Cuba Libre" (price 2 cents), "The Rule of Three" (price 2 cents).

Thursday, March 16.—"Cities; A Modern Danger."

Prayer—That we may see our personal responsibility for the state of our city, town, village, or country neighborhood.

The Perfect City—Rev., 21: 1-8; 21: 22-27; 22: 14-17. God its light, Rev., 21: 23; righteousness its law, 22: 14; happiness its rule, 21: 4; the "Lamb's" Book its census, 21: 27; prohibition its entrance, 21: 8; the law of its increase, 22: 17.

Heart Question—I pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Am I helping to answer my own prayer and make my neighborhood more like heaven?

Paper—City Blessings versus City Dangers.

Thoughts for Discussion—The city Sabbath. Dark city corners. All sorts of folks. Which for my boy—the church, or saloon?

Points and Pointers—The cities are

only from a third to a fifth as well supplied with churches as the country at large, and church accommodation is growing more inadequate every year. The large cities average about one church to each 1,500 people, one saloon to each 300. "It is usually the densest population which is most neglected." "In our large cities Sunday is being transformed from a holy day to a holiday." There is hardly one large or small city in the South but what some church spire points heavenward as a memorial of the Home Board's work.

Friday, March 17.—"A Southern Problem; The Spiritual Uplifting of the Negro."

Scripture—Eph., 4: 20-32.

Prayer—For light on our duty to this people.

Bible Reasons for Work Among the Colored People—(Each text read and discussed by different lady). Because all may be saved, John, 3: 16; they are weak and ignorant, Rom., 15: 1-3; they are our neighbors, Rom., 13: 9, 10; many are our "brethren," Gal., 6: 10.

Untenable Reasons for Neglecting this Work—Because it is hard, II. Tim., 2: 3; we do not know how, James, 1: 5, 6; it is discouraging, I. Cor., 3: 6; we are busy, I. Cor., 3: 13.

Silent Prayer—For willingness and wisdom for this work.

Home Question—What would Christ do in my place?

Food for Thought—The spiritual uplifting of the negro woman is the universal opportunity of Southern Baptist women. The Home Board is successfully working among the colored people by instructing pastors, preaching to them, and co-operating with them.

Suggested Leaflets—"A View of the Negro Question" (price 2 cents), "Work of Southern Baptists Among the Negroes."

Saturday, March 18.—“Foreigners.”

Prayer—For a special blessing on the last day of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Bible Reading—Strangers: Ex., 23: 9; Ps., 146: 9; Luke, 17: 18; Heb., 13: 2; Matt., 25: 35.

Paper—Advantages and Disadvantages of Immigration.

Paper—Miss Buhlmaier’s Work at the Pier (see files of Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal).

Prayer—For the strangers within our gates.

Discussion—How this week has helped me. Taken part in by every one present, either by a few words or repeating verse of Scripture.

Collection—Of self-Denial offering.

Chain of Prayer—Thanksgiving for privilege of giving; blessing on gifts and givers. Blessing on our country and our Home Board.

Facts and Figures—Between two and three hundred thousand immigrants, most of whom are Catholics, come into our country every year. There are nine million foreigners in the United States, while one-third of the entire population is of foreign parentage. Lafayette said one hundred years ago: \* \* “If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed they will fall at the hands of the Roman clergy.” Catholics in the United States number seven and a half millions. The Sunday School Board grants and the Home Board distributes, thousands of Bibles and Testaments among foreigners and immigrants.

Note: The suggested leaflets and others may be obtained from Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 north Howard street, Baltimore, Md. Send for catalogue giving names and prices.

Should the week appointed be unsuitable, let a more convenient time be selected.

Send Self-Denial Offering through the usual channels, being careful to

designate it as Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions.



Christmas Offering for China.

Alabama .....	\$ 32 69
Arkansas .....	5 00
Florida .....	51 10
Georgia .....	14 18
Kentucky .....	193 47
Louisiana .....	29 30
Maryland .....	164 36
Mississippi .....	3 00
South Carolina .....	676 30
Tennessee .....	99 51
Texas .....	2 75
Virginia .....	348 89
Indian Territory .....	13 75
Oklahoma Territory .....	2 45

Total .....\$1,636 65



Quarterly Report from Treasurer of Woman’s Missionary Union, Missions of Southern Baptist Convention

	Foreign.	Home.	S. S. Bd.
Alabama.....	\$299 07	\$1 353 36	\$91 60
Florida.....	182 49	206 25	
Georgia.....	877 21	59 08	
Kentucky.....	461 55	1 737 41	129 21
Maryland.....	241 95	2 445 35	333 72
North Carolina.....	305 74	1,515 91	
South Carolina.....	362 07	111 13	
Tennessee.....	267 38	1,420 71	231 01
Texas.....	44 50	422 00	104 25
Virginia.....	1145 90	2 024 56	218 25

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BANDS.

Alabama.....	44 03	153 16	7 00
Florida.....	26 82		
Maryland.....		52 94	
North Carolina.....	35 19	29 79	
South Carolina.....	31 76	6 84	9 22
Tennessee.....	14 75	198 76	5 00
Virginia.....	60 90	10 90	

Mrs. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.

Report of boxes for the past month has to be deferred till next month for want of space.

A. A.



Body, how hast thou fared to-day?—  
“I have had the best that the world can give;  
With my costly feasting and rich array,  
Where is the prince who could better live?”  
And how has it been with thee, O, soul?—  
“I have lived on a crust or two of prayer,  
And had not a vestment that was whole:—  
Ay! how much worse could a beggar fare?”  
—S. S. Times.



# Band Department.

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

Kiaochow, Tsintau, China, November 10, 1898.

Dear Miss Heck,—I am sending you the latest and best photos of our children, but they are not quite like them. I thought you and your little friends would like to see how they sometimes travel. They think it is great fun to ride in their baskets on a donkey. They sometimes ride with Mr. Sears and me on our bicycles. George was six years old in August, and Mary four in September. They are both delighted to receive letters, as I believe all children are. George is beginning to read a little, and hopes to be able soon to write. There are no



GEORGE AND MARY SEARS RIDING ON DONKEY IN CHINA.

other American children in less than forty miles of us, so they have rather a lonely life. They usually see some other children two or three times a year.

We have just had a visit from a Swedish lady and her three children. Her children could not speak English, and ours could not speak Swedish, so they had to speak Chinese entirely. It was no hardship for them, though, as they all speak Chinese as well as, if not better, than English or Swedish.

We hope to spend nearly all the time for the next three weeks in the country, and probably longer, if the weather continues nice. We have such lovely autumns here in this part of China. It is delightful to be outside until about Christmas. With our prayers and best wishes for the success of your work,

Yours sincerely,

EFFIE J. SEARS.

## A BIT OF GOLD.

"I wish I could pay some of it back," said Mamie Furgerson.

The pale-faced mother glanced across the kitchen table to where her youngest daughter sat, laboriously darning a pair of her father's socks.

"Pay what back?" she asked. "Father has paid for the flour we were obliged to go in debt for."

"Yes, I know," answered Mamie. "I was thinking about our box. When I put on that red cashmere — somehow, mamma, it doesn't seem right for even a little girl to have so much without trying to say thank you."

"You do thank God every night, I am sure," said Mrs. Furgerson.

"But, mamma, you always say words without deeds do not mean much. Now, I have that dress and a hat and shoes, and other things I needed, and Lady Grey just to love. Of course, I know the ladies packed it, but I keep feeling that it all came right straight from heaven. God first sent it care of them, I think."

Mrs. Furgerson's eyes filled with tears, and two bright drops fell on the blue skirt from the same box, which she was remodeling for herself. It had not been a very large box, and while very thankful, the needs of the large household were far from being supplied. Before Mamie's thankfulness, however, she could not say a word.

It was some days after this that Mrs. Furgerson, going into Mamie's bare, cold, little room, found everything she had received from the box spread out upon the bed, each article numbered and ticketed as for a sale. Lady Grey, a pretty doll, a little faded from the handling of her former mistress, stood straight and stiff against the pillow, one bisque hand pointing reproachfully to the number pinned across her waist. In the pillow was a deep dent, as if a head had been buried there. Mrs. Furgerson lifted Lady Grey and scanned her ticket. It read: "Lady Grey, No. 10. This is for God." Then she understood Mamie had been counting her possessions, and had chosen the doll as God's tenth. Gently she put the tenth back in its place, and stole away. "Dear child," she murmured. "Some have so much, and she so little; but thank God for her grateful heart."

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"More envelopes!" exclaimed Miss Cora Mertons, as two little white ones fluttered in a larger one she had just torn open. "One for you, Rosa, I suppose," she said, tossing one to her younger sister. "It's always something," she went on. "First the box, then the Christmas offering, and now this Week of Self-Denial. I think it about time for there to be a let-up. If it's for Cuba, they ought to be satisfied that we fought, bled, and died for them, and if it's for frontier missions, I've wanted my old blue cashmere every day since I sent it. That's sacrifice enough, I think." And Cora settled back to her work, pushing her feet nearer to the blazing fire in the grate.

"And I gave Lady Grey," echoed Rosa, as she ran off to her play, well satisfied with her older sister's settlement of the matter.

"Cora," exclaimed Rosa, bursting in the sitting-room some ten days later, her cheeks very red and her eyes very bright, "I'm as shamed as I can live. You know that box, and how I fished up Lady Grey from the bottom of a trunk, and mother dressed her? Well, she's come back."

"Sent her back, indeed," exclaimed Cora, sitting up indignantly. "If they're too proud to have a doll like that, they'll not get any more of my dresses in a hurry."

"Oh, it's not that at all," interrupted Rosa. "The girl's name's Mamie, and she wrote a letter and said she knew God sent the box by way of us, and she wanted to give back part as a thank-offering. She got ten things, counting a pair of shoes as two, and she sold Lady Grey to a man for his little girl. There was no society out there, so she sent the money to our Band. Her mother wrote a postscript at the bottom. She said Mamie didn't know she wrote it, but the blots were tears, for she loved the doll very much. And—and this was the time for the self-denial money, and I didn't have a thing"—and Rosa stopped, out of breath, a half sob in her voice.

Cora sat looking in the fire for some minutes.

"I think I can live without this," she said, gently, by and by, unfastening a thin gold bracelet from her wrist. "It won't sell for very much, but I'd like to give a bit of gold, if Christ will have it."

"I'll try not to miss this," said Rosa, slipping off a pretty ring, and putting it in Cora's hand.

"May be He'll save some Cuban's soul with it, if He'll have it after what we said about so many calls, Cora went on, more softly still. "Let's ask Him, Rosa, to-night."



### BOOK NOTICES.

**THE TRANSFORMATION OF HAWAII.**—By Belle M. Brain. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Price, \$1.

This is a delightful account of the great change which has come in the Hawaiian Islands. A book which will be read by many with much pleasure and profit.

**A HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.**—By B. F. Riley, D. D. 12mo., 376 pages. Price, \$1.25. American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The book is written in Dr. Riley's clear and forceful style, and brings out facts, the record of which will be more valuable as time passes by.

**ANECDOTES AND MORALS.**—By Louis Albert Banks, D. D. 12mo., cloth; 463 pages. Price, \$1.50. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

A story containing an appropriate and striking illustration of a moral truth is the pleasantest and surest medium for enforcing a character lesson. Such a story arouses the attention, stimulates the interest, and causes conviction. Over five hundred and fifty interesting anecdotes, with forceful lessons, have been gathered in this work. They are almost entirely composed of incidents happening throughout the world within the last few months. A combined alphabetical, topical, and cross-reference index makes the contents easily available for instant use.

**THE IMPERIAL REPUBLIC.**—By James C. Fernald, Author of "The Spaniard in History," etc. 12mo., cloth. With Five Maps. Price, 75 cents. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

The author is an avowed and ardent believer in expansion. He ably sets forth his views as to the duty of our government at this time.

**ONE OF THE TWO.**—By Charles M. Sheldon. F. H. Revell Company. Price 30 cents.

Those who have read Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," naturally look for something good, and they are not disappointed in this excellent booklet. Buy a dozen and loan one to every young man in your reach.

## RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From January 15 to March 15, 1899.

ALABAMA.—Evergreen S. S., by J. W. C., \$7.50; New Berne S. S., by J. E. B. (Christmas offering, China, \$5; Hamilton Ch., by E. F. C., \$2; Brazilda Ferguson, Fuller, \$2; Ashland Ch., by C. J. B. (Christmas offering, \$2.83), \$6.21; Providence Ch., by C. J. B., 91 cents; W. M. U., First Ch., Selma, by H. A. H. (Miss Kelly), \$25; L. M. S., Demopolis, by Mrs. W. D. F. K. (Christmas offering, China), \$12; Demopolis Ch., by Mrs. W. D. F. K., \$8; Demopolis Sunbeam Band, by Mrs. W. D. F. K., \$2.77; J. L. Thompson, Sec'y (N. China, \$162.77; Miss Kelly, \$20.42; Japan, \$5; Miss Hartwell, \$37.50), \$272.21; Opelika Ch., by W. M. H., \$50; Durham Ch., by A. J. T., \$3.25; Siloam Ch., by L. L. L., \$9.40. Total, \$406.23. Previously reported, \$2,886.20. Total this year, \$3,292.43.

ARKANSAS.—S. W. Cochran, \$4; E. B. Miller, V. P., \$14.90; L. A. S. Ozark, by Mrs. A. L. C., \$5; J. H. Hurst, Reyno, by O. H. L. C., \$1.25; Y. L. C. College, Conway, by M. E. D., \$2.91. Total, \$23.06.

Previously reported, \$560.73. Total this year, \$583.79.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Miss Alice Reville, by E. H. S., \$5.

Previously reported, \$117.60. Total this year, \$122.60.

FLORIDA.—Hebron Ch., by B. R. M., 70 cents; W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., \$50; Hopeful Ch., by A. P. S., \$1.55. Total, \$52.25.

Previously reported, \$126.27. Total this year, \$178.52.

GEORGIA.—Mrs. Julia B. Meals, \$10; "A Brother," Wadley, \$11; Second Ch., Atlanta, by J. T. P., \$160; W. M. S., Union Point, by Mrs. L. (China), \$3.96; W. M. S., Blountsville, by Mrs. I. W. (Christmas offering, China), \$2.18; L. A. and M. S., College Park Ch., by W. L. S., \$3.95; W. B. Smith, Barnesville, \$10; S. S., First Ch., Augusta, by Miss M. E. Wright, \$25; Curtis Ch., by T. M. G., \$5; West Point Ch., by J. T. E., \$50; J. G. Gibson, Treas. (Japan, \$5.53; Sears Fund, \$46; China, \$301.10), \$750; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale (China), \$5; Statesboro Ch., by S. C. Y., \$10; L. M. S., E. Macon Ch., by M. P. J., \$3.25; Mrs. William Cummings, \$10. Total, \$1,069.34.

Previously reported, \$6,779.78. Total this year, \$7,839.12.

KENTUCKY.—L. M. S., Bethlehem Ch., by Miss K. P., \$3; Mayslick Ch., by J. B. H., \$17.45; Louisa Ch., by L. M. C., \$9.75; Y. M. C. A., Georgetown College, by E. L. M., \$3; D. F. Highbaugh, 75 cents; Rogers Grove Ch., by J. W. B., \$4.01; W. M. S., First Ch., Lexington (Christmas offering, \$4), \$16; W. M. U., Gratz, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, 25 cents; W. M. U., Little Flock, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, \$2.50), \$3.85; W. M. U., Shelbyville, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$6.10; W. M. U., McFerran Memorial, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, \$5.32), \$12.91; W. M. U., Bethany, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$2; W. M. U., Burks Branch, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$2; W. M. U., Ghent, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$17.60; W. M. U., First Ch., Paducah, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$15; W. M. U., Locust, by Mrs. B. G. R., 55 cents; W. M. U., Burgin, 50 cents; W. M. U., Winchester, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, \$3.35), \$3.35; W. M. U., Bloomfield (Christmas offering, \$5), \$5; W. M. U., Bloomfield Sunbeams (Christmas offering, \$1), \$3; W. M. U., Providence, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$5; W. M. U., Parkland, by Mrs.

B. G. R., (native with Chambers, \$10.50; Christmas offering, \$20.65), \$31.15; W. M. U., Howling Green, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$20; W. M. U., Hopkinsville, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, \$30.50), \$34.75; W. M. U., Flemingsburg, by Mrs. B. G. R., 75 cents; W. M. U., Owenton, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$1; W. M. U., Sulphur, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$3; W. M. U., North Fork (Christmas offering), by Mrs. B. G. R., \$1; W. M. U., Versailles (Christmas offering), by Mrs. B. G. R., \$2; W. M. U., Carrollton, by Mrs. B. G. R., 84 cents; W. M. U., Broadway, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$0.80; W. M. U., Mt. Vernon, by Mrs. B. G. R. (McCollum), \$36; W. M. U., Bardstown, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$9.65; W. M. U., Danville, by Mrs. B. G. R., 91 cents; W. M. U., Beechland, by Mrs. B. G. R., \$3; W. M. U., Allansville, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering), \$8.85; John Archer, Burgin (China), \$1; S. S. Class, Miss E. Latimer (Bible for Chinese boy), 50 cents; J. W. Warder, Treas. (Third Ch., Owensboro, Miss Mackenzie, \$50), \$152.32. Total, \$482.69. Previously reported, \$5,603.49. Total this year \$6,086.08.

LOUISIANA.—W. M. S., Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, by D. G. W. (Christmas offering), \$14; W. M. S., Fifth Ch., New Orleans, by J. M. A. (Christmas offering), \$7.60; W. M. S., Morrow Ch., by J. M. A., \$1.60; W. M. S., Grand Cane Ch., by J. M. A. (Christmas offering), \$3.70; L. A. S., Salem Ch., by M. H. J. (Christmas offering), \$2.50; M. H. Johnson, \$2.50; Anna Head, \$1; W. R. Hargrove, 60 cents; Occupy Ch., by W. R. H., \$1.65. Total, \$35.05.

Previously reported, \$245.66. Total this year, \$280.71.

MARYLAND.—Miss Mary G. Lovering, Baltimore (Miss Anna Green), \$40; Franklin Square Ch., by F. E. W., \$100; R. O. L. Soc'y, N. Avenue Ch., Baltimore (China), \$2.50; Cordova S. R. Ch., by S. R. R., \$2; Cordova B. Y. P. U., by S. R. R., \$1.25; Travilah Ch., by L. J., \$4; W. F. M. S., by Mrs. E. L. (Miss White, \$9.70; Christmas offering, \$154.26), \$223.53; Fulton Avenue Ch., Baltimore, by G. W. L., \$26.31. Total, \$399.69.

Previously reported, \$2,353.05. Total this year, \$2,752.64.

MISSISSIPPI.—George Whitfield and wife, \$5; Fair River Ch., by L. P. K., \$3; A. V. Rowe, Treas., \$350; Pleasant Ridge Ch., by J. B., \$2.55; Union Ch., by G. W. H., \$20; Immanuel Ch., by C. G. E., \$9.65; Concord Ch., by J. T. S., \$3.97; Bethlehem Ch., by J. T. S., \$5.16; Beulah Ch., by J. T. S., \$3.12. Total, \$402.45.

Previously reported, \$1,635.53. Total this year, \$2,037.98.

MISSOURI.—W. T. Hearing, \$2; E. H. Sawyer, Treas., \$322.26; Legacy, Mrs. Sarah L. Farmer, \$50. Total \$374.26.

Previously reported, \$3,259.40. Total this year, \$3,833.66.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Hope Mills Sunbeams, by Miss S. B., \$2.50; Highlands Ch., by J. N. A., \$5.20; M. S., Hot Springs Ch., by B. H. M., \$2; Henrietta Ch. (Class No. 1, S. S., \$5), \$23.05. Total, \$32.75.

Previously reported, \$3,226.33. Total this year, \$3,259.08.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Parksville S. S., by W. M. R., 83 cents; Glenn Smith Union, \$5; Mrs. J. W. A. S., Jefferson, \$1; Gowensville S. S., by D. R. E., \$1; Georges Creek Ch., by A. B. K., \$3.17; "Lover of Missions," \$5;

Member of Vancluse Ch., by T. E. S., \$2; Welcome Ch., by J. P. M., \$1; Bishopville Ch., by R. T. M., \$1.10; Campobello S. S., by J. P. C., \$1.25; James B. Caldwell (Christmas gift), \$2.96; Ladies, Red Bank Ch., by Mrs. J. A. C. (Christmas offering), \$3.63; First Ch. Union, by J. H. M., \$9.18; Denmark Ch., by W. H., \$3.75; Norway Ch., by W. H., \$1.80; Pleasant Mt. Ch., by W. H., 41 cents; Parks-ville Ch., by J. C. M., \$2.35; Flint Hill Ch., by W. F. B., \$5.80; Little River Ch., by E. R. R., \$3.06; Berea Ch., by D. D. G., \$5; Willing Workers' Soc'y, Horeb Ch., \$2.25; M. V. S., First Ch., Greenville (in memoriam), \$2; Rutherford-Street Ch., by J. N., \$5.25; N. Union, Spartanburg Ass'n, by D. W. W., \$25.14; Dudley's Ch., by J. J. N., \$1.30; Beaver Creek Ch., by W. S. D., \$7.43; Pine Pleasant Ch., by J. D. L., \$5; Jefferson Ch., by R. E. S., \$1; Mrs. John Stout, Treas. (Christmas offering, \$501.03; W. W. Lawton, \$5; Sunbeam Miss'y, \$5.09), \$535.00; Florence Ch., by W. J. B., \$23.83; Mt. Calvary Ch., by J. L. O., \$4.30; C. E. Horton, \$25; First Ch., Newberry, by W. H. H., \$15.50; Abner's Creek Ch., by L. C. E., \$1.50; Fair Forest Ch., by J. T. G., \$11.16; Batesburg Ch., by W. P. B., \$15; Padgett's Creek S. S., by D. N. W., \$3.12; Bush River Ch., by I. M. S., \$5.42. Total, \$835.19.

Previously reported, \$3,655.05. Total this year, \$4,550.25.

TENNESSEE.—First Ch., Jackson, by J. C. E., \$14.05; Beulah Ch., by E. F. H., \$2.05; Ebenezer Ass'n, by J. H. T. (Lo Wai Ling), \$100; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. (Christmas offering, \$84.94), \$303.63; W. M. S., Central Ch., Memphis, by Mrs. E. B. M., \$14; Orlinda Ch., by J. A. C. (E. F. Tatum), \$20; Beulah Ch., by E. F. H., \$3.20; Amanda Mabrey, Lebanon, \$1.46. Total, \$458.29.

Previously reported, \$2,363.78. Total this year, \$2,822.07.

TEXAS.—J. S. Hillsman, Giddings, \$5; "a" Ch., Alvarado Ass'n, by H. B. W., \$3.75; Dallas County Ass'n, by D. I. M., \$62.80; China Creek Ch., by P. B., \$3.55; Ladonia B. Y. P. U., by Miss C. B. (Martinez, Mex.), \$18.75; First Ch., Bonham, by J. M. W., \$25; Black Jack, Grove Ch., by R. L. M., \$3.91; Erath County Ass'n, by T. K. (P. Rodriguez), \$14; J. B. Gambrell, Sup't, \$303.26; "A Brother," by J. M. H., Henderson, \$25; Mt. Zion Ch., by A. J. C., \$10; Bethel Ch., by S. A. B., \$1.40; Daingerfield Ch., by S. T. W., \$4.25. Total, \$510.67.

Previously reported, \$3,128.32. Total this year, \$3,638.99.

VIRGINIA.—Little Helpers, Vesuvius Ch., by Mrs. M. E. R. (Christmas offering), \$1; B. A. Jacob, Treas. (Christmas offering, \$335.64), \$1,500; Mrs. A. C. Estes, \$1. Total, \$1,502.

Previously reported, \$5,416.52. Total this year, \$6,918.62.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—New Bethel Soc'y, Tylora, by A. W. A., \$10; Mrs. W. H. Kuykendall, Ardmore (China), \$1; Choate Prairie Soc'y, by A. W. A. (Christmas offering), \$12.75; Winfield Soc'y, by A. W. A. (Christmas offering), \$1. Total, \$24.75.

Previously reported, \$90. Total this year, \$114.75.

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Total this year, \$11.

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Previously reported, \$23.25. Total this year, \$22.88.

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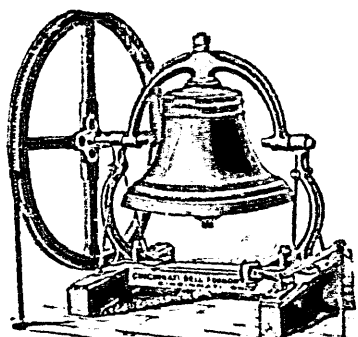
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