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AN APPEAL.

Kings of old softly laid their treasures before the infant Saviour. The poor widow, with sublime trust, cast all her living into the treasury. Martyrs have gladly given their hearts' blood, and missionaries are enduring varied trials in advancing the cause of their risen Lord. Sometimes Christians in the home land fail to embrace opportunities for service and lull conscience to sleep by the thought that the Master knows if He were here in want and woe they, too, would give Him all. But is this not a most seasonable time for heeding the divine voice, which calls from heavenly heights:

"Unclose thine eyes and see,
Gifts to the least of these I love,
Thou givest unto Me."

In the name of the Master, "whose we are and whom we serve," Woman's Missionary Union pleads for a Christmas offering for China from the Baptists throughout the South land. How appropriate is such an expression of gratitude for God's goodness and of devotion to the Saviour! Remember the millions who are waiting, longing for tidings of the unspeakable gift—a Saviour, Christ, the Lord. Shall we, then, bring the refuse or the surplus of our store? Rather, let the Christmas offering of each be the outcome of a loving heart, which seeks to present that which is pleasing in His sight.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.
Corresponding Secretary W. M. U.

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR CHINA.

It is worthy of note how faithful, loving women were commended by Christ when on earth. He seemed to love to honor them. Woman never had such a friend as Jesus. He has done more to lift her up and bless her than all else besides. We love to see women appreciating and working for this, their best friend. What way can possibly please Him more than by letting poor, suffering women in heathen lands know of His love? No one can suggest a more appropriate Christmas gift than one to Jesus to send the knowledge of Him and His love to poor souls in darkness and sin. We are glad our wives and mothers and sisters and daughters all over our Convention have a plan of bringing Christmas offerings to Christ. This year all the gifts will go to China. This great country has one-fourth of all the world's population, and yet only one out of every five thousand of its inhabitants professes to love Christ.

We rejoice, however, that the seed sown for many years is springing up, and China is listening to the Gospel as never before. Glorious tidings come from our missionaries there.

It will be well for the sisters to remember that for a great work much depends on the preparation made. We want the collection this year to be at least 25 per cent. ahead of last. The Woman's Missionary Union have prepared excellent programmes, envelopes, and other literature. They will gladly furnish these. But more preparation is now needed. Let the officers of the various societies prepare for a good collection. Then let every sister prepare and have the funds set aside when the day for the collection comes. Deny yourself something that you may give the bread of life to your dying sisters in darkness and night. Oh, sisters, blessed of Christ in Christian homes, listen to the wail of blighted, blasted womanhood in Christless lands, and remember that Christ looks on as you throw your gift for their redemption into the treasury of the Lord.

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

OUR CHINA NU BER.

It will be noticed that we give most of the space in this issue of the Journal to the work in China. We rejoice in the great development of the work in that great country. In the near future China will be one of the great world powers. Now is our opportunity, as never before, to impress her with the religion of the Lord our God. If neglected, no one can calculate where the loss will fall. Doubtless the future destiny of America is to be largely affected by China. She is our neighbor on the west. Swift ships have brought her very close to our doors, nearer than San Francisco was a few years ago. But above all other reasons to send her the Gospel, is this, God has commanded us to give her millions the light as it is in Christ. Let us heed His command. In the line of obedience are blessings for those who send, as well as for those to whom He sends us.

Glorious tidings come from Canton, China. In that mission there have been four hundred and forty-three baptisms in nine months of this year. God is blessing our resolution to advance in His work.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN CHINA.

In connection with our work in China are several items of special interest.

The wonderful revival in South China we mention first. Last year we rejoiced when we heard of 295 baptisms. In nine months of this year the missionaries there report 443 baptisms, and others inquiring the way. Let us praise God and press forward.

The Publication Society has been inaugurated at Canton. The purpose of the brethren is to publish tracts, the Word of God, a religious newspaper, and other literature, as they find it needful in prosecuting the work. This society will do the publishing, not only for South China, but for the Baptists all over China.

In Central China, at Shanghai, the brethren have sold the old residence property at a good price, and bought a much more desirable property. The old location had become valuable for Chinese residences. A small plot of ground, with two residences, was sold for enough to buy a large lot of ground and put up three residences and a school-house. At Chinkiang, in the same mission, the two residences which adjoined have been remodelled and made into three, at a small cost. At Yang Chow a neat chapel has been dedicated.

In the North China Mission 102 baptisms were reported last year. This showed wonderful progress.

In all our China work the workers seem hopeful, and we who support them rejoice in the blessing of God on their labors.

DO NOT FORGET THE MAPS.

Some two years ago the Board published a set of maps showing the work in each of the fields. Six hundred sets of the maps were sold, and are now among the churches. Many and enthusiastic were the expressions that came in regard to the maps and their helpfulness. Indeed, such words reach us still occasionally. But we fear that some of the pastors, now that the new has worn off, may neglect the use of the maps. Each one who wishes can keep the maps corrected up-to-date by reading the Journal.

Every pastor ought to take his people through a course of study of the fields, aided by these valuable helps, at least once a year.

Let the people be kept in close, intelligent and sympathetic touch with the fields, let them have the workers and the work brought tangibly before them, and they will be interested—they will give. The wise and earnest pastor will not allow so valuable an aid as these maps to lie dust-covered in a corner.

A lad in Brazil came four hundred miles to be baptized by Bro. Z. C. Taylor. What are you doing to send the Gospel of our Saviour?

THREE HUNDRED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WANTED.

The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board are much better than they were at this time last year. Still there has not enough been given to meet all expenses. Ten young men and women have been sent out as new missionaries. To equip these and send them out has cost about $3,000. It has been necessary to borrow the money to get these young missionaries to their fields. We believe that there are three hundred young men and women in our bounds who can give ten dollars each to pay this amount. We want this money in December. Some who have heard of the proposition have already sent their ten dollars. Will you who stay at home and enjoy the blessing of a Christian land reach out to help those who go to heathen darkness? If so, God will bless you. You will be a co-worker with those who go. Let us hear from many young men and women. Will pastors and parents bring this to the attention of our young men and women? We know that many of them will gladly give if the subject is presented to them. Such a giver will be a blessing to his home and his church.

We hope to hear from many young men and women in the next month.

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The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions is to meet in New York city April 21st to May 1st, 1900. This will be one of the most interesting and inspiring meetings ever held on earth. We would be glad for a number of our preachers and laymen to attend. How glorious it will be to meet representatives from all over the world who come together to counsel as to how we can give the knowledge of Christ to all men and win the world to Him who is Lord and King.

The Foreign Board has on hand a large supply of mission tracts, which will be gladly furnished free to any one who wishes them. Some of these tracts have just been written by our missionaries, and they are deeply interesting and instructive.

Mrs. S. G. Pinnock, who went to England to see after her children, has returned to Africa. She sailed from England November 4th.

NOTES.

Many requests have come for tracts and sample Journals. We will gladly send them free to any who will apply.

We rejoice very much to hear that Mrs. J. G. Chastain, of Morelia, Mexico, who has been very ill, is improved in health.

The new missionaries appointed by the Board have all gone to their fields of labor. May many hearts pray God to give them strength and wisdom.

Dr. J. H. Eager, having moved from Kentucky, has resigned as vice-president of the Board for that State. Dr. Z. T. Cody has been elected to fill his place.

Miss Addie Barton, who spent a year at home resting and recuperating, has returned to her work in Toluca, Mexico. She has a school in Madero Institute with about twenty scholars.

Dr. L. R. Thornhill, who has served as a member of the Board for many years, having removed from Richmond, has resigned, and Dr. J. B. Hawthorne has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Thousands of hearts all over the South will join with us in sympathy for Miss Annie W. Armstrong and other members of the family in the recent loss of their devoted mother. She was indeed a lover of God and His cause.

As we go to press a letter is received from Mr. J. M. Black, Round Rock, Tex., saying that he had just gotten a cablegram (November 20th) from Rev. J. E. Hamilton and wife stating that they had arrived safely in Pernambuco, Brazil. They sailed from New York November 4th. Mr. Black is the father of Mrs. Hamilton.

THE TEACHING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Junius W. Millard.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul refers to the zeal with which the Christians of Thessalonica received the Gospel which he preached, saying that they had become steadfast through suffering, thus imitating the churches of God which were in Judea. We do not know what form that suffering in Thessalonica took, but we do know what it had cost from the very first to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ among the Jews of Palestine. So the distress of the Christians of Thessalonica must have been most severe for Paul to have compared it to the sufferings which the believers in Jerusalem had to undergo.

This leads him next to speak with a righteous burst of indignation of the sins of his countrymen. (I. Thes., 2: 15-18.) Now, Saul of Tarsus loved the Jews, for if there ever was a man consumed with a passionate patriotism it was he. He was proud of his ancestors, and often refers with pride to his Jewish descent. He swelled with delight at every remembrance of the fact that he was a member of that race of Israelites, whose was the adoption, and the glory,

and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose were the fathers, and of whom was Christ as concerning the flesh. For them he felt a great sorrow and unceasing pain in his heart. And yet he sees them here in his letter to the Thessalonians only as bitter enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of the humble followers of Jesus. He gives a list of their more recent crimes, which he says were done "to fill up their sins alway;" that is, these sins he mentions filled to the brim the measure of their iniquity from the beginning of their national history to the time at which he wrote.. However great may have been the former sins of the Jews, there was something lacking of the full measure. When that measure should be completed, then the wrath of God would fall upon them to the uttermost. To understand this, it is necessary to turn to Gen. 15: 16, and see that there God gives to Abraham the land of Canaan, but says that his descendants cannot possess it for four hundred year, "for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full." When, in coming years, it should be full, then God's wrath was to fall upon the Amorite, he was to be destroyed, and Abraham's seed should possess the land. In this connection it is well to read the words of II. Maccabees, 6: 14, as tending to illustrate what we mean by the filling up of sins, and the punishment which was to follow, "for in the case of the other nations the Sovereign Lord doth with longsuffering forbear until that He punish them when they have attained unto the full measure of their sins."

Now, in this list of sins which Paul gives, it is exceedingly instructive to see which one occupies the crowning place. The first one that he mentions is the murder of Jesus Christ. Rather, a million-fold, be guilty of the blood of Abel than of the blood of the dear Son of God! Yet, that was not the worst, for the list continues: "Killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved." This last was their crowning sin, and was done "to fill up their sins alway." So, not their butchery of the ancient prophets, not their unholy lives which were displeasing unto God, not their persecution of the early Christians, not even their crucifixion of the blessed Jesus and rejection of His Gospel, was their crowning sin; but it was this, their open opposition to foreign missions. Having refused to accept the Gospel themselves, with the spirit of the dog in the manger they opposed its introduction among the nations of the earth. When that was done, the last straw was laid upon the camel's back, their sins were filled up, the wrath of God was come upon them to the utmost. The cloud had not yet burst, but to Paul's prophetic eye 'twas clearly visible as it hovered loweringly above them. God could not wait much longer. To this inspired apostle it seemed clear (it may have been revealed to him) that the nation's day of grace was drawing to a speedy close.

How all this reminds us of our Saviour's words in Matthew 23: 29-36. There Jesus had referred to the past sins of the scribe and Pharisee, and in verse 32 called upon them: "Fill ye up, then, the measure of your fathers!" Then, as suggesting how this was to be done, he said: "Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city." This "persecute from city to city," what was it save the unmerciful war of opposition waged by the Jews everywhere against the missionaries of the cross, reference to which we see in Acts 14: 2, 19; 17: 5, 13; 18: 6, 12, and throughout the last several chapters? It is to this that Jesus refers, and not

to His own death merely, when He next adds: "That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth from the blood of Abel, the righteous, unto the blood of Zachariah, the son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the sanctuary and the altar."

Hence it is seen that their opposition to foreign missions was the crowning sin of the Jewish race. But why should it be so?

There are two accounts given us of the final commission given by Jesus to His disciples, one in Matthew and the other in Luke. (Mark 16: 9-20, is omitted in two of the oldest Greek manuscripts, and the evidence seems to be against its genuineness; though, if accepted, it is practically the same as Matthew's account, and may be grouped above with Matthew.) In Matthew Jesus tells us what we are to do; in Luke He tells us what we are to be. Yet in one point they coincide exactly. Matthew says: "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations"—foreign missions. Luke tells us (24: 48): "Ye are witnesses of these things." Witnesses of what? Jesus himself tells us in verses 45-47 that it is (1) the death of Christ, (2) His resurrection, (3) the preaching of the Gospel of repentance and remission of sins, and (4) foreign missions. Not only are we to engage in the work of missions, but we are also in ourselves to be living witnesses (and the word witness means martyr) to the missionary idea. We are to incarnate it, as it were, in holy lives of witness-bearing for Jesus. There can be no true witnessing without it. Hence if one repudiates missions, he not only fails to do, he also fails to be, what Jesus said. He is out of harmony with God and His Son. As sinful as was the Jewish nation from the days of its murmuring in the wilderness down to the days of the murder of Zachariah; sinful as was that nation when with hands foul with blood they slew the holy Son of God, their utter depravity was not finished and fulfilled until they persecuted His followers, intent upon carrying the Gospel to the lost, from city to city, scourging, killing, opposing God's work of beneficence for the salvation of the world. God could wink at hatred toward Himself, but could no longer forbear when that hatred went the lengths of absolute hatred toward all His plans, and absolute hatred toward the world, and selfishness blossomed into hostility. It was, perhaps, the knowledge of all this that made Paul so constantly quiver with the memory of his own bloody hand in it all, as he said: "I persecuted the Church of God." He had a narrow escape, for he had been engaged in that which God's word tells us is most hateful to God himself—he had had a hand against foreign missions, going even unto strange cities to hail men and women who might be of that way bound unto Jerusalem.

The anti-missionary spirit is born of selfishness, and of disobedience to the expressed wish of Jesus Christ. Beware, ye who have it, lest it fill up the measure of your sins, and the wrath of God come upon you to the utmost.

Baltimore, Md.

AT WORK IN CHINA.

J. W. Lowe.

We are writing to your readers to-day from the famous Kioo Chow Bay, so recently occupied by the Germans. This little house-boat in which I am sitting has carried us safely across the bay, and has been our home during the last week. Our "outing" with Mr. and Mrs. Sears would have been very pleasant, but for the illness of some of our party. To-day finds us all well and happy,

but just a little impatient waiting for the tide to carry our boats off this sand bar. To sail across this beautiful bay with a favorable wind and tide is certainly invigorating.

The Germans are building a new city at the entrance to Kioo Chow Bay, which they call Tsintau. Kioo Chow city is about forty miles distant from Port Tsintau, and may be reached by crossing the bay in a san pon and then walking six miles over a sandy road, which was once covered by the bay at high tide.

There are at Port Tsintau about 500 German citizens and 1,500 soldiers. The city is alive with Chinese laborers, who receive from 20 to 30 cents (Mex.) a day. The present force will probably be increased to 20,000 by October 15th. Much sickness prevails, and many deaths have been reported. One poor, unfortunate fellow died on the sand near our boat Saturday night. When we discovered him it was too late to render any aid.

Materials for the new railroad are now on the ground, and the work of

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grading the road has begun. The railroad will be built by Chinese workmen, who will move all the material on their shoulders, or on wheelbarrows. Very few horses or oxen will be needed in its construction.

It is now almost four months since our arrival in Pingtu, which is a walled city, having a population of 35,000, situated on the eastern promontory of the Shantung province. The sea is not far distant towards the north or south, and our proximity to it gives us a delightful summer breeze, which makes living really pleasurable. The highest temperature recorded here during this season was only 90 degrees, Fahrenheit.

Barring an occasional attack of diarrhoea, our health has been excellent, and we have every reason to believe we shall be able to remain and labor in this land of darkness, ignorance, and superstition the full fifteen years suggested by Mrs. Lowe during a rather unpleasant illness experienced while crossing the Pacific.

Soon after our arrival I was invited to a Chinese feast. Everybody laughed at my vain attempts to convey food to my mouth with chopsticks. Our host seeing my embarrassment, kindly procured a fork for me. There were thirteen courses, and to my surprise all pastries were eaten first. Then followed green beans, pork, cabbage, onions, garlic, scrambled eggs, rice, etc. The Chinese seemed to really enjoy it, and I took pleasure in seeing them eat, rather than in eating myself.

We meet our teacher every day at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. for study. He says we are making some progress. We can now speak a few words in Chinese to our teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears have accomplished a great work here, concerning which I can faithfully say, the half has not yet been told. I have visited all the churches twice, excepting one, with Mr. Sears. The faith, zeal, and courage of these Christians is an inspiration to any man. Almost all the brethren are preaching the Gospel either in one of the churches or in the villages around.

I have already preached my first sermon in China, but not in Chinese. It was in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt, of Hwang-Hien, who are laboring faithfully, despite many difficulties. At Tung Chow I met the other members of our mission. It was a great treat to meet Miss Moon and Dr. Hartwell's family. A few hours spent in the delightful home of Miss Moon made me forget the fatigue of a journey of 120 miles on donkeyback. We rejoice to learn that Brother Owen comes to Tung Chow, where he is so much needed, to aid Dr. J. B. Hartwell.

Brethren and friends, we are in the field where the darkness is denser. Who will obey the imperative command of our risen Lord, and come over and help us preach the Gospel to these who are "dying for the knowledge of Jesus"?

Pingtu, China.

A CHINESE PICTURE.

R. E. Chambers.

I am in a native boat, on my way to visit one of our stations, and the readers of the Journal may be interested in a story that my teacher tells me is illustrated by one of the pictures that adorn this boat.

Four old men and a young man are represented in the picture. The young man was very wicked, and being an official's son he led many other young men astray. When he met the old men he said: "Why are you so sad, when there is so much to enjoy?" The old men replied: "There are three causes of our sorrow. One is that terrible white-faced tiger that lives up in the mountain, and has eaten so many of our people. Another is the terrible dragon in the west that causes the floods to come and drown so many of our people." "And what is the third cause of your sorrow?" asked the young man. "That we dare not tell you," said the old men, "for if we did you would become very angry." But upon the young man insisting and promising not to become angry, they said: "The third cause is yourself. You are idle and wicked, and are corrupting all of the young men, and if you do not live a better life, the future of our people must be very sad." "I shall remove all the causes of your sorrow," the young man said.

Immediately there was a great change in him. He studied, set a good example to the other young men, took care of his body, and became very strong.

and wise; went up into the mountnains and slew the terrible white-faced tiger, went away out in the west and destroyed the terrible dragon, and so brought peace and happiness to his community.

There are still real, live tigers even in this thickly-settled country, and there are numberless demons in the waters, air, and earth, which are none the less terrifying because imaginary. But the great cause of China's sorrow is the wickedness of her people.

The Gospel can and does dispel the darkness in which the dreaded monsters lurk, and it is working changes not only in the lives, but in the hearts of the Chinese, and so it is carrying happiness wherever it goes here in China, just as in every other part of the world.

Reader, what are you doing to spread this Gospel?

"Peaceful River," China, September 1, 1899.

"WHAT ARE THEY AMONG SO MANY?"

G. W. Greene.

The other day I went to the chapel to preach to the heathen. When I began there were about twenty hearers; when I finished there were nearly a hundred. Perhaps a hundred and fifty came in and heard a few sentences while I was preaching. After I was through one or two Chinese brethren preached, and perhaps in this time the number of hearers was more than doubled. But most

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of them heard only a few sentences, and went away without understanding or caring for the truth. And these few who entered the chapel were only a small part of the thousands who passed the open door during the two hours.

Returning home, I met or passed thousands of others, almost all ignorant of the first principles of the Gospel. And these whom I saw were only a tithe of the millions in the city still knowing nothing of the plan of salvation.

Looking at it from this side, it seems a hopeless task. And so it is, if we leave the Lord Jesus out of the calculation. The boy's "five loaves and two small fishes" would not have sufficed for the five thousand hungry men if Jesus had not been there. The few Galilean fishermen undertook a hopeless task if Jesus were left out. But when He commanded them to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," He also said: "Lo, I am with you." That promise still holds, and on the strength of it we are content to work on amid whatever discouragements meet our eyes. We are but few here;

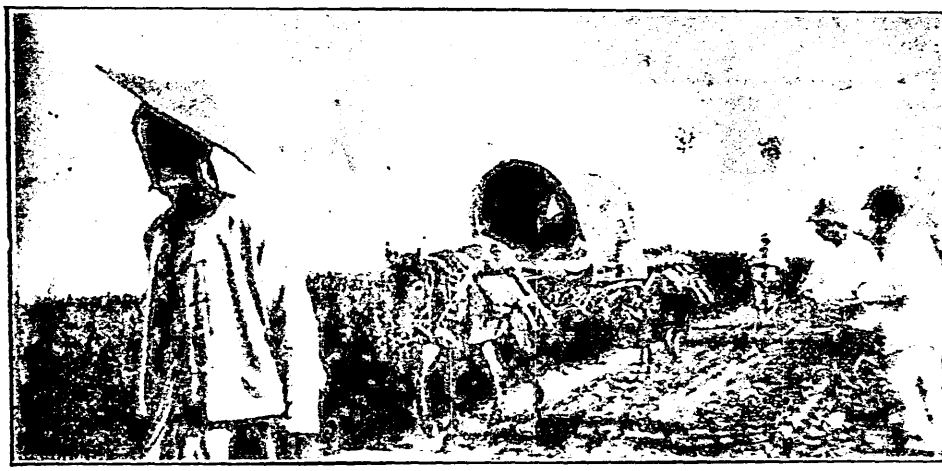
the heathen are many. We do not forget that many brethren and sisters in the churches at home are with us in spirit, helping our work by their prayers. And we know that Jesus, our Master, has sent us here, and He is with us, and is helping us. Through Him we shall break down the strongholds.

Canton, China, October 9, 1899.

ITEMS FROM SOUTH CHINA MISSION.

G. W. Greene.

During nine months of this year 443 converts were baptized in connection with our South China Mission. One pastor among the Hak-kas baptized more than 200 people. None of our missionaries speak the Hak-ka dialect, and so



TRAVELLING IN A SHENTSE, IN CHINA.

this growing work cannot have the supervision which it needs. For several years our brethren have been calling loudly for two men to learn this dialect and have charge of this promising work.

Dr. Graves, of our South China Mission, after the work of the spring, found himself quite feeble. After resting two weeks in Hongkong, he went to Swatow and spent the summer with the committee working on the revision of the New Testament. Returning the first of September, he found fifty brethren assembled to spend a month in the study of the Scriptures, and to them he gave all his strength for a month. Just at the end he broke down and had to go to bed with daily fevers. Failing to get relief at home, at last news he had gone to Macao, hoping that sea air would restore him to health and his loved work.

The Warren-Avenue Chinese Sunday school, Boston, supports two stations in South China, sending the money through our missionaries. At first the work was slow and discouraging; but in the last three years nearly forty have been baptized, and the outlook is very hopeful.

At the writing of the last letters received, our missionaries in Canton were expecting a visit from Miss Anna Hartwell, who has borne so many burdens during the absence of her father and mother in California. Her recent sickness has left her very feeble, and her physician has ordered her South for the winter.

Her sister, Miss Lottie, will accompany her. At first Miss Anna labored in South China, and her faithful labors there are remembered by many.

Brother and Sister Simmons, Miss McMinn, and Miss North are much missed from the work in South China.

LATEST FROM CANTON.

The hot weather is over, and the dry north wind is the cause of many colds. The fall work is going on. Dr. McCloy is in Kwangsai. Brother Chambers is trying to start the printing press, and preparing for a trip up North river. Misses Whilden, White, and Greene are off for a boat trip among the women in the country. Dr. and Mrs. Graves are at Macao, hoping to break up Dr. Graves' fever. Brother Greene is in charge of the training class. The children are busy with their books.

Many are asking for baptism, and those who give evidence of faith in Christ are baptized. There is great lack of suitable men to train these new converts.

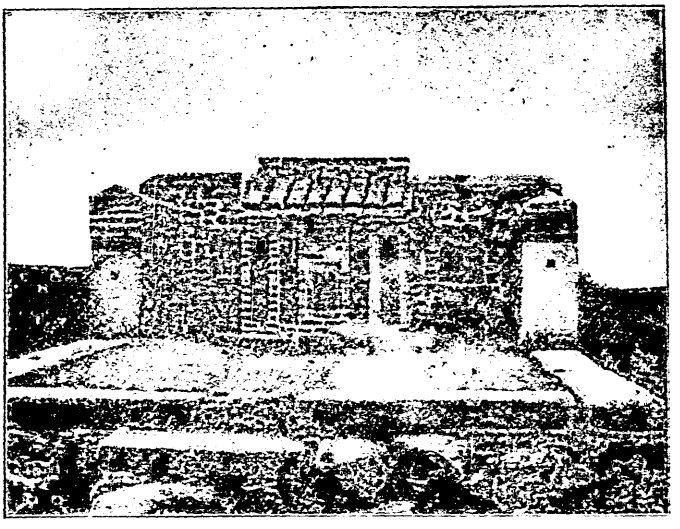
South China is in a very unsettled condition. Last week 300 robbers entered the city of Canton, went boldly to the house of the district magistrate, and released their captured chief and others of their companions.

Canton, China, October 9, 1899.

A NEW GOD.

Mrs. Anna S. Pruitt.

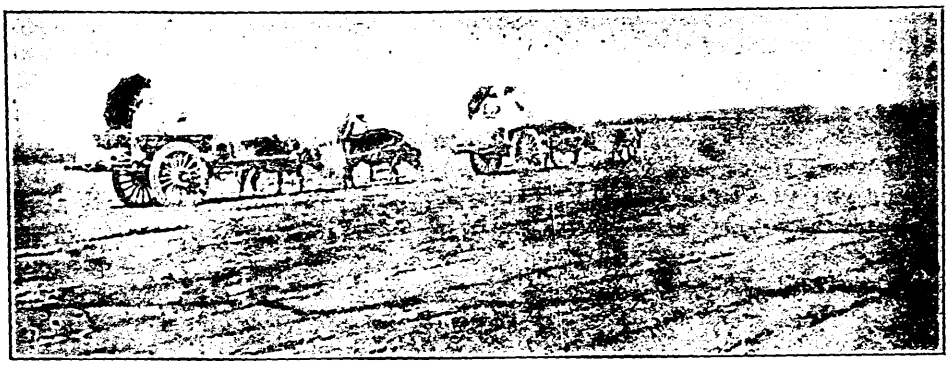
Not long ago our little village was thrown into great excitement by the report that a new god had come to inhabit the tiny temple at the end of the village.



The newly-arrived deity was said to be one that had fled from Manchuria at the coming of the sacrilegious Russians and taken up his abode with us. His ability to cure diseases was reported to be marvellous. The lame, the sick, and the blind were brought from far and near — some in carts, some on men's backs, some in baskets, and some were represented by friends, who left bowls of water at the temple that the god might turn the water into medicine. All brought offerings and burned incense. The lame left toy canes and crutches stuffed into the little temple door that the god might see how he liked that kind of conveniences in walking. During the stay of the god, our village was a Mecca of wide renown. But his mission was soon over. When the offerings ceased, his work here was done, and no one knows his present address. The temple remains, patronized, it is supposed, in a general fashion, by various less efficient deities, but its glory is departed.

OPPORTUNITIES IN CHINA.

In some respects Chinese institutions furnish splendid opportunities for Gospel work. The market, which I have lately made more use of than formerly, is one of these. These markets are held in open spaces and large streets, where immense quantities of goods change hands. The utmost freedom prevails. There is no restraint imposed by forms and ceremonies. Several forms of Gospel work may under these circumstances be done to advantage. The Gospels and other Scriptures may be sold, for every one is supposed to have



"GOING TO PINGTU." (J. W. LOWE.)

more or less money on his person. Tracts may be given away, for these people come from widely remote districts. The Gospel may be preached, for there are always people who want to get some idea of the principles of the new teaching. Of late these kinds of work are easily done in the market, because the whole attitude of the Chinese people is greatly changed from what it was. Formerly the very freedom of the market was a hindrance, because the sons of Belial invariably made their presence felt. But now public sentiment in our favor has overcome that trouble. Of late I have greatly enjoyed this work.

In this way and in many others the Gospel seed is being widely scattered in this empire. The books bought are read as never before. When the missionary preaches there is an attentive attitude, unknown years ago. All this, in spite of the Dowager Empress' efforts to prejudice the nation against foreigners. The Gospel has come to stay. Yours for the work. C. W. PRUITT.

Hwang-Hien, China, October 4, 1899.

THIS LETTER TELLS ITS OWN STORY.

Atlanta, Ga., November 7, 1899.

Dr. R. J. Willingham:

Dear Brother,—Enclosed please find post-office order for $14, from the Chinese Sunday school of the First Baptist church for Canton, China, missions.

I am yours fraternally, Miss A. J. ARMSTRONG,
Superintendent.

INCREASE OF GIFTS FOR MISSIONS.

That there never was more earnest, universal, and self-sacrificing effort in the direction of missionary activity is evident, writes Dr. A. H. Bradford, from the fact that the gifts for missions in this country in 1880 were $7,669,000, while in 1890 they were $13,888,700—a growth out of all proportion to the growth of population.—Assembly Herald.

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

From the political side the new world seems to be at the beginning of its history. The English-speaking empires of Great Britain and the United States go on expanding. The Canadian and Australasian dominions are in their infancy. The Indian Empire compels reluctant statesmen to lengthen the cords and strengthen the tent pins. From Scotland, by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to the Himalayas and the Pacific Ocean, is one missionary highway. Japan and China are bursting with the buds of promise, like the forests of an Artic spring time. The great islands of the Pacific are being dragged into the mighty march. Only Islam and Judaism remain now sullen and now actively hostile, as anticipating the inevitable for them also. From the spiritual side we watch God's haste, the one day, as the uncultured races flock into the kingdom; God's leisure, the thousand years, as hoary Brahmanism and its Buddhist offspring slowly yield. Every year rebukes our little faith by the large and ever larger answer which God gives it. If the century has produced a new earth, such are the triumphs of science and civilization, it has not less revealed a new heaven to the churches when we contrast the Christendom of 1786 with that of 1894. Daily is Christ coming to the world and to every Christian. The development of Christian missions in the future depends on the faith and obedience with which the church and its members apply the lessons of the past as taught by Jewish seer (Zech. 4: 6) and Christian apostle (1 Tim. 2: 4): "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"; "God our Saviour willeth that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."—George Smith, LL. D.

BOOK NOTICES.

HAMPTON AND HIS CAVALRY.—Published by B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va. 444 pages. Illustrated. Sold only by subscription.

General Wade Hampton is one of the old heroes of the war who still lives. He is much loved by the people, and this book will be read with interest. The profits of the book will go to help rebuild the General a home.

HILLTOP FARM.—By Sophie Bronson Titterington. 12mo., 292 pages. Price, $1.25. American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

This is an excellent book; well written and inculcating fine morals. We especially recommend it for young people whose heads are turning towards sinful amusements.

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TABLE OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS IN CHINA.

PREPARED BY REV. HARLAN P. BEACH FOR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

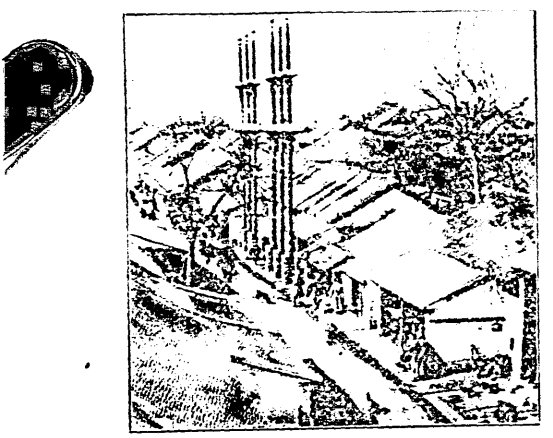
NAME OF SOCIETY.	Year of Entrance.	Ordain'd Missionaries.	Lay Missionaries.	Missionaries' Wives.	Unmarried Women.	No. of these who are Male Physicians.	No. of these who are Female Physicians.	Total Foreign Workers.	Native Laborers of Both Sexes	Number of Stations.	Outstations.	Communicants.	No. of Day Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Higher Educational Institutions	Number of students.
American Board	1830	36	11	42	23	12	4	112	329	15	116	3740	122	2276	19	686
Amer. Baptist Miss. Union	1834	24	7	32	15	5	1	78	135	14	77	2238	34	573	1	8
Prot. Episcopal Board	1835	14	3	10	4	3		31	97	5	45	1134	54	1239	1	337
Pres. Board North)	1838	58	18	68	40	16	9	184	527	19	304	8317	201	2490	11	685
Reformed Ch in America	1842	5		4	8	1		17	45	3	38	1304	15	264	8	265
M. E. Church (North)	1847	41	9	48	54	12	12	152	695	15	180	20326	474	6623	22	1206
Seventh Day Baptist	1847	1		1	2		1	4	5	1	1	55	2	58	2	32
Southern Baptist Conv'n	1847	15		15	10	2		40	43	10	50	1499	31	816		
M. E. Church (South)	1848	13	1	12	18	2	2	44	62	6	18	751	58	1310	6	552
Pres. Church (South)	1867	21	8	23	14	6	2	66	53	11	6	370	18	300	1	
Woman's Union Miss. So.	1869				18		5	18		1			6		1	
Pres. Church, Canada	1871	9	2	5	2	2	1	18	13	2	4	9				
American Bible Society	1876	1	5					6	87	4						
For. Christian Miss. So.	1886	9	2	10	3	1	2	24	8	5	6	204	7	113	2	48
Christ'n and Miss. Alliance	1888	5	53	28	35	1		121		34	1					
United Brethren in Christ	1889	3	3	1	3	1	2	10	18	1	1	19	4	148		
Swedish-American Mission	1890	3		2				5		1		1				
American Friends' Board	1891	1			6		2	6	7	1	2	50	6	100		
M. E. Church, Canada	1891	6				3		6		2		10				
Gospel Baptist Mission	1892	8		3	1			12								
Y. M. C. A. in For. Lands	1895		3	3				6		3						
Reformed Presbyterians	1896	2		2				4		1						
Cumberland Presbyterians	1897	1	1	1		1		3		1						
Totals of Amer. Societies		276	126	310	256	68	43	967	2124	155	849	40027	1032	16310	74	3819
London Missionary Soc'y	1807	45	3	36	24	12	3	108	291	16	140	7097	117	2530		
British Bible Society	1836	4	11	12				27	270	10						
Female Education Soc'y	1837				6			6	16	2	8		17	400		
Church Missionary Soc'y	1845	40	23	43	60	12		166	510	26	8	4911	250	3823	6	62
English Presbyterians	1847	12	6	12	18	7	1	48	112	7	122	3790	1	174	5	44
Wesleyan Miss Society	1852		13			3	1	30	129	18	37		31	896	4	
Baptist Missionary Society	1859	26		18	7	1		51	188	6	287	4088		1128		
Meth. New Connection	1860	7		7		2		14	92	6	94	2125	37	489	2	41
Scotch United Presbyter'n	1861	10	4	12	10	5	4	36	15	4	63	5183	55	652		
Scotch Bible Society	1863	1	8	7				16	170	6						
Society for Prop. Gospel	1863	8	4		5		1	17	7	6		400	14			
Methodist Free Church	1864	4	2		3	2		9	63	2	49	996	5	77	1	18
Irish Presbyterians	1867	8	4	7	4	4	1	23	105	7	49	911	11	127		
Church of Scotland	1878	2	1	3	3	1		9	12	1	3	110	3	150		
Zenana Missionary Soc'y	1884				37		1	37	25	11			2			
Bible Christians	1885	7		4	3	1		14	4	3	3	28	2	70		
Friends' F. M. Association	1886		6	5	3			14	7	2	3	5	2	162		
Totals of Brit. Societies		174	85	166	183	50	12	625	2159	133	866	29644	547	10678	18	165
Basel Missionary Society	1847	21	2	13		1		36	127	13	49	3000	47	1121	2	55
Rhenish Missionary Soc'y	1847	9	2	6	2	2		19	10	5	8	375	4	66	2	8
Berlin Woman's China So.	1856		1	1	4			6		1						
Berlin Missionary Soc'y	1882	4	2					6	50	5	29	479	18	270	5	81
Gen. Evan Prot. Miss. Ass	1885	3						3		1						
Swedish Mission	1887	1	8	6	14	2		29	14	4		60	4			
Cong'l Church of Sweden	1890	8		1	4			13		2		9	3	82		
German China Alliance	1891		9	2	5			16	4	6	3	45				
Norwegian Lutheran	1891	1	4	1	2			8		3	2	25	3			
Danish Missionary Soc'y	1892	5		2	2			9		3		4				
Totals of Con. Societies		52	28	32	33	5		145	205	43	91	3997	79	1539	9	144
China Inland Mission	1865	30	296	176	274	16	1	776	605	149	169	7147	114	1589	3	137
Chinese Blind Mission	1887	1		1				2		1					1	20
Diffusion of Chris. Knowl	1887	1		1				2		1						
International Institute	1897	1	1	1				3		1						
Totals of Int'l Societies		33	297	179	274	16	1	783	605	152	169	7147	114	1589	4	157
Net totals of all Societies		527	519	675	724	136	56	2461	5071	470	1969	80682	1766	30046	105	4285

Letters from Our Missionaries.

CHINA.

Hwang-Hien, October 4, 1899.

Dear Brother,—Our beautiful autumn weather has come, and we are feeling stronger and better able to work. But there's much distress among the people. Drouth has done serious damage to all the crops, a plague of caterpillars has yet further devastated them, and in some unfortunate regions what was left after drouth and insects has been destroyed two years in succession by hail. Besides the famine, the plague has come



MAIN STREET, HWANG-HIEN.

to North China to reap its harvest among the poor, the underfed, and the rich and overfed alike. Native boats know no quarantine, and our neighboring ports constantly receive refugees from plague-stricken Newchwang, and also the coffins of the Hwang-Hien men who have died of plague in other cities. We hear of many sudden deaths from this new disease, which is variously named, sometimes being called the "Rab plague," sometimes "Bubonic plague," and sometimes the "Deaf Mute plague," from various symptoms that manifest themselves in the brief course of this very fatal disease.

There is an unusual amount of illness besides, due perhaps to low water in all the wells. It seems as though everybody were ailing. We are thankful to be spared serious illness among our school boys, though I have had to administer an unusual number of doses of calomel, salts, and quinine. Indeed, I constantly remind myself of Mrs. Squeers with her brimstone and treacle, so frequently am I called upon to give unpleasant doses to my boys.

We have been made anxious by the news that scarlet fever has broken out in the C. I. M. school in Chefoo, where our John is. We know God can protect from known perils as He constantly does from the unseen ones. I am prepared to start at once to Chefoo should I have news that John is ill. But his sickness would be a matter of a week's standing, at least, by the time I could reach him from here in answer to a letter.

I send you a photograph of our vehicle—the shentse—as it is lifted "vi et armis" first for the rear mule to be put under, and next for the front mule to be hauled into position under the hateful saddle. The passenger is of course within the shentse to enjoy the varied motions.

Sincerely yours,

ANNA S. PRUITT.

Preaching and Healing.

Pingtu, China,
Via Kiaochow, October 13, 1899.

My Dear Brother:

It is gratifying to hear that more missionaries are being sent out. We are expecting a man for Hwang-Hien pretty soon.

Mr. Sears expects to return to America in spring, then we shall be left all alone on this great field. Mr. Li, Mr. Sears' teacher, has been called as

pastor of our four churches, and will be ordained at our association the last of October. This will aid me greatly, by relieving me of the details of the work for the present.

I went out with Mr. Sears and sold some tracts and Gospels. The people treated us kindly, buying quite a number of books. I really enjoy doing even a little work for those who are so needy.

Yesterday we got on our bicycles and ran out three miles to a village to see my little patient whose arm was broken two months ago. The whole village turned out to see us and our "self-running carts," as they call our bicycles.

Some one brought out two stools into the street for us to sit on. Mr. Sears stood on one and preached the Gospel. I stood beside him and watched the people come in from every corner of the village. Some had left the barber's shop, and had come only half-shaven, others brought the lame and the sick along with them, having heard that I was a doctor. A young man invited me to come to his home to see his mother, who was lying on a bare kang in a very wretched hovel. Mr. Sears preached until he fell from his stool, not, however, from failure of strength, but the stool upset.

Glad to hear that your son, Calder, has gone to the seminary. Give him my love, and tell him to let his influence be mightily felt for missions while in the seminary. I hope you will attend Missouri State Convention, and stir our brethren. All well and happy.

Affectionately,

J. W. LOWE.

Blessed Tidings.

Canton, September 15, 1899.

Dear Brother,—My class has opened this month with a larger attendance than ever before. We have nearly fifty men studying God's word. Most of these are from the country stations in Kwong Sai, and among the Hakkas.

I wish the brethren at home could realize the importance of sending two men (single, if possible,) for the Hakka work. The native pastor of the two churches there report 257 baptisms this year; one 204, and the other fifty-three. We have now between 400 and 500 members speaking this dialect. We should have two men to learn the dialect and live among them. I have a great dread of our neglecting the last command of the commission, "teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you." The native pastors can do pioneering work, but the men who have put themselves under our care need to be built up upon their faith. A few of them can come down to Canton, but only a few. Who is to teach these men Christian giving, and all the other Christian graces that will make them self-supporting, self-cultivating churches? It is a noble field. It will require much self-denial and unswerving consecration. But who would not give his life for such a work when we remember what Jesus has done for us? I say "single men perferred," because they will have to rough it for a while until they can have a suitable house and gain an influence with the people. It pains my heart to think of the needs of this field. Who will come?

We are greatly needing reinforcement in women workers. Miss McMinn should have a colleague for the Kwong Sai field; Miss White is about broken down, and ought to be at home now. Miss Whilden has been out for ten years, and will need a change next year.

Mrs. Graves and I are both well. I have had no return of the fever since I went to Swatow.

The Girls' Boarding School has opened well. Mrs. Graves has forty girls and nineteen women—fifty-nine in all.

She fears she will have to close school early, as the money will not last to prolong the session.

We are rejoiced at the prospect of the enlargement authorized by the Convention, and hope the churches will realize the crisis which is upon us.

Give our Christian regards to your family and the brethren of the Board.

Yours fraternally,

R. H. GRAVES.

Excellent Report.

Canton, October 2, 1899.

Dear Brother,—Herewith I send you my report for third quarter of 1899:

The months of July and August were spent in Swatow engaged with the Committee of Revision of the Chinese New Testament. The change was beneficial to my health, and I had no fever while at that delightful seaport. September was taken up with my class. We had the largest attendance we have ever had—often over fifty present. The average attendance was forty-four, made smaller by the fact that for the first week a number of Brethren had not arrived from the country stations. I am thankful to say that my own health and that of the brethren was very good. We studied Kings in the Old Testament and the Epistles to Timothy in the New.

In the evening we had over one hundred present, as the girls and women from Mrs. Graves' school were also present. I finished a course of forty-nine expository discourses on the "Teachings of Jesus." This series has been running through several classes now. I was much gratified by the earnest attention given, and I trust that the brethren will go to their homes with a new insight into the precious Word of God that grows in interest and beauty the more we study it.

During the quarter I preached twenty-six times, three times in English. Of course, almost all of this was during the month of September.

Since the class closed I have been having some fever, caused probably by a change in the weather and my being overworked.

The past quarter has been marked by the baptism of 293, the largest number ever baptized in a quarter since the beginning of our mission. This makes 443 for the three quarters. The accessions have been especially among the Hakkas, 200 miles north of Canton. It has been found in India that mass movements in favor of Christianity have rarely proved satisfactory. They are apt to be like the members gathered in by some evangelists at home. Yet we are comforted by the fact that here are hundreds of men who have abandoned idolatry, and have placed themselves under our instruction. What can we do? Our plain duty is to accept the burden placed upon us by the providence of God and try to train these men for Christ. Hence we feel more than ever the importance of two young men, single for the present, if such offer themselves, who will learn this Hakka dialect and give themselves up entirely to country work. They could marry in two or three years if they wish. If two men cannot be found, let a man and his wife come, so they are willing to endure hardness for Christ.

With Christian regards, from Mrs. Graves and myself, Yours fraternally,

R. H. GRAVES.

Miss CLAUDIA WHITE writes from Canton:

I will leave for the United States in November or December, if nothing happens to prevent. It is harder to leave here than it was to leave my home to come, though I've been here but eight years. How one's heart and interest holds to the work God gives to us!

Woman's Missionary Union,

AUXILIARY TO S. B. C.

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MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR DECEMBER, 1899,

CHINA.

"We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear." S. B. C. Mission opened 1845; missionaries, 40; native assistants, 55; churches, 22; out-stations, 35; membership, 1,802; baptisms, 427; day schools, 35; scholars, 880; Sunday school scholars, 875. Contributions, $1,802.03.

STUDY TOPICS—*Chinese children. Chinese Christian women. Needs and opportunities. Encouragements.*

PROGRAM FOR DEC'R, 1899.

SUBJECT: CHINA.

"To be a Christian is to obey Christ."

1. Prayer.—For the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. Hymn.—"I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come, etc."

3. Bible Reading.—"Comes" of the New Testament: Matt. 11: 28; Matt. 25: 34; Mark 6: 31; John 7: 37; John 11: 43; John 14: 3; Rev. 22: 17.

4. Short Prayers.—For those in China who have heard, but not heeded, the "Come" of Christ; for those who have accepted the message; for the millions who have never heard; for our missionaries and native helpers.

5. Facts.—There are as many Christians in China as words in II. Corinthians; as many heathen as words in 80 Bibles. Protestant missions begun in 1807. It is the oldest mission field of S. B. C. Wondrous changes are taking place. The wealthy and intelligent are seeking the truth.

6. Leaflet.—"Coming of the Kingdom in Cathay," by Dr. A. J. Barton.

7. Selected music.

8. Reading of Postals by Secretary.—(These should be distributed a week before the meeting, with request that

each be returned with something of interest in regard to China.)

9. Informal Conversation.—On China and the Chinese.

10. Leader.—Direct attention to Week of Prayer and Christmas Offering for China. Amount reported last year, $4,439.37. Resolve that your society shall "go forward" in this effort this year. Talk of it. Labor for it. Send for literature.

11. Prayer.—By an earnest worker that love for Christ may constrain each to make liberal offerings of prayer and money.

12. Business. Collection. Doxology.

Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR PASTORS AND PEOPLE; FOR LEADERS AND LED.—The leaflet for the month of December, with China for its topic, is "Coming of the Kingdom of Cathay," by Dr. A. J. Barton, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Board. (Price, 3 cents: Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 north Howard street, Baltimore.) Gleaning information from a large variety of sources, Dr. Barton has done admirable work in welding together his material into a homogeneous whole that leaves the reader with distinct impressions of the greatness of the country and the people, its possibilities and consequent responsibility on lovers of Christ and of souls. Here is a specimen sentence ringing with enthusiasm and good cheer:

"In this country of untold greatness and possibilities, and among this people encrusted with innumerable strata of superstition and sin, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has begun to do its mighty work, and is destined in the bright days yet to dawn to achieve some of its most brilliant victories."

Chinese Proverbs.

The top strawberries are eaten the first.

The error of one moment becomes the sorrow of a whole lifetime.

Disease may be cured, but not destiny.

An empty mind is open to all temptations.

If the roots be left, the grass will grow again.

A bird can roost only on one branch.

You cannot take two skins off one cow.

One lash to a good horse; one word to a wise man.

Let every man sweep the snow from before his own door.

Advance in the Price of Wives.

The Chinese would repel the charge that wives are bought and sold. Neither would it be a fair way of stating the case; yet practically it amounts to the same thing. The bridegroom has to pay a stipulated sum to the parents of the bride. This is called, not the price of the wife, which would be considered very barbarous and vulgar, but the dowry, which is a sweetly suggestive and genteel designation. The sum is a recognition of the time, and labor and expense which the parents have bestowed on the daughter; a measure of requital; an expression, also, of the sense of the girl's worth, and of the ability and generosity of the expectant husband and his friends. Besides, some of it is to come back in the form of outfit for the new housekeeper, a few changes of garments, and some of the more indispensable articles of a new home. But the point now made is the advance in the dowry required above what was expected twenty-five or thirty years ago. Then twenty and thirty dollars was considered a valuable sum. When it was as high as forty dollars it was decidedly high style. Now the dowry has advanced to one hundred, and to two hundred dollars; and one must not be too particular about the good looks

of the bride, even at these fancy rates. As a mere bit of information, this would be simply entertaining, but it means a great deal. It tells a story of change for the better of great importance to this people.

When the Tai-Ping rebellion raged along the border of this district more than thirty years ago the whole country was disorganized. Many of the young men were drawn into the swirl. Many fled to foreign parts, and those that remained were not so anxious to have homes of their own.

Now that peace and order reign, the Chinaman wants his home again, and hence the steady advance in marital valuations. WILLIAM ASHMORE.

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

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Mrs W C LOWNDES. Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PERIODICALS REPORTED.

Foreign Mission Journal—Kentucky, 351; North Carolina, 366.

Home Field—Kentucky, $1.55.

Kind Words—Kentucky, 56.

The Treasurer's quarterly report contains accounts from two States only of the circulation of S. B. C. periodicals, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and Kind Words. We are sure that W. M. U. workers appreciate the fundamental value of these aids to the prosecution of their work, and are, in many instances, exerting themselves to secure enlarged subscriptions. May many, many more engage in this department of missionary effort. Information about the work must be the foundation for inspiration for the work.

Boxes to Frontier Missionaries.

The following Woman's Missionary Union Societies' boxes of supplies, valued as below, have been reported as sent to home missionaries since September 12th:

ALABAMA.—Second Ch., Selma, $46.50; First Ch., Selma, $75; Union Springs, $36.85; Young Ladies' Society, Jacksonville, $44; Evergreen, $55.05; Livingston, $26.

FLORIDA.—Palmetto, $30; Woman's Missionary Union, Live Oak Ch., $51; Forrest City, $12.79.

GEORGIA.—Second Baptist Ch., Macon, $53.85; Greensboro, $105; Athens, $111.50; Zebulon, $25; Monticello, $37.22; First Ch., Rome, $95.50; Decatur, $50; Elberton, $46; Young Ladies' Society, West-End Ch., Atlanta, $148; Omaha, $122.42; Stone Mountain, $26.50.

KENTUCKY.—Hopkinsville, $150.36; Locust, $41.50; Catlettsburg, $87.75; Murray, $60; Paducah, $85; Deatsville, $64.75; David's Fork, $61.50.

MARYLAND.—Lee Street Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), $5.21; Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), $13.30; King's Daughters Circle of Sater's Ch., $50; Centennial Society, Rockville (contribution to German work), $2; Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland (bedding), $119.

MISSISSIPPI.—Starkville, $65; Clinton, $55.75; Edwards (contribution), $2.50; Raymond (contribution), $21.45.

MISSOURI.—Slater, $63.82.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Goldsboro, $42; Laurinburg, $40; "Sunbeams." Laurinburg (contribution), $2.70; Springhill (contribution), $21.40; Maxton (contribution), $8.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Graniteville, $36; Goucher Creek Ch., $11; First Ch., Anderson, $116.10; Newberry, $58; Sumter, $45.

TENNESSEE.—Third Ch., Nashville, $50; Knoxville, $128.35; Ladies' Aid Society and Band, Gallatin, $50; Johnson City, $70.70; Sweetwater, $50; Trenton, $43.35; Humboldt, $82.20; Union Hill Ch., Cumberland Association, $20.

VIRGINIA.—Keysville, $15.50; Laurel Hill, Augusta Association, $38.47; Mattaponi Ch., Stevensville, Rappahannock Association, $30; "Sunbeams," Laurel Hill (contribution), $2.47.

TOTAL, $3,108.37. Previously reported, $812.78. Grand total, $3,921.15.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.—Central Ch., Chattanooga, Tenn., $90.12; Allensville, Ky., $35; Murfreesboro, Tenn., $130; First Ch., Montgomery, Ala., $200; Warrenton, Ga., $50; Hawkinsville, Ga., $101.45; Redbank Ch., Marionville, Accomac Association, Va., $33; Fredericksburg, Goshen Association, Va., $120; Prattville, Ala., $87.60; First Ch., Owensboro, Ky., $105; Elizabethtown, Ky., $31.85; Hopkinsville, Ky., $39.97; Trenton, Ky., $38.22; Monroe, La.; $57.52; Tabernacle Ch., Atlanta, Ga., $130; Vineville, Macon, Ga., $75; Jackson Hill Ch., Atlanta, Ga., $88.15.

TOTAL, $1,412.88. Previously reported, $121.04. Grand total, $1,533.92.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

The Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer.

"True happiness, if understood,
Consists alone in doing good."

There are two words prominent in Scripture beginning with the same letter, which should never be put asunder, because God has joined them together. They are Salvation and Service. Do we not think much more of the sweetness and blessing of the one than of the duty and privilege of the other? Yet the teaching of the Bible is that as the Son of God was sent to save, so His sons and daughters by adoption are sent to serve. According to the law of selfishness, service is a degrading thing. According to the law of love, it is glorious. In God's kingdom, greatness is measured by a standard of its own. With men, it is the passive voice "to be ministered unto"; with Christ, it is the active "to minister." The greatest in God's sight are those who in obedience to the command, "Go," do most to make the crooked straight, the dark light; who consecrate life, interest, prayer, and gifts for the advancement of Christ's cause. Earthly greatness measured by the success of this world, by the degree in which others minister to our pleasure, cannot satisfy the noblest aspirations and cravings of the heart. But the man or woman who, through God's providences and the power of the Holy Spirit, has been brought to understand Christ's conception of the "great" attitude towards life, has also found the secret of happiness. Paul in his pathetic appeal to the Ephesian elders said, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Ann Haseltine Judson, who gave herself when missions meant martyrdom, from an earthly death-bed sent this message to her friends: "Tell them I have never regretted for a single moment any sacrifice I have made."

Our missionaries who to-day are laboring in the dark lands of heathendom, closely following the Master's footsteps, testify to the satisfaction and joy in their lives of sacrifice. As Woman's Missionary Union workers and members of Baptist churches, at this season of the year when attention is being directed to the Christmas offering and Week of Prayer, may it not be wise individually to ponder the question—What do I know of the happiness of self-sacrificing giving, of the blessedness of prayerful service? If in

the gratification of self, or in the making of Christmas gifts as wife, mother and friend, there is a degree of pleasure, we may be assured that in ministering to others "for Christ's sake," our happiness will be increased an hundred fold. Picture the gloom of China's millions at this Christmastide, those who have never heard the glad song which the angels sung o'er Bethlehem's plain. Remember the "Inasmuch" of Him through whom we rejoice in salvation. Facing the duty and privilege of service, "according to the measure of our ability," cheerfully, lovingly, let us unite in making a special thank-offering to our God, and in laying hold of the wondrous power which is given in answer to prayer. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" is the message to us as well as to those of old. ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

N. B.—Special literature in connection with the Christmas Offering for use of Societies, Bands and interested individuals, has been prepared by W. M. U.; also programmes for the Week of Prayer. These may be obtained from Central Committees in the various States, or from Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

Hwang-Hein, Sept. 18, 1899.

My Dear Miss Armstrong,—Last spring Claude Hartwell spent some time here while his sister was so ill, and his mother not yet arrived. I read to him and John the account of Miss Buhlmaier's interesting work of Bible distribution. The boys were intensely interested in it, and were very anxious to help the good work. But opportunities for American boys to earn money are few in interior China. However, they set to work most industriously to wash bottles, cod-liver oil bottles, medicine bottles and Mellin's Food tins. These well cleansed, they peddled up and down the village street. They found ready sales, for they put their prices remarkably low, and foreign glass and tinware are greatly prized by Chinese.

When the supply of bottles was exhausted, and the proceeds divided, each boy had about four hundred copper cash, or twenty-five cents, as gold is now, enough for two Testaments. Then arose another difficulty. How could they get the money to Miss Buhlmaier? If the string of copper cash could go it would be interesting, though no telling what filth and disease each cash might carry with it. We had to send to our United States Consul at Shanghai for postage stamps, which I now forward to you as John's contribution to the work for German immigrants.

The interesting letter from Miss Buhlmaier in a recent Kind Words I shall send to Chefoo to John, where he is at school. He will be interested in it.

I hope your burdens are lighter than they have been in times of illness at home.

Mr. Pruitt and I are feeling the weight of our years more and more—years in China, rather than old age. Chinese climate and surroundings take the temper out of one's metal. We lack vigor and strength, rather than succumb to any particular disease.

Now that autumn weather is here, we hope to be stronger and more enterprising.

Anna Hartwell is still far from well, quite unable to do any work. If she had any home in America the doctor would order her to it.

ANNA S. PRUITT.

Golden Lilies.

It is a beautifully-embroidered pair of high-heeled, high-instepped little shoes, just large enough for a year-old child, but no sensible baby ever tried

to squeeze its chubby foot into such a pointed-toed instrument of torture. No, it tells the old story of woman's divinely implanted desire to please perverted to gratify man's lower emotions. A Chinese queen invented a new dance to amuse her consort, tottering about upon tightly-bound feet, and thus she fastened upon her hapless countrywomen a cruel custom, which cripples countless thousands physically, who must also endure life-long mental fetters and spiritual imprisonment. And, coming to admire the fashionable deformity, these helpless feet they liken to "Golden Lilies."

But they are not the only ones who have borne shackles imposed by prejudice and ignorance. Other reasons may be assigned for the slow progress of Christianity during eighteen hundred years, but one hindrance, without doubt, was the fettering of womanhood. Here and there survives the memory of a feminine intellect, which soared above all obstacles to development, but Sir Thomas More was derided for giving his brilliant Margaret a son's advantages, and girls who craved learning devoured books by stealth, as though they were committing a breach of decorum. Even until this present glorious century, a learned lady was regarded as an abnormal creature, exciting unfavorable comments.

With the opening of seminaries for the advanced education of girls came immediate evidence of woman's quick impulse to share and benefit. Her unbound feet were swift to run with the message of salvation to heathen lands. Woman's missionary societies were organized, tender appeals were made, gifts offered.

When the Civil War had shown the women of our land their power, in consoling the wounded and dying, in sending the Word of God to regiment and camp, they realized the obligations power imposes, and we find each great Christian denomination organizing its women for work in missions. A reading of the daily paper through missionary spectacles during 1898 furnished the item that eight such organizations gave $1,030,000 in that year to Home and Foreign Missions. And this respectable sum, though not by any means equalling the amounts spent for necessaries, such as kid gloves and chewing-gum, represents the devotion and real sacrifice of many, for it is those not burdened with excess of riches, generally, whose hearts respond to the world's spiritual need.

About $5,000 was given last Christmas by W. M. U. for the freeing of these bound women of China. Did any feel the poorer for the gift? Christ bade us love one another as He loved us. These sisters of ours in a far country are deserving of our love; they are heroic, patient, submissive. They accept the glad tidings of deliverance with the faith of "a little child." Our missionary sisters, giving themselves personally to the cause, deserve our love—shall they sacrifice all, and we nothing? Those of our own church, who are working to increase interest in the unsaved, deserve our love; let us join hands heartily and help on their endeavors.

Women are being tempted by the very liberty they now enjoy. Under the guise of patriotism, philanthropy and culture, twenty clubs spring up in one small city, enticing to sociality and enterprises often innocent and laudable. But with a club for every day in the week, with annual fees, programme preparations, suitable attire and attendant expenses of divers kinds, where will be the time, the thought, the money, left for that which should ever be given the first place?

Oh, Christian sisters, set free by Him who made an infinite sacrifice for us! If we are "in Christ," as our hand or our feet are a part of our physical being, then that hand, those feet, are His. What shall be their employments, what paths shall they tread?

May we gladly run in the way of His commandments! "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

S. E. S. SHANKLAND.

Band Department.

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

A CHRISTMAS EXERCISE.

[In response to a number of requests, the following suggestions for a Christmas exercise are made. Add several bright, spirited songs and suitable recitations culled from other sources. It is impossible, in the space allotted for this department, to give a full programme.—Ed.]:

1. Christmas Song.
2. Band repeat in concert Luke 2: 8-16.
3. Christmas Bells—recitation:

Ring, ring the bells, the joyful bells,
This merry Christmas morn!
Their sweet, melodious music tells
The day that Christ was born.
Sweetly they sound o'er vale and glen;
Hark! how their music swells
With "Peace on earth, good will to men!"
O merry Christmas bells!

Ring, ring the bells, the Christmas bells!
For, in their joyous chime,
Once more on earth the chorus swells
Of angel-song sublime.
The sweet old story, ever new,
Falls on the heart again,
Refreshing as the early dew,
Or the soft summer rain.

Ring, ring the bells, the Christmas bells!
Prophetic of the day
When He of whom their music tells
Shall all the nations sway;
Shall bless and fill and rule each heart,
Shall bid all sorrows cease,
And give his own the better part
Of everlasting peace.

4. Solo or duet.
5. Christmas Dialogue for seven little girls:

Mary.—I've been thinking, little sister, if a heathen child should be
Hither brought from some lone islet in the far-off Southern sea,
And should ask why summer garlands deck our house this wintry day,
Why we seem so glad and happy, Annie, dear, what would you say?

Annie.—I would tell the lovely story of the Babe of Bethlehem,
How they laid him in the manger when by night he came to them;
I would tell how Mary dressed Him and with soft and fragrant hay
I think the manger-bed she made, where baby Jesus lay.

Fannie.—I would tell that gentle shepherds, watching o'er their flocks by night,
Saw suddenly around them the shining glory-light,
And heard the angel's tidings about a Saviour's birth,
And then the heavenly chorus, "Good-will and peace on earth."

Bessie.—I'd tell the wondrous story about the shining star
That led the earnest Wise Men from Eastern lands afar
Until they found sweet Mary, and Jesus-Child with her,
And gave him precious presents, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carrie.—Then I would tell how Jesus, this blessed little child,
Grew up to perfect manhood, holy, pure and undefiled;
How, living, serving, dying, himself for us He gave;
He loved us so, he lived and died our souls from sin to save.

Nettie.—Then to the heathen child I think that I would say,
"Don't you think that we have shown you why we love the Christmas Day?
Don't you see we must be happy, and our happy gladness show,
Upon the birthday of the one who loved and blessed us so?"

Sadie.—And then we all would promise the heathen child that we
Would send the knowledge of His love to islands of the sea,
Till all the world should Christmas keep, rejoicing for his birth,
Whose love, in God's good time, shall bring good-will on all the earth.
—Good Times.

6. Band repeat in concert Matthew 2: 2 and 1; 9: 11. One member stepping forward, repeats, "Gifts for the King."

Gold and silver 'neath the mountains,
Pearls from out the foaming sea,
Flocks and herds upon the hillsides
All belong, O Lord, to Thee!
Thine the riches of the meadows,
Forests, plains and prairies wide,
Earth and air are Thy possession.
Hast Thou need of aught beside?

Yes, in love He waits for money
From our willing human hands,
Waits for life, and love, and treasure
To redeem his "barren lands."
Gifts for Jesus! sacred off'rings!
Through His treasury they gain
Priceless value in the union,
Binding man to God again.

Still Thy work for lack of treasure
Languishes, and still they cry
From the regions far beyond us:
"Come and help us ere we die!"
Do the angels hear these voices?
Can they wait in worlds of bliss
While the "little ones" Christ loveth
Perish in the wilderness?

Gold and silver 'neath the mountains,
Pearls from out the foaming sea,
Flocks and herds upon the hillsides
All belong, O God, to Thee!
But of all these vast possessions—
'Tis Thine own mysterious plan—
Thou wilt use to build Thy kingdom
Only gifts from hand of man.

7. Hymn by Band.

8. Christ's Christmas Tree. (An exercise for the whole Band.)

[Place a small Christmas tree in centre of platform, and let older boy receive and place gifts as they are brought. Let the gifts be real ones, and as far as possible given by the children. Let the Christmas offering in money be brought in gaily-colored little bags, distributed two weeks before. Let the collection for the congregation be gathered by four larger boys and placed at the foot of the tree.]

Older boy.—Some time ago our Mission Band leader told us how, in a far-off country, the children dress a Christmas tree for the birds. On an evergreen branch they tie bunches of grain and fruit from their own Christmas store. If the children thus prepare a Christmas for the birds, our leader said, how much more beautiful it would be for us to prepare one for Christ, of whose birth we sing to-night. The wise men brought Him gold, frankincense and myrrh; what shall we give to Him? But you may say Christ is not here; we cannot give to Him. You forget. He left special directions how gifts might reach him. Listen:

Band repeat in concert.—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least or these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25: 40.

Older boy, continuing.—So we will deck this tree for Christ through our gifts to his brethren. Who will bring the first gift?

First child, bringing a dress.—"I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me." Matt. 25: 35, 36.

Second child, bringing basket of food.—"I was sick, and ye visited Me." Matt. 25: 36.

Third child, bringing package of coffee and meat.—"I was hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink." Matt. 25: 35.

Fourth, with cloak.—"He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay again." Prov. 19: 17.

Fifth, with shoes.—"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over." Luke 6: 38.

Sixth, with small sack of flour.—"Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11: 1.

Seventh, with basket of potatoes.—"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Ps. 41: 1.

[This exercise should be continued until each has brought a gift of food or clothing. Appropriate verses will suggest themselves, such as Matt. 5: 42; Heb. 13: 1; Mark 14: 7; James 1: 27; Gal. 6: 10; 1 John 3: 18, etc.]

Older boy.—But these gifts are all for those just around us. Are there none beyond who need our help?

Band repeat in concert.—"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10: 16. "Therefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Heb. 7: 25. "And ye are witnesses of these things." Luke 24: 48.

Band sing together prayerfully, after which each steps forward and ties the little bag containing his offering on the tree until all stand in a semi-circle round it.

We come to ask our Father now
That eyes be made to see,
And hearts to burn, and lips to say
"What can I give to Thee?"

Cho.—We are a happy mission band,
With hearts right brave to do;
We'll give to Jesus all we can,
And prove our love is true.

We know we're little, and our store
Of pennies is but small;
But, then, we want to give e'en these
To God, "who giveth all." Cho.

First child, tying on bag.—"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10: 8.

Second child.—"Be ye doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving your ownselves." James 1: 22.

Third child.—[Four children coming on the platform together and asking the questions in succession.]—"For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?"

Fourth.—"And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

Fifth.—"And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Sixth.—"And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10: 13, 14, 15.

Seventh Child.—

Little tongues tell forth the story,
Rich with age, but ever new;
Kingly crowns have not the glory
Jesus' love bestowed on you.

Ring it out o'er this fair home land,
Ring it o'er the raging sea;
E'en the angry lashing surges
Waft sweet echoes back to thee.

China's tow'ring walls are falling;
Far o'er India's sunny isles,
Brighter, softer than their sunbeams,
Smiles respond to Jesus' smiles.

E'en o'er Afric's burning desert
Streams of life are pouring fast,
Ripening grain is standing ready
For the harvest home at last.

Countless little hands are helping,
Breaking up the hardened sod,
Countless little feet are leading
Blind ones in the way of God.

Countless little voices singing,
Countless little hearts aglow,
Leading thirsty souls by nations
Where the cooling waters flow.

Other appropriate verses are Heb. 10: 24; 2 Cor. 9: 7; Acts 20: 35; 2 Cor. 9: 6; 2 Cor. 9: 9; Gal. 6: 9; Titus 2: 14; 2 Cor. 9: 15; Mark 16: 15, etc.

After all the children have contributed, sing together:

Yet older folks can give Thee more,
Because they've more to give;
This night oh help them from their store
What is Thine own to give.

Dear Jesus, may what has been given
Find some sweet work to do—
Show some poor soul the way to heaven,
And help us find it, too.

Chorus as above.

While collection is being taken, let choir sing softly: "I gave My life for thee."

Ninth.—Prayer for blessing on the gift and givers.

Tenth.—Congregational Hymn.

Eleventh.—Dismission.

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

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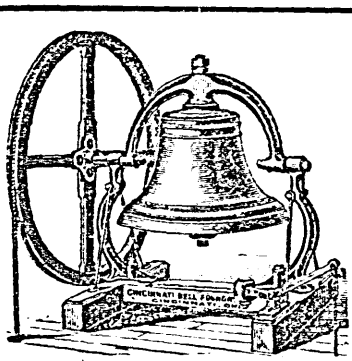

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RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 15 to November 15, 1899.

ALABAMA.—W. J. Nash, Hoke's Bluff, $4; W. B. Crumpton, Sec'y (Miss Kelly, $5), $555; Liberty Coosa Ch., by A. H. B., $1.92; New Hope Ch., by W. M. C., $2; Concord Ch., by W. H. P., $5; First Ch., Selma, by H. A. H. (Selma missionary), $25; Bethlehem Church, First District Union Association, by J. F. H., $7; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $52.97; W. B. Crumpton, Sec'y (Birmingham missionary, $131.50; Miss Kelly, $98.20; N. China, $1.45; Sunbeam Missionary, $2), $935.18; J. B. Hodo, Millport, $5.17; Liberty Ch., by G. W. S., $3.49; First Ch., Selma, by H. A. H. (Selma missionary), $50; C. L. Grice, $10. Total, $1,656.73.

Previously reported, $1,752.78. Total this year, $3,409.51.

ARKANSAS.—W. H. Halliburton, $4.65; Mt. Vernon Ass'n, by W. H. P., $14.50; Union Ass'n, by J. J. H., $71.40; Rocky Bayou Ass'n, by W. M. D., $17.25; Dardanelle Ass'n, by I. A. H., $3.25; J. M. Hurst, by O. H. L. C., $1; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $25.25; Philadelphia Ch., by S. A. H., $1.45; Howard County Ass'n, by R. D. W., $23.10; J. O. Langford, $1.40; Charles Wallis, by J. C. W., $10. Total, $173.25.

Previously reported, $288.89. Total this year, $462.14.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Mt. Tabor Ch., by G. W. M., $3; Florence Henderson, $10; Gay Street Ch., Washington, by W. H. O., $6; Missionary Day S. S., by J. M. F., $2.22. Total, $21.22.

Previously reported, $103.50. Total this year, $124.72.

FLORIDA.—W. N. Chaudoin, Treas., $25; Mrs. R. J. Jordan and Miss Susie Jordan, $2; Marion Morris, 50 cents; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $48.24. Total, $75.74.

Previously reported, $152.96. Total this year, $228.70.

GEORGIA.—Hephzibah S. S., by U. B. F., $10; W. M. S., Cordele Ch., by Mrs. J. B. R., $6; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale's little girl, $2; Dublin Ch., by R. E. N., $118.34; New Providence Ch., Guyton, by H. C. H. (two native helpers), $14.40; Midway Ch., by J. R. T., $4.70; W. M. S., First Ch., Americus, by J. R. S., $5.60; M. L. Carswell, Rutledge (Africa), $1; Mrs. Carswell, Rutledge (Africa), $1; S. Y. Jameson, Treas. (Medical Missions, $95.30; Sears Fund, $80.55; Miss Wilcox, $25; Maynard house, $10; Japan, $2.05), $2,637.71; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $124.46; Miss Mary E. Wright, Treas. (W. H. Sears), $50; "A Brother," Quitman, $50; Chinese S. S., First Ch., Atlanta, by A. J. A., $14; Centennial Ass'n, by P. M. M., $38.75; Sunbeam Band., Hephzibah, $1.70; Martha A. Pool (China), 5 cents; Long Cane Ch., by J. A. H., $2.84. Total, $3,082.55.

Previously reported, $4,555.09. Total this year, $7,637.64.

KENTUCKY.—Henderson Ch., by F. W. T., $41; Central Committee, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Maynard house, $5; Mrs. McCloy, $24.95; McCollum, $16.60), $122.05; J. Hillyar Kenyon, 10 cents; Ladies' Society, Bullettsburg Ch., by M. J. H. (Maynard house), $5; Blood River Ass'n, by H. B. T., $34.32; Mrs. Robert W. Moore and S. S. class (Maynard house), $6.32; W. M. A. S., Paris, by F. W. E., $60.28; S. S., Paris, by F. W. E., $2.50; Paris Ch., by C. S., $45; Providence Ch., by S. B., $35.50; "Seminary Student," $4; Third Avenue Ch., Louisville, by L. H. F., $19.06; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $84.95; "Friend," $2; Third Ch., Owensboro, by J. W. W. (Miss Mackenzie), $50; J. W. Warder, Treas., $699.42; B. Y. P. U., McFerran Ch., Louisville, by W. G. C. (native missionary), $20; Central Committee, by E. M. R. (Maynard house, $35.50; McCollum fund, $5; reading woman under Mrs. McCloy, $7.90; native preacher with R. E. Chambers, $10.50), $129.59. Total, $1,361.09.

Previously reported, $3,772.97. Total this year, $5,134.06.

LOUISIANA.—J. C. Lanier (J. E. Hamilton), 40 cents; J. C. Lanier (J. E. Hamilton), $5; Mrs. J. C. Lanier (J. E. Hamilton), $1; J. W. Lanier, $1; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $33.70; Calcasieu Ass'n, by W. R. H. (J. E. Hamilton), $13.70. Total, $54.80.

Previously reported, $701.90. Total this year, $756.70.

MARYLAND.—Slater's Ch., Baltimore, by E. R. F., $2.50; Eutaw Place Ch., by J. L., $650.12; Rockville Ch., by J. L., $5.79; Scott Street Ch., by J. L., $15.25; Union Ass'n, by L. S. C., $208.76; Charles T. Bagby, Baltimore, $10; "A Brother," Baltimore, $10; Eutaw Ch., Brother W., Baltimore, $10; James E. Tyler, Baltimore, $20; W. M. F. Soc'y, by M. A. L. (Miss White's salary, $168.05; Maynard house, $10), $472.79; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $6.97; Seventh Ch., Baltimore, by L. H. B., $50; Dr. J. L. Lodge, Gaithersburg, $2. Total, $1,464.18.

Previously reported, $673.51. Total this year, $2,137.69.

MISSISSIPPI.—Birmingham Ch., by J. W. W., $5.23; Oak Hill Ch., by F. E. P., $7.65; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $37.78; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., $8.05; A. V. Rowe, Sec'y, $450. Total, $508.71.

Previously reported, $1,597.95. Total this year, $2,106.66.

MISSOURI.—Slater S. S., by G. H. E. (Wan Sing Chung), $30; E. H. Sawyer, Treas., $1,214.30; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $12.72; Independence Ch., by W. T. H., $2. Total, $1,259.02.

Previously reported, $1,455.15. Total this year, $2,714.17.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Tryon Street Ch., by W. F. D., $150; J. D. Boushall, Treas., $500; Myrtle Branch Ch., by J. T. B., $1.30; Morven Sunbeam Soc'y, by Mrs. W. J. H. (education Yang Sung), $7.45; Henrietta S. S. class No. 1, by F. B. G., $2; Henrietta S. S. class No. 7, by F. B. G., $2; Henrietta Ch., by F. B. G., $35.51; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $58.02; Rockford S. S., by J. G. B., $3.58; J. D. Boushall, Treas., $500. Total, $1,260.35.

Previously reported, $1,044.21. Total this year, $2,304.56.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Lowndesville Ch., by O. J., $1.10; Barnwell Ch., by C. N. B. (W. W.

Lawton), $17.85; Orangeburg Ass'n, by A. H. B., $24.62; Bethel Ch., by B. S. B., $5.70; Sumter Ch., by Mrs. C. C. B., $6.20; York Ass'n, by T. G. M., $9.64; Hartsville Ch., by T. P. L., $7.78; Hartsville S. S., by T. P. L., $3.86; Ridge Spring Ch., by S. P. C., $6; Lower Three Runs Ch., by W. H., $4; Pleasant Mountain Ch., by W. H., 90 cents; Missionary Soc'y, Dillon, by Miss K. I. M., 45 cents; Mariah Ass'n, by W. M. B., $16.50; Citadel Square Ch., Charleston, by T. P. S., $10; Harmony Ch., by R. C. F., $30; Fort Lawn Ch., by D. H. J., $18; "A Lady," by D. M. R., $5; A. L. Evans, $5; Latta Ch., by C. H. F., $5; "A Brother," Latta Ch., by C. H. F., $10; Santee Ass'n, by C. C. B., $17.20; Mrs. R. L. Martin, $10; Central Committee, by Mrs. J. S. (Mrs. Entzminger, $3; Griffith Memorial Chap., $7.45; Maynard house, $6; Sunbeam Miss'y, $1.20; Chinese girl, Mrs. Hartwell, $3.75), $147.55; Pisgah Ch., Piedmont Ass'n, by J. J., $1.40; Lowndesville Ch., by O. J., $1.05; Union Ch., York Ass'n, by J. D. S., $1.38; W. M. S., Clinton, by B. B. (Mrs. Entzminger, $1), $1; Bailey Bros., $9.25; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $116.46; Central Ch., by C. C. F., $4.20; Richland Springs Ch., by H. Q. R., $1.30; Charleston Ass'n, by Z. D., $104.37; Cool Branch Ch., by R. W. C. W., $10; W. A. B. Newsom, Treas., Williston (Lawton), $4.77; Chestnut Ridge Ch., Laurens Ass'n, by C. H. R., $2.75; Rabun Creek Ch., Laurens Ass'n, by C. H. R., $2.41; Laurens Ch., Laurens Ass'n, by C. H. R., $25; Abbeville Ch., by C. E. M., $5; Waccamaw Ass'n, by A. R. P., $6.35; Mrs. E. Julia Whilden, by T. P. S., $10; Parksville S. S., by J. A. D., $1.79; Harmony Ch., by R. H. F., $1; Townville Miss'y S. S., by J. R. B., $20; Bethel S. S., by J. W. M., $2.11; Welsh Neck Ass'n, by A. C. C., $39.17; Wilksburg Ch., by W. S. D., $6.75; Calvary Ch., by W. S. D., $1. Total, $740.86.

Previously reported, $1,969.60. Total this year, $2,710.46.

TENNESSEE.—Weekly County Ass'n, by C. H. F., $25.10; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $100.86; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. (Maynard house, $30), $514.49; Shelbyville Ch., by G. H. C. (G. H. Crutcher), $1; Mrs. Holt, 50 cents; Shelbyville Ch., by G. H. C., 25 cents; Limestone Ch., by W. S. S., $35; Thomas Whitlock, Cameo, $2.22; Elon Ch., Friendship Ass'n, by W. D. P. (China native preacher), $34.10; Harmony Church, by E. C., $1.68; "Young South," by L. D. E. (Maynard house), $250; "Sister," Central Ch., Chattanooga, $2. Total, $967.20.

Previously reported, $2,409.62. Total this year, $3,376.82.

TEXAS.—Shelby County Ass'n, by W. J. S., $32.60; Bethel, No. 1, by J. F. A., $7; Friendship Ch., by J. H. M., $8.50; Rehoboth Ass'n, by A. J. P., $20.10; Billington Ch., by J. F. N., $23; Harmony Ass'n, by S. A. K., $15.05; Hutto Ch., by J. E. H. (Mrs. J. E. Hamilton), $2.85; Round Rock Ch., by J. E. H. (Mrs. J. E. Hamilton), $8.70; First Ch., Georgetown, by J. E. H. (Mrs. J. E. Hamilton), $9.50; Cane Creek Ch., by C. R., $4; Union Valley Ch., by C. R., $3; Hay Valley Ch., by C. R., $1.40; Erath County Ass'n, by W. G. B. (Porfirio Rodriguez), $32.24; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $7.09; J. B. Gambrell, Sup't, $730.29. Total, $905.32.

Previously reported, $2,597.61. Total this year, $3,502.93.

VIRGINIA.—"Sister," Golansville, by Mrs. P. S., $1.40; B. A. Jacob, Treas., $1,838.24; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $14.35. Total, $1,853.99.

Previously reported, $5,647.13. Total this year, $7,501.12.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Bethel Ass'n, by J. W. C., $2; Mrs. Mary Choate, $5; Choate Prairie Soc'y, $2.50; Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $3.29; Oconee Ch., by J. A. J., $2.15. Total, $14.94.

Previously reported, $55.15. Total this year, $70.09.

OKLAHOMA.—Missionary Day, S. S., by J. M. F., $3.07.

Previously reported, $28.35. Total this year, $31.42.

AGGREGATE.—Total this month, $15,403.02. Previously reported, $28,871.14. Total this year, $44,274.16.

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures from May 1, 1899, to November 15, 1899, have been $61,482.31.

Present indebtedness on this year's work to November 15, 1899, $17,208.15.

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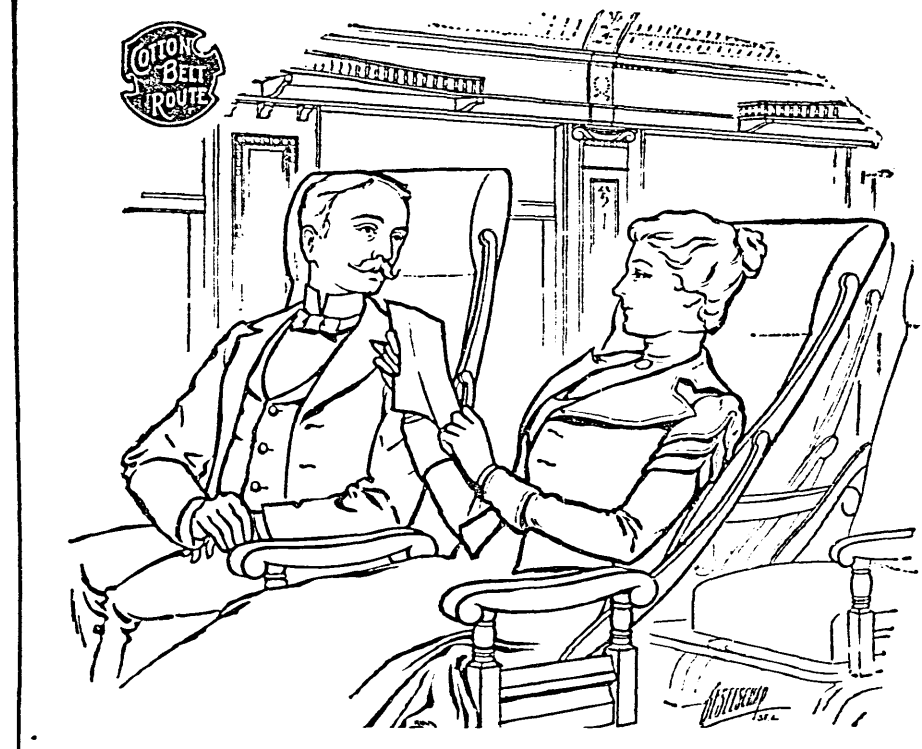

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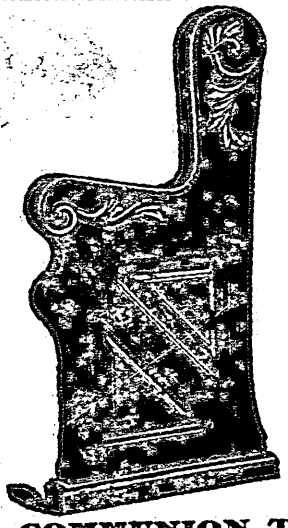

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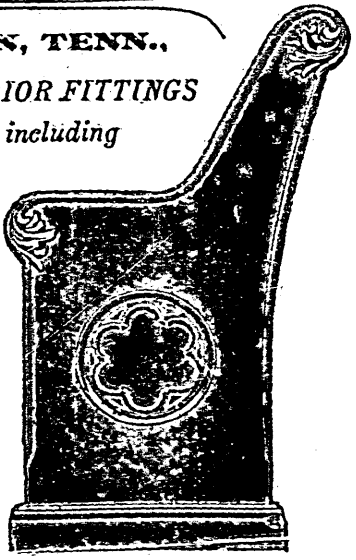

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