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PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

We have a great God. He is not only the Almighty King, but He is a loving Father. He has redeemed us, and gives us His spirit to guide and strengthen us. He calls on us to be co-workers with Him in bringing all men to a knowledge of His love. In thus calling us to this work He honors us. We have not entered into His plans as we should have done. We have let evil influences beguile us, and have fallen far short of our duty. Yet how gloriously the Master has blessed our feeble efforts. Last year our missionaries reported 845 baptisms. For this Convention year it looks as though even more will be reported. We closed the last year with all obligations paid; our receipts this year up to date are much better than they were last. Our missionaries generally are in harmony, and seem hopeful. Our people at home seem more deeply interested in the work. Surely we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father and praise Him. Let all the people praise the Lord and give thanks. It is good to praise His name. We pray often, but do not praise God, and thank Him for His presence and blessings as we should. His Holy Spirit is guiding and strengthening us. Praise and thanksgiving are acknowledgments of His blessed presence.



THE PASTOR AND OUR ENLARGEMENT.

There can be no well grounded question that most people live on too low a plane and in too restricted a sphere. Expansion of thought and plan is needed in every good cause. The average individual does not think and plan widely, there must be leaders to think and plan widely, and persuade the people to take their views. The Lord has given pastors to the churches to do this. And every church that has any sort of respect for the ability and leadership of its pastor is expecting from him plans that would lead them into larger labors and a larger heritage, and they await his movements. The church plans will be co-extensive with the pastor's thought. If there is not each year a growth, an enlargement of plan and gift and life, the pastor is responsible, for either he can enlarge the church's thought and life or else he is in the wrong place. And what adds tremendously to the weight of his responsibility is that when there is no enlargement there is a contraction; if there is life it will express itself in growth, hence if no growth, we have serious cause for alarm.

Not only will the church's confidence in and respect for the pastor lead them to expect large plans from him, but his bringing before them large

plans and urging them to make large sacrifices and gifts will in turn greatly increase their confidence in him and respect for him. One reason why many pastors see their pastorates slipping from under them is because they have thought and planned too narrowly for their churches. Let a pastor startle his people by submitting some noble thing to be done, and that, too, in such a manner as to inspire confidence, and instantly his stock goes up; he who by his plans shows himself a large man will be so regarded by his people.

Pastors ought to remember, too, that large plans are more easily carried into effect than small plans, because they command the respect and secure the co-operation of the strength of the church. Properly presented it is easier to raise a large collection for foreign missions than to get up a little money to have a Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school, or to pay the debt brought over from the one you have just had. People have a genuine and commendable pride in helping to do large things, and the pastor who understands this can lead his people to do large things. People do not like to be underrated; the requests that many pastors make of their people, or in some cases their failure to make any request at all, ought to be and are considered a reflection upon the people, an indignity to be resented. Intoxicate the people, not with flattering or fawning, but with a vivid portrayal of their power to bring things to pass for Christ; let them feel that thrill that comes only from loving confidence and trust, both in one's ability and in one's fidelity, and show them not only that the pastor, but God believes in and trusts them; exhilarating and having their latent energies aroused by this laudable appeal to their power they will surprise the pastor and themselves and all their brethren.



FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

We issue this month 25,000 of the Journal. A copy is sent free to every pastor in our Convention; also, other copies are sent out free. We are anxious to get our people informed about our work. The Journal does not pretend to cover the whole missionary field of the world. *The Missionary Review of the World* does that very well. Many of our pastors should subscribe for that magazine; but all should take the Journal. We do not see how any live pastor who wishes to lead out his people in foreign mission effort can be satisfied not to keep informed about our own work. The regular price of the Journal is only 35 cents a year, or 25 cents in clubs of ten. We hope many pastors will secure a club of subscribers; or, what is still better, get some active brother or sister to secure a club. By the hearty co-operation of brethren and sisters we hope to enroll several thousand new names soon. When we can get our people to read and talk about our mission work they will give more liberally for its advancement.

LETTER TO THE PASTOR—ANSWER REQUESTED.

Dear Brother Pastor,—Will you take time amidst your many duties to read a few lines from one who needs your help? The churches through their delegates in Convention at Louisville, Ky., last May ordered the Foreign Mission Board to lay out our work on an advanced scale. Already eleven new missionaries have been sent to the fields. Others will likely sail in a few weeks. The work is being greatly blessed in the foreign lands. Our receipts are much better than they were last year. We have four months more before our Convention meets again. We want to make this year glorious for sending the Gospel of the precious Saviour to dying men. This is a privilege. This is what the Master wants done. Oh, that this new century may be for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ. For this let us all pray and work.

Dear pastor, you are the God-appointed leader in your church. Will you teach and lead God's flock entrusted to you, to take active interest in this work?

(1) Will you in the next three months preach and talk on missions from time to time? I do not mean necessarily make one sermon on missions, but rather bring it prominently out in your sermons and talks from time to time. If you are deeply interested in the great work of giving the Gospel to all the world you can easily do this.

(2) We are still needing other missionaries at important points. Will you join us in asking God to send out laborers. The fields are white. Why should thousands of preachers stay in Christian America when we have only a few to tell of Christ in lands where millions are dying in the blight and night of sin. What does Christ think of us! We can send many if we would. Why do we wait? Will you pray for God's Spirit to fill us for this work? Some to go, some to stay, but all to help.

(3) Our Convention said in Louisville that we should enlarge our work 25 per cent. Some churches and brethren with holy consecration and zeal have already given 50 per cent. more than formerly, others even more still. Will you try to get your church to give this Convention year at least 25 per cent. more than they have been accustomed to give for this work? You can get a good contribution if you will preach and pray and try. It is for Christ and dying men. Will you not do your best?

During the past year one of our missionaries has fallen at the front, other brethren and sisters have gone out to carry forward the work. Some of you to whom I write are doing your last year's work on this earth. Brethren, let us make it the best we can. Let us bring heaven nearer to earth, and so bless the world and honor our Saviour. If we send the Gospel to others we ourselves will receive a rich blessing. God loves those best who love souls most, and work to bring them to Him.

Now, in conclusion, I ask that you take time to drop me a postal card. As your servant it will strengthen me to receive it, and thus have your

answers to these questions. We have about 6,600 pastors in our Convention. I would be glad to get a few lines from every one, and especially if you can say, "I am with you heart, head and hand in each of the three requests you make."

May God make us to abound in every good word and work, to the glory of His holy name.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.



THE ADVANCE IN MISSIONS.

The very remarkable vote at Louisville last May instructing the Foreign Mission Board to plan its work for the current year on a basis of a twenty-five per cent. increase in contributions was in large measure the result, and has proved to be in a large measure the cause of a widespread and enthusiastic spirit of advance in missions, not simply in foreign missions, but all missions and all denominational enterprises. The slightest study of the different States and their work will indicate what is here meant. Here are some examples: In Alabama this good spirit has taken possession of the brethren, and the result is a great debt-paying carnival, clearing away from all institutions financial obligations noxious with age, and making an open way for all the great enterprises to move forward in, and also an increase in contributions to missions. In Arkansas the year has been marked by such an increase in contributions and work as would have been considered hardly possible, and at the late Convention there was such a widening of view and plan as it would be safe to say the State has never seen before.. In Texas over \$140,000 has been given to all interests, including the tremendous and far-reaching educational work so gloriously pushed forward by the friends of education. In North Carolina there has been an increase of \$8,000 given to missions, not to mention the work done for the female college. In Virginia there has been a comfortable gain in the aggregate of contributions, and at the annual meeting it was planned to put a field secretary into the work of State Missions, which plan has already been carried into effect by the selection and acceptance of Rev. C. J. Thompson, of Lynchburg, one of the best of men, and which means a great advance both in State Missions and also in all other denominational interests. And so other States might be studied, and in nearly every State, possibly every one without exception, it would be found that there is a strong and determined and enthusiastic spirit of advance along all lines of our work. This spirit was in the air and helped to bring on the Louisville action, which in turn has greatly contributed to the further growth of the spirit.

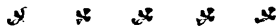
If we do not mistake, there is a real movement among us that looks to larger plans and more vigorous prosecution for the furtherance of the Redeemer's kingdom and the salvation of all the earth. A simple survey of this sunny Southland, filled with fruits and flowers, glinting in as

glorious sunlight as God has given to earth, groaning under the weight of its own possibilities and powers, a single glance at all these countless thousands of blood-bought Baptists as they are rallying the clans and planning to pitch the battle on an ever enlarging line, and carry it forward with new vigor to the fields from which they are to bear away the palms mid wildest shouts of victory—one glance at these things thrills us with pride and fills us with ambition and zeal.



SAD IF TRUE.

Some one has been making a calculation and estimates that only two cents out of every dollar given by Christians goes for foreign missions. That is, we use ninety-eight cents in the home land in paying pastors, building churches, etc., etc., and send two cents to give the Gospel of Christ to men in heathen darkness. We have not the means at hand to verify or disprove the statement, but any one who will take a moment to consider and calculate with reference to the churches right around him, will find that the figures will tell a sad story of neglect by Christian people of the poor people who grope in darkness for the need of the Gospel of Christ. How sad the truth in this matter. And even the little contributed is often given over the protest of some, and demands that it be divided with other causes at home. Should not every man and church give at least one-fourth as much strictly for giving the Gospel to those without Christ as for all other causes combined? No one can say what proportion another should give. Some churches give half as much for foreign missions as they pay their pastors. Others give about one-third or one-fourth. We bring this matter to the attention of our people that they may think of it. We do not believe that Christ would join in the cry about "the heathen at our door" and "plenty to do at home." He wants the *world* to hear of His dying love and resurrection power. He commands us to carry the message. Are there not pastors who will try to get their churches to give a half or one-fourth as much to carry the Gospel to foreign lands as they give for the pastor's salary in the home land? Let us make this matter practical. God bless the pastor who can live and get his people to give the bread of life to starving, dying souls. Alas, alas, where it is otherwise!



SATAN'S TACTICS.

God's purpose in Christ is to have the Gospel preached to all the world. To this work He calls all His people. But this work Satan opposes. He uses men of the world to oppose it by ridicule, denunciation, sophistry, and every other means possible. But he goes further and gets Christians to oppose this work which God wants done. Alas! that at times even preachers, deacons, and prominent members will oppose this blessed work. How little they realize that Satan is using them. Once Satan tempted Christ through as good a man as Simon Peter, and the Lord

said, "Get thee behind Me, Satan." We find Satan still coming in the form of friends to retard the work of Christ. It takes boldness in the pastor and deacons to oppose and expose him and carry forward the work. Sometimes Satan finds that passive acquiescence works better than open opposition. No one opposes, and no one proposes. All is inactivity. Souls are dying, and Christ is calling, but the church is sadly sleeping in indolent ease. They have a form of godliness, are called missionary, but by their lives deny the power of the truth.

At other times a church gets in debt, and makes this an excuse for doing little or nothing in giving the Gospel to others. Satan is pleased with this; but will such a church receive God's rich blessing? Some churches which could easily pay their debts, keep these as an excuse for wholesale negligence. We may deceive men, but we cannot deceive God. One of the greatest blessings oftentimes which can come to a church, is to get right financially so as to honor God.

Consider whether your church is a truly missionary church. If not so in fact, search and see, for Satan is working some of his tactics on you. All of us can help to send the Gospel, and if we are not doing so something is wrong.



THE LAST WORDS OF A REMARKABLE FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders at Miletus, which though so brief, is one of the most remarkable addresses on record, is worthy of very thoughtful study, and will always reward an effort to know it better. The occasion was one of unusual interest and tenderness. Paul, in great haste was making his way to Jerusalem after his third great missionary tour, hoping to celebrate Pentecost in the Jewish capital. During the first part of this journey he had made his second visit to Ephesus, spending three years there, and seeing the work of the Lord greatly prospered in his hands. When at this time he was ready to leave Greece for Jerusalem, he was compelled to go up through Macedonia to evade the plot that the Grecian Jews had laid for him. Sailing from Philippi he had Ephesus directly in his way, but he "determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia." He knew if he should yield to the yearnings of his heart and stop in Ephesus he would be unable to tear himself away from the fond and loving entreaties of his old flock. As their boat threaded its way among the islands that lie like a wreath along the western shore of Asia, he stood out on deck, one can easily imagine, casting long and loving looks towards the city in which he had so laboriously, so joyously, and so fruitfully wrought. When they tied up at Chios and Samos he would naturally inquire of those he chanced to see of the welfare of the Ephesian church, which may have sent messengers to bring him this tidings or that, and to urge him to stop. As his heart was stirred by thoughts of his labors there, or, possibly, with the tidings that came, and as it grew heavy with the thought of not paying

the church a visit at this time, and as he thought that he would never be permitted to see them again, which fact was made known to him by revelation, cast its long black shadow over his path, he resolved at least to have the elders of the church meet him that he might give them his blessing, and minister again to the church through them. So while they tarried at Miletus messengers were dispatched to Ephesus, and the elders, who would be filled with delight, came to sit again under the teaching of him under whose blessed ministry they had been led away from heathenism, or may be in the case of some from Judaism, to receive the benedictions of him who under the Holy Ghost had appointed them elders in the church. Such a moment, such a moment to Paul, and such a moment to the Ephesian elders! What would they wish to hear, and what would he wish to speak of? What would be worthy to fill up these precious, fleeting moments? One thing may be put down as a certainty, no word not of great weight will gain utterance in that interview. A most natural thing was that the apostle should speak with the utmost candor and greatest frankness of his ministry among the people of Ephesus. Then that this should be followed by his present state of feelings and his plans and purposes for the future. But he is not the man to allow things purely personal to himself to monopolize all the time. These brethren to whose hands the care of the church and the welfare of the saints have been committed must have, at least, a word of warning and instruction. Dangers must be foretold and duties enjoined.

A striking thing it is that this marvelous address, so full of tenderness, so sublime, that all effort to analyze or discuss it seems only to detract from it, this address of personal reminiscence and personal plans, of admonition and appeal, is closed with a lesson on giving. As an inspiration and incentive to their zeal, Paul reminds them of his example in supporting himself and those dependent upon him by the labors of his own hands while he preached to the Ephesians the Gospel of Christ, and says that he had shown them "all things, how that so laboring they ought to support the work, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus; how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive." How harsh and inappropriate at such a moment must have been the cold topic of giving! No, no! This was a fit word with which to crown this tenderest and most gracious interview. And these elders went back home not only with their nerves tingling with delight at having seen Paul, and their hearts saddened by the thought of never seeing him again, but with their spirits mellowed by one of the richest, sweetest words that ever fell from the lips of Christ, and which but for this moment might have been lost to us. With the spirit of that word filling them they were ready to labor for the church at Ephesus as never before. With their hearts refreshed by that dew-drop of his grace they could now teach the church such lessons of sacrifice and service as would otherwise have been impossible. The last and sweetest word of this address of unspeakable tenderness and untold power is, "more blessed to give than to receive."

PRIZE REPORT.

Several months ago we offered a prize to the person who would send us the best report on our foreign mission work. A goodly number of reports were received, and in due time submitted to a committee of three competent brethren, none of them members of the Board. After considering the reports the committee awarded the prize to Rev. W. P. Smith, of Spartanburg, S. C. The report was made before the Spartanburg Association last August by Bro. Smith. We give it below :

The Southern Baptists are engaged in Foreign Mission work in six different countries—three papal and three pagan fields. The pagan fields are China, Africa, and Japan; papal fields, Italy, Mexico, and Brazil. We have 82 missionaries at work on these fields and four more under appointment; 128 native assistants—210 workers in all. There are 100 churches and 140 out-stations; 5,347 church members; 2,446 in Sabbath schools. There were 845 baptisms last year.

Let us look at the fields—first, China. The Bible was first translated into the Chinese language by Robert Morrison in 1807. Southern Baptists began work here in 1847. Rev. J. L. Shuck, of Virginia, was our first missionary. Our work here is divided into Southern, Central and Northern China.

Southern China Mission.—The principal station here is Canton, a city of 1,500,000 inhabitants. Our workers at this station are Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Graves, Rev. and Mrs. E. Z. Simmons, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Greene, Miss Anna Greene, Rev. and Mrs. Thos. McCloy, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Chambers, Miss Lula F. Whilden, Miss C. J. White. At Shiu Hing, Miss H. F. North; at Wuchow, Miss Mollie McMinn; and 28 native assistants. There are 8 churches and 13 out-stations, with 1,251 members. Moving up the coast near a 1,000 miles, we come to Central China Mission, where Dr. Yates spent his long and useful life. Shanghai is the principal station. It has a population of 500,000. Our missionaries are Rev. R. T. Bryan and wife, Rev. E. F. Tatum and wife, Miss Willie Kelly, and Miss Lottie W. Price. In this mission is Soochow, with a population of 500,000. Workers, Rev. T. C. Britton and wife. Also Chinkiang; population, 150,000. Here Rev. W. W. Lawton and wife and Miss Julia Mackenzie are our representatives, and at Yang Chow, with a population of 300,000, we have Rev. L. W. Pierce and wife. In these cities there are eleven native helpers; 6 churches, 7 out-stations, 148 members. Some 600 miles further up the coast is the North China Mission. Here we have a group of missions. At Tung Chow, Dr. J. B. Hartwell and wife, Miss Anna B. Hartwell and Miss Lottie Moon are sowing seeds beside all waters. At Hwang Hien, Rev. C. W. Pruitt and wife, and Rev. Peyton Stephens and wife are our laborers. At Pingtu, our representatives are Rev. W. H. Sears and wife, and Rev. J. W. Lowe and wife. In this mission there are 16 native helpers, 8 churches, 13 out-stations. We have in China 22 churches, 33 out-stations, 40 missionaries, 55 native helpers, 1,802 church members. Last year there were 427 baptisms. We rejoice at what has been accomplished in China, but what is this in comparison to what ought to have been done? Only a few thousand of the near 400,000,000 of China have been reached by us.

AFRICA.

The next field in which Southern Baptists began Foreign Mission work was

Africa, in 1850. We are at work in the Yoruba country, in West Central Africa. This country is about three-fourths the size of Arkansas. The climate is very trying to our missionaries. The people are pure Negroes, full of superstition. Their morals are, in our estimation, very low. Their religion is idolatry and fetichism and has no reference to a future life. They perform their worship either for the purpose of getting good from their gods, or preventing them from doing them harm. We have at present four main stations in four principal cities. At Lagos, the chief mercantile city, and the port of the country, with a population of some 50,000, Bro. M. L. Stone, a native ordained preacher, is pastor of our two churches. For his work he receives from us \$28.80 this year. After this year they will bear all their expenses. A few miles from Lagos is Hausa Farm, a village; here is a church of 38 members, an unordained man is in charge. This is an out-station of Lagos. Sixty miles inland from Lagos is Abbeokuta, a city of 200,000 inhabitants. Bro. W. T. Lumbley and wife are in charge of this work. The church has 22 members. Some 40 miles northwest of Abbeokuta is Awyaw, the capital city of the Yoruba Nation proper. This city has a population of 75,000. Bro. S. G. Pinnock and wife are our workers here. They have a church of 25 members. A few miles northeast from Awyaw is Ogbomoshaw, a city of 75,000; here are two churches. Bro. C. E. Smith and wife and three native assistants are our workers. The two churches have one hundred and eleven members. Each church in Africa has its house of worship. We have in this field 6 missionaries, 10 native assistants, 6 churches, 6 out-stations, 341 members, 37 baptisms last year.

ITALY.

Italy was our next field to enter, which we did in 1870. We have one missionary here, Bro. George B. Taylor, son of the first secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. He is in the historic city of Rome, and has had charge of the work in Italy over twenty-five years. Work is carried on by 20 native helpers at as many different points over the land. We have in this field 22 churches, 21 out-stations, 518 members, 38 baptisms last year. Italy is considered a hard field—see what has been done. She has a population of 31,000,000, of these 62,000 are Protestants. Fifteen Protestant churches in Rome, the home of the Pope. In 1870 there were none of these there.

MEXICO.

In 1880 Southern Baptists began work in Mexico. This work has lately been divided into two missions, North and South Mexican. The North Mexican mission embraces two places in the State of Coahuila. At Torreon we have as our workers Bro. A. C. Watkins and wife. At Saltillo, the chief city of this State, and a city of 17,000 inhabitants, we have Bro. J. S. Cheavens and wife, Miss Sarah Hale and Miss Addie Barton. In this division we have 6 missionaries, 5 ordained native preachers, 8 unordained helpers, 21 churches, 20 out-stations, 872 members. In South Mexican mission we have Bro. J. G. Chastain and wife at Morelia, a city of over 200,000, and the chief city of the State of Michoacan, and R. P. Mahon and wife at Toluca, the chief city in the State of Mexico. In this mission we have 4 missionaries, 4 ordained native preachers, 2 unordained helpers, 5 churches, and 219 members. In a population of 12,000,000, we have ten missionaries, 19 native assistants, 26 churches, 1,091 members, 45 baptisms last year. Think, 8,000,000 people in Mexico have never seen a Bible. The work here has been interrupted by internal trouble which caused a number

of our missionaries to resign. Peace now reigns and a number of excellent new workers will take up their work. We shall expect good reports from them.

BRAZIL.

In 1882 work was begun in Brazil, a land of 16,000,000 people. We have 5 main stations in this field: 1. In the State of Pernambuco. Here we have Bro. W. E. Entzminger and wife, Bro. E. A. Nelson and wife, 5 native assistants, 7 churches, 371 members. These in the midst of a population of 850,000. Going south near 500 miles, we come to Bahia, a city of 175,000. Here we have Bro. Z. C. Taylor and wife and 5 native helpers at work. From this center they are doing work in the province of Bahia, which has a population of about 1,800,000. In this province are 6 churches, 5 out-stations, and 445 members. From Bahia to Rio Janeiro, a city of 700,000, is 734 miles. We find Bro. W. B. Bagby and wife, 3 native helpers, 5 churches, 8 out-stations, 283 members here. This mission includes other points outside of the city. Out in the country, some distance, is Campos. Here we have Bro. Solomon L. Ginsburg and wife, Bro. T. C. Joyce and wife, and 4 native assistants at work, also 5 churches with 475 members. San Paulo, 200,000 inhabitants, is the most progressive State in Brazil, and has the largest number of towns and cities. Here we have Bro. J. L. Downing and wife, Bro. J. J. Taylor and wife, Miss Mary R. Wilcox and Miss Bertha R. Stenger; this is a new work. We have in Brazil 18 missionaries, 17 native helpers, 23 churches, 30 out-stations, 285 baptisms last year, 1,524 members. This is an important field. We ought to have more workers there.

JAPAN.

Our youngest mission is Japan. We entered Japan in 1889, ten years ago. Much of the work that has been done so far is foundation work. We have three stations in the southwestern portion of the kingdom. Our workers are Bro. J. W. McCollum and wife, Bro. E. N. Walne and wife, Bro. N. Maynard and wife, and Bro. W. H. Clarke, seven missionaries, one church, 71 members, 13 baptisms last year. Japan has a population of 40,000,000. We expect good reports from our workers ere long—others are being blessed. Only a few years ago notices were posted at nearly every cross road in the empire, prohibiting the people from embracing Christianity under penalty of death; now there are over 40,000 Christians in the country, and they are exercising a powerful influence in national affairs.

Since our last association, 21 new missionaries have been appointed, the most of them have gone to their fields of labor. Thirteen who were at home have returned. Nine have resigned and one noble worker has fallen at his post, Bro. C. D. McCarthy, of Brazil.

From the February Journal we cull this: "The earth's population is 1,500,000,000, of which more than 1,000,000,000 are yet non-Christian, say 800,000,000 heathen and 200,000,000 Mohammedans, 200,000,000 are Roman Catholic, and 150,000,000 are Protestant. For the world's redemption Protestants are giving annually about \$15,000,000; sustain a missionary force of 14,200, of whom 4,300 are ordained, and 3,380 are unmarried women; associated with them are 4,200 ordained natives; about 80,000 toilers in all. The stations and out-stations occupied exceed 25,000; the communicants are upward of 1,300,000, and increase at the rate of 75,000 annually." From this we see that mission work has only fairly begun. There is yet much land to be possessed. What a work for those of the twentieth century to do! Oh that we had performed our full share of the work! This we are able to do. Think, 11,270 preachers at home, 35 or 40 on mission fields. Dr. Willingham says: "If every 30 churches will support a mis-

sionary, that will give us over 600 missionaries. Fifty cents from each of our members would raise \$700,000 for Foreign Missions this year." Our secretary says: "If Southern Baptists would only do without one meal, or if the men who smoke would only do without, for one day, and give it to the Lord, the Board would send out 50 new missionaries this year." Will this Association fall in with this forward movement?



THE REFLEX INFLUENCE.

Many persons in speaking and thinking of the good results of the foreign mission work simply note the results in foreign lands, when really a great part of the blessings is to those who give the gospel. With the great missionary movement came the great revival of religion in Christian lands; came also the great Sunday school movement. The testimony of Andrew Fuller will show how cold, indifferent and barren was his church until the movement of Carey took hold upon them. The great division of Baptists in this country on the mission question, with the attendant results, should make any man well consider when he opposes world-wide evangelization. The churches which give largely for foreign missions are those which give most for home interests and are blessed with peace and prosperity.

The Corresponding Secretary was with a church in Kentucky the first Sunday of October. The church subscribed that day over three times as much as they gave last year for foreign missions. Just two months after, to the day, a letter was received from the pastor which contains this:

Our work still moves on, and more and more are we convinced that our upward move in missions was a great blessing to us. Our congregations are by far the largest during my pastorate. Sunday-school has almost doubled, and a spirit of activity pervades such as I have not seen before. I have baptized 23 since my return from my vacation, and at close of our meeting I hope to greatly increase this number.

Many of our churches would realize anew the "Lo I am with you" of the Master if they would awaken to liberality in giving the gospel to the lost.



EXCELLENT MISSIONARY BOOKS.

Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., has arranged to furnish excellent missionary books either in libraries, or singly, to those wishing them. In our advertising columns will be seen lists of these books. The first list is especially adapted to Sunday schools. The second list is for older people. It is impossible to awaken a deep interest in mission work unless our people are informed. Dr. Frost is working to train our young people aright, and has done us a real service in getting up these excellent books at so reasonable a price. Now, get your church or Sabbath school to order one or both sets at once.

ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Dr. A. J. Barton has been elected by the Sunday-School Board of Nashville, Tenn., as Field Secretary of that Board, and on December 12th resigned his position with the Foreign Board, to take effect February 1st, 1900, when he will take up his new work.

Dr. Barton entered on his work with the Foreign Board August 20th, 1896. He has spoken in all the States of our Convention with great power, as he has presented the call of our Master for world-wide evangelization. He has also done excellent work with his pen in bringing this great cause before our people.

In his new position he will have much to do with the development of the Sunday-schools, and so the better training of our young people. In this work he can do a great deal towards implanting in the hearts of the young the very truths which he has loved to tell to the churches. These young people are the very persons who will compose and guide the churches in a few years.

Our esteem, love, and prayers for our brother will accompany him in his new work. As a public servant, he will need the sympathy and co-operation of his brethren. Let it be heartily given him by all.

**NOTES.**

Rev. A. C. Watkins writes of a large number of baptisms in the North Mexican mission this year.

Miss Claudia White, from Canton, China, has returned home to Rockville, Md., for a rest, which she richly deserves after being away for over eight years.

We rejoice to hear that Mrs. W. E. Entzminger has improved some in health. She was at Bahia, Brazil, with Rev. and Mrs. Z. C. Taylor, the last accounts we received from her.

A letter from Rev. A. C. Watkins, Torreon, Mexico, tells of the sickness of Rev. G. H. Crutcher with small-pox. We trust our brother will soon recover from this dreadful disease.

We are sorry to hear that our noble veteran, Dr. R. H. Graves, is not in good health. Grandly has he stood at the front for nearly forty-four years, having left this country for China, when he first went out, April 19, 1856.

Miss Mary E. Wright, Augusta, Ga., desires to procure letters written by our missionaries many years ago. Any one having such letters will confer a favor by loaning them to her. After using she will return them to the owners.

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.

As related in a letter from Rev. Z. C. Taylor, published elsewhere, an aged Christian woman deeded, on November 10th, to the mission at Bahia, Brazil, a piece of property consisting of three houses and about five acres of ground, and worth, at a reasonable estimate, over \$2,000. It would be good for the members of our home churches to learn lessons of liberality from those on the foreign field.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union writes: "I have received the first Christmas Offering from Maryland. It is a five-dollar gold piece, sent by an old lady of nearly 80 years, to whom when a little tot I went to school. She now lives in Prince George county, where there is no Baptist church, but her interest in the work is great." How truly this noble aged sister has cause to praise God and work, when she remembers that she helped to train the one who stands at the head of our woman's work in all the South.

We have recently bought a No. 2 Smith Premier Typewriter for our office from Mr. G. M. Woodfin, agent for the company in Richmond, Va., and we are delighted with the machine. It is easy to use, very convenient, and does first-class work.



PARAGRAPHS.

MONEY PAID FOR MINUTES OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The undersigned will pay a half-dollar each for a copy of the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for the years 1845, '46 and '49. If more than one copy of the same year should be sent the price will be paid to the person sending the first and the other copy, or copies, will be returned to the one sending it, if this is desired. Address

A. J. BARTON, Richmond, Va.

The strength of every denominational enterprise depends fundamentally upon the interest in it and zeal for it entertained by the masses of our people. But the interest and zeal of the people depend upon pastor; the pastor is the rock under the rock.

Like other blessings, the privileges and opportunities of the pastorate can never be fully appreciated till they pass beyond recall. Pastor, if you knew that this is your last year that you are to spend in your heaven-

given work, knew that next year the Lord would shut you within the chamber of permanent disability or remove you from these earthly walks, allowing you no more to enjoy the gracious opportunities with which your path is now beset, what then? And yet it may be!

The thought and life of the church is in an incredibly large degree the reflection, the incarnation, of the thought and spirit of the pastor. This is true at all points, missions included.



A WOMAN'S MEETING IN CHINA.

Mrs. A. M. Tatum.

It was my sweet privilege while in the home-land to meet very many in whose hearts the Spirit had begotten a warm interest in and love for the native Christians in China.

I was often asked by these to tell them in what language of prayer and testimony their native brethren and sisters gave expression to their spiritual life and aspirations.

Judging from the frequency of such questions, I have felt that it would be of interest to some of the Journal readers to learn of a recent woman's meeting at our North Gate church. Between 20 and 30 women were present, more than half of them Christians. All who could read had Bibles, and after singing, prayer, and reading in turn of a part of the sixth chapter of Matthew, we studied together the Lord's Prayer. Before the meeting closed the Christian women were asked to give expression briefly to what was in their hearts. Our dear old Bible woman, Mrs. Dzung, was first on her feet, her face aglow. She had been 400 miles north of Shanghai to Chefoo for a few weeks during the summer. This was the first long journey away from home she had ever made, and her ideas as to the size and spiritual destitution of her own country had been greatly enlarged. She said first that she could not understand why it was the Lord was so good to her. Everybody during the summer had treated her so kindly and done so much for her that her heart was full of thanksgiving; and she knew it was her Father who had put it into the hearts of others to treat her thus. Then she spoke of the long stretch of country she had passed on her way to and from Chefoo, and the hundreds of cities and villages where her Saviour was neither known nor loved, and of the necessity she felt laid upon her of doing something towards giving them the Gospel. She added that she had decided that she must at least double her monthly contribution to our native Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Li, who for decades was a devout Buddhist, and who only a few months ago accepted Jesus as her Saviour, said with sweet seriousness that she was very thankful that her sins were now all forgiven.

Mrs. Sung, also a new convert, gave much the same testimony.

Mrs. Lau spoke next. For a number of years she has been acting as amah (female servant) for the three wives of a wealthy heathen Chinaman. Although the family are kind to her and do not oppose her coming out to Christian services occasionally, she has to work very hard. She said it was a source of sorrow to her that she had so little time to study her Bible and pray, and she hoped we would all pray that God would make it possible for her to have more time.

Mrs. Tsang said her heart was sad every time she thought of her lack of

diligence in service for her Master. Her laziness, as she expressed it, in Christian work was, she was sure, sinful.

Mrs. Lu followed Mrs. Tsang, and said her heart was troubled because, as individuals and as a church, we were so lacking in zeal, and so far from being "without spot or wrinkle," as it was the Saviour's will we should be.

Mrs. Dong said she had never realized as she did that afternoon what a blessed privilege it was to call God "our Father." The love of the Father's heart had come as a new revelation to her. Then she asked us to pray with her for her father-in-law and mother-in-law, who, although professing Christians, seemed to have little joy in their religion.

Mrs. Lee said she was very thankful that in the future we were to have the woman's prayer-meeting every week instead of every fortnight. She had been longing for the meetings to come nearer together, for she did get so hungry from one fortnight to another. (These meetings were begun about five years ago, and were then held monthly, and the sisters found it rather hard to get together once a month. Anything new in China takes long to become established).

Vong Oo, one of the school girls, said she was so thankful she could be in a Christian school.

Miss Mackenzie, whom it was our great privilege to have with us, told us how rejoiced she was that after her living and working alone five years, the churches in America were at last to send her a helper in Miss Parker.

Mrs. Lia spoke last, and her testimony was, perhaps, the most touching. She being a widow with five little girls to care for, her lot is a hard one. She said she was glad the Lord would receive and love and help the stupid as well as the bright and clever, else she could never hope to be His child.

This much will show you how similar is the soul-language, whether in China or America. You will pray for these dear sisters, I know, and for us as well that we may be as Haggai, "the Lord's messenger" to them "with the Lord's message."

Shanghai, China.



THOSE "MEN OF CYPRUS AND CYRENE."

E. B. Pollard.

Many of those to whom the world owes most are unknown to the world by name. Who were the "men of Cyprus and Cyrene?" (Acts 11: 20.) We do not know, except that they appear as the first practically to appreciate the full scope of the divine order, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and, again, "Ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

If the apostles themselves at first fully grasped the universal scope of Christian purpose and duty, circumstances kept them in Jerusalem. For when the persecution arose which drove the Christian community to the ends of the earth, all were scattered abroad "except the apostles," who remained as home missionaries in Jerusalem.

"But there were some of them (that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen) men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. Thenceforth Christianity was to be not a sect of Judaism, but a religion for the whole world.

It is true that Stephen, whose fidelity unto death became the immediate oc-

casion of this new missionary effort, had planted the seeds of universality; but fruit had not yet been brought forth in the form of aggressive missionary labor. It remained for unknown, perhaps quite humble, men who had formerly lived in the island of Cyprus, and on the northern coast of Africa, to dare first aggressively to break the crust of exclusiveness and preach the Lord Jesus to Gentiles. All honor to these unknown men of God from the rank and file of His followers. As "the common people heard him gladly," so the untitled, uncrowned citizens of the kingdom have always been among the foremost to obey Him gladly. The "men of Cyprus and Cyrene" are types of a class of leaders of whom Christianity should be proud. Galilean fishermen, consecrated cobblers, have adorned and sustained the Lord's work through the ages.

So to-day we are not to depend upon the secretaries of the Boards, nor the leading pastors, nor the rich benefactors to spend largely for the spread of the Gospel among the peoples of the earth; but upon the unknown, Christ-loving many, who give ungrudgingly and liberally their dimes and dollars, because they can give no more. These have been the bulwark of the faith in all the churches at all times. Antioch became the leading center of missionary activity for a century, being proud to send out its Paul, its Barnabas, and its Silas, because there once came into that strange, heathen city certain fugitives from bitter persecution—a band of warm-hearted, broad-minded, obedient (but unknown), men "from Cyprus and Cyrene."



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Letters from Our Missionaries.

AFRICA.

Dear Brother,—I am thankful to say the interest in our work continues favorable. Three baptisms during the quarter, and still others interested. It is most gratifying to see that the masses of the people are very much changed in their attitude toward the Christians and their work.

The government railway is a great convenience for us, as well as civilizer to the natives, and is being extended right along toward the interior.

We expect Brother Pincock down again next month to meet his wife and boys, who are soon to be on their way from England to Lagos.

Brother Fadipe has the foundation

of a native house laid in his work at Lalate, and is pressing on hopefully.

May the Lord direct for His glory.

Yours faithfully,

W. T. LUMBLEY.



Baptist Mission, Oyo, Lagos, W. A.

Dear Brother,—I am staying in this new-old town, which is our youngest mission station. The old town so well described by Bowen in his book, "Central Africa," was destroyed many years ago, and the present town is being built by those who were then scattered to the four points of the compass. It lies on a plain amongst the hills, supported and protected as a nest in the boughs of a tree. These hills are

composed of granite boulders thrown into every conceivable position, and prettily decorated by a great variety of trees and grass. The town is well laid out, with wide streets, and kept clear of bush, making it the finest-looking town in this country. The telegraph wire runs past the town to Shaki, and the northern portion of the Niger river. An office is being built, so that soon we shall be in direct communication with Lagos. It is here that Brother L. O. Fadipe is opening up new work. The chief went with me this morning to choose a site for a house, and he readily consented to our building on a piece of ground about fifty yards to the east and within sight of the market place. Yesterday I had a long talk with him and his counsellors about the purpose of our visit, reading and explaining I. Timothy 2: 1-6, to them. He remembers Bowen very well, and says that Bioku, the chief of that time, lodged the missionary in his house. Brother Fadipe is making preparations to build, and by the time I return to meet my wife and children he should be ready to lay the foundations.

It would almost seem that this town was made for Baptists, for, like Aenon, "there is much water here." I trust that God will from the first greatly bless the work and make it a very fruitful field.

We shall hold a service in the market place this evening, and to-morrow I shall proceed to Oyo, two days' journey in a northeasterly direction.

Pray for us that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. PINNOCK.

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Baptism and the Lord's Supper in Africa.

Baptist Mission House,

Awyaw, W. A.

Dear Brother,—We are glad to report three additions to our number at Oyo

(Awyaw), and there are several other persons seeking instruction. On Sunday, August 20th, our full membership gathered for worship, and I spoke from Matthew 7: 15-20: "By their fruits ye shall know them." Two excluded members of the Ogbomoshaw church were present, and were somewhat moved as they listened. I trust they may repent and return to the fold. At the close of the first service we partook of bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's death for us, and it was a helpful season to our hearts. In the afternoon we held our service at the water side, and at the close I baptized an old woman, "whose heart the Lord hath opened," and two young men. A large number of on-lookers were present. One of our boys (the son of the man who first opened his piazza to us for services when we came to Oyo) cried at the baptismal service, and from a quiet word I had with him afterward he also wishes to be baptized.

On Monday morning I went over to Ilora, our out-station, and to my great joy I found a very old man kneeling in the chapel, praying fervently to God for pardon and peace in Jesus Christ's name. It was not my usual day for visiting that town, and I believe I was led by the Spirit to that praying man. I talked with him and opened up the Scriptures to him, and he humbly asks for baptism that he may thus prove his loyalty to his trust in Jesus. He has an intelligent grasp of Christian teaching, and is evidently one of God's chosen ones. This incident refreshes one's spirit; it is an oasis to the thirsty heart; it is to me what the tiny bit of green moss in the desert was to Mungo Parke, an evidence of God's nearness, a symbol of His presence.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL GEO. PINNOCK.

ITALY.

Dear Brother,—In returning from my summer outing, I visited Genoa and Torre Pellice, spending several hours with the evangelist in the former place, and preaching at Torre Pellice. Soon after reaching Rome I was called South, and spent a Sunday preaching and speaking at Boscoreale and Boscotrecase. The promising young minister of that field, who was to have come to the seminary here, was prevented by the equally absurd and outrageous act of the agent of taxes. Either through hostility to the individual or to the Gospel, or for other unknown and inconceivable reasons, he has been persecuting the father of this young minister, a simple peasant, to pay an income tax as the pastor of the church. In vain it was represented by me and by others that this old brother had never opened his mouth in the meetings, or received a cent from any one. Finally, the old man was compelled to pay a tax of several hundred dollars, not francs, but dollars, as the tax was made retrospective for several years. The old man had to use all his savings and borrow money for the purpose, and is now at law to get back what he can of his own from this infamous imposition.

I was able to have important conversations with brethren in Naples, and am glad to believe that the worst of the difficulties in that city are over. Other adjustments have still to be made, but the moment is not yet ripe for them. We have great need of patience and of the utmost tact and delicacy in dealing with many questions here, and must often move slowly when the impulse is to rush forward and fix things in what we believe the right way.

The English Secretary has not yet submitted his proposition in regard to the hall in Naples, and I am anxious

about it. Oh, I do trust we may buy that hall; for it is so necessary to own a permanent place in that great city, and I see no other chance so good. Had I the means, the thousands should be quickly poured forth; tens and even hundreds I will give to see it an accomplished fact.

Miglionico was reached after a railroad journey of several hours and three hours of climbing in the uncomfortable post carriage, from which, as I was, I went into the pulpit and preached on "the church of the Thessalonians." Fatigue fled before the earnest listening of a full house. I was almost as tired the next evening, having been obliged to talk all day to brethren and sisters coming in, and some of them lingering long to catch every word. Oh, it means much to an isolated church to be visited by a minister from abroad, and the manifold discomfort suffered by me was naught in comparison with my joy in the zeal and love of these simple-hearted disciples. They had just bought a church bell, and wanted from the mission the money to hang it. But I good-naturedly told them they must do it all themselves, and then go on and raise money for an organ, and I believe they will do it.

The movement in Reggio of Calabria, a city of 16,000 inhabitants, so providentially begun, seems to be assuming considerable proportions. Yesterday I had a visit from a gentleman of the place who came to urge our pressing forward the work, and specially providing a larger hall, inasmuch as multitudes wait outside anxious to hear, while others, disappointed, have to go away. Over two hundred persons have inscribed their names as wishing to be identified with us, though, of course, we cannot know how many of these are, or will become, true Christians. The present condition must be regarded rather as a golden opportunity than as a harvest,

though the harvest will be worth more than gold. Of course, a controversy has ensued, and the archbishop has launched his thunders against the whole movement and all in any way connected with it. Curiously enough, the socialistic newspaper of the place has opened its columns for ample replies; but the preaching, both of the local preacher and of our evangelist from Naples, has been, at my earnest suggestion, purely evangelical, the Gospel being its own witness, and the best reply to all attacks.

It has been in various ways borne in upon me that the humble brother, who, on his own motion and unremunerated, began the work in this his native place, cannot alone or permanently meet its demands. I trust that our Father will provide the needed man, leaving the brother in question for pioneer work in the region around where much interest has already been excited. Oh, my brother, I am so glad that thus in another, and one of the most interesting of the great divisions of Italy, we have been providentially led, and let us wrestle with God for abundant fruit.

News comes from several stations of baptisms. At Miglionico five had just been buried with Christ in the Basento river. There are also other encouragements. Yours very affectionately,

GEORGE R. TAYLOR.

Rome, Italy, Nov. 10, 1899.

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CHINA.

A Great Change.

Tung Chow, Shantung, China.

September 30, 1899.

Dear Brother,—My record for the quarter ending to-day shows that I have visited fifty-five different towns and villages. As a rule, the work is increasingly encouraging. In general, I am received very kindly. The attitude of listeners seems changed in

many places. In the old days it was impossible to keep people quiet long enough to get any good. Now there is a great change for the better. They sometimes listen in almost absolute silence. School boys especially show a real desire to hear. I hope you will understand that the work is still in the stage of "seed-sowing." I hope a great harvest is being prepared, but it is not yet ripe. When it is, where are the reapers?

You will be glad to know that Dr. Hartwell has been able to take a long country trip, and that it has not seemed to hurt him. Miss Hartwell is about leaving for Macao and Canton.

I trust the Committee on Appointments has seen its way to recommend more workers for Tung Chow. They are very sorely needed here.

Yours sincerely, L. MOON.

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MEXICO.

Grateful for God's Presence and Blessing.

Dear Brother,—Last week, in company with the pastor of the church here, Felipe Jimenez, I visited a ranch called San Salvador. We held three services, all of which were well attended. The work in this ranch began a good many years ago, but never until this time were any baptized, although some have been believers for several years. Saturday afternoon I baptized four who gave good evidence of being converted. As the laws of Mexico forbid any religious services outside the churches, we had some difficulty in finding a suitable place to baptize, but finally found a pool of sufficient depth in a corral belonging to one of the candidates. Brother Jimenez preached in San Salvador some months ago, and several professed conversion. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for His presence and blessing. Fraternally,

JOHN S. CHEAVENS.

Saltillo, Mex., Sept. 25, 1899.

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MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR JANUARY, 1900, CUBA.

"Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Missionaries, 13; churches and stations, 10; baptisms, 363; churches constituted, 6; Sunday schools organized, 7; teachers and pupils, 1,852. Missions at Mantanzas, Cienfuegos, and Santa Clara.



STUDY TOPICS—*Beginning and progress of our work. The struggle for freedom. Changed political and religious conditions. The harvest white, the reapers welcome. Pressing responsibility.*



PROGRAM FOR JAN'Y, 1900.

SUBJECT: CUBA.

"From victory unto victory, oh, stirring words of cheer,
As dawns the solemn brightness of another glad new year."

1. Song service of Praise.
2. Of thanksgiving for opportunities

in the New Year; of petition that God may be more glorified in every life.

3. Scripture.—Luke 10: 25-37; Eph. 4: 4-6.

4. Minutes of Secretary. Collection in dues, etc.

5. Truth in a Nut-shell.—S. B. C. mission work in Cuba began in 1886. 363 baptisms last year. With 13 missionaries, a large house of worship in Havana, 9 other churches and stations, with schools and faithful teachers, the Home Board is zealous to push the work. 100 new stations could be opened were the means supplied.

6. Report of News Gatherers.—Five should be appointed before the meeting to bring telling items gathered from all sources bearing on present condition of Cuba.

7. Leaflet.—"Cuba's Call," by Rev. T. N. Compton.

8. Prayer for our missionaries in Cuba.

9. Discussion.—Is this society keeping pace with the needs of the Home Board? What more can be done?

10. Appoint two committees: On Absent Members, on New Members.

11. Urge use of Mission (Prayer) Card. "Prayer is the necessary preparation for service."

12. Closing Hymn.



Monthly Missionary Literature.

FOR PASTORS AND PEOPLE; FOR LEADERS AND LED.—The leaflet for January is "Cuba's Call," by Rev. T. N. Compton. (Price, 3 cts., Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore). It is a strong and timely presentation of Cuba's need for a true religion, which shall fully unrivet the loosening shackles of Romanism, and give Gospel freedom for genuine progress. Baptists have the right of way to-day by Cuba's ready acceptance of their teachings. Is not this a loud call to supply the need, and supply it now?

Also the beginning of a new year is a good time to begin taking the Quarterly Mission Literature, 8 cts. per quarter; 30 cts. per annum, which supplies a fresh leaflet for each month's mission topic—Foreign, Home, Sunday-School and W. M. Union, as they are statedly presented on the mission calendar, with the monthly program. These aids are inexpensive, and when tried are found indispensable.



Christmas Boxes.

Nothing is little in God's sight, and He can use everything for His honor and glory. The accompanying letter from Mr. O'Halloran, of Cuba, is an expression of thanks for help in making the Sunday-school Christmas festival in Cienfuegos a joy to the Cuban children. Inquiry was made in Baltimore about the candy boxes, simulating bricks, with which to build a chim-

ney, and the gentleman referred to, Mr. Leonidas Nice, very kindly sent 300 boxes as a present to the school. Will not these little pasteboard boxes be more than a temporary Christmas gratification? Will they not be little messengers of Christian sympathy and interest, telling their kindly story wherever they may be seen, interesting parents and children alike in the kind of Christianity that can be disinterested? Such influences as these are better guardians of the children's hearts than United States soldiers can ever be for the grown folks. May the reign of the Prince of Peace be soon ushered in. A. A.

SS Calle Santa Elena,
Cienfuegos, Cuba.
December 1, 1890.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong:

My Dear Sister in the Lord,—Your last to hand some days ago, and read with feelings of sympathetic and grateful interest.

Mr. Nice already has our most sincere thanks for his generous present, and there shall not be any lack of sincere and courteous expressions of appreciation and gratitude from the Cienfuegos church. We shall show him that we fully appreciate such very generous kindness on the part of our American brethren. Since writing to you last time we have had some remarkable meetings in Sagua la Grande. I went there a few weeks ago and preached to a crowded house, and the next morning in the Sagua river, baptized three persons, among them Dr. Rodriguez, a wealthy, cultured, practicing physician who had for a long time previous shown himself unusually consecrated and spiritual. He is now conducting services on the Lord's Day.

But to return to my subject, the night of the same day on which I baptized him, I again preached to a crowded house, and the following

morning I baptized 23, and more are to follow. A day or two afterwards, a Roman Catholic priest, making use of a young fellow as medium, denounced us bitterly in a Spanish paper. I had it announced that on returning the following week I would reply to him from the pulpit. The house was crowded, the street in front was crowded, and I preached for quite a lengthy time. At the close of the service the people in various ways showed their affection, emphatically endorsing the position I had taken. An energetic photographer in that city took various pictures of the scenes during the baptism in the river, and it is my purpose to secure a number of these, and I shall make an effort to have one sent to you.

I would now again, and in conclusion, extend on behalf of myself and mine, my sincere Christian sympathy, and also my gratitude for the trouble which you took in mentioning us to Mr. Nice, thus being the indirect donor, under God, of the Christmas boxes, which we need—the bricks for our chimney—in our Christmas festivities, for which we are now working very hard.

Wishing you all of the rich experiences which come of a close walk with God, and with every inch of my spiritual being, praying God's richest blessings on your work, I am, my dear sister in the Lord,

Yours in His service,

J. R. O'HALLORAN.



Week of Prayer—January 7-13, 1900.

SUGGESTED TOPICS BY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S. B. C.

"Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves." The world's literature, its marvelous inventions of science and heart are all fruits of quiet pondering. The poet broods long in silence, then gives to the world his immortal song. The inventor through the hush of many a midnight

bends over his models ere his ideas are blessed to the good of mankind. From the silent studio of a Raphael comes at length the wondrous work of art. The same principle governs in the spiritual world. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." By lingering in the solemn hush of prayer and meditation, the Christian gains that inward power which fires the heart with genuine heaven-born inspiration, giving strength for continued service. Here it is that by laying hold of God's promises through the exercise of faith, love and obedience, blessings are obtained not only for the individual worshipper, but upon all for whom prayer is offered. Moses wrought mightily for the uplifting of his race because he communed with God. What a power was Daniel in the world! Hours of prayer were back of his sublime career. The life of Jesus was enriched in its influence by observing seasons of intercourse with the Father. At Pentecost, "with one accord in one place" the apostles were waiting on God when the Holy Ghost came upon them.

The present age is one of noise, of bustle and confusion, of greed for gain, of anxiety and worldly ambition, and many fail to remember "the Lord is in His holy temple" or to observe the command, "Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

As Woman's Missionary Union workers and Christian women, desirous of being emptied of self and filled with the spirit of service, longing for the salvation of those in our own and foreign lands, sympathizing with the missionaries who continually write "Pray for us," realizing that the Convention Boards and Woman's Missionary Union need divine guidance and wisdom, shall we not observe a Week of Prayer in connection with the Christmas Offering? May it be a time of solemn, sacred stillness when by wait-

ing on our God, our souls shall be refreshed and the desires of our hearts granted.

SUNDAY, JANUARY SEVENTH.
Divine Guidance.—“Ask and ye shall receive.”

Suggested Hymns—“Sweet Hour of Prayer.” “Take Time to be Holy.” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.”

Facts—Prayer is the means by which our wants and weakness are linked to God's fulness and power. Without prayer, missionary machinery will first clog, then cease to run.

Reading—“A Call to Prayer.” (On first page.)

Scripture—Of whom did the disciples learn to pray? Luke 11: 1. How should true worship be given? John 4: 23, 24. How do we know God answers prayer? Matt. 7: 7-8. How should we pray? (1) In faith; Mark 11: 24. (2) With importunity; Luke 11: 5-8. (3) Perseveringly; Luke 18: 6-8. Two elements of all-prevailing prayer, I. John 5: 14-15.

Testimonies—Either selected or personal, proving God's guidance in answer to prayer.

Ask—Increased love for Christ and the perishing world, for greater appreciation of the privilege of service, that the Lord shall guide thee continually, that this Week of Prayer may prove a blessing.

Helpful Leaflets—“Prayer for Missions” (price, 2 cents). “Helping together with Prayer” (price, 1 cent). Leaflets may be purchased at Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

MONDAY, JANUARY EIGHTH.
Thanksgiving.—“What hath God wrought?”

Bible Selection—Psalm III.

Suggested Hymns—“Come Thou, Almighty King”: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”; “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.”

Thoughts for Thinking Christians—God has thrown open the doors of five continents, given every facility for travel, supplied translations of His Word, raised up those willing to go as missionaries. Through the Home, Foreign, and Sunday-School Boards He is giving us opportunities for hastening the coming of the kingdom. 845 converts baptized last year by missionaries of the Foreign Board, more than any previous year. 18 new missionaries. The Home Board has 653 missionaries; 6,552 baptisms reported last year. Sunday-School Board specially blessed of God as an educational power in the training of young people and as a channel for Bible distribution by Southern Baptists.

Short Paper or Address on “The Work of S. B. C. Boards.”

Praise—For the gift of God's Son; for the progress of His kingdom.

Petition—That God may guide our Mission Boards, that strength and wisdom be given the Secretaries, that the people may be willing-hearted, that all may labor in the unity of the Spirit.

Helpful Leaflets—“Wasted Lives” (price, 3 cents). “Do Foreign Missions Pay?” (price, 1 cent).

TUESDAY, JANUARY NINTH

The Great Commission.—“One who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes for bestowing the rewards of service.”

Bible Reading.—God's command—Isa. 43: 11, 12; Mark 16: 15. God's Promise—Isa. 44: 8; Matt. 6: 33; Heb. 13: 8. God's Promise—Isa. 45: 22; Zech. 14: 9; Philip. 2: 9, 10, 11.

Four Ways of Obeying the Great Commission—Going. Sending. Giving. Praying.

Echoes from the Field—Short items from the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Prayer—For missionaries in Pagan Fields—China, Japan, Africa; for those in Papal Fields—Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba; that converts may be established in the faith; that others may turn from darkness to light.

Paper—Dangers to Mission Work: The Selfish Spirit, The Secular Spirit, The Censorious Spirit.

Food for Thought—"God's commands are His enablings"—F. B. Meyer. "I will go down, but remember you must hold the rope"—Wm. Carey. "The shutting up of missionary activity is the deadening of the personal life of the church"—Phillips Brooks.

Helpful Leaflets—"Mrs. Workwell's Change of Mind" (price, 1 cent). "Heathen Claims and Christian Duty" (price, 2 cents).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY TENTH.
Ingathering of Christmas Envelopes.—
"The love of Christ constraineth us."

A special program has been prepared. Those interested in the Christmas Offering may secure copies by making application to Central Committees in the various States, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

THURSDAY, JANUARY ELEVENTH
Our Land for Christ.—"Ye shall be a delightful land."

Bible Reading—Christian Patriotism (previously prepared), Isa. 40: 3, 5; Amos 5: 14; Isa. 40: 9-15; Isa. 59: 19; Isa. 60: 1, 3, 4, 15.

Points for Leader—America is the land of promise to all the world. More than nine millions of the population are foreign born. The population of S. B. C. territory increases at the rate of one-half million a year. History shows this country has been divinely stamped as a missionary agency. "America needs the Gospel more than any other country," because of what it is under obligation to do for others.

Suggested Hymns—My Country, 'Tis of Thee, "Preach the Gospel."

Topics for Discussion—Perils of Material Prosperity: Immigration, Roman Catholicism, Mormonism.

Chain of Prayer—For missionaries in the Home land, for a blessing on the work of the Home Mission Board and State Boards, remembering needs of the native population, foreigners, and specially those on the frontier.

Helpful Leaflets—"Home Missions and Our English Speaking People" (2 cents). "Mrs. Matteson's Vision" (1 cent).

FRIDAY, JANUARY TWELFTH.
Women as Helpers.—To-day let us rise and go to our work. To-morrow we shall rise and go to our reward.—Richard Fuller.

Familiar hymns of thanksgiving and consecration.

For the Blackboard—W. M. U. organized 1888. Motto: "Go forward." An auxiliary of S. B. C. Boards, it has raised over \$532,972 in cash and box contributions. The past year the most successful. Thanks be to God.

Scripture—Women Helpers (with comments): Ex. 35: 22-26; Luke 10: 38-42; Mark 12: 42-44; Mark 14: 3-9; Rom. 16: 1-6.

Paper—Helpers of To-day, Woman's Missionary Union Workers.

Questions, to be given out in advance and briefly answered—How does W. M. U. extend help to the Foreign Board? How does W. M. U. extend help to the Home Board? How does W. M. U. extend help to the Sunday-School Board?

Prayers—For the General Organization, Central Committees, Local Societies, and the Uninterested.

Ten Facts—Gleaned from Annual Report, W. M. U., read successively.

Sentence Prayers—Thought: "Lord, open Thou mine eyes" to see all the work Thou hast for me.

Helpful Leaflets—"Preparation for Master's Work" (1 cent). "Inasmuch" (1 cent).

SATURDAY, JANUARY THIRTEEN.

Giving.—“All true living is free and constant giving.”

The Lord's Prayer in concert.

Bible Reading—What shall we give? Personal Service, Matt. 16: 24; Rom. 12: 1, 2. Property, Deut. 16: 17; Mal. 3: 8; Matt. 10: 8; 1 Chron. 21: 24. Praise, Psalm 150 (to be read in concert). Prayer, 1 Thes. 5: 17; Psal. 55: 17; Psal. 72: 15.

Seed Thoughts—Shall we grudge to spend our lives for Him who shed His life-blood for us? David Livingstone's motto, “I will place no value on anything I may have in my possession except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.” Praise is the best auxiliary to Prayer. Prayer is the lever “by which faith lifts the interests of God's cause into success.

Remarks—By those who have tried giving a fixed proportion to God's cause.

Paper — “Personal Service” and “Property” as essentials in advancing the work of the Convention Boards.

Hymns—“I Gave My Life for Thee,” “Saviour, Thy Dying Love.”

Praise—“Forget not all His Benefits,” both spiritual and temporal, of the last year.

Prayer—That the new year may be one of renewed consecration of ourselves and all we have to His service.

Helpful Leaflets—“Give to God Thy Best” (2 cents). “Giving to the Lord” (2 cents).



Boxes to Frontier Missionaries.

From the following Woman's Missionary Union Societies boxes of supplies, valued as below, have been reported as sent to home missionaries since November 11th:

ALABAMA.—First Ch., Birmingham, \$100; “Sunbeams,” First Ch., Birmingham (contribution), \$60; Pastor's Aid, First Ch., Birmingham (contribution),

\$40; Third Ch., Birmingham (contribution), \$29; South Side Ch., Birmingham, \$150; Attalla, \$36.15; Greenville, \$46.34; Midway, \$30.15.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Kendall Ch., Washington, \$48.

FLORIDA.—Pensacola, \$78.

GEORGIA.—Societies of Hartwell, Sardis, and Bowersville, \$52.06; Griffin, \$50; Woman's Mission Societies, Toccoa and Martin, \$65; East Macon, \$25; Lithonia, \$52.08; Fort Valley, \$30; Seville, \$35; First Ch., Atlanta, \$110; Curtis Ch., Augusta, \$76.78; Cedartown, \$60; Lavonia, \$42.

LOUISIANA.—Lake Charles, \$20; Mrs. G. W. Sample, Grand Cane, \$9; Baton Rouge, \$65; Valence-Street Ch., New Orleans, \$53.40; Shreveport, \$150.

MARYLAND.—Lee-Street Ch., Baltimore, \$203.95; Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Lee-Street Ch., Baltimore (contribution), \$29.60; First Ch., Baltimore, \$150; Pastor's Aid and Missionary Society, First Ch., Baltimore, \$156; Young Ladies' Society, Eutaw-Place Ch., Baltimore, \$176.87; Lee-Street Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$1.85.

MISSISSIPPI.—Macon, \$80; Armstrong Society, Columbus, \$150; Woman's Mission Societies, Aberdeen Association, \$210.45; Immanuel Baptist Ch., \$140.20; Greenwood, \$60.

MISSOURI.—Marshall, \$50; Mrs. Carleton's Bible Class, of Lafayette Park Morning Sunday school, St. Louis, \$74; Mexico, \$50.65; Fayette, \$50.35; Hannibal, \$46.95; Windsor, \$50.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Meadow Branch Ch., \$29.58; Fayetteville, \$55; First Ch., Raleigh, \$150; Rutherfordton, \$53; Weldon, \$45; “Sunbeams,” Henderson, \$53.77; Burlington, \$30.65; Durham, \$108.12; New Berne, \$45.50; Louisburg, \$89.25; Lumberton, \$62.25; Pleasant Hill (contribution), \$14; Cedar Grove (contribution), \$2.50; Woman's Mission Society, Young Ladies' So-

ciety, and "Sunbeams," Charlotte, \$105; Salem, \$22.05; White Oak (contribution), \$2.65; Rockingham, \$21.75; High Point, \$39.95; Pollocksville, \$17; Greensboro, \$49; Young Ladies' Society, Greensboro (contribution), \$49; "Busy Bees," Greensboro (contribution), \$3.90; Woman's Mission Society and "Sunbeams," Cashie, \$33.50; three societies in Beulah Association, \$47.50.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Woman's Mission Societies of Springfield and Rock Churches and ladies of Dum Swamp and Sally Churches, \$50; Laurens, \$95; Pendleton-Street Ch., Greenville, \$100; First Ch., Greenville, \$125; Chester, \$75; First Ch., Columbia, \$69.82; Manning, \$64.37; Landrum, \$16.

TENNESSEE.—Centre Ch., Fruitland, \$22.60; Brownsville, \$75; Harri-man, \$80.86; Central Ch., Memphis, \$107.90; Second Ch., Knoxville, \$55.84; Lebanon, \$17.05.

TEXAS.—First Ch., Denison, \$33.

VIRGINIA.—Hermitage Ch., Rappa-

hannock Association, \$20; Churchland, Portsmouth Association, \$175; Babell-Street Ch., Lynchburg, \$75; South Anna Ch., Louisa county, \$34.82; Onancock, \$86; Charlottesville, \$100; Brington, Rappahannock Association, \$46.50; First Ch., Danville, \$134.

TOTAL, \$5,982.51. Previously reported, \$3,921.15. Grand total, \$9,903.66.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.—West View Ch., Richmond, Va., \$95; Woman's Mission Society of Cool Spring, Atlee, Va., \$35; Salem, Va., \$84; Capitol-Avenue Ch., Atlanta, Ga., \$59.02; Covington, Tenn., \$47; Cleveland, Tenn., \$62; Collierville, Tenn., \$12; Second Ch., Chattanooga, Tenn., \$75.10; Pleasant Hill, Mo., \$25.50; Ivanhoe, Ga., \$35.80; Sunday school, Ivanhoe, Ga. (contribution), \$1.80; Scottsboro, Ala., \$43.15; Buckner, Mo. (contribution), \$3; Florence, S. C., \$50.

TOTAL, \$628.37. Previously reported, \$1,533.92. Grand total, \$2,162.29.

Ordination in China

Pingtu via Kiaochow.

October 27, 1899.

The North China Mission Association is now in session in this city. Letters have been received from each of the eight churches, reporting forty-six baptisms. The piety, zeal, and enthusiasm of these native brethren is certainly beautiful to behold. Some of our young men are becoming mighty in the Scriptures.

In response to an invitation from the four churches of which Brother W. H. Sears is pastor. Brethren J. B. Hartwell, C. W. Pruitt, and J. A. Rinell met with us to aid in the examination of Mr. Li, whom the churches have called as pastor. After a careful and satisfactory examination conducted by our beloved Dr. Hartwell, Mr. Li was recommended to the churches as worthy of ordination.

Sunday, October 29th, was a very busy day. At 10 A. M. Dr. Hartwell examined the candidates publicly and preached the sermon. The charge was delivered by Brother Pruitt. Brother Sears offered prayer, during which the hands of the presbytery were placed upon Mr. Li's head. The Bible was presented by Brother Rinell, a Swedish Baptist. Then the hand of fellowship was given. We thank God for this young man, and let all who love Jesus pray for him. The churches have undertaken to raise his salary.

In the afternoon, following the baptism of three candidates by Pastor Sears, Brother Pruitt preached the annual sermon, which also marked the tenth anniversary of the Saling church, which was organized by Mr. Pruitt in 1889. The outlook is very hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. LOWE.

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David Livingston, Blaikie	1 50
A Century of Baptist Foreign Missions, Titterton	1 25
Foreign Missions After a Century, Dennis	1 50
A Cycle of Cathay, Martin	2 00
Adoniram Judson, Judson	90

Retail price\$14 90

These two lists have been selected with great care and chosen as specially meeting the needs of our people. Desiring to make our selections the very best, we asked Dr. R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to name the books which were to be placed in the two libraries, and we have followed his selection.

One or both of these missionary libraries could be placed in a home, or in Sunday-school, or in a church library, and its power for good would be great. More and more pastors are putting missionary books among the people, and here we offer them an excellent opportunity. If any single book is wanted, it will be sent at its retail price.

J. M. FROST, Cor. Sec'y.

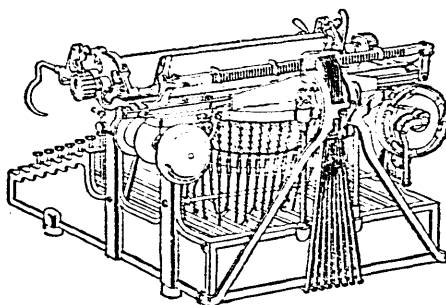
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Previously reported, \$3,409.51. Total this year, \$3,473.69.

ARKANSAS.—Camden Ch., by J. E. L., \$8.75; Elliott Ch., by J. E. L., \$1.50; J. O. Langford, Jonesboro, 75 cents; A. A. Andrus, for Ch., \$5.48; Wm. Reiman, Second Ch., Little Rock, \$10; "A Sister," \$5; Grand Prairie Ass'n, by A. H. S., \$5; W. M. and A. So., Malvern, by C. B. D., \$2.50 (Maynard House); W. M. and A. So., Arkadelphia, by C. B. D., \$1 (Maynard House). Total, \$39.93.

Previously reported, \$462.14. Total this year, \$502.12.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Miss E. B. Yeatman's S. S. Class, First Ch., Washington, \$8; J. H. Larcombe, \$5; Miss Reville, \$5; Miss Reville, \$10; Miss Monette Hallum, \$10; "A Friend," \$5; Fifth Ch., Washington, by J. B. B., \$250 (R. E. Chambers). Total, \$293.

Previously reported, \$124.72. Total this year, \$417.72.

FLORIDA.—W. N. Chaudoin, \$50. Previously reported, \$223.70. Total this year, \$278.70.

GEORGIA.—New Providence Ch., Guyton (native helpers), \$12.30; "A Lady," by M. R. L., \$20; Bethlehem Ch., by G. L. B. (C. W. Pruitt), \$5; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale (China), \$1; Birdie Barksdale, by B. E. B. (China), \$1; S. Y. Jameson, Treas. (Mrs. McCollum), \$6.25; Peyton Stephens, \$5; China, \$5.65; Med. Mis., \$20.75; Miss Wilcox, \$25; \$397.78; First Ch., Augusta, by Miss M. E. W. (W. H. Sears), \$35; W. M. S., First Ch., Gainesville, by R. H. S., \$2.95; New Providence Ch., Guyton, by H. C. H. (native helpers), \$16.35. Total, \$1,091.38.

Previously reported, \$7,637.64. Total this year, \$8,729.02.

ILLINOIS.—Mrs. J. M. B., \$1.

KENTUCKY.—Mrs. I. O. Walker, Paducah (Maynard House), \$5; L. S., Bardstown Ch., by T. P. S., \$5; W. M. S., First Ch., Lexington, by F. D. (Italian Chapel Fund), \$5; W. M. U., Kenton and Campbell Cos., by C. G. J. (native helper, China), \$21.35; "Student," Georgetown College, \$1; L. M. S., First Ch., Bowling Green, by W. L., \$80; J. W. Warder, Treas., \$424.24; Third Ch., Owensboro, by J. W. W. (Miss Mackenzie), \$50; W. E. Gwatkin and wife, \$5; Mary Whitesides, \$5; Mrs. B. G. Rees, Treas. (Maynard House), \$20, \$34.25. Total, \$635.94.

Previously reported, \$5,134.06. Total this year, \$5,770.

LOUISIANA.—W. M. S., Redland, by Mrs. J. L. L., \$3.

Previously reported, \$756.70. Total this year, \$759.70.

MARYLAND.—Seventh Ch., Baltimore, by

L. H. B., \$50; Fourth Ch., Baltimore, \$6.99; Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, by J. L., \$237.11. Total, \$294.10.

Previously reported, \$2,137.69. Total this year, \$2,431.79.

MISSISSIPPI.—Damascus Ch., by L. D. P., \$14.75; Clinton Ch., by G. W., \$5; Arcola Ch., by W. J. R., \$13.85; Wm. T. Ashford, \$10; Gen. Ass'n, by D. T. C. (J. G. Chastain), \$150; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$3; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec'y, \$250. Total, \$446.60.

Previously reported, \$2,106.66. Total this year, \$2,553.26.

MISSOURI.—E. H. Sawyer, Treas., \$517.14; Sarah L. Farmer (deceased) estate, by R. R. C., \$350. Total, \$867.14.

Previously reported, \$2,714.17. Total this year, \$3,581.31.

NORTH CAROLINA.—J. D. Boushall, Treas., \$1,000; Highlands S. S., by J. N. A., \$1.27; W. M. S., Centerville Ch., by J. M. F., \$2.13; L. Mem. S., Lumber Bridge Ch., by A. T., \$5; Chapel Hill Ch., by J. T. B., \$1.17; J. T. Betts, \$3.83. Total, \$1,015.40.

Previously reported, \$2,301.56. Total this year, \$3,322.96.

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Annie Justice, \$10; "A Friend," \$2. Total, \$496.18.

Previously reported, \$2,710.46. Total this year, \$3,206.64.

TENNESSEE.—W. M. S., Philippi Ch., by M. E. W., \$4.20; Snow Chapel Ch., by R. R. B., \$1; Zion Ch., by J. C. W. C., \$2.15; Miss Mary Tharp, \$5; Round Lick Ch., by W. M. W. (R. P. Mahon), \$125; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. (China, \$5.95; Maynard House, \$2.50), \$138.82; Beulah Ch., by E. F. H., \$1.50; B. I. Simpson, \$5. Total, \$282.67.

Previously reported, \$3,376.82. Total this year, \$3,659.49.

TEXAS.—Mrs. N. B. Langsford, by W. L. L. (Maynard House), \$5; Pleasant Grove Ch., by W. F. D., \$2.50; Pine Island Ch., by S. A. G., \$2.50; Mission Band, Forney Ch., by D. S., \$5; Forney B. Y. P. U., by D. S., \$1; Seagoville Ch., by W. R. S., \$3.20; Valley Creek Ch., by J. R. M., \$2.50; Dallas Co. Ass'n, by D. Q. M., \$40.15; Lamar Co. Ass'n, by T. J. A., \$7.15; J. B. Gambrell, Supt.,

\$129.02; Miss Cassie January, \$10. Total, \$218.02.

Previously reported, \$3,502.93. Total this year, \$3,720.95.

VIRGINIA.—W. M. Perry, \$10; "A Friend," \$2.50; Y. W. C. A., Hollins, by E. S. F. (girl Mrs. Hartwell's school), \$15; "Little Helpers," Vesuvius, by M. E. R., \$1.50; R. F. Staples, \$3; Mrs. A. S. Burnham, Lynchburg, \$10; Y. P. U., Hampton Ch., by N. B., \$10. Total, \$52.

Previously reported, \$7,501.12. Total this year, \$7,553.12.

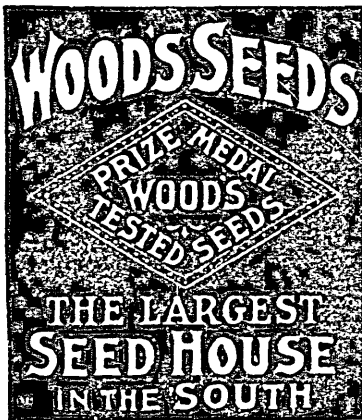
AGGREGATE.—Total this month, \$5,856.09. Previously reported, \$41,274.16. Total this year, \$50,130.25.

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A VERSE IN THE YORUBA LANGUAGE.

Qlqrun fi iyin ife re han fun wa, nigbati awa ti wa li elese,
Kristi ku fun wa.—Romu 5: 8.

Awa yio ti se la a, bi awa ba se igbagbe iru igbala nla bi
eyi.—Heb. 2: 3.

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THE FUNERAL OF A BUDDHIST PRIEST.

We saw a queer procession as we started out this morning to go to Sunday school at our chapel, at Small East Gate. In the first place, we started out in a way that would appear strange to you. The day promised to be a rainy one, and besides that, the way was too long for us to walk, and so we had to ride, not in a street car, for Shanghai has none of those, but each of us in a convenient little two-wheeled buggy, a "rickshaw," drawn by a Chinese coolie between the shafts. Miss Kelly's coolie was named "Little Donkey." Do you ask why his parents gave him such a name? With the majority of the Chinese, the boys are so much more precious and loved than the girls, that they are supposed to be targets, or shining marks, for the malice of the evil spirits, who, by killing, or injuring, the boys, may give the father and mother keenest suffering, and their own wicked hearts the greatest delight; and the Chinese have several ways of deceiving the bad spirits, and thus saving the dear boys from such danger. One plan is to pierce their ears, and have them wear ear-rings, so the evil spirits will think them girls, who are of too little value to be worth tormenting. Another way is to give the baby boy a misleading name, usually that of some animal. And that was why the parents of Miss Kelly's coolie named him "Little Donkey." The wicked spirits wouldn't think of afflicting, or tormenting so insignificant a little beast as the donkey. For the same reason "Little Donkey's" younger brother, my rickshaw coolie, is named "Number Two."

But I'm not telling you of the procession that seemed to me very strange. It was a company of gray-robed, shaven-headed Buddhist priests, carrying, not a heavy wooden coffin, such as all Chinese, except priests and beggars, are buried in, but a large dark-brown clay jar, glazed and blazoned all over, cover and all, with yellow figures of dragons and ugly Buddha, and containing the body of a dead priest, who had to die in a sitting posture in order to fit the jar intended for him. With the beating of gongs and cymbals, the blowing of trumpets, and silver gilt paper for money, dropped here and there along the road to pay his way, they carried the jar of dead priest out into the country, to a place set apart for such use, and there built around it a hot fire for the cremation. A sad, sad sight and sound were the gray funeral and its "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals." Every priest must have his burial jar, and, as China has many priests, there must be many jars made, and many such sad spectacles. It is very difficult to reach these priests with the Gospel, and I would ask you to pray for them. Your missionary, JULIA K. MACKENZIE.

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In one mission school in China there are no less than fifty girls who had been thrown away by their parents to die in their infancy, but had been picked up by compassionate persons and taken to the school to be cared for by the missionaries.

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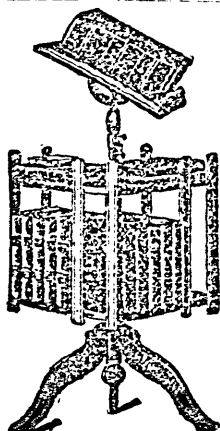
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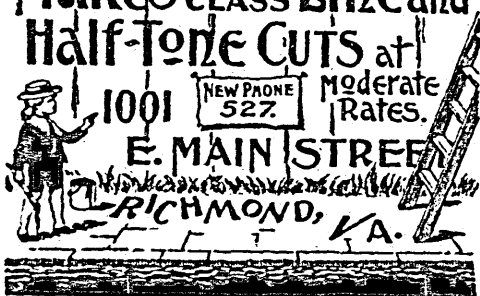
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