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OUR ENLARGEMENT—LIBERAL GIVING.

People may pray long and preachers preach loud, but for a man who really loves the Lord commend us to the man who gives largely to glorify God and help his fellow-men. Giving imparts a fine flavor to praying, as also to preaching. We have recently seen pastors and churches greatly blessed in giving. They "abounded in this grace also." We trust it is not out of place to name a few instances which have fallen under our notice.

The First church, Anniston, Ala., until recently gave only about thirty dollars for all missions. They have contributed lately \$75 for State missions; their collection for Foreign missions will go to \$150 (so the pastor writes); they are arranging for their collection for Home missions. And they have had nearly one hundred additions in nine months.

The Parker Memorial church, Anniston, Ala., will give this year about \$800 for Foreign missions, besides about \$1,500 for other benevolent purposes outside of their own bounds.

The church at Griffin, Ga., has subscribed between \$500 and \$600 for Foreign missions this year.

At Jackson, Ga., when the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board had spoken, the pastor said he would like to see the church give \$250 (half the salary of one missionary). One brother, a deacon, rose and said, in broken accents, the church had to give the full salary of a missionary; if no one else would help, he would give it all himself. In a few moments \$500 was subscribed. This is a church in a small town, and has less than three hundred members.

The church at Dublin, Ga., has subscribed \$800, an average of \$2 a member.

The First church at Knoxville, Tenn., expects to give about \$1,000 to Foreign missions this year.

One pastor said recently: "I know my church will more than double her gifts of last year, for I expect myself to give as much as the whole church gave for foreign missions last year."

The time and space forbids us going more into detail. From Maryland to Texas—from some of the largest, strongest churches, to some of the smallest—come glad news. We thank God and take courage.

At Hot Springs in May we will have some glorious tidings from the workers at the front in foreign lands. God has been richly blessing their labors during the past year. May we be able to send back to them a report from our churches which will cheer and strengthen their every heart.



THEN THOU SHALT BESTIR THYSELF.

We are all familiar with the story of David's campaign against the Philistines, when they came up against him and "spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim," how the Lord told him at first not to go up against them but to "fetch a compass behind them and come upon them over against the mulberry trees." "And let it be," the narrative says, "when thou hearest the sound of a-going in tops of the mulberry trees that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for the Lord shall go out before thee to smite the Philistines." The parallel account in the book of Chronicles has this striking sentence, "when thou shalt hear the sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees then thou shalt go out to battle, for God is gone forth before thee to smite the Philistines." And we are familiar, too, with the application often made of this incident that we must wait for indications of God's guidance and then work while the hand of the Lord is with us to bless us. "*Then bestir thyself.*"

We who are watching the work of God's spirit in our missions think often of that text. Surely God is marching through Japan and China; surely we can hear the sound of His going in all our missions. Is not this the time to bestir thyself? Then, too, at home, there has not been a time in years when the products of our Southern farms and manufacturies sold more readily, and at better prices. The Convention ordered an advance last May; we have gone forward, God has blessed us, but we have not yet made the full twenty-five per cent. increase. But the work is going on prosperously; our mission stations are being blessed, our missionaries are hopeful and hard at work, and many at home are increasing their gifts. Surely the spiritual ear can catch the sound of God's marching, and surely this is the time to "go out, for God has gone before."

There are churches who are realizing this year as never before that God has called them to great things and that His Spirit is moving among them now. Now is the time; now before the Conventional year closes; now while the Lord has blessed our work and calls on us for greater things. Hast thou not heard the sound of the going? If not, look and listen and know that the Lord has gone before thee and calls on thee to go forth with Him.

CONCENTRATION.

There comes a time in every work when one must concentrate all efforts and press and push forward earnestly and steadily, if he is to accomplish anything. That time, as regards our Foreign Mission work, is upon us now. There remain only two months—March and April—till the end of our Convention year. If the pastors and the churches press the work through all organizations, whether Sunday-schools, mission societies, bands, or regular collections, earnestly and persistently, aiming to do the best possible work, in view of all circumstances and conditions—still the *best*, we can accomplish great things for the Lord. Two months or something over eight weeks—up in the name of the Lord! Seek not only to accomplish something, but to do the very best work for our Lord.

**PARAGRAPHS.**

During the past year some of our brethren have been praying the Lord for a thousand converts for the year in connection with our foreign mission work. All the reports have not been received, but from those which have come in, it looks as if there will be even more than the thousand. One mission in China reports 500 baptisms, two missions in Brazil 225, one mission in Mexico over 140. Surely God has blessed our work. Last year, when we reported 845 baptisms, the largest number ever reported in the history of our work, we were rejoiced and praised our God; but it seems He has blessed us even more and more. Let us give thanks and press forward in His name. He wants the world for His Son. Let no one who is redeemed through Christ hesitate while souls are dying in the blight of sin and night. God tells us to give them the light.

Our people need leaders as well as teachers. No one can be a great leader in a church who is a coward or who is selfish. It takes boldness and liberality. If the pastor is a great leader he is a blessing indeed. If he is timid, cowardly, or self-seeking, the cause of the Master suffers. The people who naturally look to him fall back in indifference and neglect of duty. But it is not only the pastor who can be a mighty leader. One good, earnest man or woman in a church, who presses forward nobly, will wonderfully influence others. Many churches give liberally to world-wide evangelization through the influence of one man or woman. Are you a leader for Christ? Many of those who read this can and should be great leaders. Suppose you determine now to work as never before to give the Gospel of Christ to all the world. Not only give your means, but give your time and influence for this work, which Christ loves so well.

READY TO PASS AWAY.

Did you ever notice the marginal rendering of the seventh verse of the last chapter of the Book of Proverbs? The mother of Samuel, after warning her son against fleshly indulgence, too often characteristic of despots, exhorts him in these words :

“Open thy mouth for the dumb
In the cause of all such as are left desolate.”

The alternate reading on the margin of the Revised Version is :

“In the cause of all such as are ready to pass away.”

Could anything be more noble and beautiful than for a king to exercise his power in behalf of the perishing—those veritable “sons of passing away,” born to this heritage and sure of this doom, yet unable to tell their troubles? And what more pathetic, as descriptive of the condition of multitudes of our fellow-men, than the helpless words—dumb and passing away—perishing yet unable to tell their miseries?

You have seen an infant sick to death, tenderly nursed by mother's arms, solicitously cared for by the father, yet both unable to do anything to relieve the little sufferer, because, except for its moans, it could utter no word as to its trouble. How great and noble the physician seemed when he took the case in hand and brought back the life that was fast passing away, and you have loved him ever since, gruff in manner though he may be, and full enough of faults, because he wrought in the cause of the little dumb darling, and persevered even though the little one could hardly be induced to take the medicine prescribed to make it well. God bless the doctor. There is something kingly about his power ; it is not for him to destroy his power by self-indulgence, but to exercise it in behalf of those who are ready to perish. Is not this the cause of Missions? We who are followers of the Messiah, the Christ, we ourselves have been anointed with the sacred oil, we are made kings as well as priests unto God. Power for a sin-sick and death-cursed world has been given to us by the Christ to be used in behalf of those who are desolate. As the Apostle says, “Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession that ye may show forth the excellency of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”

It is not for such to “drink wine or strong drink,” or give themselves to any form of self-indulgence—the principle is the same in all cases—but to open their mouths in the cause of the dumb who sit in darkness, even though apparently unwilling, as a sick and peevish child to receive what we bring—the dumb and desolate who are passing away. This is noble work for King Lemuel and his like, in person and by proxy, in all ages even unto the end of the world.

NOTES.

Rev. R. W. Hooker has removed from Toluca to Leon, Mexico.

Notice the label on your wrapper, and if your Journal subscription has expired renew at once.

The readers of the Journal will be glad to know that our noble veteran, Dr. R. H. Graves, of Canton, China, has improved in health.

Mrs. N. Maynard writes cheerfully from the new house into which they have moved. She wishes to thank all the friends who have helped to furnish this home for them.

Miss Alyne Goolsby sailed from New York for Bahia February 20th. Misses Dutton and Kennon and Rev. S. T. Williams left for San Francisco, and were expecting to sail February 27th for China.

Miss Anna Hartwell, of the North China Mission, continues in very poor health. She has sailed for this country. It is hoped that a rest in the home land will result in her thorough restoration.

Many subscriptions are being received for our Journal. Brethren and sisters are working and sending us good, large clubs. Remember, the price is only 35 cents a year, or 25 cents if in clubs of ten or more. Send your subscription and at least one more.

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.

Rev. J. G. Chastain writes that the Catholics have been persecuting the workers in Morelia. His seven year old son was hit by a stone. The preacher, Josue Valdez, came near being hit by another stone while preaching. Roman Catholicism has not changed in heart.

Recently in a great collection where \$2,000 was subscribed a brother brought a silver dollar and placed it in our hands, saying a poor invalid sister who could never go to church had sent it. Who would deny that sister the privilege of giving—giving to her Master—giving the Gospel of His love to those who know Him not? Though in the invalid's room, she could thus worship God and get His blessings as surely as those who gave \$100 that day. There are many of our people who ought to give their \$10 and \$100 dollars for this work of the Master. There are hundreds of thousands who can, and ought to give their dollars. The Master is honored by the latter as surely as by the former.

Our receipts have been much better up to date than for the same time last year. Some of the States are doing nobly. We hope no State will have failed to make the 25 per cent. advance when the year closes.

We will appreciate it if any brother or sister will write for a package of tracts for distribution. These tracts are sent free and will help much in awakening interest in missions. Drop a postal card to R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Va., and the tracts will be sent you at once.

If you get two Journals this month please hand one copy to some friend. We are sending out sample copies and would be glad to have them freely circulated.

The idea has taken hold of many churches to raise enough each to pay the salary of one foreign missionary—that is \$500, or \$600 a year. The salary varies in different countries. There are one hundred churches in our Convention which could easily do that much, and thereby get a great blessing, as well as becoming a mighty power for world-wide evangelization.

We are glad to see that Dr. J. H. Eager's book, *Romanism In Its Home*, is taking so well with the people. The publication Society of Philadelphia will furnish you with a copy for one dollar.

The Southern Railroad has something to say to our readers about going to the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Read their advertisement.



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Great preparations are being made for the Ecumenical Conference, to be held in New York April 21st to May 1st. A number of our brethren and sisters of the Southern Baptist Convention are thinking of attending. This will be one of the most instructive, and, we trust, inspiring, meetings for world-wide evangelization ever held on earth. Special rates will be given on the railroads for those wishing to attend. In our next Journal we hope to give the name of some good hotel where the delegates and visitors from our bounds can get good accommodations and be together.

GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT.

We have been greatly encouraged by the words and deeds of the brethren. They show a live interest in the work. The letters which come cheer and strengthen our hearts. We give below expressions from a few; would that we had space for more like them:

From Rev. T. B. Harrell, Victoria, Texas—I have read your letter to pastors in the *Foreign Mission Journal* for January, 1900. I desire to express to you my interest in the work committed to your hands, and my prayerful sympathy for you under the great responsibilities that rest upon you.

I wish to say that I try to weave missions all through my preaching. I occasionally preach a distinctively mission sermon; but I do not rest the great question on an occasional sermon, but make my preaching distinctively missionary, either directly or indirectly. I believe that it should be done in that way.

I desire to say further, that I try to pray for you and the Board and the missionaries at least once or twice per week. I know you need the prayers of the brotherhood, that you may be fitted for the great work to which you have been called.

I believe the Convention at Louisville did right in authorizing an enlargement of the work, and I shall pray that God will give to the Board the men and women to go to the front to bear the message of life to the perishing millions in darkest heathenism.

I shall do, as I have always done—try to lead my church up to larger giving to the blessed cause of world-wide evangelization.

I enclose fifty cents for two years' subscription to the *Foreign Mission Journal*. In my work I fail to keep up closely with the time of the expiration of my subscription, and sometimes let it lapse when paid one year at a time; so I pay two years in advance.

May God bless you greatly.

From Brother C. J. D. Parker, Durham, N. C.—Dear Brother: Such a wonderful thing happened yesterday with us, I must tell you about it: It was my second anniversary with the Second church, Durham, N. C., and to try the pulse of the church, I took subscriptions for foreign missions, and what do you reckon I raised? Let me say here the pledge for a good many years has been \$20. Last Association I told my brethren we must increase, and they pledged \$25. In the committee at Asheville, after your stirring speech, I promised to try to increase this 25 per cent., and yesterday I made that effort.

Our people are a poor people, not over half a dozen owning their homes. Membership a little over 225, made up mostly of young people, most of them day-laborers in factories.

I started out on my third year's work yesterday with expectation of raising \$10, leading off by giving \$5 myself. Just before taking the subscriptions we bent before God in prayer, asking Him to help us to do what the Spirit taught us we ought to do, and, dear Brother Willingham, our subscriptions yesterday amounted to \$106.11 for foreign missions; and this church, which has been keeping apace with churches in general, has been giving only \$20 a year. I am the happiest young preacher you ever saw. I did not know how to contain

myself last night. We could but read together that 103d Psalm: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

I believe this contribution from my people yesterday for foreign missions is the most liberal offering that any church in North Carolina has yet made. I just felt like I must tell you about it. It is the greatest thing ever happened in our church's history. The Lord bless you and all of us in foreign mission work. In His service,

C. J. D. PARKER.

P. S.—The striking thing about raising this \$106.11, no one man or few men did it. The largest amount given by any one person was \$5, and there were only three that gave as much as that, one of them a deacon, the other a young lady that works in the factory. I believe no man with his thousands contributed more liberally than she. It proves that the church as a whole took part in this work of the Lord.

From Rev. Charles H. Nash, Hopkinsville, Ky.—Just as I was praying, thinking, and planning for the New Year, your Journal came, most timely and helpfully. It greatly strengthened me in faith and courage. On the last Lord's day in December I began the battle. At the close of the sermon I called on all of our members who would promise to contribute to missions in 1900 to rise. A larger number than ever before stood. I at once had cards distributed for subscriptions. Already the increase over last year is 50 per cent. in number of subscribers. You may safely rely on an increase of not less than 25 per cent. for your Board's work. Last year was the most successful in the history of our church, and an increase of over 60 per cent. in amount for missions over 1898. We gave \$540 to your Board's work. We had 100 additions to the church last year; fifty baptisms. Pastor's salary was increased in 1899. The prospect here was never so bright. We follow our pulpit cannonade with the bayonet. A committee of nine divides the membership among them and sees every man, woman, and child, and tries to get a subscription for missions. The committee is a good one. For three successive Sundays I have preached largely on missions. The Spirit of God is coming upon us as never before. Last night my salary was again increased for this year. There was the sum of \$114 balance in the treasury of salary fund of 1899, which never occurred before. Five members of our family (all) increased subscriptions for this year. We are already more than repaid every way. I am working on pastors near us. Can't you visit us some time? God bless you every way! Yours affectionately.

From J. A. French, Austin, Tex.—Referring to your letter to the pastors in your January Journal, I scarcely need to assure you I am with you on the lines proposed. * * * Let me congratulate you on securing Rev. E. E. Bomar as successor to Rev. A. J. Barton as your Assistant Secretary. It is the case of a strong man succeeding a strong man.

From the Alabama Baptist—"Taken all in all," said a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention the other day, "I regard the outlook of our work more satisfactory and encouraging than it has ever seemed to me to be before." Thus spoke a man who, for over twenty years, has seen the inside of our foreign mission work. It seemed to us that, in his remark, he simply reflects the feeling which is fast taking hold of the Southern Baptists. There is an abundant supply of excellent men and women ready to go to the heathen and Papal fields. There is a manifestly growing faith

in the success of the missionary enterprise; there is increased intelligence, system, and enlargement in the beneficence of our churches; there is more hopefulness among our workers on the field; the reports of conversions are growing steadily, we had almost said rapidly, and we feel that the very atmosphere is charged with missionary zeal. What a time for pastors to wake up, and wake their people up. Baptists of the South ought to give a million dollars next year to foreign missions. They would feel it if they did, and the feeling would be bliss.



A NOBLE ENTERPRISE.

We have already called attention to the *Chinese Baptist Publication Society* in Canton, China. At the February meeting of the Board Rev. E. Z. Simmons came before the brethren and earnestly advocated the cause of the Society. He desires at once to raise funds so that they can buy a lot and put up a permanent building, and also to procure enough to purchase much-needed apparatus with which to carry forward the work. The Foreign Board heartily approves of the work of the Society and hopes that Bro. Simmons will soon have all the funds he needs. Read what he says below :

At a Board meeting in Richmond, Va., February 5, 1900. I was kindly given an opportunity to present the claims and needs of this Society. The objects are to print the Scriptures, Christian books, and tracts, and a Baptist paper and Sunday-school helps. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board:

“Resolved, That the request of Brother Simmons to solicit contributions to the amount of ten thousand dollars for a plant for the Chinese Publication Society, located at Canton, be granted. It is understood that in soliciting this money no public collections are to be taken, and Brother Simmons is to use every precaution possible not to injure our general contributions.”

A year ago at our Association this Society was organized, and Rev. R. E. Chambers, of our mission, was chosen manager. He has been the leader in the movement, and four thousand dollars have been subscribed by missionaries and Chinese brethren. A press, type, etc., have been bought, at a cost of about two thousand dollars. Scriptures and tracts are being printed on the press.

The missionaries of the A. B. M. Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention are co-operating in this work. The general and undoubted opinion is that Canton is the place where the press should be located. A lot is offered us by the Christian College of Canton, in every way suited for our purposes—that is, large enough for press buildings, the manager's residence, and other needed buildings—for about \$3,500 gold. With \$10,000 gold we can buy this lot, put up the necessary buildings, buy presses, type, etc., and we believe that in from two to five years the press will be not only self-sustaining, but a source of growing revenue to be used for the circulation of Christian literature and the advancement of the cause of Christ. We hope this Society will be to the Chinese Baptists what the American Baptist Publication Society and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are to the American Baptists.

Any contributions for this work may be sent to Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., or to myself, at Kossuth, Miss. Further information will be gladly given upon application to me by letter sent to Kossuth, Miss.



WHAT OF THIS?

The letter below was recently received from a brother in Georgia whose church gives largely for the extension of the Master's kingdom. The writer recently heard him plead with his church to help send the Gospel to dying men rather than build a fine new church edifice. They subscribed, on an average, over two dollars a member for foreign missions. Here is the letter:

Dear Brother,—Some time since I was invited to preach at a Baptist church with some sixty members. The church was composed of farmers, some of whom made large crops—one brother not less than 100 bales of cotton. During the first song I happened to pick up a copy of their Associational minutes, and, running my eye along the contributions of the church for missions, found that they had paid the miserly sums of \$5 for foreign and \$2 for home missions. The song over, I said: "Brethren, I can't preach the Gospel to you who are so unwilling to preach it to others." As a remedy, I suggested a collection at once. They were told to come and lay their offering on a table, while the audience sang. The pastor and myself each gave \$1; the whole church gave \$1.40, making a total of \$3.40. The morning sermon was preached. I told that church—"Missionary Baptist" by name—that I could not preach after their "dinner on the grounds" was over unless they could open their hearts. They raised among themselves during the dinner recess a little over \$13. Is not "Missionary" a misnomer for such Baptist churches? Yet we have thousands of such churches over our land. Hear, the dying heathen are crying for help with piteous voice. Hear, the Master says, "Go ye."

"O, church of God, what wilt thou say,
If on that awful judgment day,
They charge thee of their doom?"

Now, we add another remark:.. What would some people think if told that the gift of the church to which this brother preached shows a larger average per member than that of all Southern Baptists last year for foreign missions? If we would average only twenty-five cents we could more than treble our forces in foreign lands. God bless the preacher who awakens His people to holier zeal and nobler effort in His service.



SHALL COURT-STREET HAVE A MISSIONARY?

Five hundred dollars will do it. In China, where living is cheap, it only takes that much to support a missionary—our own missionary—one who would write us letters and keep us in touch with the great heathen world beyond the seas.

We can do it easily, beloved. A little sacrifice, a little self-denial, a little increase from each one, and it is done. And think of the joy of knowing that

far over the waters where a "million a month go Christless down to death, we had a representative preaching Jesus to those who never heard of Him. Foreign missions always seemed a vague and shadowy thing to some of us, but that would make it real. We are praying for a revival in our church, and wondering why it does not come. We have had the travelling evangelist and the neighboring pastor, and tried various plans to call the blessing down. But there is an old-fashioned way which some of us have well-nigh forgot. It ready like this: "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Host, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." A foreign missionary for Court Street next year would bring a blessing to the old church in many ways.—Extract from Church Paper, Court Street, Portsmouth, Va.



HOW TO DO IT.

An old country church in Pennsylvania with a membership composed of many poor people has demonstrated the value of reaching the individual in taking the foreign missionary offering. One year ago the pastor asked for an offering of \$100. The people shook their heads and said it could not be done. "Envelopes" were sent to each individual. The offering amounted to \$110. This year the pastor asked for \$200. He announced the day of the offering, and he asked the people to pray that the amount would be given. The list of members of the congregation was divided into two parts. An elder took the names of one half, the pastor the remainder. Most of the people were seen personally, and asked to pray for the success of the movement. Two weeks before the offering was taken a sermon on "Money and the Kingdom" was preached. The amount raised was \$216.18. The pastor writes: "The offering has done our people good, and I feel that if pastors could get their people to pray aright more would be given." Why cannot other churches try this plan?—Assembly Herald.



WHAT A BAND LEADER SHOULD TEACH.

By Miss F. E. S. Heck.

The relation of the Band to the church.

The relation of the church to the general work of our Convention.

The means and work of the different Boards, and where they are located.

Some definite information about each mission field.

That prayer for definite blessings on definite work is of untold value.

That Christian means Christ-like.

That money must be earned or saved, not begged.

That since Christ gave, so must we.

That to be a co-worker with God is the highest honor man can receive.

A number of missionary texts.

A number of missionary hymns—both "by heart."

That God who waits to save the heathen is nigh to every one of them. That He waits and longs to receive each one as His obedient child.

Letters from Our Missionaries.

CHINA.

Perils and Prosperity.

Canton, China.

Dear Brother,—We heartily wish for you and your dear family the compliment of the season, and pray that you may have a bright and happy New Year.

The quarter has been a busy one. When in Canton preached as usual in the missionary chapel and assisted at the Union Hospital. Made one trip to Wu Chow and had a class with the members for a week. The opportunities for street preaching were good. One man was baptized. Part of November and December made a journey to Shek Tong and Tseung Chow stations. As Shek Tong had excellent meetings; seven men applied for baptism, and five were accepted. From Shek Tong to Tseung Chow it is ten days' journey by water, so I decided to try a trip over the mountains. By going about thirty miles a day we were able to do it in three days, but the road is very mountainous and infested by robbers. One day we saw the fresh blood on the road and other evidence of the robbers' work. At one place could be seen the headless body of a robber covered with leaves. The preacher, who was with us, is sure that one man went ahead of us to gather sufficient robbers to attack us; but the Lord protected us and brought us through in safety, though I hardly think I will risk that road again.

At Tseung Chow spent three days visiting the brethren and preaching in the villages. On the Sunday had over a hundred at the services. For other three days studied the Epistle of the Philippians. During the week had evening class and studied part of the Gos-

pel of Luke. In the afternoons dispensed medicine. One afternoon had fifty-five patients from thirteen different villages and from fifteen different clans. During the whole journey had about 300 patients. The church here is still meeting in the house of the pastor, Ch'an-ut-tsing; but it is far too small, many having to sit out in the open court. They have raised \$71, and ask us to help them out. They will require from \$300 to \$400.

My returns for the year of baptisms from the distant stations are not complete, but as far as I have there are in Kwong Si ninety-five, among the Hakka speaking people 341. For the whole mission we will have over 500 baptisms for the year.

We rejoice at this great ingathering; but we tremble because of the great responsibility. These members have to be taught, guided, and stimulated to keep all the commandments of our Lord and Master, and what are we among so many?

Brethren, pray for us and help to send teachers to those who have just come out of heathen darkness.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS McCLOY.



A Letter from a Boat on Pearl River.

January 16, 1900.

Dear Brother,—I am on a steamer on my way to Hong Kong to attend to various personal and mission matters. The steamer is shaking, and I am used to a typewriter more than a pen, but I hope you will be able to read my letter. Thank you for your letter of November 24th.

I am very glad the Board is favoring the Publication Society. I believe this will do more for our Baptist work in

China than any other form of work if the needed help is given. We have been laboring under great disadvantages heretofore. This is not my opinion only, but that of other missionaries. The Publication Society is not at all my own conception, but it has fallen upon me to have a share in its management. I have not seen or had a letter from a missionary that does not cordially favor it, and I am persuaded that it will be a great factor in unifying and strengthening our Baptist work. I am sending you a package of pamphlets concerning the Society. Copies of this will be sent all over China, and to many persons in the United States, both in the North and the South. A similar pamphlet in Chinese will be sent to Chinese throughout China and in other countries. We ought to have a well-equipped publishing house in Canton. There will, I feel sure, be plenty of work for us. All of the missionaries of other denominations in Canton and in these two provinces, whom I have talked with, are greatly pleased at the thought of having a publishing house so near. We have already secured several orders from outsiders. We have gotten out an edition of 3,000 copies of a new tract by Dr. Graves. This is our first issue. A volume of Bro. Greene's Outlines of Theology is nearly ready for the press. We are to get out an edition of Matthew and John in Romanized Colloquial for the British and Foreign Bible Society, 500 copies of each, and they say they will be glad to give us all their work for this part of China if we can do it.

I had better health during the last quarter of 1899 than at any time during the year. I made four missionary trips away from Canton. Early in the quarter I went to Hong Kong, preached to the church there, and had the Lord's Supper with them. My next trip, lasting about two weeks, was to

Sai Naum, Shek Kok, and Tsing Nen, preaching, selling books, examining candidates for baptism, visiting the members, consulting with the native workers, calling on the Mandarin to secure protection of our Tsing Nen church, etc. In December I was away seventeen days on a trip to Tsung Faa. I averaged a sermon a day while I was away; sold a hundred or so tracts; had the Lord's Supper with the Christians at Tsung Faa; held a class, lasting a week, for the study of a part of the Gospel of Mark; baptized two men; visited two villages besides the one in which I lived, and conferred with the brethren about how to raise money to pay for a small chapel they had already finished, and about how to proceed with reference to one they wanted to build. The last Sunday in the old year was spent in another visit to the Hong Kong church. I preached and had the Lord's Supper. I have written with a crowd of curious Chinese standing around watching me. I hope you can read my letter, and be able to get some ideas from it. With Christian love and sincere best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. E. CHAMBERS.



From Dr. R. T. Bryan.

Shanghai, China, November 17, 1899.

Dear Brother,—I wish that I had you here in my study this morning to talk over the work and the prospects. In some senses I am beginning anew. We are about settled in our new homes, and I am planning new work to take the place of the work turned over to the native Christians. I have had it in mind for a long time to do theological-evangelistic work, that is, to have a class of those who wish to be preachers and teach them and preach with them.

Our greatest need is not more missionaries (that need is very, very

great), but more well trained and consecrated native preachers. I cannot make preachers, but I do earnestly pray that I may be able to find out and help those whom God has called and will call.

I have rented two Chinese rooms for this purpose. We will spend the morning studying, and the afternoons

This higher school is very much needed to teach those of our boys who desire a good education. We have the land, and could make the school self-supporting if we had a building. I am praying for the money. Will you and the Board join me in this prayer?

We all thank God and the Board for the new missionaries, Brother Owen, and Sister Parker. They please us well. Send us more like them.



Arrived Safely—Hard at Work.

Chinkiang, China, Dec. 19, 1899.

Dear Brother,—After an exceptionally smooth voyage, we arrived in Shanghai December 6th about noon. Dr. Bryan was standing on the wharf, and before the boat was made fast we had a hearty hand-shake. We were very kindly treated by all in the station at Shanghai, so we were able to enjoy our stay there very much.

We arrived in Chinkiang last Thursday morning about 2 o'clock (December 14th). Brother Lawton was down at the boat, and we have truly had a hearty welcome here, and every kindness. We got our sleeping-room ready for Thursday night, but began to have our needs at home only yesterday. Brother Lawton had house and servant all ready, and his kindness in many ways is very much appreciated.

I tried my Chinese Sunday morning to a nice audience here in the chapel. It (the language) seemed to come to me very well. Also had an opportunity of talking to the refugees and beggars last night. I find my talk is very well understood, and will need but little change.

Brethren Pierce, Lawton, and I will have a meeting next week and have a talk about the work.

We are happy in our little home and happy that God has brought us safely to this work.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER IN CHINESE.

preaching. We will also take trips away from Shanghai at times for general evangelistic work.

The school is getting on well. I am head of it in name, but the natives, with Mrs. Bryan's efficient help, can carry it on without my going every day. I hope that the time will soon come when they can carry it on by themselves without any foreign help. It is my idea to always have a school at the present place, to be a feeder to the higher school which we wish to establish out here on our new place.

We pray that God's blessing may be upon you and your work.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. CROCKER.



At the Work in China.

Chinkiang, China, Dec. 10, 1899.

* Dear Brother,—I hope you have received the letter announcing my arrival in China. After leaving San Francisco we had a most delightful voyage of six days to Honolulu. Stayed in port thirty-six hours. Had a most delightful day among the tropical plants and flowers. Took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Damon, missionaries among the Chinese there. We left Honolulu October 22d. Had a splendid sail to Yokohama, where we arrived on November 2d. The steamer anchored quite a way out from shore. Was soon surrounded by sampans, or small, flat boats, which took us ashore. We went to a hotel called "No. 2 Bluff" to await the first steamer stopping at Shanghai. After a delay of five days in Yokohama, we went aboard the French mail, called Anam, for another five days' sail to Shanghai. We reached Shanghai Sunday, November 12th. Were met by Mr. Bryan and Mr. Tatum, who gave us a most cordial welcome to their home, and myself to Central China.

Monday Miss Price and Miss Kelly came to see me. Tuesday morning I took a ride in the Rickshaw across the city to the home of Misses Price and Kelly. Met a number of the workers of all denominations. Wednesday evening I went aboard the river steamer for Chinkiang. I arrived there Thursday evening about 10 o'clock. Miss Mackenzie and Mr. Lawton met me on the steamer and took me to the station.

As soon as I could get a teacher I

began the language. I find it quite difficult, but not any more so than I had expected. Please pray for me that I may have the faculty to get the language; and above all, that I may glorify my Father in heaven by bearing much fruit.

Every prospect pleases, and only man is vile. The Chinese are very interesting people, as well as a very needy people, and their great need is Christ.

I found Mr. Owen quite a pleasant young man. It would have been quite lonely in Yokohama had I been alone. He is a very spiritual young man, and I feel sure the Lord will use him in China. Pray for me.

Yours in the work,

ALICE PARKER.



BRAZIL.

Reach Their Field in Good Spirits.

Pernambuco, Brazil,
November 21, 1899.

Dear Brother,—After a pleasant voyage, we anchored before Pernambuco Sunday night a little past 10 o'clock. Monday morning we came ashore. Brother Entzminger is away at Bahia with his wife and children. He is expected back within another week. I, by the help of the gentleman at the American Consulate, found Brother Henry J. McCall, a Presbyterian missionary, whom fortunately Brother Entzminger had asked to look out for us and care for us until his return, if we should come. Brother McCall brought us to his place yesterday afternoon, and we feel very much at home. We will begin the study of the language at once. We've begun to study people and customs already. We are all in good health and cheerful spirits.

Fraternally, J. E. HAMILTON.

From Rev. E. A. Nelson, of Brazil, now in this Country.

Randolph, Kan., Feb. 15, 1900.

Dear Brother,—May the grace of God be with you in your work for souls. As the time is drawing near for our journey to our great opportunity given us of God to join our children in the Amazon Valley, we naturally inquire, Are we going alone to take up the work among the 3,000,000 souls, or who is going with us? Were not the climate so deadly, I might induce some of my friends to go without support and do business there, while they could be of great help to us in our work; but now I dare not advise anybody to go, unless he is especially called of God. But since we now have a work extending one thousand miles, and our Bibles have reached one thousand miles further, we almost stagger at the greatness of the work before us. We decided to make our home at Manaos, nine hundred miles from Para, while we were there, and our good Brother Arango promised to help put up a building or church, if permanent work was established, and as we can from there reach all parts of the great Amazon Valley at the least expense, we consider it the wisest thing to do to go direct to Manaos, and while my wife is getting our home ready there I can look over our interest in Santarem, then straighten up our church in Para and get her in working order, and finally return to Manaos and take up the work in earnest there. By holding these three places (or change from Santarem to Obidos, on the north side of the Amazon) we can have a great deal of influence over the whole Amazon Valley.

This gives you an idea of our plans for the near future for the Board to think over till we shall see you all at Richmond. After four or five years we will need a steamer in order to

reach out-of-way places, and if I can get a small gasoline engine I may buy one in New York now.

May God direct me and the Board so that we can understand His plans of work.

Yours in Him, E. A. NELSON.



Continued Blessings.

Bahia, January 5, 1900.

Dear Brother,—New Year's greeting. The Lord's blessings never fell thicker upon us than during last year; 143 baptisms, and some other reports to come in. One new church organized, two ministers ordained, 136 pupils enrolled in school, with some \$1,200 worth of furniture (paid up), besides \$100 worth of improvements in house. Two new books published, besides tracts, paper, etc., and about 1,500 copies of Scripture sold and distributed. The property and hall given us by the good sister, with \$2,000, dedicated on January first with a multitude of people present; baptizing six in new baptistery at close of service. Dr. Ottoni preached the sermon. He left yesterday for Amargoza, Santo Antonio, etc. Bro. Quiroz came and was ordained, having baptized fifty-four in Conquista. Bro. Jackson returned on 2d inst. from Parahyba, and is to be ordained Sunday, D. V. He goes afterward to Valenca for a month or so awaiting approval by the Board, and wishes to go far interior by March or April. I join him at Bara in May, going up river San Francisco, visiting principal cities. He wishes his separation to be for the far interior work, which our mission so much needs, and we can take charge or possession of that great river for Christ and the Baptists. Sister Entzinger is much improved. Bro. Entzinger came in from Pernambuco this morning. He is thinking of taking her to Nova Fribergo, where, no doubt, she can gain her health best.

...We all continue well. We are still longing to hear from our kindergartner. Just one month, and school begins again. Yours fraternally,

Z. C. TAYLOR.

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JAPAN.

People at Idol Worship.

Fukuoka, Japan.

Dear Brother,—After years of longing to take the joy of the Gospel to the heathen, and of indecision as to just what the Lord would have me do, and of prayer that the Holy Spirit would guide my every step, I find myself in the midst of a people who know not the true and living God; and my heart is filled with love and intense longing to give to them the news of the blessed Redeemer.

My constant prayer has been that the Lord would place me just where He could use me best, and I have felt His guiding all along the way—the sweet assurance that my coming to Japan is a part of His plan for my life. The Lord has wrought wondrously in opening the way for me to enter this work, which has been so on my heart; and my whole life given to His service cannot repay Him for His goodness.

It was at Nikko that I first saw men and women worshipping idols. Here, at this city, which is the pride of all Japan, said to be the most beautiful in the Empire, were temples, Buddhist and Shinto, surrounded by magnificent natural scenery, the work of nature's God. I cannot describe my feelings when I saw men, women, and even children bowing down to these lifeless, powerless images. Now, more than ever in my life, do I appreciate the meaning of Reginald Heber's words:

"In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strewn;
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone."

Oh! how I long to tell them of the true God, our loving Father, who hears our prayers, and who waits to bless every one who trusts in Him.

Christians in the home land hear of the idol worship of the heathen, and think it is sad; but oh! if they could only get one glimpse into one of these temples, and see the afflicted ones who are brought there for healing; the sor-



JAPANESE LADY AND SERVANT.

rowing who come there for comfort, and others, whose minds are darkened by superstition, coming with their sacrifices of time and money, in order that they may appease the anger of the gods, or to ward off some evil. This glimpse, it seems to me, would fill their Christian hearts with horror and a deep longing to lead these—God's creatures—to the light. My very soul suffered at this sight.

How grateful I am to God that He has given it to me, one of His little ones, to help in this great work. But

when I think of how short a distance my light can shine, how few, comparatively, I can influence, my heart cries out for more helpers; more to tell the glad news of our risen Lord to this people, whom I have already learned to love.

I shall need your prayers that I may be patient while I am learning the language. My burning zeal, my deep desire to be able to deliver the message that the Father has intrusted to me, and then the strength of mind and body that He will give me—these will enable me to give to the Japanese, in their own tongue, the story of Jesus and His love.

I must not fail to tell you that the voyage across the Pacific was a very delightful one for me. The weather was good, and I enjoyed every day intensely; and to my very great delight I did not miss a meal during the three weeks, and was quite well during the entire voyage.

I received a cordial welcome from each member of the mission here when I arrived, and I am happy to be a member of the little band of workers in this part of the Master's vineyard.

My joy is full, and as the blessings of each day remind me of the gentle watchcare of the Father above, I am constrained to do more to live closer to Him each day than I have before.

May the Holy Spirit impress the hearts of Christians at home with their duty in sending the Gospel to the far-away lands where Christ is not known, until "every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Sincerely yours,

LUCILE DANIEL CLARKE.



Religious Liberty in Japan.

Dear Brother,—Brother Maynard has moved into the new home in Kokura,

and the hearts of all who have prayed and given to it would be made to rejoice if they knew how happy it has made him and his consecrated wife, and what a blessed influence for good is being exerted in the heathen community of which it is a centre.

I have recently returned from a trip of fifteen days around Kyushu, my object having been to study the conditions of our field more carefully, and to become better acquainted with the people in different sections. I am now impressed with the great importance of our field and our responsibility to this people and to our Saviour as never before. If we considered the field from our own weakness we would be overwhelmed at the great work which lies before us; millions who not only are in ignorance, but who seem determined to close their hearts against any impression of the truth. But I rejoice that where our weakness ends God's strength begins; that He has the power to crush their stony hearts and subdue their haughty spirits, to convict them of sin and remove the veil from their eyes that they may see Christ, their greatest need.

The opposition against Christianity in some departments of the government seems to be growing more intense, and is being urged by the priests who are making every effort to secure the establishment of Buddhism as the State religion of Japan.

The interpretation which the government has placed upon that clause of the new treaty granting religious liberty to all is very foreign to our idea of those privileges. They have declared that no form of Christian teaching shall be tolerated in the schools. It has been ordered that we must give twenty-four hours' notice and secure special permission for every extra meeting which we wish to hold not previously reported in our regular gath-

erings. Even the right to hold a street preaching service must be secured twenty-four hours beforehand, and they reserve the right to deny the privilege if any community objects and makes complaint to the civil authorities. It has also been ordered that all Christian preaching must be behind closed doors. So you see that the present administration is making every effort to circumscribe our work and destroy our influence. The enemies of Christ are alert in Japan. Pray that His friends may be true to their trust.

We know that there will be a great reaction among these people when they comprehend the truths of Christianity. God help all to labor faithfully and pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to speedily manifest His power.

We are very much encouraged at the willingness of the people to hear and read the Word. The masses are ready to receive the Gospel, and we beg your prayers that we may labor wisely for their salvation.

God bless you in your work among the churches, and give you joy in His service.

Yours faithfully and cordially,

W. HARVEY CLARKE.



MEXICO.

Churumuco, Mexico, Jan. 6, 1900.

Dear Brother,—We have just crossed the Balsas river on our return from the Association. We had a grand meeting, dedicated the new church, held the Association, and spent nearly a week preaching to large crowds; received eleven candidates for baptism, laid out the work for the new year, sent a dozen men back to their homes and respective fields enthusiastic for the salvation of souls and the spread of the Gospel. We are all happy over the meeting.

We and our horses are standing the intensely hot weather moderately well.

I hope to reach home the last of next week. A happy New Year to you all! God bless you. J. G. CHASTAIN.



Trusting and Trying Amidst Trials.

Leon, Mex., Jan. 30, 1900.

Dear Brother,—I am closing up the first week, and can't see that any progress has been made. I suppose we have found a dozen houses to rent. In one instance the contract was drawn up and signed, but when it was known that we were going to preach in the house, the owner flew the track, and the paper was torn up on the spot. In another case, we had the contract half written, and when we came down to the use we were to make of the house, the man refused outright. From a human standpoint, things are decidedly gloomy. But we are disposed to view the matter from a Christian standpoint. Every night this week we are holding prayer-meetings clandestinely behind closed doors, and eight or a dozen of us, men and women, one after another wrestle with God for light, guidance, and blessing. We have no singing, but in the second room back, both doors between us and the street closed, in an under tone we talk with God. I still hope and believe He will give us the house.

Notwithstanding the wild fanaticism here, this is certainly the finest mission field I ever saw, and no denomination is at work here. Of the 100,000 inhabitants, it is estimated that 80,000 are artisans of the middle and lower class, the very people among whom we work.

I have no notion of despairing and giving up the project. My native worker, Celso Diaz (with his family), is here, and I expect Hooker to-morrow with his trunk, coming to locate here. Pray for us, brother. I hope to write you again in a few days.

Truly and fraternally,

J. G. CHASTAIN.

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1. Roll call, each responding with Scripture verse on Love.

2. Hymn.—"More Love to Thee, O Christ."

3. Scripture.—Acts 8: 26-38.

4. Prayer for higher conception of duty towards the colored people, for greater patience with their weakness.

5. Solo or Duet.

6. Seed thought for Leader.—Colored people were brought to this country in 1620. One in eight of population of this country is colored. Roman Catholics are making every effort to win them to false teachings. God has linked us with these people as with no other race. Crime is on the increase in some sections and these weaker ones are being deceived as to their true friends. Are we fulfilling our obligations by contributing to the Home Board and by personal service to servants and others whom we meet in and about our homes?

7. Bits of Cheer.—Personal recollections or gathered facts showing colored people's appreciation of kindness.

8. Leaflet.—"Origins of S. B. C. Work among the Negroes," by Rev. J. L. D. Hillyer.

9. Discuss methods of helping the colored people.

10. Business, etc.

11. Plan for Week of Self Denial.

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If you cannot in the harvest
Garner up the richest sheaf,
Many a grain both ripe and golden
Will the careless reapers leave;
Go and glean among the briers.
Growing rank against the wall,
For it may be that the shadow
Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

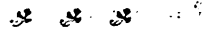
—E. H. Fates.



A Colored Sunday School.

You ask me to write you my plans, etc., in work among the colored people. I found a school already organized with thirty pupils. It has grown in numbers to 51. They were poorly equipped as to books, etc. I got some for them. I offered prizes for those who would bring new scholars. I found that the best way to help them (as I would only be there for a few months in summer) was to put the

whole school into one class, as many of them are adults. I read the international lesson, then explain it verse by verse, then ask questions on it. I try to say a word to the adult ones and teach them a verse. I generally, after the lesson is over, select a text of Scripture and get a story (if I can) that will fix it on the mind. Then I speak of a text with special reference to the danger of neglecting salvation, and the blessedness of accepting the gift of eternal life, and receiving the power to become a son of God. I have found them most responsive. I think the Gospel is the only thing to elevate and bless them. There are some earnest Christians here among them, and they are grateful for help and teaching. Next Sunday is Children's Day. They have a good programme, and have asked me to speak. R. NORRIS.



A Self-Denial Appeal.

Once again throughout the length and breadth of our Southland Woman's Missionary Union, the general organization of Southern Baptist women, would send forth an appeal for the observance of a special "Week of Prayer and Self Denial." In 1895, the Home Board first asked that this effort be made for the advancement of its work. Each succeeding year has emphasized the good results. What shall be the record of this the closing year of the century? Never before has our Home Board had greater need of assistance. Great increase in population and great spiritual destitution in many sections of Southern Baptist Convention territory, especially in the mountain region, on the frontier, the broad plains of Texas, and the great Catholic State of Louisiana, bear witness to this fact. Think of the composite character of our population, allying this country with all people of the world. Over 16,000,000 immigrants in seventy

years, most of them with influences running back to the different and distant lands from which they have come. How great the responsibility of giving to them knowledge of the Gospel of righteousness and spiritual transformation! How inspiring the thought that through America all the nations of the earth are to be blessed! Cuba, too, is calling to Southern Baptists to teach her people the way to spiritual freedom. The United States government spared neither money nor life in its efforts to gain political freedom for the Gem of the Antilles, and shall we, as Christians, fail to grasp *our opportunity?*

In looking forward to the third week in March as a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial," we need to bear in mind that it is only by communion with the Father that we can be kept in vital sympathy with His wonderful plan of redemption; only through prayer that we can obtain for ourselves and others that divine power which is necessary for the accomplishment of successful work. Let us not be tempted to restrain from making a special offering of money by reasoning that all discipleship is identical with self-denial. True it is that, in one sense, the Christian life is a continual self-denial, for the lower nature is constantly at war with the higher. All of its fettered but impatient tendencies to sin, the self-conceits, the self-excusing, the concealed reluctances that beset the best among us, join in protest against the spiritual nature, and must forever be denied.

But self-denial, as Jesus inculcated and practiced it, as the disciples emphasized it, has a wider sweep, a higher range. It is more than subduing self. It is ignoring self while working with heart and soul to make the will of God prevail in others. As followers of Him who, for our sakes, steadfastly set His face to tread the

path of self-denial though it led to Jerusalem where the thorns, the scourge, and the cross awaited Him, are we not committed to the same high ideal of service? Not until our regenerated, deepest self is thus melted into the will of God, causing us to practice genuine self-denial for the good of others, shall we realize in all its fulness the meaning of Christ's words, "He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

After a moment's reflection upon the amounts contributed by our churches to the cause of missions, is it possible to believe that these are the result of daily self-denial? Comparison of the amount of money put into the Lord's treasury with that in the possession of Southern Baptists, forces the inference that the great majority of Christians of to-day have no real conception of deep, stern self-denial for Christ's work. If they had, there would be no occasion for special efforts, special appeals. Let us be honest with ourselves, honest before God, and question whether or not our individual, regular contributions are, in the highest sense, "Self-Denial Offerings." Whatever be the answer, constrained by the thought of Christ's self-denying love, may all Southern Baptists, as well as W. M. U. workers, esteem it a privilege to unite in this special effort for the extension of Christ's cause.

N. E.—Special literature in connection with the "Week of Self-Denial," for use of societies, bands, and others who will participate in its observance, has been prepared by Woman's Missionary Union. It can be obtained (free) by application to the Central Committee of your State, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

Kindly observe another date if the third week in March is not convenient.

MRS. CHAS. A. STAKELY,

Pres. W. M. U.

Literature for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Self-denial literature consists of a programme, a letter, three leaflets, and an envelope to contain the offering. The programme, which was arranged by Woman's Missionary Union, bears upon Home Missions, is adapted to each day of the week, contains much food for thought, and many suggestions which, if carried out "in the spirit," will be productive of good results. The letter is from Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, Secretary of the Home Board, and is an earnest appeal for co-operation. One leaflet also is by Dr. F. H. Kerfoot. In it up-to-date information is given regarding the fields, work, and needs of the Home Board. Another leaflet is by Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary Emeritus of the Home Board. It is entitled, "Help to the First Missionary." Very beautifully and graphically are the death of the first martyr and scenes in the life of Paul described, while the self-denying giving of the early Christians is made the key-note for a tender appeal in behalf of Home Missions. The third leaflet is narrative in character, being a most pathetic account of the self-denial of a missionary's son on the frontier, and its far-reaching influence. Those who love and understand children will surely find it interesting, and we trust all who read or hear this leaflet may be inspired with a greater desire to fulfill their obligations to our missionaries. "We being many are one," is the Golden Text of the story. The envelopes are unique from the fact that they not only serve as receptacles, but also furnish a lesson in geography. A neat little map, extending from Maryland to Florida on the south, to Indian Territory and Oklahoma on the west, also including Cuba, gives a good idea of the location of the fields of the Home Board.

It is said that "as well might a carpenter expect to work without plane or hammer, a shoemaker without a last, or an educator without books, as a missionary worker without missionary literature." Therefore, in looking forward to a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial," can we fail to appreciate the helpfulness of this special literature? Remember there is no charge for it, and send promptly.



Buttermilk and Missions.

It was self-denial week, and one sister had the following experience with her milk: She wondered what she could give more than she had been giving, as she always gave all she could. At last she thought of the milk. They kept cows for family use, and she was in the habit of making a little pin money by selling the surplus buttermilk to her neighbors who had no cows. It seemed a little thing, but she thought she would try it for want of something better. She said the first thing she did was to pray over it. She told the Lord what she meant to do, and asked Him to bless even the buttermilk, so that she might have an acceptable offering. She said one or two accidents happened at first. It looked like she would not make anything, but she kept trusting and would not give up, even the little thing that it was, and will you believe it, she sold twice as much that week as she ever sold at any other time. This is really true. The dear woman loves to tell it. How many women in the South can give one week's income from their cows? What would be the result if they would? Who can calculate how much the mission funds would grow. O for women and men who will consecrate even the buttermilk to the Master's work, and realize that:

"Nought that I have my own I call
I hold it for the Giver." S. D. E.

Quarterly Report from Treasurer of Woman's
Missionary Union, Missions of Southern Bap-
tist Convention.

	Foreign.	Home.	S. S. Bd.
Alabama.....	\$ 374 78	\$1,428 07	\$ 45 15
Dist. of Columbia,	95 00	296 69	
Georgia.....	\$38 10	116 92	
Indian Territory.	30 05	8 75	1 00
Kentucky.....	886 39	1,911 97	243 52
Louisiana.....	114 93	614 91	152 97
Maryland.....	295 36	2,123 98	28 50
Mississippi.....	100 00	1,149 52	
North Carolina...	394 27	2,190 49	
Oklahoma.....	310 93	3 50	
South Carolina...	692 88	157 22	
Tennessee.....	282 82	2,022 12	246 82
Virginia.....	1,459 70	2,098 93	249 00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BANDS.

Alabama.....	257 55	140 12	
Florida.....	25 55	2 20	
Kentucky.....	24 84	154 06	
Louisiana.....	6 50		
Maryland.....		490 99	
Mississippi.....	12 00	19 20	
North Carolina...	72 49	41 45	
South Carolina...	80 60	6 20	6 60
Tennessee.....	6 49	11 95	10
Virginia.....	115 14	257 40	17 25

Mrs. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PERIODICALS REPORTED.

Foreign Mission Journal—District of Colum-
bia, 11; Tennessee, 317.
Our Home Field—District of Columbia, 50;
Tennessee, 180.
Kind Words—Tennessee, 192.



Christmas Offering to China.

Report from Foreign Mission Board
shows the total amounts received from
the various States, and accredited to
Christmas offering, February 13th, as
follows:

Alabama.....	\$ 33 17
Arkansas.....	10 75
Florida.....	1 35
Georgia.....	464 63
Kentucky.....	101 28
Louisiana.....	49 50
Maryland.....	214 85
Mississippi.....	1 25
North Carolina.....	11 15
South Carolina.....	992 10
Tennessee.....	160 02
Texas.....	2 00
Virginia.....	47 61
District of Columbia.....	14 45
Indian Territory.....	21 75
Mexico.....	3 00
Oklahoma.....	7 18
Pennsylvania.....	1 00
Cuba.....	2 00

Total\$2,129 34

The above is but a partial report, and
is the amount received by Foreign
Board to February 13th. It is ear-
nestly requested that full returns shall
be made at the earliest possible con-
venience, that the April Journal may
give a complete report of work ac-
complished by the Christmas effort.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.



Miss Broadbuss writes cheering news
from Kentucky.—Each quarter of this
year has shown an increase of receipts
over last year. For the third quarter we
report \$890 more than the third quarter
a year ago, the 95 societies and 32
bands giving \$3,430. Fifty boxes have
been sent, and 13 letters are still out.
Mrs. Peyton Stephens, from Hwang-
Hien, China, has recovered her health
since coming home last May, and is
giving most helpful addresses to the
various W. M. S. in Louisville. She
expects to return in the spring. The
Central Committee are most faithful in
attending the meeting in severe
weather. Some societies have ob-
served the Week of Prayer with much
profit, and the meetings held in private
houses are especially enjoyed.



Boxes to Frontier Missionaries.

From the following Woman's Mis-
sionary Societies boxes of supplies,
valued as below, have been reported as
sent to home missionaries since Jan-
uary 6th:

ALABAMA.—Gadsden, \$75; Besse-
mer, \$90; East Lake, \$105.75; Eufaula,
\$55; Columbiana (contribution), \$20; La-
Fayette, \$46.46; Clayton St. Ch., Mont-
gomery, \$50; Trustville, \$44.94; Doth-
an, \$29.80; Huntsville, \$54.45; Demop-
olis, \$70; Oswichee, \$108.30; Opelika,
\$87.37.

ARKANSAS.—Prescott, \$43.20; First
Ch., Little Rock, \$23.25; First Ch., Lit-
tle Rock, \$55.90; Second Ch., Little
Rock, \$65; Second Ch., Little Rock,
\$60.25.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Mrs. M. L. Keirle, Washington, \$25.

FLORIDA.—Jacksonville, \$30.

GEORGIA.—Busy Bee So., Madison Ch., \$43.23; Young Ladies' So., Second Ch., Atlanta, \$50; Vienna (contribution) \$18; Duffy-st. Ch., Savannah, \$78.52.

KENTUCKY.—Glen's Creek, \$52.26; Columbia, \$25.57; Salem Ch., Pembroke P. O., \$90; Fairview, \$65; East Ch., Louisville, \$31.08; First Ch., Covington, \$53.15; Third Ch., Owensboro, \$126.77; Russellville, \$85; Preston St. Mission, Louisville, \$29.15; Sunbeams, Logan St. Ch., Louisville, \$20.

LOUISIANA.—Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, \$65.62; Minden, \$30; Natchitoches, \$43; Star So., Natchitoches (contribution), \$3; Keachie, \$61.50.

MARYLAND.—Fulton Ave. Ch., Baltimore, \$225.81; Myra Band, Seventh Ch., Baltimore, \$103.42; Immanuel Ch., Baltimore, \$75.27; Young Ladies' So., Immanuel Ch., Baltimore (contribution), \$16.90; King's Helpers, Immanuel Ch., Baltimore (contribution), \$10; Wide Awakes, Immanuel Ch., Baltimore (contribution), \$26.40; Lee St. Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$1.90; Franklin Square Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$1; Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Fulton Ave. Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$8; Scott St. Ch., Baltimore, \$91.65;

MISSISSIPPI.—First Ch., Meridian, \$51.45; West Point, \$84.90; Brookhaven, \$56.20.

MISSOURI.—Calvary Ch., Kansas City, \$50; Women of Tabernacle Ch., Kansas City, \$122.50.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Longtown Ch., \$18; Green St. Ch., Spartanburg, \$38; St. Matthews ch., \$20; Pendleton, \$95.

TENNESSEE.—Central Ch., Nashville, \$50; Centennial Ch., Nashville, \$38.40; Young Ladies' Missionary So., First Ch., Memphis, \$51.35; Grand Junction, \$34; Cleveland, \$73; Ogden, \$20.05; Riceville, \$18.

TEXAS.—Navasota, \$57.15; First Ch., Dallas, \$30; Young Ladies' Mission and Aid So., First Ch., Tyler, \$45; Bosqueville Ch., \$12; First Ch., Dallas, \$30; Young Ladies' So., First Ch., Dallas, \$18.

VIRGINIA.—Zion Ch., Accomac Ass'n, \$40; Clark's Neck Ch., Rappahannock Ass'n, \$50.33; Hebron Ch., Appomattox Ass'n, \$22.47; Bluefield Ch., W. Va., \$62; First Ch., Norfolk, \$65; Lower Northampton Ch., Accomac Ass'n, \$43.39; First Ch., Roanoke, \$157; College Hill, Lynchburg, \$95; Fin-castle, \$21; Glebe Landing Ch., Rappahannock Ass'n, \$40; Second Ch., Richmond, \$76.50; Chase City, \$33.48; Warrenton, \$51; West End Ch., Petersburg, \$76.38; Culpeper, Shiloh Ass'n, \$36; Cave Spring, Valley Ass'n, \$28.50; Second Ch., Petersburg, \$75; Bethel Ch., Middle District Ass'n, \$75; Mary Brooke Missionary So., Ashland Ch., Ashland, \$53; Washington, Shiloh Ass'n (contribution), \$24; Falling River Ch., Appomattox Ass'n, \$10.

Total, \$4,626.50. Previously reported, \$16,485.07. Grand total, \$21,111.57.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.—"Willing Workers," Fourth Ch., Baltimore, Md., \$57.50; Woman's Mission So., Fourth Ch., Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$33.50; "Sunbeams," Fourth Ch., Baltimore, Md. (contribution), \$3.50; Beaver Creek Baptist Ch., S. C., \$36; Parker Memorial Ch., Anniston, Ala., \$142.15; Orville, Ala., \$50; Jasper, Ala. (contribution), \$23.25; Walton Ch., Ky., \$67.55; Ashland, Ky., \$10; Richmond, Mo., \$18; Liberty, Mo., \$64.60; Stansbury, Mo., \$15; Stansbury, Mo., \$45; Newport News, Va., \$80; Saltville, Lebanon Ass'n, Va., \$25.50; Clanton, Ala., \$25; "Sunbeams," Clanton, Ala. (contribution), \$17.79; South Boston, Dan River Ass'n, Va., \$78.38.

TOTAL, \$792.72. Previously reported, \$3,185.49. Grand total, \$3,978.21. ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Band Department.

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

Dear Boys and Girls,—As you know, the Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions comes in March. I never see this word, self-denial, without asking myself if we really know what it means. We have all given up some little thing, but really to deny ourselves—to give until it costs for Christ's sake—that is another matter. Giving up for the sake of another must be judged by comparison, first by what the person would give up for us, and then by what we have left.

God gave up His Son for us, and the Son willingly gave Himself. This was the greatest gift, so our gifts, too, must be large. But large gifts often come from small purses, because they are all. This was what made the widow's mite large, for she gave all her living.

This month, instead of telling you a story about self-denial, I am going to tell you a few of the many instances of real denial of which I have known.

When you have read them each one will surely feel that he, too, has something to give to God for Christ's sake.

In a little town there lived a good woman, who, whenever her strength would permit, was ever busy about the Lord's work. But often for weeks together she would not be able to leave her room. This was particularly trying, as the chimneys of her house and her bed-room smoked dismally, bringing tears to her eyes and covering everything with soot. Again and again she had promised herself that she would have them fixed, but could not spare the money. At last she had saved enough for the much-needed work, and hoped soon to have her room as bright and cheery as a shut-in could desire. Then came the Week of Self-Denial.

"I don't know what I shall do for this special offering," she thought. "I have given every cent I can spare." Then she remembered the smoke money.

By and by she wrote: "Here is the money I meant for my smoky chimneys. God's work must go on, and I can sit in the smoke a little longer."

In a country church the collection basket was passed from bench to bench, the nickels and dimes falling in with a satisfied ring. It came to one woman marked out from the rest by her particularly shabby cloak. She leaned forward and dropped in softly a five-dollar bill. After the poor woman had gone out, there was a buzz of astonishment as the well-dressed women who remained gathered around the secretary.

"Well, I declare!" exclaimed one; "I didn't suppose she'd ever had a five-dollar bill in all her life."

"No more did I," said another.

"I reckon I know what it is," said her nearest neighbor. "She's been saving up a long time to get a cloak, and goodness knows she needs it. She'd set her heart on going to the Association. And now," she added, with a little catch in her voice, "she's given it up, cloak and all."

The mistress of the house was busy that week going through drawers and overhauling trunks. It was time for the annual missionary box, and she was deciding what she could spare. As she worked she talked to Jane, her faithful

servant, of the far-away minister and his great needs. By and by, when the bundle from the mistress was ready to go, Jane came, bringing a pretty unmade calico dress.

"You know," she said, "that this was my Christmas gift, but I can do without it. I'd like to send it in the box, if the white ladies wouldn't mind."

It is easy to tell that the ladies didn't mind, but that the gift was gladly received, many feeling that Jane had given more than them all.



Last year at the time of the Week of Self-Denial a good woman went from house to house leaving the little envelopes and promising to call for them again.

"I really haven't the heart to stop there," she said to herself, as she passed a poor little home of a white servant girl. "She is too poor to give anything to anybody."

So she passed on.

At the promised time she made the round, and more. Some of those from whom she had expected most said, really they had forgotten all about it; but they'd see if they could find some loose change. Others said they were sacrificing all the time for something or other, and they didn't have anything to give.

Night found her in her own home, tired and a little sad. As she rested, some one knocked at her door. It was the poor servant girl.

"You went to every one else," she said, with tears in her eyes, "why didn't you come to me? I want to give something to God. I have been saving money to buy a ticket to go to see my sister. The visit can wait. Won't you take my self-denial, too?"



TEN ANSWERED WHYS CONCERNING SELF-DENIAL.

Because the saloon is on the frontier before the church.

Because the villages of to-day are the cities of to-morrow.

Because small towns, like small people, are easier to take for Christ than big ones.

Because in our own homes churches are cheaper than jails.

Because evil is more contagious than small-pox.

Because only light can dispel darkness.

Because foreigners are pouring in at our open doors.

Because Cuba's door is open to us.

Because the opportunity of to-day can never be recalled.

Because Christ's cause needs it, and Christ's law demands it.



THE RELIGION OF POLITENESS.

Many of you would be glad to help the colored people around you. Then pave the way with politeness. Breakfast eaten with grace, dinner seasoned with the sauce of kindness, and supper peppered with the three p's of politeness, promptness, and praise, will open the way to the cook's heart.

This is the message one boy received from an old colored woman: "Tell your boy," she wrote to her old mistress, "that I'll love him all my life for the time he spent in teaching a poor old colored woman like me about the Bible."

Sewing School and Sunday School.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Jan. 14, 1900.

Dear Friend,—The past six months have been very pleasant ones with us, although our work in this city is new, and it has taken some time to make our way into the houses of these people around us. It is so good, indeed, to be located with other workers from the home land.

Our hot days have come, and they have their influence upon our Sunday school and Industrial school, still, notwithstanding the natural ups and downs, the work here goes ahead nicely.

When the work was opened, six months ago, we found that we were not going to be allowed to enter many homes, so we tried a sewing school, which has been a great help, already having added about thirty names to our visiting list.

This meets every Saturday afternoon, at which time the children enjoy singing the hymns, studying a verse or two from the Bible, and sewing.

Many times a mother or father will not allow a child to come to the Sunday school when we ask them, but if we invite them to come to the "Sewing School," they are quite willing, and a

few Saturdays often means that the children will be ready to come on Sunday also. Last Sunday we had six different classes in Sunday school.

The children often wish to come, but the parents will not permit.

We seldom make a visit and leave without a feeling of sadness coming into our hearts, because of the great ignorance of these people about our blessed Saviour. The dear old story is so new, so different from the one taught them from childhood by the priests, they find it very difficult to give up "Mary" and their images and to accept Christ, but we know that before the harvest must the seed be sown.

As we look around us now we can see fully as many places to visit as our time and strength allows, and for these open doors we are thankful.

Some of our home friends sent us a camera (with Mr. Taylor), which we enjoy.

We have not learned to do any fine work yet, but will send you with this a few views from Brazil.

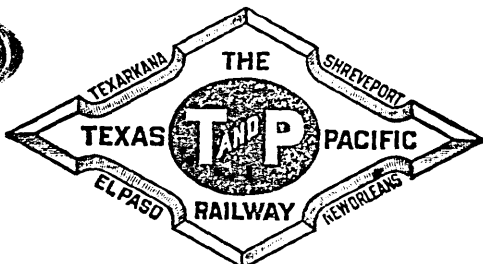
Miss Wilcox joins me in best wishes. Our work is one; we will make our letters one, although we are indeed thankful that there are two of us.

BERTHA R. STENGER.

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RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS*From January 15 to February 15, 1900.*

ALABAMA.—Mineral Springs Ass'n, by J. M. C., \$2.55; Friendship Ch., Pineapple, by J. B. C., \$10.60; Antioch Ch., by E. C. (China), \$4.10; Mt. Pleasant Ch., by E. C. (China), \$2.66; Friendship Ch., by E. C. (China), \$1.75; S. P. Sloan, \$2.45; Avondale Ch., by R. M. H., \$4.35; Alpine Ch., by J. T. J., \$1.60; Ashland Ch., by C. J. B. (Christmas offering), \$11.97; Milltown Ch., by C. J. B., \$3.56; Mt. Olive Ch., by C. J. B., \$3.45; Providence Ch., by C. J. B., \$3.25; Columbia Ch., by G. E. B., \$38.66; L. M. S., Demopolis, by Mrs. W. D. F. K. (Christmas offering, China), \$17; Demopolis Ch., by Mrs. W. D. F. K., \$3; Concord Ch., by W. H. P., \$3.50; L. A. S., Dadeville Ch., by J. H. J. (Christmas offering, China), \$4.20; New Hope Ch., by J. B. F., \$3.30; Salem Ch., by J. B. F., \$2.50; Rock Spring Ch., by W. C. G., \$2.10; Lincoln Ch., by E. D. A., \$17.05; Missionary Day, by J. M. F., \$6.50; First Ch., Selma, by H. A. H. (Selma miss'y), \$59.30; Centre Ridge Ch., by J. J. W., \$3.57; Centre Ridge S. S., by J. J. W., 76 cents; Centre Ridge W. M. S., by J. J. W., \$3; Adams-St. S. S., Montgomery, by W. C., \$3.10; W. B. Crumpton, Tr. (Christmas offering, N. China, \$231.75; Miss Kelly, \$65.50; Miss Hartwell, \$24.05), \$560.61. Total, \$785.44.

Previously reported, \$5,378.18. Total this year, \$6,163.62.

ARKANSAS.—First Ch., Helena, by H. C. R., \$25; Charles W. Daniel, V. P., \$100; Union Ass'n, by W. H. R., \$4.23; Providence Ch., No. 2, Union Ass'n, \$2.10; Hope Ch., by W. A. R., \$15.08; Buckner Ch., by W. M. D., \$3; W. M. and A. Soc'y, Prescott, by Mrs. C. B. D., \$8.55; W. M. and A. Soc'y, Pine Bluff, by Mrs. C. B. D., \$1.50; W. M., First Ch., Little Rock, by Mrs. C. B. D., \$4.45; Searcy Ch., by S. W. D., \$26.87; Melrose Ch., by G. W. B., \$2.70; County Ch., near Hope Ch., by J. H. B., \$2.10; Sister Richardson, by John X. Smith, \$1; Wilmer Ch., by John X. Smith, \$1; Unity Ch., by G. W. B., \$12.20; L. A. S., Ozark Ch., by A. L. C. (Christmas offering, \$10.75), \$15.75. Total, \$226.58.

Previously reported, \$713.29. Total this year, \$939.87.

FLORIDA.—W. N. Chaudoin, Tr., \$25. Total, \$25.

Previously reported, \$290.83. Total this year, \$315.83.

GEORGIA.—Adrian Ch., by L. W. T., \$1.25; Baconton L. M. S., by Mrs. G. H. R. (China), \$3.55; Atlanta B. College, by G. S. (J. C. Dawes), \$16; Sunbeam Soc'y, Marietta, by J. S. S. (Maynard house), \$2; W. M. S., Marietta Ch., by W. J. H. (Christmas offering, China), \$7; Miss Carrie Roberts, Sandersville, \$10; Hepzibah Ch., by H. L. M. (native miss'y), \$25; John A. Pool, Quitman (China), \$1.30; W. M. Soc'y, Cordelle Ch., by Mrs. J. B. R., \$6; S. Y. Jameson, Tr. (Med. Miss'ns, \$45.62; Miss Wilcox, \$25; Christmas offering, China, \$431.18; Miss Price's school, \$15; Peyton Stephens, \$5; Miss Parker, \$30; Bible women, \$8; Mrs. Pruitt, \$1.70), \$1,258.23; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$7.50; Lloyd Glisson, by S. C. G., \$2.50; S. C. Groover, \$2.50; Bymville Miss'n S. S., by W. P. Rushing, Sup't, \$2.40; Charles F. Chapman, Hazlehurst, \$2. Total, \$1,347.23.

Previously reported, \$10,143.46. Total this year, \$11,490.69.

KENTUCKY.—W. M. Soc'y, Bethlehem Ch.,

by K. P., \$4; Blood River Ass'n, by H. B. T. (China, \$1), \$6.50; Rev. J. M. Bruce, \$5; W. M. S., Bowling Green (China), \$30; W. M. U., Georgetown (Christmas offering), \$8.25; Long Ridge Ch., by T. R., \$56.32; New Liberty Ch., by T. R., \$51.78; Pleasant Grove Ch., by W. B. W., \$1.20; Claudia Crumpton, \$5; W. Soc'y, Paris, by F. W. E. (Christmas offering), \$4.25; "A Sister," 10 cents; L. S., Bowling Green, by B. F. P. (Christmas offering), \$3; Sunbeams, Bowling Green, by B. F. P. (girl in Miss Moon's school), \$4.30; J. W. Warder, Tr., \$1,110.52; Third Ch., Owensboro, by J. W. W. (Miss Mackenzie), \$50; Central Committee, by Mrs. B. G. R. (Christmas offering, \$160.78; Peyton Stephens, \$4.98; Mrs. McCloy, \$270.60; native preacher with Chambers, \$10.50; reading woman with McCloy, \$15), \$525.24; Mrs. E. M. Jolly, \$15. Total, \$1,935.46.

Previously reported, \$6,421.85. Total this year, \$8,357.31.

LOUISIANA.—Infant class, Natchitoches, by I. S. (Christmas offering), \$1.50; L. M. S., Minden Ch., by E. M. (Christmas offering), \$5; Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, by J. K. J., \$30; Sunbeams and W. M. S., Grand Cane, by S. J. C. (Christmas offering), \$5; W. Soc'y, Valence Ch., New Orleans, by C. W. T. (Christmas offering, China), \$6; L. A. S., Jackson, by C. W. T. (Christmas offering, China), \$2; Valence S. S., New Orleans, by C. W. T., \$11.07; Member Valence Ch., by C. W. T., \$10; Valence Ch., \$12.93; L. A. S., Fifth Ch., New Orleans (Christmas offering), \$5; S. S., Fifth Ch., New Orleans, \$3.15; Y. L. C., Fifth Ch., New Orleans, \$1.85; L. M. S., First Ch., New Orleans, by C. M. S., \$6.15; W. M. S., Opelousas, by Mrs. J. L. L. (Christmas offering), \$1.60; W. M. S., Farmville, by Mrs. J. L. L. (Christmas offering), \$1.95; Mrs. C. C. Tetts, Many, by Mrs. J. L. L. (Christmas offering), 50 cents; Mrs. Julia Clopton, Morrow, by Mrs. J. L. L. (Christmas offering), \$2.50; L. M. S., First Ch., Shreveport, by L. E. T., \$20; L. M. S., First Ch., Shreveport, by L. E. T. (Christmas offering), \$21.20; First Ch., Shreveport, by L. E. T., \$1.50; C. L. Tucker, by H. T. C., \$3; J. M. Smiley, by H. T. C., \$3; B. W. Tucker, by H. T. C., \$2; H. T. Cornish, by H. T. C., \$2; Sunbeam Band, Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, by J. M. A. (Christmas offering), \$4; W. M. S., Coliseum Place Ch., New Orleans, by J. M. A. (Christmas offering), \$23.65; Mrs. G. W. Sample, Hazlewood Ch. (Christmas offering), \$1; Mrs. C. E. Bonner, Arizona Ch., 34 cents. Total, \$187.89.

Previously reported, \$318.20. Total this year, \$1,006.09.

MISSISSIPPI.—Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$2.05; J. O. Langford, Booneville, \$1.10; Causeville Ch., by J. K. H., \$4.55; Harperville Ch., by J. F. H., \$4.15; Crystal Springs Ch., by J. W. K., \$7.55; Fair River Ch., by W. W. K., \$8.50; George Whitfield, Clinton Ch., \$5; A. V. Rowe, Sec'y, \$450; Immanuel Ch., by C. G. E., \$2.30; G. W. Riley, Sarepta, \$8; Mrs. M. F. Cowan, Vicksburg, \$50. Total, \$543.20.

Previously reported, \$2,934.69. Total this year, \$3,477.89.

MISSOURI.—Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$1. Total, \$1.

Previously reported, \$3,802.56. Total this year, \$3,803.56.

MARYLAND.—Franklin Square Ch., Baltimore, by F. E. W., \$100; W. F. M. Soc'y, by Mrs. E. L. (Miss White, \$26.50; Christmas offering, \$214.85), \$295.36; Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, by J. L. (Bible Reader, \$35), \$570.12; Mrs. A. W. L., by F. S. B., \$10. Total, \$975.48.

Previously reported, \$2,509.53. Total this year, \$3,485.01.

NORTH CAROLINA.—C. A. G. Thomas and wife, \$5; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$2.20; J. L. Holland, by F. O. C., \$3.42. Total, \$10.62.

Previously reported, \$3,898.41. Total this year, \$3,909.03.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Beulah Ch., by E. R. F., \$1.15; Mt. Moriah Ch., by A. D. W., \$1; Chestnut Hill Ch., by A. D. W., \$1; Antioch Ch., Bread River Ass'n (W. E. Crocker), \$8.55; Donald's Ch., by T. W. G., \$1.67; Mt. Calvary Ch., by J. L. O., \$4.52; First Ch., Greenville, by E. W., \$42.18; Pine Pleasant Ch., by J. P. L., \$4; Padgett's Creek Ch., by M. W. B., \$3.20; Pendleton S. S., by J. H. M., \$7.75; Little River Ch., by E. R. R., \$3.65; Mrs. J. F. Prioleau, Ellenton, \$10; Good Hope Ch., by H. B., \$5; Red Hill Ch., by C. Q. Q., 40 cents; White Pond Ch., by H. W. S., \$2.02; Fairforest Ch., by J. T. G., \$2.66; Sulphur Springs Ch., by W. P. S., \$3.26; Cherokee Springs Ch., by W. P. S. (Christmas offering, China), \$2.35; Cedar Springs Ch., by W. P. S. (Christmas offering, China), 66 cents; Pacolet Ch., No. 1, by W. E. G. H., \$1; Mt. Lebanon Ch., by W. E. G. H., \$1.27; Seneca Ch., by L. C. C., \$2.19; Mountain View Ch., by G. W. B., \$3.71; Doctors Creek Ch., by G. W. B., \$2.01; Mrs. John Stout, Cor. Sec'y (Mary Harley Fund, \$12.70; Sunbeam Miss'y, \$7.53; Rev. W. E. Crocker and wife, from B. B. Ass'n, Goucher Creek W. M. S., \$8; Pernambuco chapel (Christmas off'g, \$5.75, \$13.90; Christmas offering, \$807.88), \$943.34; Trough Shoals Ch., by W. H., \$13.54; Rev. J. A. Tuten, Ravenels, 65 cents; Mt. Ararat Ch., Broad River Ass'n, by G. W. M. (Crocker), \$3.16; Reedy Branch Ch., by T. P. L. (Lawton), 80 cents; First Ch., Columbia, by David Jones, \$15.26; Mrs. A. S. Williams, \$2; J. M. Conerly, wife and two daughters, \$1; Wassamassaw Ch., by J. E. E., \$1.31; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec'y, \$4.46; Groomsville Ch., by J. E. E., \$1.85; Gowensville S. S., by D. R. E., \$2; Darlington S. S., by C. B. E., \$5.32. Total, \$1,109.89.

Previously reported, \$4,103.22. Total this year, \$5,213.11.

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Previously reported, \$4,278.26. Total this year, \$4,779.59.

TEXAS.—Martindale S. S., by J. S. A., \$1.36; Mt. Zion Ch., by J. J. C., \$10; T. J. Patillo, Houston, \$10; Miss'y Day, by J. M. F., \$5; Central Ass'n, by J. W. M. (A. Cursino), \$22.50; Daingerfield Ch., by S. T. W., \$5; First Ch., Bonham, by J. M. W., \$25; Ingram Ch., by J. T., \$3.65; Bethlehem Ass'n, by T. C. (A. Cursino), \$22.50; Mrs. W. H. Parks, Morgan (China), \$2.65; J. B. Gambrell, Sup't, \$155.06; Jefferson Ch., by S. J. A., \$25. Total, 287.72.

Previously reported, \$4,152.41. Total this year, \$4,440.13.

VIRGINIA.—"Little Helpers," Vesuvius, by M. E. R. (Christmas offering), 31 cents; Annie Perry and Jessie Martin, \$16.25; Miss'y Day S. S., by J. M. F., \$3.25; H. C. Taylor (Publication Soc'y, China), \$100; B. A. Jacob, Treas. (Christmas offering, China, \$415.43; Maynard house, \$54.71; Mrs. Pierce, \$20), \$1,500; Pungoteague Ch., W. M. S., by Mrs. C. S. K., \$4.55. Total, \$1,624.36.

Previously reported, \$9,250.11. Total this year, \$10,874.47.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—W. M. S. W. Washington Ch., by A. W. A., \$2.45; Member of W. M. Circle, Second Ch., Washington, \$10; W. Immanuel M. C., First Ch., Washington, by P. T. F. (Christmas offering), \$10; C. E. S., First Ch., Washington, by P. T. F. (Teacher Villa Guerrero), \$15; "A Friend, \$5. Total, \$42.45.

Previously reported, \$416.02. Total this year, \$488.47.

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Previously reported, \$87.31. Total this year, \$127.84.

OKLAHOMA.—Isaac McCoy (China), \$1; Robert E. Smith, Wood (Christmas offering), \$2.50. Total, \$3.50.

Previously reported, \$38.85. Total this year, \$42.35.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Union Chinese S. S., Springfield, by W. F. P. (native preacher with Dr. Graves), \$25. Total, \$25.

Total this year, \$25.

MEXICO.—"A Sister," Mexico City, \$3. Total, \$3.

Total this year, \$3.

AGGREGATE.—Grand total, \$9,675.65. Previously reported, \$59,342.48. Total this year, \$69,018.13.

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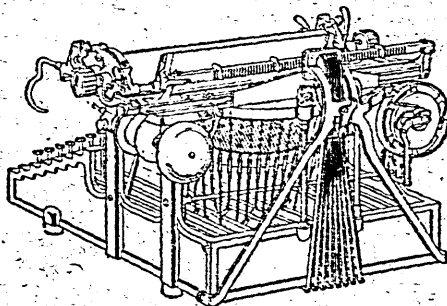
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