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SUMMER WORK FOR MISSIONS.

At the close of a meeting of some days in one of our Southern States—a precious meeting, in which God blessed the church with a revival and brought sinners to repentance—one of the deacons called for a collection for foreign missions. Never did there appear to be a more unpropitious time. Crops had just begun to grow, and all available cash seemed needed to cultivate these crops, which were the sole dependence of the people. And never was there less urging and a more utter absence of begging and pleading. The brother simply stated that God had blessed them and that he felt that the church needed to make an offering to God in token of His goodness. Everybody was glad to give, and quite a sum was realized.

Religion is the main thing in missions. While the Spirit of God is moving in the churches, would it not be well to set the people immediately to work for missions? This summer thousands of meetings will be held in our churches, Christians will be quickened, sinners converted, prayers will be offered up, thanksgiving and praises will abound, the impulse to give self to Christ and to go to the lost will awake to newness of life. What better thing could be done than to preach on missions and take a collection at the close of such meetings? It ought not to throw a coldness on the meeting or hurt it in any way. but to uplift and help forward growing converts and struggling Christians to the Christ-like life.



TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Much has been said in the daily papers in reference to the troubles in China, which seem to be getting constantly more serious. At first starting with the "boxers," a band of men opposed to the foreigners and their innovations, the agitation has increased until now the whole world looks on and asks, What next? The Empress has been ostensibly opposed to the insurgents, but it is supposed by many that she is really in sympathy with them. The foreign powers have sent in their war ships with troops and declare their purpose to protect their citizens and their interests. From the accounts which have been received the greatest danger to our missionaries is in North China, though the

disaffection seems to be spreading rapidly as far south as Shanghai. We have received no direct news recently from our missionaries in reference to the troubles. There is a God who is near to them. Let us all call to Him and ask that He watch over and protect those who have gone to tell of His love to these poor benighted people. We verily believe all these troubles will only open up China as never before to the Gospel messengers. Let us trust God, wait in faith before Him, and be ready to press forward at His command.



CHINESE BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Our people have seen references to the opening of this excellent enterprise in Canton, China. Dr. R. H. Graves, our noble veteran missionary, is president of the Society, and Rev. R. E. Chambers, our bright and talented young missionary, is the corresponding secretary. The Society is now in operation. The purpose is to enlarge its power and influence by publishing tracts, a religious newspaper, the Bible, and other good literature to teach the people the precious truths of God. The native Chinese and the missionaries have subscribed liberally for this great work. But still several thousand dollars more are needed at once, so as to buy a lot and building and put in further machinery. The Board heartily approves of this Society and would be glad to receive gifts for its help. Several brethren have given \$100, others smaller amounts. Are there not many men and women in our bounds who will give \$10 or \$100, or even more and strengthen this enterprise which is to furnish the truth to so many of China's millions? This is a good investment. It will continue after you have gone. Send help now, as it is needed right away.



GOD'S DELIVERANCE.

The wonderful deliverance of the little band at Bom Jardim, Brazil, seems nothing short of God's deliverance of His people in ancient times, as recorded in Holy Writ. We gave a note from Brother Hamilton in our last Journal. The fanatical mob came by night to destroy the little church, and to kill men women and children. They approached in two bands. God put His hand over the little flock. They heard the approaching mob, put out the lights, closed the shutters. But God was there. He confused the two bands of the mob. They by mistake commenced to shoot and fight each other. Fifty persons were wounded, twenty or more of whom died. Not one in the little church was hurt. Surely the Lord knoweth how to deliver them that serve Him.

AN OBJECT LESSON IN SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Here is a church in Alabama which gives fresh illustration of an old but important idea, a church which organized its energies and has come to give to missions and all church work a plan. Brother W. W. Campbell, writing to the "Alabama Baptist" concerning his church at Roanoke, has this interesting comparison of the difference of working with and without system :

Now, as to the results of systematic giving: When we began, the church was having preaching only two Sundays in the month, and paying the pastor \$400 per year. When the end of the year came we owed the pastor about \$150, and it was a hard task to pay him.

We paid for missions just as a dentist would pull eye teeth. The pastor being the dentist, had to apply the forceps nearly every Sunday. He was faithful to his duty, but there always went up the same demonstrations of pain that go from the patient in the chair. The first year of our experiment the pastor was paid in advance, monthly, \$700 per annum, and we reduced our indebtedness from about \$1,000 to less than \$200. So easily was this done that when we called Bro. Risner his salary was fixed at \$1,200 per year. We have by this plan been enabled to pay him in advance on the first of each month, and have added to our sinking fund, since November 1st, out of the subscription to the pastor's salary, \$130.

It was only at the first of this year that we applied method to our missions, and during the past three months we have averaged about \$45, with no reminder of the dentist.

But you say that this work entails a heavy task on some one; and so it does, but have we not been most richly repaid? "Give, and it shall be given unto you again," was never more clearly demonstrated anywhere than with our people.

How richly the Lord has blessed us in our beloved pastor! Coming to us last November, he began preaching Christ and Him crucified with great force, and by his earnestness and deep humility of spirit he soon won the love of all. By the many souls that were being converted we were reminded of the New Testament churches when there were added unto them daily those that were saved, and we felt that surely the Lord had sent him to us.

**CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.**

The Co-operation Committee, composed of three members of each of our three Boards, met in Chattanooga, Tenn., May 29th. The committees appointed by the three Boards were as follows: Sunday-school Board, J. M. Frost, E. E. Folk, Lansing Burrows; Home Board, F. H. Kerfoot, I. T. Tichenor, W. W. Landrum; Foreign Board, Wm. Ellyson, C. H. Ryland, R. J. Willingham. The committee had a very harmonious meeting. They carefully considered the work before them and asked Dr. F. H. Kerfoot to continue to carry out the plans for the New Century Movement along the lines which the former committee had already been working until other arrangements shall be made. The committee will meet again August 1st.

NOTES.

A party who wishes no name given, has presented to the Board three thousand dollars on the annuity plan.

We are glad that so many brethren and sisters are writing for tracts, which we furnish free. Let others drop only a postal card and get a good supply.

Rev. Frank Marrs and wife, of Del Rio, Texas, have been assigned to work in Durango, Mexico. We will give short accounts of their lives in next Journal.

Rev. W. T. Derieux, D. D., pastor of Venable Street Church, Richmond, Va., has been elected to succeed Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, resigned, as a member of the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. R. W. Hooker had the happiness, May 31st, to be married to Miss Lilla Gertrude Nelson, of Carrollton, Miss. We wish the young people much happiness and long lives of usefulness.

A letter has been received from Rev. Peyton Stephens announcing that he and party had arrived in Japan. As they are on their way to North China let us pray especially for their safety.

Mrs. J. G. Chastain, of Morelia, Mexico, is still at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for her health. We hope this excellent sister can soon return to her noble husband, entirely restored to health and strength.

Rev. C. E. Smith and wife expect to sail from New York for Africa, August 18th, on the steamship Umbria. Bro. Smith is one of our best missionaries. He is anxious to have some new missionaries to carry back with him.

The sad news reaches us of the death at Shelbyville, Tenn., of little Duke, the son of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Crutcher. These dear people have had sorrow upon sorrow. May the Lord comfort and strengthen them.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, in her new book, "The Yangtze Valley and Beyond," candidly witnesses to the immense value of missionary labor. She pays a beautiful tribute to missionaries who, after coming into contact with the intolerable repulsiveness of Chinese life in the inland cities, after a period of rest and vacation, "come back, knowing what they come to." There lies the heroism, after the romance has faded and given place to the rude reality.

EXTRACTS FROM SOME OF THE LETTERS RECEIVED.

From a church in a "do-nothing condition":

I am sorry to report our do-nothing condition. We have 193 members. We gave nothing last year for missions. We have no Sunday school; no prayer-meetings; preaching once a month. Our pastor's name is ———. He is a recent member of our church, lives in our midst, and is a good man, full of energy. This is his first year as our pastor. He has the care of four churches. He is a very good preacher, but he hasn't urged the mission cause as yet. We believe in missions, but we need spurring to action. I have been thinking for five years that I would subscribe for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, but have not. I would be pleased to have a few sample copies of same to distribute in our church. I think it likely I can get a small club for the paper. Will also distribute such other tracts as you may see fit to send me.

From an earnest sister in Arkansas:

This husband of mine has a mighty missionary zeal, and I think our people are catching a good deal of it. We are hoping and praying to this end.

One of the brethren surprised and delighted us a few Sundays ago by getting up after the morning services and pledging a hundred dollars to missions. You know what that means here, where the whole church gave last year only \$17.90 to foreign missions.

From Miss Claudia White, our consecrated Canton missionary:

It seems as if I must express in some way my gratitude and appreciation of the exceeding great kindness that has been shown me since my return home. The climax was reached when I attended the Southern Baptist Convention. The memory of the sympathy and love for the workers in all fields will ever be an inspiration to me.

The substantial token of love from the women of the Woman's Missionary Union in providing a boat for the ladies of the Canton Mission, should be mentioned in deep gratitude.

From a young pastor:

I rejoice in the success of the Foreign Mission Board. I have had a part—though very small—in this great prosperity. I write this letter to tell you what happened at my last appointment with my church. This is only a poor country church, but has a spiritual membership. Last year the church only contributed \$8 for missions; a small amount was given to education, to orphanage, etc.—a total of about \$18. At the business meeting of the church a letter from you regarding the prosperity of the Board, the prospects for next year, etc., was read, and a subscription was started which reached \$28.75 by the close of the Sunday service. My treasurer said to me on Sunday before I left: "I am going to run that up to \$30." My service on that Sunday was the most spiritual I have ever had since I became pastor, one and a half years ago. This is only a country church, and has a poor, unworthy schoolboy pastor, but it means something. If it is of any encouragement to you in the midst of your many cares and labors, I am glad I have written it.

I do rejoice at the success our missionaries have been having in Brazil. I see a call in the *Journal* for another married man. Oh, how that strikes me! But

I have another year in the university. You will hear from me on this subject again.



A WORK OF GRACE IN ITALY.

Signor X. is one of the members of our Rome church, who has been connected with it almost from the beginning, and he has disappointed us in the pleasantest way; for he was so timid and cold in his manners, and had married into such a bigoted family that he did not seem to feel that his soul was his own, so that we scarcely dared to hope that he would remain true to his profession. But under all his cold timidity, there was a staunchness of character, and above all, he had in him the root of the matter. Instead of his drawing back, we observed an increasing assiduity in his attendance at the meetings, though each time he seemed either to leave his home by stealth or after a conflict. His money contribution was always ready. Once when, unexpectedly and for the first time, called on to pray in public, though dreadfully embarrassed, he did not refuse. I have already written of a gift of \$300 made to our mission after careful inquiry as to its needs. He was the giver, and declining all thanks, he said in his shy way, "Pray for the conversion of my wife and children." That was nearly two and a half years ago. I did pray for them daily for months, though, alas, with very weak faith, and then, alas, I ceased to do it.

About the beginning of last fall, we were surprised and delighted to see our brother enter the meeting accompanied by his daughter, an attractive girl of sixteen. From that time she came regularly both to the services of the church and to the Sunday school. She proved herself singularly intelligent, and her natural gifts had been well cultivated. Her manner was at once grave and affable, so that she soon won the esteem and affection of us all. No doubt she had been instructed by her father, a duty I had once urged upon him; it is certain that she seemed from the first to understand the way of salvation, and it was evident that the grace of God was taking possession of her heart. Well that it was, for in January, when many others were stricken with the influenza, she, too, fell a victim, and after sufferings patiently borne she died on the 25th of April. At first, she had hoped to recover that she might complete her studies in the commercial school, and then help her father in his business, but when the will of God became manifest, she accepted it with resignation. Nay, young in the faith as she was, her trust in the Saviour was firm, and she experienced much of the joy of salvation and greatly loved to speak of Divine things with the minister and other Christians who visited her. To her uncle in Piedmont, who had promised her a dowry, she sent a message asking him to give her a part of what he had meant for her, and this she sent with her love to the church and Sunday school. She begged her mother not to interfere any more with her father in his religion; she spoke affectionate, serious words to her sister, and gave a charge that neither priest nor monk should have part in her funeral. She died rejoicing that she would soon be with Christ.

Thus has another soul been snatched from the destroyer and gone up from Rome to be a jewel in the Redeemer's crown. We marvel, and find our fainting faith rebuked when we think of the difficulties overcome by the Providence, the Word, and the Spirit of God in the conversion of this young lady; and O it makes the heart ache to think that while she, against her mother and almost every other friend and relation, accepted the Saviour as soon as He was presented to

her, many dear young people in our homeland have been hearing the Gospel at a mother's knee, for years in the Sunday school, and from the pulpit, and yet remain indifferent and unbelieving.

GEO. B. TAYLOR.

Rome, Italy, May 16, 1900.



VALUABLE INFORMATION.

At the Ecumenical Conference, Dr. James S. Dennis presented a summary of the statistics of Foreign Missions throughout the world. The income for the last year from home and foreign sources was \$17,161,092. The ordained missionaries number 4,953. The unordained, who are not physicians, number 1,247. The married women, who are not physicians, 3,450; unmarried women not physicians, 3,119. The male physicians number 421; the female, 203. The whole number of foreign missionaries is 13,607. The ordained natives number 4,029; the unordained natives, preachers, teachers, Bible women and other helpers, 69,300. The total number of ordained and unordained native helpers is 73,613. The principal stations number 5,233; all other sub-stations, 25,586. The organized churches number 10,993; the communicants, 1,289,298. The additions last year were 83,895. The Sunday schools number 14,940; the membership of the Sunday schools, 764,684. The native contributions amounted to \$1,833,981. The total native Christian community numbers 4,327,283. The number of languages or dialects into which the Bible is translated, in whole or in part, is 421. The mission publishing houses and presses number 148; the pages issued each year, 364,904,399. The magazines and papers published number 366; their circulation is 297,435. The hospitals number 355; dispensaries, 753; in-patients, 93,705; total of individual patients, 2,579,651; total number of treatments, 6,647,840. Orphanages, foundling asylums, homes for infants, 213; inmates, 13,039. Leper hospitals, asylums and homes for the untainted children of lepers, 90; inmates, 5,166. Schools and homes for blind and deaf, 30; pupils, 500. Mission steamers, 67; training institutions in Christian lands, 87; native organizations for extension of knowledge and the furtherance of national, social, moral and religious reform, 54.



ONLY THE BEST WANTED FOR MISSIONARIES.

To-day in nearly every foreign mission field in the world a missionary is an educator, a creator of literature in various languages, a preacher of the Gospel, an evangelist, an organizer of a new society, the personal representative of the best Christian civilization and life, a director of native forces in every kind of Christian work, a foundation layer of future Christian institutions, and a multitude of other things besides. Missionaries are compelled to assume the position of leaders and directors; even when they do not appear so to do, they must be able to wisely shape the Christian thoughts of the people and lead them into right methods of work. In most fields they have as their associates, well-educated native men and women, some of whom have taken university courses in Europe and the United States. Colleges and theological seminaries have been planted, and are filled with native students, who are not one whit behind in ambition, mental acumen, and intellectual ability the students in American seminaries, colleges, and universities. The missionary must command the respect of such men and their native teachers so as to exercise the right influence and leadership over them in matters of education, religion, and in Christian work.—Missionary Review.

WORK IN JAPAN.

By J. W. McCollum.

Some notes of the present conditions in Japan, and especially in Kyushiu, may not be out of place.

FIRST, THE GOVERNMENT AND CHRISTIANITY.—Treaty revision brought all foreigners and their occupation directly under Japanese jurisdiction. Long before the date when by treaty right, Christianity must receive the same supervision and enjoy the same privileges as the other religions—Shinto and Buddhism—the Buddhists began a well-planned agitation to secure for Buddhism recognition as the State religion. This has failed. Yet the government (i. e., cabinet ministers) has not felt sufficiently strong to entirely disregard the demands of the Buddhists. Consequently some rather vexatious restrictions have interfered with the freedom hitherto enjoyed in the proclamation. Some of these restrictions have already been removed, and one by one the others will cease to be enforced; for the spirit of the nation is antagonistic to the mysteries which Buddhism seeks to enforce as the guiding principles of life. While there are some elements of uncertainty as to what course the government will adopt, we have little to fear. God reigneth.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE PEOPLE.—More or less bound by the traditions of the past, the people wait for those in authority to indicate what should be believed and what rejected. Hence while there are large numbers who, like Nicodemus, would secretly obey the Master, but few have the courage of their convictions. All our services are more sparsely attended than during the past years, and there is a tendency, plainly manifest, to avoid any stand that might militate against one's position in the world. Still there is a widespread conviction that all is not well, and men in every station in life are eager to apologize to the Christian worker for not believing the truth. Never since I have known anything of Japan has there been such general interest in

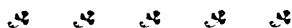
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as at the present time. The leading dailies of the capital devote much of their space to the discussion of the "Reformation of Society." The school teachers and leading men of the smaller towns and villages constantly echo the sentiment of the papers. The people as well as the publicists devote much thought to the betterment of society. While this doesn't mean that in the near future there is to be a great mass-movement towards Christianity, it does mean that there is great dissatisfaction with the present moral condition. It does mean a seeking for something better. Christianity is that something—unmeasurably better. Moral unrest on the part of the people is our opportunity. Christ came to give rest to the restless, to calm into quiet the disturbed soul. We shall reach the masses through the individual. Herein lies the great

INSPIRATION

in our work to-day. The few who were added unto the churches during 1899 became dynamos for the electrifying of others. If in ten years from a beginning with four missionaries we now have eight missionaries, six native preachers, and seventy-five native Christians as a force with which to face the problem of evangelizing Kyushiu's ten million of people, what may we not hope to see brought to pass during the next ten years? Whether I shall see it while on earth or no, the time is drawing nigh when the dawn of

the Sun of Righteousness will usher in a glorious day. From mountain top to mountain top, and re-echoed by the valleys, will ring the glad song of the angel choir, "Glory to God in the highest," because to Immanuel has been promised the nations as an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. O, Thou who reigneth! hasten the time when the earth shall know Thee and rejoice.



STATE OF MICHOACAN, MEXICO.

By J. G. Chastain.

The work on this field moves slowly, yet we try to exercise patience, and continue to sow the good seed, leaving the results with God. Perhaps the Lord has permitted the petty persecutions to come upon us recently to humble us and bring us to our knees. I suspect that we do not pray enough. In Morelia we hold four meetings a week—two at each preaching place on opposite sides of the city in the suburbs, and a mile apart. The missionary is giving a series of chalk lectures, which are interesting the regular congregation and attracting new hearers. The special theological class, three nights in the week for young workers, is progressing satisfactorily. When we are given a decent chapel near the centre of the city, we hope to see a great change in Morelia.

We recently visited Geraguaro, an Indian town thirty miles east of Morelia, where we found a congregation of liberals, three or four of whom seem to have accepted the Gospel. But there we encounter again the same old difficulty—a suitable hall cannot be rented in which to preach. Though the believers are as skittish as flushed partridges, they urged us to visit them regularly to "teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly." On the west side of us, some fifty miles away, is a larger town and a better opening. The congregation is well established, and they plead for a preacher to instruct them in holy things. Many other places might be mentioned.

The work among the Aztecs down in the torrid zone moves forward apace. I go down only once in the year, taking advantage of the coldest weather. By means of mail lines, I keep in regular correspondence with the three ordained preachers, not one of whom receives a cent of salary. Since I came up from there in January, they write me the most encouraging letters about the work. At Guayameo, some twenty-five persons have been baptized this year, and another new station has been opened with a good and growing congregation and regular preaching.

A constant effort is made to extend the circulation of the Bible. From Morelia one hundred packages of tracts are sent out through the mails quarterly. These go to members, believers, and liberals, who are scattered all over the State, and with the request to "please read and distribute." There is so much to be done, in so many ways and at so many places, that the small number of missionaries find themselves quite insufficient for the task before them; yet they are trying to "sow by all waters"—"here a little and there a little"—praying the Lord to bless His own appointed means to the salvation of souls.

It is an encouraging sign of the times to note that, among the older Baptist churches scattered over the Republic, there is a growing demand for the service of an evangelist. The writer is poorly equipped for that kind of work, yet, for lack of time, he has recently had to decline, at least for the present, several invitations to assist in protracted meetings. The work moves slowly, but it moves,

because the Divine hand is in it. We are hoping and praying for a mighty turning unto God among these people.

Morelia, May, 1900.



SEED THOUGHTS.

In the foremost rank of powers destined to change the face of the earth stands Christian missions. The successes already attained give some promise of results, the greatness of which we as yet but dimly perceive. The churches have fairly committed themselves to an undertaking from which they cannot desist till heathenism is extirpated.—Robert McKinsie.



Foreign missions are Christ's method of publishing God's redemption, and so of re-establishing God's authority over an apostate and revolting humanity. Without any uttered commands of Christ they would have claims upon us, for they are founded in right reason and in the best interests of our nature. But that uttered command has been added, and to-day I derive the authority for foreign missions from Christ's express direction, from His single word, "Go." His one injunction to the unbelieving world is "Come"—"Come unto Me." But His one injunction to all believing followers is "Go"—Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.—Augustus H. Strong.



The living God is an available power. We can call on Him in the name of Christ with assurance that if we call on Him in the spirit of prayer, these prayers will be answered. How important is faith!—a recognition of God's faithfulness. We are living in days of wonderful success. We may see far more wonderful things in days to come.—J. Hudson Taylor.



We give too little attention to the supreme service of power—the fitting with the Holy Ghost.—Taylor.



The missionary is undoubtedly the highest type of human excellence in the nineteenth century. He has the enterprise of the merchant without the narrow desire of gain; the dauntlessness of the soldier without the occasion for shedding blood; the zeal of the geographical explorer, but for higher motive than the advancement of human knowledge. The missionary is the salt of the earth.—Robert N. Curt.



China has lost all power of recuperation. She has exhausted all her moral resources. The ethics of her sages are a spent force; her nomenclature of morality are mere names without significance. She retains the words, such as benevolence, wisdom, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, truthfulness, and good faith; but they are clouds without water, carried about of winds; as fruit long since withered, twice dead, which nothing can revive.—Wm. Ashmore.



At present China is at the mercy of ambitious nations. Broken up for a time, she may be into a Russian sphere of influence and a French sphere of influence, but it will not continue; the Chinese will consolidate. "Blood is thicker than water." These troubles will diminish the provincial spirit, and multiply the national spirit. China at the present needs moral power, statesmen, scholars,

common people. Unless they get it, they are gone, and the missionary is the only man that can give it to them.—William Ashmore.



The Chinese are dying a million a month without God. Those only who have seen, know the darkness of a heathen deathbed. With what despair do they look forward to the judgment which they know is coming. They know they are sinners, but nothing of God's atonement, nothing of the forgiveness which He has provided.—J. H. Taylor.



We are living in prosperous times. The country was never so rich before. Many people are perplexed to know how to invest their money safely and profitably. Meanwhile the heathen world, like Lazarus, lies at their door. If those who have this world's goods shut up their compassion against their brothers in need, "How dwelleth the love of God in them?"



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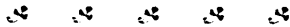
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RIDING IN SAIENTZ IN CHINA



CHINA.

First Impressions.

Canton, China, April 13, 1900.

Dear Brother,—There is nothing which can be said about the trip across the blue Pacific which hasn't already been said by others, so I'll only say the hand of the Lord was with us, guiding and keeping us safely all the way. Miss Dutton parted from us at Shanghai. It was breaking into a pleasantly assorted party to have her leave, but no doubt she was as anxious to reach her field as I was mine.

At Shanghai, as well as Nagasaki and Yokohama, we met the missionaries stationed there, and were delightfully entertained by them.

I felt that any description of the voyage would beggar the reality, so I pass that over to speak of those with whom I am associated in the mission. The readers of the Journal are acquainted with them all by name, but what a pleasure it is to meet and know them.

The Board is to be complimented on having such competent workers on the field. The Lord has been most graciously kind. I'm sure that if "Isam," an old family darkey who stopped piling brush and rode ten miles on a wagon to tell me, "I hurd you wus gwine clean out'en der wurd, en fore de Lord. I felt it my duty, as I said ter Rena last nigh't. I must go tell Miss Ann not ter go ober dare whar dey eats cats en rats en peoples too, en now I don stop piling bresh to come en tell yer not ter go; but if yer is sot on gwine I en Rena both gwine pray fer yer all dey time. I dun been praying fer yer eber since de Colonel died. Often when walking 'tween de plow handles I axes de Lord bless de Colonel's children"—if he could see and know my co-laborers as I have been permitted to do, that his mind would be at rest.

I haven't seen the people eating cats, but have seen the cats in cages being sold like chickens. Of course the lack

of knowledge prevents me from doing active work, but I am assisting the boarding school girls in their King's Daughters meeting on Sunday afternoon. Miss Greene acts as interpreter, but I am studying six hours daily, three with the teacher and three without, and hope within a few months to do my own interpreting.

I remain yours in Christ,

ANNIE J. KENNON.



Bro. Peyton Stephens, just before sailing, wrote:

The joy of meeting our dear missionary friends and co-laborers at Hwang-Hien and Tung Chow and Pingtu fills us with gratitude. The joy of meeting the native Christians is also very great. But as I wrote Dr. Jones, of Louisville, the prospect of being able to preach again to those who do not know our Saviour is greater than I can express. Some of the most successful business men, both in Kentucky and Missouri, have shown a very great interest in my work in China. They have said in no uncertain language that to do good for humanity is the noblest thing a man can do. "Life here," said one of them, "is only a preparation for the life beyond." Another said, it matters very little where one is buried so he has lived the proper life. Do all the good it is possible for you to do in China. Good-bye to you, to my friends everywhere. I am perfectly happy. I am at the post of duty. •

Yours in Christian love,

PEYTON STEPHENS.



Yang Chow, China, April 7, 1900.

We arrived in Chinkiang December 14, 1899. Bro. Lawton left for Canton about two weeks after our arrival, and I took charge of his work while he was away. That consisted mainly of preaching every Sunday morning and

night in the chapel, with prayer-meeting and service for outsiders during the week. Wife and I also secured a teacher and proceeded to study the language. I continued this work till January 17th, when I was taken sick with typhus fever. We had planned to move to Yang Chow on the departure of Mr. Pierce for America, but the fever discouraged our plans.

Mr. Pierce spent ten days waiting on me, and Mr. Lawton left Canton at once for Chinkiang. My wife dropped her studies to wait on me. We had a doctor from China Inland Mission, and I could not have received better medical help or nursing had I been at home. I was able to be up a little when Mr. Pierce left for home, February 23d. I have had a good recovery. During the last two weeks I have been able to read and write some, and have attended some meetings in Chinese, and spoken a few times. Yesterday I returned from a four days' trip in the country with Mr. Lawton. We travelled not less than twenty miles each day. Wife has been studying the language. Since our removal to Yang Chow, the first week in March, she has been holding the weekly meeting with the women, and helping in the Sunday school. We are very happy in our new home and work. The work is very promising in the region we have just visited. We are arranging to have once a month preaching out there. Bro. Lawton has kindly been acting pastor here in Yang Chow till I am able to take full charge. I see on every hand evidences of good work done by Bro. Pierce. The Chinese often speak of him, and seem to love him very much. He is practically the only foreigner who is known in the region we have just visited. We pray for God's blessing here in this region.

Fraternally,

W. E. CROCKER.

Work in Canton.

The New Year is over and the work of the year is about to begin. We have just finished our report for last year, and it will be forwarded as soon as full statistics are in from the distant stations. We had over 500 baptisms last year, but the exact figures are not yet attainable. The increase in the membership of our churches is more than forty per cent. Two new churches were organized, and others ought to be organized as soon as suitable pastors can be found. But our members are scattered over a wide extent of country, and many centers still have only a few believers. The Canton church has more than 500 members some sixty miles north; some one hundred to one hundred and fifty miles southwest, while others are a hundred miles north-west.

We have recently enjoyed a month's visit from Brother and Sister Lawton and little Mary, of Chinkiang. Bro. Lawton had a look at part of our country work, as well as at that in the city. A telegram announcing the sickness of Bro. Crocker called them home before their visit was completed. They carried with them one of our most promising young students. On conversing with him Bro. Lawton and I found that he speaks the Mandarin dialect almost as used in Chinkiang, and it is thought he can preach to the people there at once. He will be employed by the Home Mission Committee of the Association in Central China.

Miss Anna Hartwell, of North China, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lottie, spent some time in the South, hoping to recuperate without the necessity of going to America; but the physicians decided that it would be better for her to cross the ocean. She hoped to engage a young man in South China to assist Dr. Hartwell, but the man who had the qualifications desired is engaged in a very promising work, and did not feel that he ought to leave it.

It is pleasant to find the three missions in China able to help each other. Hitherto we have been so widely separated that there was but little intercourse between the missionaries, except through letters and the home papers, and there was no opportunity for the native Christians in the different missions to be helpful to each other. We hope this is the beginning of opportunities for mutual helpfulness. It is probable, also, that our work among the Hakkas will in a few years meet that of our brethren of the Missionary Union in the Swatow mission.

Perhaps in a few years we may have the pleasure of helping to train some of the young preachers from other missions. Already the members of our training class speak three different dialects. The average Chinaman soon learns to understand another dialect, though he may find it more difficult to learn to speak it. The text-books being in the universal book-language, they all understand at once.

The Lord is working in China. May the people in the churches at home move forward at His bidding!

G. W. GREENE.

Canton, China.

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BRAZIL.

Letter from Bro. Ginsburg.

Nova Friburgo, May 25, 1900.

Dear Brother,—A few words that may interest you and the thousands of lovers of Brazil that read your excellent "Journal":

First, a word about our health. Mrs. Ginsburg and the little ones are all fairly well. This is a fine, healthy city, and it has done Mrs. Ginsburg an immense amount of good. Mrs. Entz-minger, who is staying with us, has improved wonderfully. She looks strong and healthy and feels ready for work again.

Unfortunately, personally I have not felt well for some time now. I must

have caught some malaria in Macahe. I had to go to bed and call a doctor—a thing I had not done for I do not know how long. However, I am better now, and am improving rapidly.

Sunday, the 13th, we celebrated our second anniversary of the church in Macahe. We had a grand and glorious time. The previous day we had a bazaar in favor of a church building fund, and in spite of bad times and Catholic opposition, the ladies realized about 1,000 mil reis (\$250). That was much more than what we expected.

The Sunday services were divided into three parts. At 11 A. M. we had a consecration service. The hall, beautifully decorated, was full of believers. Brother Campos gave them an excellent sermon, and then we had a general dedication of ourselves, our bodies, and all to the Lord. At 3 P. M. we had an open-air service by the Atlantic shore, baptizing at that time two young men who had previously been accepted by the church. At 7 P. M. we had a public meeting. Never did I see in Macahe so many people who were ready to listen to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. What a change in two years! Praises be to the Lord forever and ever!

While here in Friburgo I have not idled away my time. Though only here one or two days in the month, I have managed to organize services, and am hoping good results. We have several Baptists living here, and it will be very convenient to have a work established, and perhaps make this a centre for future work. The Presbyterians have a work here, but there is room for us, and I mean to make use of my opportunities. To-morrow I am going to a neighboring city, where I hope to baptize some candidates. Perhaps by the middle of next month we will have a new church organized.

We must not overlook the seminary. We need it, and we need it urgently. Every day we realize more and more

the need of well-prepared young men to take up the new fields the Lord is opening up.

In conclusion, let me ask you again not to forget to give me means to employ three more native helpers and do a little more travelling. We hope to organize a new church in Pacienca. Calls to preach come from many places. One field that I had hoped taking up soon the Methodists stepped in and sprinkled thirty adults. The lack of helpers is embarrassing the progress of the cause. Please stand by me and help me to make this State of Rio de Janeiro a State for Christ and the Baptists.

God bless you! Love to the brethren.

Yours for Brazil,

SOLOMON L. GINSBURG.



Arrived in Brazil.

Para, Brazil, May 28, 1900.

Dear Brother,—Am glad to say that we arrived here six days ago, and while the steamer is preparing to go up to Manaos we are preaching. We baptized eight yesterday. The man who caused all the trouble here came from the Bahia church, but he is now separated, so he is out of the way. All will be for the glory of God. We leave for Manaos to-morrow. We have great hopes for the future. God bless you all.

Yours in Him,

E. A. NELSON.



First Experiences.

After a rough and long voyage, I arrived in Bahia Sunday morning, March 18th, and was welcomed by Bro. Taylor and his interesting children, who came out to the "Wordsworth" in a small boat; as it was near Sunday school time, I went directly to the little church, where I met a number of the

members. The school-room and church are connected with a beautiful court, filled in centre with trees and palms, in the midst of which is the Baptistry, in which Bro. Taylor has baptized over 300, I believe. I found Mrs. Taylor quite exhausted, and she was confined to her room for several days, but she is now able to attend to her many duties. She gave me a true Southern welcome, and has made me feel quite at home. It was an unexpected privilege to be able to board with them. "The Lord is good, His mercy endureth forever." He has led me in a wondrous way, step by step.

We came into Bahia just as the sun was rising over the green hills, making the most beautiful picture I have ever seen. I could but say with the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." My heart was filled with a song of praise and thanksgiving, but O the sin and sorrow, the vice and idolatry! How my heart goes out to this deluded people, and I long to be able to help lift the dark veil of heathenism that has fallen over this nation. Would that I had a thousand tongues to tell the "old, old story of Jesus and His love."

The day after my arrival I entered the school to study the situation, but did not begin my work in the kindergarten until the twenty-sixth, in which there are seventeen of the brightest children I ever taught; they are so responsive and affectionate. Of course my work is through an interpreter, which makes it much harder. However, I hope in a few months to be able to teach them in Portuguese, as Mrs. Taylor and Dr. Ottoni are kindly helping me with the language. My one prayer is that I may be faithful to the charge committed unto me; that I may so direct the minds of these little ones

that they may know and love Jesus as their Saviour; that I may be worthy of the vocation wherewith I have been called.

Bro. Entzminger met me at Pernambuco, where we remained a few hours. His wife, who has been ill, has recovered, and expects to return to his home soon.

I have been very much impressed with the zeal and earnestness with which the converted Roman Catholics preach the Gospel. Knowing the awful curse of Catholicism they are indefatigable in their efforts to show others the "straight and narrow way." There were three deacons ordained in our little church Sunday night, March 18th. They seem to be very spiritually-minded men.

Your sister in Christ,

ALYNE GOOLSBY.

Bahia, Brazil.



AFRICA.

Awyaw, Lagos, West Africa,
May 10, 1900.

Dear Bro,—On Monday, just before Convention week, I visited Ogbomoshaw. As you know, Bro. Dawes is at work there, and I found him with the work of three men on his hands. He was teaching in the classes, and using every spare hour in building what he terms a "hut" for himself. Then he had the school to superintend and the school-house to carry on to completion. With all this, he found time to enter into the care of the churches, to discipline delinquent members, to baptize converts, and to bury the dead. You would not be surprised if some of these things were left unattended to at times, for it is impossible for one man to do the work of three without the

aid of a machine, and I have not yet heard of an invention to relieve the heart and head and hands of a missionary. Yet, in the main, the work progresses and the outlook is good. As I told you last autumn, the old school roof was down, and the walls too weak to bear another, so we set to work upon the new building; the plan of which Bro. Smith had left with us. The \$100 granted by the Board was most acceptable, and we now have a light, airy, and fire-proof building, which evoked the approval of the governor of Lagos when he saw it last week. In a month we hope to have it fitted with desks, seats, and platform, and to open it for use. (See sketch.)

In connection with the opening of the new school, I have secured the services of Mr. B. Laniyi, from the Lagos school, who is a tried and faithful worker. Twelve years ago, when I came to Africa, he tells me, he was living with the Eubanks as a house boy. He went soon after to the Smiths, at Ogbomoshaw (his native place), and I may safely say was educated by them. He is now married and gone to settle at his old school. His wife is a Christian woman, and will be to him a helpmeet. We wish them much joy.

I put the boys in training through an informal examination, and found two of them doing well and two indifferently. I was not able to judge of the adult class, there having been considerable interruption of that work this year. The station needs the presence of its missionaries, and the sooner Bro. and Sister Smith can return the better will it be for every branch of the work.

Upon my arrival there I saw most of the members of both churches at the funeral of one of the women who had died suddenly that morning. I was in time to give a brief address to the crowded house of mourners. The

burial was in the house of the deceased, and the service held in the square court-yard.

My two days' visit just gave time enough to conduct all the necessary business and afforded opportunity to advise and comfort many of the friends.

At Oyo we are busy putting on the roof of my native helper's house. This is his own place, and I am giving him a helping hand.

We are all well in health, and unite in sending love to you brethren.

Yours faithfully, S. G. PINNOCK.

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From Our Native Pastor.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa,

March 19, 1900.

Dear Brother,—We are now at the first quarter of the year 1900, which makes the Yoruba Mission fifty years old. How fast the time flies! It caused my thoughts to dwell on the works and lives of dear old missionaries who had labored patiently day and night, putting their lives in their hands, in order to give the Gospel of peace to Yoruba people in Africa.

In spite of the opposition of the people, deadly climate, hard language, African fever, wars, and deaths, they pressed manfully on, in preaching to and teaching the people from house to house and from towns to cities, holding Christ and life before them.

In obedience to the command of their Lord and Master, "Go ye," they suffered severely of starvation, plunderings, imprisonment, cold, fever, wars, and death, that they might give the Word of Life to the people. They count not their lives dear unto them, that they may gain some souls for Jesus.

But, thanks be to God, their labor is not in vain in the Lord. Thousands on thousands have had the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached to them.

Your brother in Christ,

M. LADEJOSTONE.

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STUDY TOPICS.—*Book Publishing and Endowments. Home Department. Condition of South as to Sunday Schools. Bible Distribution.*

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SUBJECT: THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

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1. Hymn.—"How Firm a Foundation."

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1. Sunday-School Missionaries.—The sending of boxes to missionaries is a

great blessing, both in the homes of the missionaries, and also to those who send them. This part of our work has greatly increased, and we desire to see it go still further.

2. Continued Emphasis of the Home Department.—This is being tried both in the country and city churches, and is everywhere proving successful and opening a great field for usefulness.

3. Two Special Days With Two Collections.—The second Sunday in June is our Children's Day, and the collections are used for our Bible Fund, with which we send the Word of God into destitute places. The last Sunday in September is Missionary Day in the Sunday schools. Collections are taken and sent to the Sunday School Board and then forwarded to the Home and Foreign Boards. The W. M. U. prepares the programmes for these days and have contributed much to make them successful, both in raising money and in educating the children.

4. Annuity Fund and Book Endowment.—These represent two methods for permanent gifts to the Board. The Board receives annuity gifts and pays interest as annuity during the lifetime of the giver, thus insuring a good income while living, and leaving the money at death where great good will be accomplished. Book endowments consist each of five hundred dollars, with the Publishing Fund, bearing the name indicated by the giver, and to be used in the publication of books and tracts.

5. Increase of Circulation of Periodicals.—This, in many respects, is the most important part of our work, as it is the main source of our revenue, and makes possible the great things which the Board is accomplishing. During the year 1900 the Board greatly desires to have these periodicals put into every Sunday school in the South, as a kind of memorial for the year. Nearly all of the schools, numbering

something like nine thousand, use them now, but we want every school on our list. The W. M. U. can do much to bring this about. Education in missions is our aim. The Sunday-School Board is a mission board in every high and holy sense. More and more we desire to see it a missionary power.



Annual Address of the President.

Women in Christian Missions,—I have thought that it would not be amiss for me to address you to-day, and briefly, on the relation of women to the work of Christian missions, a theme which may well be studied afresh with each recurring period of religious activity, and every new disclosure of Providence and grace in connection with the noblest of all the enterprises on earth.

Next to salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the greatest blessing that God has conferred upon His people is the commission of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. To a much larger extent than we may be aware of, this commission has been the life of the Saviour's cause from the first. Without it, almost certainly our own denomination would long since have become extinct. No church has a scriptural right to exist apart from this commission, and, after all, the supreme business of Christian people in this present life is not the getting of food and raiment for the body, nor the prosecution of any secular end, however noble in itself, nor the erection of church buildings, nor even yet the regular and orderly worship of God in the sanctuary, but the taking up of the great commission of Christ and carrying it to the ends of the earth.

In a work so vastly extensive, touching so many springs of life, bringing into requisition so much of sympathy and love and grace, and requiring so

imperatively the co-operation of all available forces, there must be, as there truly is, a place, and a large and inviting place, for Christian women. In truth, such a work cannot reach its great success without them. Not unlikely there were women among the five hundred disciples who met their risen Master in Galilee at the time of His final instructions. Certain it is that the well-known Priscilla stood by the side of her faithful husband in kindly assistance to the great Apostle of the Gentiles, laying down her neck for him, and to whom not only Paul, but "all the churches of the Gentiles," gave thanks; while Phoebe, and Mary of Rome, and Tryphena and Tryphosa, and Julia and the sister of Nereus, all sustained helpful relations to missionaries and to missions. And the work is just as dependent to-day, for its largest and fullest success, upon the co-operation of Christian men and Christian women in its prosecution as it was in the days of the Apostles.

It is proper to think first of women as actually occupied in mission fields, and then more particularly, as it is of special concern to our Union, of women at home engaged in supporting the missionary cause. Is it to be supposed for once that the missionary work of Christian people in the various countries of the world could ever have been what it is to-day if Christian women had not joined hands with their brethren in Christ in the various mission fields? The judgment day alone will reveal the full results of their ministry of sympathy and love, and among the brightest of the crowns of light that God shall bestow upon the faithful will be those that He shall place upon the head of noble women who have labored as missionaries of the cross. The self-sacrifice, patient endurance, the arduous toiling, and the exalted sense of duty of some of these women have never been surpassed

among any people, in any land, in any age. The names of these women, which could easily be called, must ever remain an inspiration to all who love the Saviour and desire to see His salvation published to every perishing soul.

But what of us who stay at home and have in hand the great business of encouraging and supporting those who are in the field at work? Nothing is more apparent than that a practically new force for the cause of missions is fast coming to the front in the vast body of Christian women who are realizing as never before the claims of the Saviour's love upon them and the demands of the greatest of all commissions. It is said that Sir Humphrey Davy, when once asked what he considered the greatest discovery, replied: "Michael Farraday." And another, speaking of this, has taken occasion to say: "If it were asked of the Christian Church what has been her greatest discovery during the present century, it would not be wide of the truth if the reply should be, 'Woman.'" Dr. Dennis, who prepared the statistics for the great Ecumenical Conference in New York, reported that the Women's Societies are 120 in number, with an income of \$2,500,117, employing 2,251 missionaries, with 4,804 native helpers in 1,532 stations. These figures refer, of course, to the women's auxiliaries of all the evangelical denominations, and they show, with an eloquence that only figures can command, what an untold force Christian women have become in the cause of missions. We may well be proud of so much of this showing as belongs to the women of our denomination, and particularly of the Union which we represent. What could not our Baptist women of the South accomplish if they were all well organized and given over to systematic and persistent work in missionary lines!

Our Auxiliary comes to you to-day with the consciousness of having sought to do much within the period of the year just passed. We rejoice over the record of progress and prosperity. The gracious result is due, under the blessing of Almighty God, to the faithful women who have led our work in the various States and Territories. Surely for them there will be rich and abundant reward. In the language of Mrs. Montgomery, of Rochester, who represented our Baptist women at the Ecumenical Conference, we may say: "Institutions, like men, are immortal till their work is done; and the work of the Women's Foreign Mission Societies for the women of our homechurches is just beginning. Few have seen the world's wide multitudes sitting hungry in the desert and heard the Master say, 'They need not depart; give ye them to eat.' Few are responsive to any but the individual message of Christianity. A thousand organizations for the broidered work upon the fringes of the garment of life, and only one to weave the seamless robe of Jesus' 'Universal Kingdom.' Hardly more do the heathen need the Gospel of life than do we Christian women to rise to a higher, broader, diviner conception of the meaning of that Gospel. It is our missionary societies that may be the medium of opening our eyes to the glory and grandeur of redemption, to the meaning of history, to the unity of life. We need this enlarged conception of life to make us more faithful to present duties, more courageous in solving hard problems, stronger to do the right, and trust in God. If these missionary societies accomplish nothing more than to make Christianity mean more to us in the home churches they will be worth every cent they cost. And until all Christian women have learned that the cross of Christ is not to be sung about, nor wept

over, nor smothered in flowers, that He never commanded us to cling to that cross, but to carry it, the work of missionary circles will not be done, nor its warfare accomplished."

Let us thank God that He induced so many of our Southern women to organize for missionary work. Let us thank Him that He has led us so wonderfully thus far. Let us try to appreciate more sensibly and more largely than ever His great willingness to continue unto us His blessing. As we stand on the threshold of a new century, let us look out through the bright eyes of Christian hope into the prospect of enlarged operations and more brilliant successes. Let us enter into our work with a greater fear of God, with a warmer love for Christ, with a more desperate determination to do our whole duty. Let us look upon what we have been enabled to accomplish, whatever may be its amount or however it may surprise us, as only an earnest of the splendid harvest of grace that it shall be ours to reap in the future. MRS. C. A. STAKELY.



Report of Committee on Plan of Work.

This report embodied so many important suggestions to Central Committees and societies that it is reproduced in full. Especially knowing the need would the writer call attention to the *second* and *seventh* paragraph, as matters that she feels it her duty to emphasize. The italics are hers. ALICE ARMSTRONG.

We recommend—

1. That one-half hour at the opening of each session of the Union be devoted to prayer service, and no further devotional exercises be held until the close of the meeting.

2. That Societies be urged to send to their own State Central Committees instead of to our Corresponding Secretary

in Baltimore for all necessary information and literature.

3. That some plan be devised whereby each vice-president shall, if possible, be enabled to attend the annual meeting, if necessary her own State providing for her expenses.

4. As the vice-president is the connecting link between the State Central Committee and the W. M. U., we suggest that she be elected from the officers of the Central Committee.

5. That the Central Committee authorize delegates to use their own discretion in responding to appeals made for special objects at the annual meeting.

6. To facilitate the transaction of business delegates are urged to familiarize themselves with parliamentary practice, and your committee suggests the adoption of the Manual prepared by Mrs. Shattuck for use in women's meetings as governing this body.

7. *Appreciating the ever-increasing strain under which our Corresponding Secretary prosecutes her work, and desiring to give her an opportunity to rest, we recommend that all communications with the Executive Committee in Baltimore be suspended for the month of August, and Central Committees be instructed to secure all needed supplies for that month during July.*

8. That Central Committees see that a report of annual meetings W. M. U. and also of State annual meetings be furnished State papers, and in those reports items of importance in recommendations and methods of work be emphasized.

M. E. WRIGHT,
Georgia, Chairman.



Echoes from W. M. U. Meetings, Hot Springs.

Growth.—Decidedly the best year's work in the history of W. M. U., showing a total of \$83,266.73, advance of \$19,000 over the preceding year. Of this advance, \$9,000 were annuity gifts

to the three Boards, and \$10,000 in the regular lines of work. Such a stride has never been made in any previous year. Before organization, in May, 1888, the accredited gifts from Woman's Societies were \$17,000; in the twelfth year they have advanced to \$83,000. This gives a grand total of \$616,000, or an average of \$50,000 a year. Let us give thanks to a loving Heavenly Father, who has not withheld His blessing from our feeble efforts.

Expenses.—While there was an increase of \$19,000 in receipts, there was only an increase of \$200 in expenses, making the percentage of expense less than 3 cents. No salaries or travelling expenses have heretofore been accepted by the Corresponding Secretary, as she was unwilling for the work to be subjected to adverse criticism till years had proved its value. Now that its worth is well established and need experienced for travelling to secure greater efficiency to the cause, and after cordial endorsement by W. M. U. and the Secretaries of the Boards, expenses (not salary) of Corresponding Secretary W. M. U. will be paid by the Boards.

The Three Boards.—Increase of \$55,000 was the total gain for the year. The Foreign Board reported cash, \$140,000; the Home Board, \$80,000 cash and \$27,000 in box values. The Sunday School Board had \$5,000 more than previous year in receipt for publications, and they added \$11,000 to their permanent capital. Denominational interests have been aided. These results come through the sale of Sunday school periodicals best adapted to S. B. C. needs, because of their missionary character, they are now used by 80 per cent. of the Southern schools.

Committee on Co-operation.—The committee was appointed by a large vote at the Convention to devise means

to "elicit, combine, and direct" the energies of the great Baptist hosts at the South, that they might become missionary in deed as well as in name. With a record facing us of 10,000 churches practically anti-missionary, and only one-tenth of the membership giving to missions, there seemed evident need to do something different from what had already been done if there were to be a change. Dr. Kerfoot, as chairman of Centennial Committee, presented the matter to W. M. U., accompanied with a request from the Convention that Women's Societies should aid to secure the needed change. The invitation to help was enthusiastically accepted by W. M. U.

The committee met May 29th, at Chattanooga, composed of the three Secretaries of the Boards, Messrs. Wm. Ellyson and Chas. H. Ryland, of the Foreign Board; Drs. Tichenor and Landrum, of the Home Board; and Drs. Folk and Burrows, of the Sunday School Board. No plan of work was proposed, nor was a Secretary elected. Another meeting of the committee will be held in August. Till then W. M. U. must await instructions.

Recommendations for the New Year.—The Foreign Board asked an advance of \$5,000 over last year's gifts—in whole, \$35,000. The Home Board asks for \$25,000 in money, with no less interest in the box work, which means more than money to the frontier missionaries, as they have so often said. Two new lines were presented to W. M. U.: the Church Building Loan Fund and the Mountain Work—both cordially accepted. The Methodist Church builds at the rate of two churches a day, assisted by a fund now grown to a million dollars, which represents in its use and return and use again—the money is only loaned—a property worth \$12,000,000. This work has begun to appeal already to the women,

and the fund *has been started* by a lady from Maryland with a gift of \$1,000, and another from Kentucky of \$500, on the annuity plan. Another gift of \$2,000 follows, also donor's name and even place withheld. \$3,500 start the Church Building Loan Fund by W. M. U. Central Committees were urged to secure \$1,000 from each State, if possible.

Receptions.—A delightful reception was tendered the ladies at one of the smaller hotels, and each one was presented with a charming souvenir of Hot Springs, in the form of a picture of one of its famous spots. The frontier missionaries were received on Friday evening in the parlors of the Eastman hotel, where those receiving boxes and the ladies sending them could meet face to face and find mutual joy as givers and receivers. On Saturday evening the foreign missionaries were also gathered and welcomed home.

Collections.—Miss Claudia White, dressed in her black working dress, made Chinese fashion, which costume she wore daily in China, spoke to the ladies of her life on a mission boat as she went from village to village teaching the women and children. She told of the need for a boat for use of the women missionaries, and more than its cost—of \$250—was quickly subscribed. Then the running expenses for a year of \$150 were given—in all, \$413—for this most helpful work. On Sunday afternoon, after affording W.

M. U. great pleasure by a representation of Chinese worship, with many objects as used in China to assist the imagination, and dressed in the picturesque native costume of a Chinese lady, Miss White, at the earnest solicitation of Dr. Willingham, consented to go into the Convention and be presented to the delegates. Her youthful appearance and gentle womanliness made real to many the genuine quality of the service rendered to the heathen. She did not say a word, nor lead in song, as was reported, but only stood before the great congregation, without fear, but only joy in her heart, as she contrasted the tender sympathy and interest expressed universally with the jeers and insults of a Chinese mob that she had faced so far away. Governor Northern gently laid his hand on her head and commended her to God in the name of the Convention.

The Place.—By universal consent, Hot Springs was thought to be an ideal place, and the hotel arrangements of the public rooms were very commodious and comfortable.

The People.—A most pleasant impression was made upon all. The welcome extended was most cordial, and the preparations showed loving care. A development of the members of W. M. U. into wise, capable, ready, efficient workers and speakers is not one of the smallest benefits attendant upon the organization. A. A.



Each one of us is as much obligated as the missionaries themselves to do all in his power to advance the common cause of Christianity. We, equally with them, have embraced that Gospel of which the fundamental principle is, "None of us liveth to himself." And not only is every one bound to exert himself to the uttermost, the same obligation rests upon us so to direct our exertions that each of them may produce the greatest effect. Each one whom we have influenced may be induced to enlist that circle of which he is the centre, until a self-extending system of intense and reverential action shall embody into one invincible phalanx "the sacramental duty of God's elect." Awake, then, brethren, from your slumbers. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.—Francis Wayland.

Band Department.

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



MRS. MAYNARD'S KNITTING CLASS.

Mrs. Maynard, of Japan, writes that although she is the "special property" of the "Young South," which is the name of the mission children of Tennessee, she does not wish to be forgotten by the Sunbeams elsewhere. So keep her work in mind; she sends us this picture, with her love.



A CHINESE NEEDLE-CASE.



Once I sent home to some children in America a pin, such as you see this Chinese lady uses to do up her hair. They could not think what on earth it was used for unless, perhaps, it was a spoon. Another kind of hairpin that I sent reminded them of nothing but a nut-pick.

That part of a woman's hair which is so tightly bound with bright colored worsteds is a very convenient pin cushion, or would be if the Chinese used pins. But they don't. All the name they have for the common pins that we use so freely, is "a shut needle," and a safety pin is "a lock needle." But the back hair is the place where a Chinese woman sticks her needle when she is done sewing. There it stays from one hair-combing to the next, ever so many days later. As

she also wears her thimble day and night, no matter what she does, it is not uncommon to see even a good Christian sister come to church on Sunday with thimble on her finger and needles in her hair, as though she had just put down her sewing.

ANNA S. PRUITT.



THE ECUMENICAL MUSEUM.

Doubtless many of the Sunbeams have heard the grown-ups talking of the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York, and thought that a meeting with such a long name must be very stupid indeed. But although the big word stands for a big thing, it is one all can understand. Even a very little Band member will know that a *world-wide* conference—for that is the meaning of Ecumenical—would mean that people interested in missions had come together from all parts of the earth. This was just what happened. More than 600 missionaries from forty-eight mission lands and 2,800 delegates from mission boards and conventions who were sending them out, met in New York, and for ten days did nothing but talk about and pray for foreign missions.

It was enough to frighten forever that ugly old giant, called Discouragement, who sometimes meets missionary workers, just to look into Carnegie Hall during one of these great meetings. At one end, under an immense mission map of the world fifty feet long by twenty-five feet high, sat such statesmen as President McKinley, ex-President Harrison, Governor Roosevelt, Governor Northen, and such missionaries as Dr. Ashmore, Mr. Hudson Taylor, and many more, and then away back to the great doors and up to the very roof crowded four thousand eager listeners. No less than 163,000 is said to have been the attendance on all the meetings of those days.

If you are tempted to be discouraged when your meetings are small, think of this great host. You are one of the largest army on earth, and every soldier must be faithful in his place and believe in the victory of his General.

But the part of the Conference most popular with the children, and where they crowded every day after school hours, was the Missionary Museum. How I wish every mission Band might have gone through it, and how often I thought of you, wishing I might see it all for you.

Come with me now in thought, and let me point out one or two things of the many I saw, and perhaps if you like this peep I may invite you to go with me again by and by.

Let us pass through the Indian, Burman, and Siamese courts without stopping to even glance at the many interesting things which crowd them, for I wish to show you a heathen god with a history. The Bible says that the idols shall be thrown to the owls and bats, or forgotten as useless rubbish, and this idol was very nearly burnt as rubbish. Here it sits, looking very solemn and stupid, and this is its history: It used to be the god of the chair-bearers in China, and many were the worshippers who came to its temple. By and by the missionaries came to that town, and every chair-bearer who worshipped in that temple was converted. As they no longer had any use for the temple or the idol, they decided to burn them. They had gathered on the day appointed for the burning, and the fire was already kindled, when a missionary asked for the idol that he might send it back to America to show how some were turning from the worship of dead stones to the living God. But this was not by any means the only deserted idol there. The shelves of the different courts were fairly lined with them,

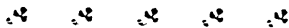
and though I do not know, I think there must have been a hundred or two of the useless, senseless things.

Another exhibit which I would like to show you is up in the book department. In this one case there are Bibles, in how many languages do you suppose? Ten? No, forty. Just think what that means. Forty nations may have the Bible in their hands and read this Word of God for themselves. These are some of the Bibles in the 400 languages into which the Scriptures have been translated, and which the Sunbeams are helping to send to the four corners of the earth.

No one ever thinks of missions without thinking of Paul, who was born in the city of Tarsus. Near this case of Bibles was another case reminding us of his town. There live there now people who speak twelve languages, and in this case was that precious verse, John 3: 16, written in these twelve languages.

Come now to the Japanese court, and I will show you something that interested me very much. It is an "edict board." Three hundred years ago Catholic missionaries went to Japan and made many converts. Soon, however, the people became very angry with them because they feared they meant to make them subjects of the Pope. The missionaries were killed or driven away, and many of the converts were beheaded. Then to make it quite sure, as they thought, that no other missionaries or Christians should ever enter their country, they placed at the cross-roads all over their country "edict boards," saying that if any one who worshipped the God of the Christians should dare to come into Japan, he should be beheaded. Year by year, as the old edict boards rolled down, new ones were put up. They were all over the country when our own Commodore Perry, in 1853, forced Japan to open her closed country to Christians. But the boards were not taken down for many years after this. This edict board in the museum was put up in 1868 by one governor and signed by another in 1872. This is what was written on it: "With regard to the Christian sect, the existing prohibition must be strictly observed. Evil sects are strictly prohibited." Signed by the governor, 1868. The new governor added: "The foregoing must be faithfully observed. 1872." Is it not wonderful that 40,000 of these people, who twenty-eight years ago were told that they would be beheaded if they believed in Christ should now be His loving followers? But our visit to the museum is quite long enough. We must leave it for the present.

F. E. S. H.



THE CHILDREN'S PART

Of the seventeen States and Territories reporting to the Southern Baptist Convention, only nine reported the amounts given by their Bands separately. Had they all reported, there would surely have been a much larger sum. See how Tennessee leads. Cannot Virginia or Alabama overtake her this year, and the others step up to take their places? Forward! Pass the word along the line.



Every Sunbeam ought to know and rejoice in the fact that last year our Foreign Mission Board sent out sixteen new missionaries, and our missionaries in foreign lands baptized 1,341 converts. This is the work they have been helping to do. Without their aid, it would not all have been done.

Of these new Christians, 597 are in China, 56 in Africa, 72 in Italy, 175 in Mexico, 10 in Japan, and 431 in Brazil.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From May 15 to June 15, 1900.

ALABAMA.—Hamilton Ch., by J. T. J., \$1.55; Orion Ch. (W. M. U.), \$6.25; Liberty Ch., by W. J. N., \$1.43; L. A. Brock, Zantley, \$15; Harmony Ch., by J. T. B., \$2.65; Unity Ch., by J. S. T., \$6.50; Friendship Ch., by J. S. T., \$2.85; G. D. O'Rear, by H. B., \$3; Union Ch., by T. B. F., \$1; Sunbeam Soc'y, Adams-St. Ch., by W. D. S. (little Bryan girl, Sunbeam Miss'y), \$15. Total this month, \$55.23.

Previously reported, \$159.79. Total this year, \$215.02.

ARKANSAS.—W. M. U. collection, Convention (boat for Miss White), \$33; Morrilton Ch., by B. N. B., \$10.25; Dardanelle Ass'n, Fourth District, by J. W. R., \$2.50; W. M. U. collection, Convention (boat for Miss White), 70 cents; W. M. U., Hope Ch., by Mrs. L. E. B., \$5; Mrs. L. E. Barton's S. S. class, \$1. Total this month, \$52.45.

Previously reported, \$100.52. Total this year, \$152.97.

FLORIDA.—Madison Ch., by J. L. W., \$2.10. Total this month, \$2.10. Total this year, \$2.10.

GEORGIA.—Atlanta College, by G. S. (J. C. Dawes), \$24; Mt. Tabor Ch., by E. S. S., \$2; Junior Union Soc'y, Southside Ch., Savannah, 70 cents; First Ch., Augusta, by Miss M. E. W. (Sears), \$109; W. H. Milton, Statesboro, \$5; Quitman Ch., by J. B. R., \$50; L. W. T., for Adrian Ch., \$8.33; Big Buckhead Ch., by C. M. C., \$3.20; Chinese S. S., First Ch., Atlanta, by A. J. A. (Canton Mission), \$10; Jackson Ch., by F. S. E. (Miss'y), \$29.83; Coal Mountain Ch., by J. J. B., \$2.35; S. Y. Jameson, Tr. (Med. Missions), \$3; Japan, Mrs. McCollum, \$2.41; Miss Wilcox, \$25; Italy, 90 cents; China Pub. Soc'y, \$5; China, \$5.62; Miss Parker, \$17; \$348.72; Salem Ch., by T. N. S., \$3.78; Vineville Ch., Macon, by F. D. L., \$5. Total this month, \$1,092.91.

Previously reported, \$185.03. Total this year, \$1,250.94.

KENTUCKY.—Oneida Ch., \$2.75; Pleasant Run Ch., \$2; W. M. S., Bowling Green (Miss'y), by Mrs. E. P., \$14.45; Miss'n class, Georgetown Col., by C. B. B., \$3; Miss'n A. Soc'y, Paris, by F. W. E., \$16.87; Soc'y for Miss'y Inquiry, S. B. T. S., by J. W. H. D., \$178.80; W. M. S., First Ch., Paducah, by Mrs. E. R., \$75; S. S., Falmouth, by O. B. G., \$7. Total this month, \$326.87.

Previously reported, \$94.49. Total this year, \$421.36.

LOUISIANA.—Amity Ch., by O. O. H., \$10; Hays Creek Ch., by T. J. G., \$4.93; William Cooksey, Shiloh, by E. Z. S. (China B. Pub. Soc'y), \$1; Ebenezer Ch., by H. C. P., \$3.95; Sunbeam Soc'y, Shreveport Ch., by Miss T. E. H. (Chinese girl with Miss Moon), \$15; J. C. Lanier, \$5. Total this month, \$29.33.

Previously reported, \$19.74. Total this year, \$59.67.

MARYLAND.—Forest Ch., by C. W., \$10; W. F. M. Soc'y, by Miss A. W. A. (girl in Mrs. Graves' school), \$15; Immanuel Ch., Baltimore, by J. F. F., \$37; Brantley S. S., Baltimore, by W. J. A., \$94.19; W. F. M. S., Hampden Ch., by J. J. W. (East Gate School, China), \$19.36; Franklin-Square Ch., Balti-

more, by F. E. W., \$125. Total this month, \$300.55.

Previously reported, \$11.79. Total this year, \$312.34.

MISSISSIPPI.—Immanuel Ch., by C. G. E. (Chinese Pub. House, \$20.95), \$23; Mount Gilead Ch., \$9; New Prospect Ch., \$6; Union Grove Ch., \$1.25; Clinton Ch., by G. W., \$2.50; Nannie McGee, Camp Creek, by L. R. B., \$1; Clear Creek Ch., by R. G. H., \$15; Concord Ch., by R. G. H., \$9; Bala Chitto Ch., by G. H. V., \$6.60; Mrs. E. F. Brown's sub., L. M. U., Lexington, by B. S. H. (boat for Miss White), \$5; Ladies' M. S., Shuqulak, by Mrs. M. C. E., \$10; Cypress Creek Ch., by N. S. H., \$3.93; Antioch Ch., by N. S. H., \$2.50; General Ass'n, by D. T. C. (J. G. Chastain), \$150; Joe Simmons, Kossuth, by E. Z. S. (China Pub. Soc'y), \$1; W. M. Underwood, Kossuth, by E. Z. S. (China Pub. Soc'y), \$1; D. V. Perkins, for Ch., Perkinson, \$5.15; A. V. Rowe, Sec'y, \$200; Concord Ch., by J. T. S., \$3.90; Bethlehem Ch., by J. T. S., \$3.35; Mount Carmel Ch., by J. T. S., \$3; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$1.80. Total this month, \$463.98.

Previously reported, \$43.50. Total this year, \$507.48.

MISSOURI.—Mount Herman Ch., by E. S. T., \$1; Tenmile Ch., by J. G., \$26.50; Jennie Lawson, Senath S. S. (boat for Miss White), \$5; J. P. Swanson, La Belle, 15 cents. Total this month, \$32.65.

Previously reported, \$22.64. Total this year, \$55.29.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Yates Ch., by W. C. C., \$1.03; W. M. S., Hope Mills Ch., by J. F., \$5; Caswell Ch., by J. L. W., \$1.30. Total this month, \$7.33.

Previously reported, \$214.84. Total this year, \$222.17.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—First Ch., Gaffney, by V. C. C., \$4; Camden Ch., by A. T. J., \$3.35; Lawtonville Ch., by J. T. M. (W. W. Lawton), \$20; Miss Lala Sublett, \$1; Trough Shoals S. S., by W. W. L., \$6.13; Abbeville Ch., by J. H. H., \$8; Dry Creek Ch., by J. H. W., \$17.56; Providence Ch., by H. M. (Crocker), \$2.80; Enoree Ch., by F. B. W., \$2.36; Lower Marion Union, by W. L. H., \$25.71; E. E. Hudson, Sardis, \$2.50; Elko Ch., by D. H., \$3.40; De Kalb Ch., by J. C. C., \$1.20; Swift Creek Ch., by J. C. C., 50 cents; Pine Pleasant Ch., by H. L. B., \$3; Sulphur Springs Ch., by W. P. S., \$5; W. M. S., Corinth Ch., by A. P., \$5.25; New Prospect Ch., by G. B. H., \$5.47; Union Ch., by J. H. M., \$14.47; Central Com., W. M. S., by Mrs. J. S., (Griffith Mem. chapel, \$36.90; Goucher W. M. S., B. River Ass'n (W. E. Crocker and wife), \$6; Christmas offer'g, \$2.57; China, \$2), \$100.49; Parksville S. S., by J. A. D., \$1.10; Ridge Spring Ch., by Mrs. S. P. C., \$2.50; Graham Ch., by J. M. N. W., \$4.75; Chestnut Ridge Ch., by C. H. R., \$12.92; Chestnut Ridge L. M. S., by C. H. R., \$4.17; Highland Home, by C. H. R., \$4.26; Highland Home L. M. S., by C. H. R., \$6.60; Warrior Ch., by C. H. R., \$10.78; Prospect Ch., by C. H. R., \$12.74; Harmony Ch., by C. H. R., \$1; Lanford Ch., by C. H. R., \$3.19; Princeton Ch., by C. H. R., \$1.85; Liberty Ch., by E. B. R., \$3.60; Westville Ch., by J. C. C., 65 cents; Mount Lebanon Ch., by W. E. G. H., \$2.82; Dry Creek

Ch., by J. H. W., \$2.80. Total this month, \$312.92.

Previously reported, \$717.53. Total this year, \$1,030.45.

TENNESSEE.—Pleasant Grove Ch., by C. B., \$5; Beulah Ch., by E. F. H., \$1.58; W. M. Woodcock, Tr. (Mrs. Maynard, \$50), \$63.22; Bethany Ch., by T. M. B., \$2.30; Roans Creek Ch., by J. H. M., \$2.20. Total this month, \$74.30.

Previously reported, \$30.88. Total this year, \$105.18.

TEXAS.—Dawson Sunbeams, by C. K. (Peyton Stephens), \$2; Bloomfield Ch., \$3; Rockport Ch., \$5; Fifth Sunday Meeting, Dallas Co. Ass'n, by D. Q. M., \$1.45; J. O. Langford, Cooper, 60 cents; First Ch., Georgetown, by M. T. G. (Mrs. J. E. Hamilton), \$9.50; Ida M. Bottoms, by G. W. B., \$100; G. W. Bottoms, \$150; Bedford Ch., by T. W. W., \$2.45; Mustang Ch., by E. D. M., \$1; Logan Valley Ch., by B. D. G., 75 cents; W. H. Satterwhite, Crockett, \$1; W. M. S., Kerens Ch., by M. J. (China Pub. Soc'y), \$11; A. W. Richardson, Dallas, by E. Z. S. (China Pub. Soc.), \$1; Hon. L. B. Davis, Cleburn, by E. Z. S.

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Previously reported, \$74.45. Total this year, \$1,485.55.

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Previously reported, \$15. Total this year, \$1,035.

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Previously reported, \$20. Total this year, \$25.

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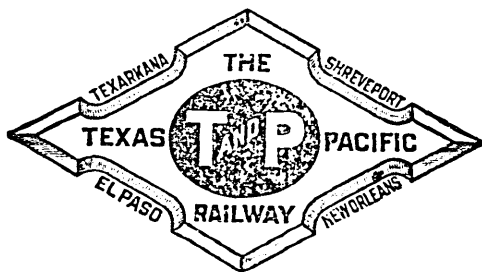
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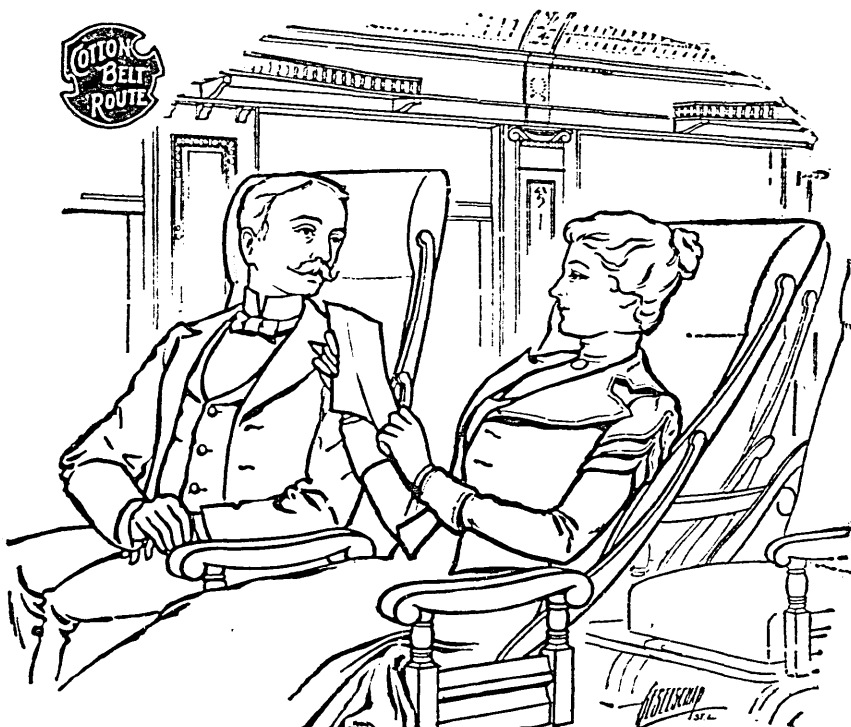
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