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## NOBLY STANDING.

We point with gratitude to the noble manner in which our Chinese missionaries have stood and conducted themselves through all the disturbances in that distressed and afflicted country. True, they had tried, experienced men, such as Drs. Hartwell and Graves, to counsel and advise them. Yet sometimes younger men are rash, and act unwisely even over the advice of the more experienced. But we feel that our people should know and rejoice with us in the noble bearing of these consecrated men and women who represent us, and in whom we feel so much joy. Last year we rejoiced as we saw them pressing forward, winning hundreds of new converts to Christ. This year we rejoice, as, in the midst of trials, difficulties, and hardships, they courageously stand at their posts and are ready just as soon as possible again to press forward. Dr. Hartwell, with other brethren in North China, have kept in constant communication with the native Christians. Brethren Bryan and Tatum have helped many in Central China. Lawton has even gone back to his loved people and work, though the Consul protested against it. Dr. Graves has grandly stood, a pillar of strength in South China. Dr. Simmons and his wife, who were in this country, were not satisfied to stay, but even returned to China. All honor to these noble men and women; we should thank God for their devotion and courage. Others whose names are not mentioned have stood equally as true also. Our home people should learn a new lesson of sacrifice for Christ's sake. Will they do so?



## THINK IT NOT STRANGE.

There are people who speak as if they expected foreign mission work to go on without any trials. They forget that the "blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church," and that it is only through tribulations we can enter into larger and better life. Writing to his beloved fellow-Christians, the Apostle Peter says: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." We are to expect difficulties, trials, temptations and persecutions in our mission work, and not to be discouraged when they assume alarming proportions. The devil is always a roaring lion seeking whom

he may devour, but he flies at the resistance of the Christian. He cannot stand the sword of the Spirit.

The church at Jerusalem had hardly begun its career of usefulness when a "great persecution arose," and this was so fierce that the believing Jews were hunted even to their places of refuge in other cities. Saul of Tarsus obtained letters that he might apprehend those of that way in Damascus. In after years Saul, now become Paul, was driven from Damascus, then from Jerusalem, then from Antioch, Derbe, and other cities. His whole life was one of ardent toils and fierce trials, but he pressed on, without one thought of failure. People to-day are in danger of forgetting his example and the exhortation that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom (Acts 14: 22). Missions in Carey's time encountered enormous obstacles, and yet overcame them. Judson and his companions were imprisoned and his work apparently broken and destroyed, yet he lived to see thousands turn to God. Missionaries were expelled from Madagascar for ten years, yet the word of God has prevailed mightily there.

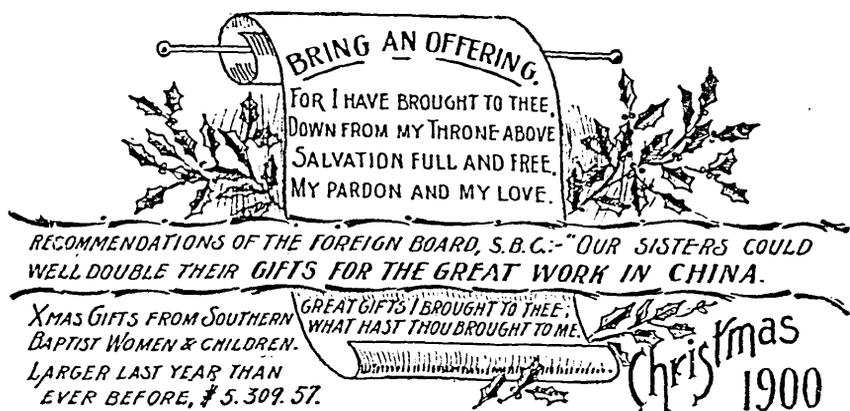
A brother tells of a church member who says we should not give the Gospel to the Chinese if they do not want it. What an idea! Did the thousands on the day of Pentecost ask for the Gospel? Did the people of Samaria and Judea cry for it? Was it not rather that the disciples went everywhere preaching the Word because Christ had commanded it and because they could not forbear to proclaim the glad tidings? Why the very first place in Asia Minor where Paul preached, Antioch in Pisidia, they ran him out of town with a mob at his heels. A few miles further on they stoned him and left him for dead. "The man of Macedonia" was not in fact any Macedonian who was crying for the Gospel. He was the Lord voicing the needs of the men of Macedonia. When Paul actually landed there some of the women received him gladly, but within forty-eight hours Paul and Silas were in the Philippi jail. The "carnal mind is enmity against God," as Paul and Silas found. They did not go into Europe because the Europeans invited them, but because the Europeans needed them, because they were burning with zeal for lost souls, because Christ had commanded them to go, and the Spirit assuredly led them thither.

So it is with our work in China. Christ has commanded us to go; the way has been opened, a beginning has been made. We are not to think it strange if the same trials are accomplished in us that befell Paul and Silas and Stephen and James, but to press forward in the work, not weary in well doing, but knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.



Now is the time to get up a club for the Foreign Mission Journal.

"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE."



AN APPEAL.

"If a man love Me, he will keep My words." Love in the hearts of Christ's followers has for nineteen centuries caused loyal endurance of suffering and sacrifice through obedience to His great commission. During the past year, the soil of China has been forever consecrated by the blood of God's saints. The missionaries are now earnestly praying that these disturbances may not shake the faith of those in the home land, as they are but emphasizing to the world the power of the Gospel, and the faithfulness even "unto death" of native Christians. One triumphantly writes: "The last year of the old century is also the last of old China. Out of this confusion, peace will surely come."

At the Christmastide, in answer to the plea of our Lord and Saviour, "What hast thou done for Me?" may each W. M. U. worker and Southern Baptist prove the strength of personal devotion by special liberal gifts for the enlargement of mission work in China.

"Let love for love our souls inflame,  
The perfect love that faileth never;  
And sweet hosannas to Christ's name,  
Through Heaven's vast dome will sound forever."

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

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AN APPEAL FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

For years past the Woman's Missionary Union has been crowning the closing year by taking up a Christmas offering for the advancement of our Master's kingdom in China. This is the greatest organized

Pagan country on earth. Slowly but surely the missionaries of the cross have been sowing the seeds which in the last few years have given indication of a glorious harvest. Just at this time all China is disturbed, and the Christian nations look on with anxious hearts to know what will be the outcome of all the commotion. Many people believe that the day is near at hand when China will be opened as never before to the messengers of the Lord Jesus. Our missionaries have stood nobly at their posts, or near by, ready to carry forward the work as opportunity presents itself. Noble men and women of Christ and native Christians have suffered, and many have died for the cause of the Master. It becomes us, who live in a Christian land, to catch new inspiration from the noble living and dying of these Chinese Christians, and to press forward with renewed vigor.

Our sisters desire to raise a larger offering this year than ever before for the advancement of the work in China, and they wish that every pastor would talk and pray on this subject, and urge Christian women to give. Let not only the women who belong to the missionary societies bring their offerings, but every one who loves the Lord Jesus. After all that has been written on China during the past year, let us now show that we are deeply interested by the liberal gifts which we bring.

R. J. WILLINGHAM,  
Corresponding Secretary.



#### WHERE LIFE COUNTS FOR MOST.

Two men were before the Board for examination with reference to their becoming missionaries. They were examined at different times, never saw one another or had any correspondence with one another. One was in the prime of youth, unmarried, well educated, and with fine prospects of success in the Gospel ministry in this country. Yet he desired to become a missionary to the heathen, and was happy upon his appointment. The other was older, though still young, with a noble wife and a loving family. He was a physician, in full and successful practice, yet he was willing to count all lost, that he might minister to the souls, as well as the bodies, of those who live and die in heathen darkness. Both were splendid men.

In answer to the question, "Why do you think of becoming a foreign missionary?" both gave the same answer—"Because I think that in the service of the Lord Jesus my life will count for most there." The answer is a striking one, and suggests the inquiry, ought not every Christian to ask the question, "When and in what service will my life count most for my Lord?"

There are noble young preachers, a host of teachers and physicians, who ought in good conscience to ask this question and settle it on bended knees before God. Our times are in His hand, and our inquiry should

be, How can our lives count for most in His service? Young physicians ambitiously looking into the future should consider the millions of suffering men and women who have no one to minister to them intelligently; teachers seeking a place here should consider how great are the opportunities in foreign lands, and preachers—what unparalleled opportunities to preach the everlasting Gospel, and to render a true account to God, in the giving of their lives to foreign mission service.



FINANCIAL.

Below are the receipts of the Board from each State from May 1st to November 15th. For items and indebtedness see last page.

Virginia .....	\$10,219 84	Mississippi .....	2,213 43
Georgia .....	7,520 97	Arkansas .....	719 34
Kentucky .....	4,785 82	Louisiana .....	563 08
South Carolina .....	4,418 50	District of Columbia .....	203 93
Alabama .....	3,226 07	Florida .....	121 98
Missouri .....	3,137 26	Indian Territory .....	70 15
Texas .....	2,847 67	Oklahoma .....	57 38
Tennessee .....	2,648 17	Other sources .....	19 00
Maryland .....	2,487 10		
North Carolina .....	2,310 53	Total .....	\$47,570 22



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These are very valuable and interesting books.

Sample Journals will be sent free to any one who will write for them.

**NOTES.**

Rev. W. W. Lawton, who left Chinkingang on account of the disturbances in China, writes that he is again at his post.

The many friends of Miss Willie Kelly are rejoicing to see her at home again in Alabama. She went to Shanghai, China, in 1894.

Miss B. R. Stenger and Miss M. B. Wilcox have resigned as workers of our Board in Brazil and returned to this country. The health of Miss Stenger has been bad for some time.

Mrs. W. W. Lawton writes from China, October 1st: "When the settlement does come we feel that mission work will be very important, and we are praying that we may all be ready for it."

Rev. R. E. Chambers and family arrived in Baltimore November 13th. He came earlier than he otherwise would have done had it not been for the disturbed condition of affairs in China.

A sister writes of a time when she felt the "full force of the imperative go." Reader, have you ever felt the full force of that command of our Lord? Get down on your knees and ask the Lord to enable you to feel its full force as an abiding conviction.

Rev. C. W. Pruitt was in Richmond, Va., October 30th, and met the Foreign Board. He is highly esteemed for his sterling worth. In 1881 he went to China as one of our missionaries, and has been very faithful. He has gone to his old home, in Northern Georgia, to rest and recuperate.

The Southern Presbyterians have received for foreign missions from April to October 1st of this year \$66,694.52. Last year their total receipts were over \$161,000. The Southern Methodists are stirring and succeeding in mission work as never before. A single Conference in Tennessee (the Holston) reports as already raised for missions \$17,000.

We are gratified at the growing love for the Journal. A sister writes: "We enjoy reading the Journal, and wish our friends to become interested in its newsy pages, as well as ourselves." Many others write in the same strain. Again we repeat: You are doing mission work when getting subscribers for the Journal. We ought to have a regular subscription list of 40,000, instead of 20,000.

Brother C. E. Smith and wife reached Lagos, Africa, on October 4th, three days less than two months from the time they left their Arkansas home. Our brother writes an interesting letter, from which we can make only the following brief extract: "We were on the African steamer from September 1st to October 4th. A great deal of time was spent discharging cargo at foreign ports. \* \* We are here now,

and we are glad to be here. So far as I have learned through letters received, our missionaries are all well. On Sunday, October 7th, the pastors of two of our churches prevailed on me to preach once for them. I had not used the language for over a year, and I did not know how I might get on with it, but I managed to get through two sermons."

THE NORTH CHINA MISSION.

This little picture gives a most inadequate idea of the size and plan of the home of Brother Pruitt, at Hwang-Hien, which is not only a residence, but contains a chapel, school-rooms, dormitories for boarding pupils, Sunday-school



BRO. PRUITT'S HOME.

rooms, sexton's room, and study, besides bed-rooms and open courts, after the style of Eastern houses, where there is a garden and a well of water. The property occupies a large part of a square. To this city—Hwang-Hien—Dr. T. W. Ayers is to go soon as a medical missionary. Below is a sketch of our North China Mission, prepared by Bro. C. W. Pruitt, who, with his family, is now on furlough in this country:

The latitude of the North China Mission is about the same as that of Richmond. The cold of winter is intensified

by the winds off the Pechili Gulf, and the heat of summer by southern winds and lack of forests. The climate is wonderfully dry for three-fourths of the year. It is about the most healthy of all Asiatic regions.

All the stations are located in the Shantung province, of which Chefoo is the principal port. The Boxers had their original home in this province, hence the disturbed state of our mission there.

Tung Chow is the oldest station of the mission, and was opened about 1860. This city is situated on the most northern point of the Shantung coast, at the entrance to the Gulf of Pechili, and has always been regarded an important city by the Chinese from a military point of view. It is distant fifty-five miles north-west from Chefoo. It is now a quiet old town of 100,000 people, who have learned from experience to appreciate the missionaries as true and lovable people.

Hwang-Hien is a city of about the same size as Tung Chow, and is located twenty miles to the southwest of the latter place. Hwang-Hien is sixty-six miles from Chefoo, and is six miles from the gulf coast. Hwang-Hien's population is composed chiefly of business men, who conduct successful business in many parts of the empire. The population has grown in friendliness in a remarkable way during the last few years. The country population around Hwang-Hien is very remarkable. In an area of thirty by twenty miles we have a population of half a million, comprised in the city and 800 villages. The one village of Pe Ma itself, where Bro. Stephens has done much work, contains a population of 10,000.

Pingtu is ninety-three miles southwest from Hwang-Hien, and is midway between the gulf coast, on the north, and the Yellow Sea coast on the south. In

size it differs little from the other cities, and is surrounded by a very flourishing agricultural population. Pingtu is only some ten miles from the new railroad now being built by the Germans from the sea to the capital.

In connection with these three stations there are now 452 Christians, more than half of whom are in Pingtu. Our association, held annually in November, is always enthusiastically attended and productive of great good. Other special meetings are attended very well.

There are no less than ten Christian schools in the bounds of our association. Of course, they are small for the most part—the largest being the boys' school in Hwang-Hien, of about forty pupils. These schools are largely self-supporting. Presumably, all have been compelled to stop temporarily on account of the Boxer uprising.

Pingtu is the only station with medical work. Tung Chow has a Presbyterian missionary doctor. There is a splendid opportunity for work of this kind, which has been so effective for good in all China.

Both Hwang-Hien and Pingtu are occupied by Southern Baptists only.



#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Our school year is drawing to a close. In six weeks more we will have closed the most prosperous year in the history of our school. I am told that there are yet many obstacles, and, as the reputation of the school spreads, the opposition increases. But many Catholics have publicly declared the superiority of our school to any here. We realize that education without evangelization would be more of a hindrance than a help to this people, and so we do try to make the way plain and to have the whole work so permeated with the light that not one can fail to see the difference in our lives and the lives of those by whom they are surrounded.—Alyne Goolsby, Bahia, Brazil, October 7, 1900.

We have seven candidates to baptize at Lerma Sunday, if I succeed in getting a permit from the governor. We have to baptize them in Lake Lerma.—R. P. Mahon, Toluca, Mexico, November 2d.

Brother Watkins has done a fine work in and around Torreon. It was mainly through his influence and labors that twenty-eight persons have within the last sixteen months been baptized in Durango, and ten others await baptism. Eighty-two have been baptized in the Zacatecas field within the last sixteen months; thirty-nine of these at Nives, where a work has sprung up and a church has been organized. At Guayameo a new chapel was dedicated last January, since which time thirty-two have been baptized and fifteen other candidates have been received. Brother Hooker went to Leon last January, but did not succeed in renting a preaching hall until a few days ago. We have had candidates awaiting baptism in Morelia for six months, but no place to baptize. Our work is greatly embarrassed and crippled for lack of mission buildings, but we "live in hope."—J. G. Chastain, October, 1900.

Rev. Manuel Zavaleta, who had been pastor in Toluca, first as a Presbyterian and recently as a Southern Methodist, was baptized by Brother Sloan in Mexico City last week. He is one of the most eloquent preachers in the republic, and in a ministry covering twenty-five years has been very successful. He is one, if not the most industrious Mexican I ever saw, and is a man of rare attainments.

He seems very happy, and says he feels now that he can preach the whole Bible without explaining away anything.—R. P. Mahon, Toluca, Mexico, November 2d.



REV. J. LEWIS SHUCK.

Mr. Shuck was the first Baptist missionary in China, and it was given him to lay the foundation of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in South and Central China. He was born in Alexandria, Va., September 4, 1812, and educated at Richmond College, then the Virginia Baptist Seminary. He early had intimations from the Spirit that he should give his life to Christ's work in foreign lands. The following incident occurred soon after his conversion: "A missionary meeting was held, and a collection taken. The boxes were returned,



and the contents counted—bank notes, silver, and even gold. 'There is a card. Who put it in?' 'A young man back in the congregation.' 'What is written on it?' 'MYSELF.' This was the young man's offering—himself. That young man was J. L. Shuck. He was set apart as a missionary in the First Baptist church of Richmond, Va., September 10, 1835, and on the 20th of the same month he sailed from Boston for China, where he labored with great success for many years, both at Canton and Shanghai. He died in 1863. The above cut is said to be a good likeness of this godly man.

## NOTES ON CHINA.

China is the oldest nation in existence. Her records go back as far as the call of Abraham. She saw the rise and fall of Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Israel, Greece, and Rome. When the Britons wore skins, the Chinese wore silks. A thousand years ago China was the most refined nation on the globe. But other nations have made progress while she has gone backward. The explanation of this is, *China has not had the Bible*. She has ethics, but her ethics are not rooted in religion. Ethics on paper cannot save from the power of sin; nor can ethics, even in practice, save from the guilt of sin. China needs Jesus.

China contains almost one-third of the people on the globe. She has 1,700 walled cities, and several with a population of 1,000,000. China has 300,000 temples and millions of idols, and it is said that she spends \$400,000,000 annually on her religions. There are three great religious systems—Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Taoism is the old religion; Buddhism was introduced from India; Confucianism is the professed religion of the educated classes. A Chinaman thinks nothing of professing all three of these religions at one time. The Chinese need the Gospel of Jesus. That is "China's only hope."

Robert Morrison was the first Protestant missionary to enter China. He reached Canton in 1807. Public preaching was prohibited by law. He undertook to translate the Scriptures and to prepare a Chinese-English dictionary. He died in 1834. The prospect was nearly as dark then as when he landed. The Nankin treaty provided that five cities should be opened. That was in 1842. The Tien-Tsin treaty was signed in 1860. The treaties say that no one who quietly professes and teaches the doctrines of Christianity shall be persecuted on account of his faith. China has in all about 2,700 missionaries. The first Baptist missionary in China was Rev. J. L. Shuck, who went out in 1835. We give elsewhere a sketch of his life. In 1845 there were only six Chinese Christians in the empire. To-day there are about 100,000 communicants, and it is said that there are at least 300,000 more who are convinced of the claims of the Gospel but have not yet embraced it. The number of communicants has almost doubled in the past five years. During the past thirty years the number of converts has doubled every six years. The same rate of increase would give China 60,000,000 Christians in the next half century.

Altogether there are 2,745 foreign missionaries in China, according to the *Missionary Herald*, or were, up to the beginning of the Boxer movement, and the greater part remain in or near China yet. Of these 1,699 are male, ordained and lay; 713 unmarried women; 183 physicians, men and women—a total, 1,223 male missionaries, 124 of these being physicians. Co-working with this force of foreign workers is an army of 5,206 native laborers, ordained and unordained. The total number of communicants was, before the recent massacre, 99,281, and adherents in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million. Keep these figures. They show what a noble beginning has been made for missions in China, which only date back to 1842, though Morrison and others had been translating the Scriptures before them. Baptists have a noble part in China. English Baptists work in Northern China, Peking being one of their stations. The A. B. M. U. in South China, and the S. B. Convention in North, Central, and Southern China.

Though none of our missionaries were shut up in Peking, the following ex-

tract from an address of the United States Minister Conger is interesting as showing the high esteem in which he holds missionaries and mission work: "I beg, in this hour of our deliverance, to express what I know to be the universal sentiment of the diplomatic corps, a sincere appreciation of and profound gratitude for the inestimable help which you and the native Christians under your charge have rendered towards our preservation. But for your intelligent and successful planning and the uncomplaining execution of the Chinese, I believe our salvation would have been impossible. \* \* \* I hope and believe that somehow, in God's unerring plan, your sacrifices and dangers will bear rich fruit in the material and spiritual welfare of the people to whom you have so nobly devoted your lives and work."

A missionary from China writes that we must not forget that it is not the *people at large* who wish to kill foreigners, but the evil elements, the many roughs who would rise and murder and loot their own people at any time except as restrained by the authorities. Such people are in all communities. Even in the wheat tares are found. The awful robberies and despoiling of the dead in Galveston are quite in point.

Continue to address me at Chefoo. I have no intention to leave here till I can go to Tung Chow. The missionaries who have come out from the siege in Peking confirm the statement that the government was guilty of their imprisonment there, and that it was imperial soldiers who bombarded them seven or eight days. I have not seen nor heard of one who has one word of palliation for the government. It is the Queen Dowager and her adherents who are guilty.—Dr. J. B. Hartwell, Chefoo, October 1, 1900.

Last week I asked our Consul-General for permission to return to Chinkiang for a week, or longer, according to the duration of the present apparent dead calm, and he replied by letter:

"I think it would be unwise and ill-advised for you, or any American, to go to their places in the interior until peace is fully settled and order restored. Should you go to Chinkiang, I would feel very sorry, and would have constant anxiety for your safety, and I hope you will not go. I regret that you are away from your work, but feel that a short period of inaction is better than to take any chances of jeopardizing the prospects of missionary work for the future.

"Very sincerely, "JOHN GOODNOW, C. G., U. S. A."

I accept Consul Goodnow's advice as good, and while still waiting, I am hard at work studying the Chinese language, thankful for so splendid an opportunity—the best I have had in China.—Julia K. Mackenzie, Shanghai, October 8, 1900.

Besides the 2,700 missionaries in China there are some 5,000 native preachers and workers.

The total number of higher educational institutions in China, under Protestant and Baptist auspices, is 281. There are twelve colleges and universities, sixty-six theological and training schools, 166 boarding schools, seminaries, and high schools, seven industrial and training schools, thirty medical and nursing schools, besides village schools and kindergartens. In all, about 40,000 pupils are under instruction.

The twenty-three publishing houses in China, conducted by missionaries, issue annually 2,640,000 volumes. But this great sum includes tract publication. Our own Chinese Baptist Publication Society represents the combined energies

of almost all Baptist missionaries in China. It is growing. The Board not only endorses it, but has helped it.

The Bible is translated and distributed into twenty-four distinct languages or dialects of the empire of China.

There are about 150 Protestant mission hospitals, and 270 medical dispensaries, where annually 1,700,000 patients are healed. Of course, there are orphanages also.

The total value of mission property in China is placed at about \$20,000,000. The Christians of the enlightened world have entered on a mission of conquest for Christ, from which they cannot fairly desist till heathenism is extirpated.

"Christianize China and you have conquered the Orient. They are as ubiquitous as the English. The sun never sets on the empire of Britain, nor does it ever set on a Chinaman. The key of the East lies in the hands of the Chinaman. I do not know what may become of China as an empire. It may break in pieces by its own weight. It may fall a political prey to the territorial greed of grasping neighbors. But I firmly believe that the Chinese people hold in their hands the destinies of the Orient."—Dr. N. E. Woods.



#### NEW MISSIONARIES.

On October 30, 1900, Dr. T. W. Ayers and wife were appointed by the Foreign Board for the work in North China. Dr. Ayers is a physician of eminent ability of Anniston, Ala. The women of Georgia have for some time past been raising funds for the support of a medical missionary who would be stationed at the same point with Rev. C. W. Pruitt, a native of Georgia, and who has worked in China for about twenty years. The Board is pleased in securing a man who seems to be so well suited for the work. It is a happy coincidence also that though now in Alabama, Dr. Ayers is a native of Georgia, and will thus be supported by the gifts of the sisters of his native State.

T. W. AYERS, M. D., of Anniston, Ala., has been appointed as a medical missionary to North China, and will be located at Hwang-Hien, a city with a population of 100,000, and in a county of only 600 square miles, in which there are half a million people.

Dr. Ayers is 41 years of age. He was born in Northeast Georgia, at what is now a station on the Southern railway known as Ayersville. His father moved to Carnesville, Ga., when the subject of this sketch was a child, and here he united with the Baptist church when he was fifteen years of age. He remained in Carnesville until 1879, when he moved to Hartwell, Ga., where the previous year he was married to Miss Minnie Skelton. He was ordained a deacon of the Hartwell church during the pastorate of Rev. Charles A. Stakely, D. D.

Dr. Ayers moved to Anniston, Ala., in 1883, and engaged in the drug business. In 1886 he graduated in medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, and then entered upon the practice of medicine in Anniston.

Dr. Ayers has been an active church worker since the day of his conversion. He is now superintendent of the Parker Memorial Sunday school, which is one of the largest and best organized Baptist schools in Alabama. He is also president of the State Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama. He is a member of the State Board of Missions of Alabama. He is editor of the Calhoun County

Baptist, a paper published largely in the interest of missions, and owned by the Calhoun Association.

Dr. Ayers for a number of years has taken an active part in things of interest to his city and State. For six years he was the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of his Congressional district, and made a fine record as an organizer and leader of men. He has frequently been called upon to take the stump in the interest of his party and in favor of local measures of interest to his city.

For several years Dr. Ayers has been an earnest advocate of better public highways in Alabama, and he called a Good Roads Convention in Anniston three years ago, which was attended by about five hundred delegates, among them being nearly all the prominent men of Alabama, and many from other States. At this convention he was elected president of the Good Roads Association, and



DR. T. W. AYERS.



MRS. T. W. AYERS.

his efforts have resulted in securing legislation which has wonderfully improved the public roads in the State.

Dr. Ayers has been impressed with a duty to engage in the foreign mission work for a number of years, and he states that the step which he has at last taken has cost him the greatest heart struggle of his life. He states that he has unreservedly consecrated his life to the Master, and he goes to China because he believes that he can make his life count for more there than at any other place in the world.

MRS. T. W. AYERS was born in Calhoun county, Ala., in 1861, within a few miles of her present residence. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Skelton, were residents of Hartwell, Ga., but when Dr. Skelton entered the Confederate army Mrs. Skelton came to Alabama to remain with her parents during the war, and it was at the home of her grandfather, who was a prominent citizen of his county, and who had the honor of representing his county in the General As-

sembly at the time it was an honor to go to the Legislature, that Mrs. Ayers was born.

After the close of the war between the States Mrs. Ayers' parents spent several years in Mississippi, and in 1876 went back to Hartwell, and placed their daughter, who was their only child, in school, where she remained until she was united in marriage to Dr. Ayers, in 1878.

When quite a young girl Mrs. Ayers united with the Baptist church, and since then has lived a consecrated Christian life.

For several years Mrs. Ayers has given her life largely to her home duties. Her life has been one of perfect devotion to her children, and the work which has been done in her home has challenged the admiration of all her friends. She is a woman of modest, sweet manners, and it can be truly said that she is loved by all who have had the pleasure of knowing her at all intimately.

Knowing the convictions of Dr. Ayers to give his life as a medical missionary, Mrs. Ayers has readily agreed to go to China and there do all in her power to make his work a great success for the Master.

Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor at Anniston, writes concerning Dr. and Mrs. Ayers as follows:

The Foreign Board has secured in Dr. Ayers one of the best all-round men, layman or preacher, I have ever known. I have been his pastor for nearly five years. He is a man of the highest culture and most refined feelings. His consecrated work in church and Sunday school has caused many to urge him to enter the ministry, but he has always felt that this was not his calling. He is my Sunday school superintendent, and no one will feel that it is any reflection on anybody else when I say he is the most successful Sunday school superintendent I have ever known.

He is a consistent and conscientious Christian worker. I have never heard one man hint that there was one inconsistency in his life. As a physician, he is up to date—a man in whom every one has the utmost confidence.

His wife is a woman thoroughly in sympathy with his work—a woman of culture. The family goes in the very best society in Anniston, and is free from the forms of amusement often indulged in by the people moving in the best social circle, and yet always hurtful to Christian influence. I do not believe the Board could have made a better selection in the whole South than they have made in Dr. Ayers. He is a born leader of men—is a great helper to his pastor in getting young people to work.

If he were not going to the foreign field I should rebel against his leaving Anniston. But I can only say what I said to him in speaking of the matter, "Go, and God be with you." We will hear from his work in China.



#### BOOK NOTICES.

**BRIGHT SIDE OF HUMANITY.**—This is an interesting book, beautifully illustrated, published by the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va. The author, Dr. Edward Leigh Pell, is a ripe scholar, and has produced a book which will give both pleasure and fine instruction. It looks on the "bright side."



Have you noticed the Journal lately? It is doing a good work for foreign missions. Help the cause by sending in a large club.

## Letters from Our Missionaries.

### CHINA.

#### Perseverance Amid Persecution.

Canton, October 1, 1900.

Dear Brother,—There has been an outbreak of persecution against Christianity in the neighborhood of Canton of late, but so far none of our chapels have suffered. Of course I do not refer to the chapels at Tsing Yuen a month ago, of which I suppose Bro. Chambers has written you. The Cantonese think it would be very unpatriotic not to show resentment at the capture of Peking, so the leaders have concocted several false edicts, saying that the foreigners are defeated, and among other things, that consuls and missionaries are to be all recalled, and Christianity forever forbidden in China. The hostility of the mob has shown itself at the point of least resistance, and rioters have attacked and looted the chapels and houses of the native Christians scattered through the country. When a Chinese mob gets a taste of looting it is like a tiger's taste of blood, the appetite is only whetted for more. The disturbance began in Shem Tak district, about thirty miles southwest of Canton. The sufferers are mostly Roman Catholics. A French gunboat lent courage to the authorities, and according to some reports, eighteen rioters have been beheaded, and the ancestral temples of two native villages have been confiscated or closed up. Next, the Christians at Shek Lang, some twenty miles east of Canton, on the East river, were attacked. Sixty Presbyterian refugees have come to Canton. Two Presbyterian chapels and the houses and shops of a number of their members have been destroyed and looted. The Roman Catholic chapel has been burnt, and the priest and some 100 followers besieged. We hear that troops have been sent to quell the

disturbance. It is said the indemnity claimed for the losses here will amount to over \$100,000.

In San Ooi, where we have work, to the south of Canton, chapels have also been attacked, but so far ours have escaped. We are thankful to say that all is quiet in Canton, where the authorities seem to be exerting themselves quite energetically to preserve order and denounce the false edicts and the rioters.

Our fall class closed last week. I was detained in Macao by fever for the first fortnight, and Dr. McCloy kindly took my place. I took charge of the class for the last fortnight. We had over twenty in daily attendance, which was better than I had hoped for under the present circumstances. I expect to begin the training class to-morrow with seven students.

R. H. GRAVES.

#### Back At Work.

Chinkiang, China, Sept. 28, 1900.

Dear Brother,—It is with pleasure that I make the third quarter's report from my station. Join with me in praising the Lord for this privilege.

Having been strongly urged by our United States Consul to leave this station on account of the many troubles all over China, we left for Shanghai July 24th. Mrs. Lawton and baby have been down there with our good Bro. and Sister Tatum and Joy ever since then. I have endeavored to keep Chinkiang as headquarters, but have taken two trips to Shanghai since taking Mrs. Lawton and baby down, and thus have been away, all told, about one month. I feel thankful, and I should be very humbly thankful, that the time away from the station has been comparatively so little.

For the last week some of the Chris-

tians and one or two inquirers have been coming around daily to study "Hebrews" with me. This class, though small, the average attendance being about eight, is an incentive and source of pleasure to me, and I very much hope it will prove a strengthening to those who attend.

Since no street chapel preaching or outdoor evangelistic work is being carried on at present, there is time afforded me for study of the language. This is always a fruitful source of entertainment as long as one can stand it.

The death of our new missionary, Mrs. Crocker, the youngest in our Central China Mission, came like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky. Here in China the clouds have been, and still are, black and threatening. For the last three months the horrible stories which reach us, almost daily, are too terrible to be repeated. The massacre of ten more missionaries in Shensi would not have surprised me so much as the words I saw written in red ink on the back of a friend's letter: "Mrs. Crocker is dead." Her life has touched other lives in China. We praise God for sending her among us. And now, since it is He who sent her who has taken her from us, what can we say but "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

Our hearts and prayers go out for the sorrowing husband and the bereaved father.

Your letter concerning our going home on furlough, written before the meeting of the Board, has reached me. So far we have had no reason to be sorry that no cablegram has been sent to us. We are praying that the Lord would make our way very plain. At present, we praise Him because He is doing so.

Our hope is in the living God. The foreign powers may or may not find it desirable to divide up China. Our hope is in the living God. May His

kingdom come and His will be done on earth—yes, even on this wicked earth—as also it is done in heaven.

Pray for China, her Christians, and her missionaries. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

W. W. LAWTON.

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Successful Though Hindered.

Canton, China, Sept. 25, 1900.

Dear Brother,—We are at the close of another quarter—as a whole, probably the most trying quarter we have endured in China. Many have been the cries, "Wolf, wolf! Run, run!" but we are still here, quietly going in and out among the Christians that are left, cheering and helping them to endure what can't be cured.

A number of the chapels in the country around Canton have been destroyed, and many Christian homes have been looted. During the quarter we have had fifty baptisms, all in the Hakah field, or Kwang Si province, except four. This makes a total for the nine months of this year of 125. ; so, amid storm and tempest, the still small voice of the Spirit works on.

We believe when this wave of persecution is over a great door will be open in China for the Baptists of the South to press on into the interior and occupy many places. May we be ready to enter in and reap a rich harvest from the years of sowing we have done.

Yours in the Master's service,

THOMAS McCLOY.

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A Splendid Letter.

Rifle Butts, Shanghai,

September 29, 1900.

Dear Brother,—At 5 o'clock this evening we saw Miss Kelly off by the tender, or steam launch, Samson, for the Empress of Japan, to America. You will have received Dr. Bryan's letter as to why she returned home at this time. When the time came for telling

her good-bye I had a great longing to go with her, but I had overcome that and resolved to settle down to hard study on the way out to Rifle Butts, and when I got home and found your letter here I entirely agreed with you that the better way is to wait the turn of events that we trust will give us the pleasure of going back to our work at Chinkiang. This is a splendid opportunity for study—the best I have had in China—and I shall improve it. Of course, when I am at work in Chinkiang I get the language from the people, but my time is so taken up with work that I have no time for study of books, and though I do not hope to be a great Chinese scholar, I can do more with the language than I have done, and this seems to be the time for study, and I think it is just what our Father would have me do. So don't be concerned about my going to the home land. The time here will not be lost, for the intended study will make me all the more capable of doing effective work when the much-to-be-desired peace is established. The crisis of China's malady has not yet passed, and the question how to secure peace is very difficult of solution. Time seems but to increase "the perplexity of the nations," and we cannot hope great things even from Germany's great field marshal, Count Von Waldersee, who recently held a brilliant review in Shanghai, and went North as the chosen commander-in-chief of the allied forces, but our expectations are from God, and we shall not be disappointed.

China north of the Yangtze river is swept as clean of mission work and missionaries as the most intensely anti-foreign Manchu prince could desire, and the purpose of the Manchu government is written in the blood of Chinese Christians and foreign missionaries, especially across the province of Shansi, by its red-handed

Governor, Yu Shien, but God knows and cares, and will avenge speedily, no matter what the allied powers may do. Your missionaries thank you that you "talk often with God" about us. I thank you for your cheering letter. All of us enjoyed it.

Dr. and Mrs. Crawford have been with us since the 13th instant, and we are getting great blessing from their companionship and learning useful lessons from their long and rich experience in work for the Chinese. They leave for America by the Goelic tomorrow.

The Brittons returned from Japan last Wednesday, and are to live with Miss Price and me.

Mrs. Tatum and Miss Price are well again, after a short sickness.

The sad death of our beloved Mrs. Crocker has given grief to us all. She was most lovable, and we loved her. The baby is doing well, and Miss Parker is staying in Japan to take care of her—at Fukuoka, with the McCollums. Mr. Crocker is visiting the Maynards, at Kokura.

Mr. Lawton is in Chinkiang, but our Consul-General is so disturbed about it and so thoroughly opposed to it that I hope he will come back soon, and be content to wait here until the crisis be over, and we can return to our work, without running the risk of causing further complication in this most complex of international problems.

Mrs. Lawton and our sweet Mary are with the Tatums.

I am confident our Father will make our dear Miss Kelly as great a blessing in the home land as she has been in China, and that you will not be sorry she has taken her furlough at the time when the least work could be done here. May our Father bless you and yours, and each one of our Board.

All send love.

Your missionary,  
JULIA K. MACKENZIE.

## BRAZIL.

## The Outlook Everywhere Good.

Caixa 572, Sao Paulo, Brazil,  
September 29, 1900.

Dear Brother,—A dozen lines must cover this, my quarterly report. The work is too pressing to admit of more time. Everything is on a very quiet "boom" in all our fields just now. Quite a goodly number have been baptized in Bello Horizonte, fine crowds attending upon the services always. The work in Campinas thrills us with expectation. On two nights this week we hardly had even standing room. (Bro. Bagby was with us.) We will have to organize there soon. Baptistery already built; two candidates waiting.

Santa Barbara has arranged for a week of meetings next week. Several candidates await baptism there.

Here in Sao Paulo we never have the blues. The waters are frequently disturbed by the going down into them by the preacher and new followers of Jesus. Three of our young men have just begun to addict themselves to the ministry of the Word in the labor of colporters. The outlook everywhere is good. Oh, how we need more men and more money! The field is vast and growing. How I do wish that Brother Bagby's visit home were over!

I have gone beyond my limit.

Yours in Him, J. J. TAYLOR.



From the Amazon Valley.

Rua dos Andrades, No. 48,  
Manaos, Brazil, Oct. 8, 1900.

Dear Brother,—Our work in Para has been severely tried, but God has been with us, so that some have been converted, and we have baptized ten there since our arrival. Some are now ready for baptism among them. An ex-Catholic priest asked for baptism, but as he has been a hard case and fallen out with the Bishop, I feared to baptize

him till he could give proofs of his sincerity. He seems, however, to be in earnest, so we hope to see him baptized soon.

We have hopes to see Antonio Marques, from Bahia, in Para soon, as it is too far and expensive to travel from here. He is well known, and will do good work there, I hope. Helped by the ex-priest and a good deacon, the church ought to go ahead.

Here in Manaos God is doing what He has done so often before—showing His power to save to the uttermost. If some of our home brethren who only give eight cents a year for missions, and others who say it does not pay, and others who, because of persecutions in China, quit giving their eight cents, and some who ride in fine carriages to a beautiful church and give nothing to missions (where would they have been if no one had given to missions in past ages?) had been with us on the 24th of September and seen how two hundred images to the value of \$300 (one costing \$125) went up in smoke. I myself poured coal oil on them to get them to burn fast. All of this the property of a young man, a maker of images, who had an income of a thousand dollars a year through the sale of them. He came to our meetings and found the Saviour, sold the business, but God wanted to show his power, and therefore the buyers failed to pay, and returned the "saints." The young man was then convinced that whether selling the business wholesale or at retail, it was still an accursed business; he therefore took the saints home and invited me to the feast. He is out of business, but there is no happier man in all Brazil than this young man of eighteen years of age. I baptized him, together with 7 others. This makes 13 in all in four months for Manaos, and ten for Para, or twenty-three since our arrival from the States on the 30th of September—one of them an old Ameri-

can lady sixty-six years of age; and last Friday, the 5th of October, we organized the Second Baptist church in the Amazon Valley, with twenty members. Many are seeking the Saviour, and we are now looking for a larger hall. We have good sales of Bibles in both the Portuguese and Spanish languages, and my work during the day is selling Bibles and at night preaching the Gospel. We have not had time to go into the woods and baptize our brethren there who have come twice to see us, but God will help us soon, we hope.

Oh that our brethren who have doubts on the inspiration of the Bible, together with all so-called higher critics, would take a vacation of ten years from their business, pulpits, and professorships, and try to preach to Catholics and heathen! They would have no more intellectual difficulties, but their intellect would be so enlightened by facts in real life that they would be "fit for the Master's use" in the seminaries, pulpits, and schools. God have mercy on all who, with Bible in hand, cast doubts on its authority and still "live by the Gospel." God help all who do not contribute to missions.

It has been very hot here the last month, but we manage to live one day at a time. God bless every one that cares for the souls of men, no matter where they live.

Pray for the Amazon Valley, the two churches under the equator, and the two Kansans who labor there.

Yours in the work,

E. A. NELSON.

## ITALY.

From Dr. Taylor—Encouragement.

Rome, Italy, Oct. 17, 1900.

Dear Brother,—We have had lately baptisms at several places. What, however, is of special interest is that twenty men and women have just been baptized in Messina, thus forming in that city a Baptist church. A sympathetic notice of the fact appeared in a daily newspaper to the effect that a large congregation witnessed with emotion the ceremony performed according to the commandment of Jesus Christ and the practice of the apostles—almost an utter novelty to the population. Signor Stagnitta, of Naples, called thither for the occasion, preached several times with good results.

In my visit to Messina last spring I was very favorably impressed with the material destined to form this church, and with the young minister, who also evangelized in several neighboring villages. Accordingly, when the urgent request came for a public hall, instead of the small upper room where they were meeting, I could not refuse, especially as they undertook to pay the rent for five months until the new year, and the incidental expenses. I have now good hopes of this new Baptist church that God in a truly remarkable way has given us, and rejoicing thereat in the midst of many anxieties, I thank Him and take courage.

We are anticipating with much pleasure the arrival of Brother and Sister Anderson.

GEORGE B. TAYLOR.



Read this number of the Journal very carefully, then give or send it to a friend or neighbor, and start to work getting up a club. You will thus help the cause greatly and have joy in your own heart from being a co-worker in worldwide evangelization. The Journal is self-supporting, and occasionally has a small surplus for missions. With our subscription list doubled, we could make it better.

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## MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR DECEMBER, 1900,

### CHINA.

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region of darkness, light is springing up." Missionaries, 47; native assistants, 55; churches, 23; out-stations, 36; membership, 2,299; baptisms, 596; day schools, 34; scholars, 940; Sunday school scholars, 375; contributions, \$2,107.74.

STUDY TOPICS.—*Dangers, especially from the "Boxers."* Chinese Publication Society. *Need for unmarried men. Our new missionaries. Our veterans in Southern, Central, and Northern China.*

### PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1900.

"Though God's hand is sometimes hidden, it is somewhere working still."

1. Short, earnest prayer for special blessing on the meeting.
2. Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."
3. Bible Reading—"Go forward" at God's command in His strength. Matt. 28: 19, 20; Isa. 45: 2; Isa. 43: 2; II. Cor. 12: 9-10; Psal. 121: 1, 2; Isa. 35: 1; Josh. 23: 10; II. Cor. 2: 14; Heb. 13: 20-21.
4. "A Remarkable Answer to Prayer"—June Foreign Mission Journal.

5. Reports of News Gatherers—Previous to the meeting these should be asked to bring latest news from China, found in daily papers, magazines, or elsewhere. December number of Our Home Field contains interesting facts.

6. Stimulating Thoughts—God lives and rules. Out of present troubles He will bring greater good. The blood of the martyrs has ever been the seed of the church. An opportunity is a claim. China is the golden opportunity.

7. Chain of Prayer—For the advancement of Christ's cause in China; for more personal devotion.

8. Leaflet—"S. B. C. Missions in China," by George Cooper, D. D.

9. Regular business of the Society.

10. Direct attention to "Week of Prayer" and "Christmas Offering." Amount reported last year, \$5,309. Send for literature and labor for larger results.

11. Hymn—"To the Work, To the Work." Closing prayer for the missionaries who labor in China.



### MONTHLY MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

FOR PASTORS AND PEOPLE; FOR LEADERS AND LED.—Dr. George Cooper has contributed the leaflet for the monthly topic, with its title, "Southern Baptist Convention Missions in China." (Price, 2 cents. Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 north Howard street, Baltimore.) Its opening paragraphs present a terse summary of the present situation:

"China is the strongest Pagan nation in the world. The Empire has existed since the days of David, King of Israel; great in law, great in institutions. More than one-fourth of all the sin, sorrow, heartaches, and hopeless despair borne by the human race to-day is borne by China's millions.

"Ever since Japan pricked the bubble of her supposed greatness, captured her fortresses, scattered her navy, put upon her the heavy burden of an indemnity of two hundred millions of dollars, she has been an interesting study to statesman, capitalist, philanthropist, and missionary. The blow of defeat has fallen heavily on the prestige of the educated classes. Confucianism has been proved to be utterly unable to lift up society, purify political administration, infuse honesty and veracity, and inspire confidence between man and man. Confucian ethics are worn out. Honeycombed by secret societies that are aiming at the overthrow of the corrupt Manchu dynasty and fostered by the Empress herself, who is thirsting for the blood of the foreigner and the extirpation of the Christian Church, China is morally weak to-day. God has smitten her. She yet reels under the blow. Backward to her old exclusiveness she cannot go. Forward she must go. The greatest ingathering the church has ever had will be from China's millions. There are signs of it. Mighty successes are on the way. The people had been taught to despise western ideas altogether. Now they are asking whether they had not misunderstood western religion. The providence of God is preparing the way for the Spirit of God. The tempest and the earthquake are the precursors of the still small voice. There will be a new China. Give her time. To-day she is the greatest mission field of all the world. The influence and example of 100,000 Christians, besides the foreign missionaries, Christian schools, medical work, and circulation of the Scriptures, of Christian literature, will bring in the new China. Let us be patient. Now is the opportunity for the regeneration forces to fix themselves permanently in the Empire's life."

## CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Boats are drawn by horses; carriages move by sails.

Old women, instead of the young, are the idols of society.

Old men play ball and fly kites, while children fold their arms and look on.

The highest ambition of a Chinaman is to have a nice coffin and a fine funeral.

When a Chinaman expects a present and it does not come, he sends one of lesser value.

Men wear long petticoats and carry fans, while the women wear short jackets and carry canes.

A previous acquaintance between the male and female prevents them from marriage. For this reason a man seldom weds a girl of his town.

Love-making is only done three days before marriage. It is not only considered the safest way to get ahead of a rival, but the surest way to get a wife without losing much time.

To encourage honesty and sincerity, confidential clerks and salesmen in all branches of industry receive an annual net percentage of the firm's business, besides their regular salary.

When a Chinaman meets another he shakes and squeezes his own hands and covers his head. If great friends had not seen each other for a long time they would rub shoulders until they get tired.

When a Chinaman desires a visitor to dine with him he does not ask him to do so, but when he does not wish him to stay he puts the question: "Won't you stay and dine with me, please?" The visitor will then know he is not wanted.

A rich man's servant gets no salary, yet many are the applicants; while big salaries are paid to the servants of the common people, but few make application. The perquisites of the former often more than triple the salaries of the latter.

If a Chinaman desires the death of an enemy he goes and hangs himself upon that enemy's door. It is considered a sure way to kill, not only that particular enemy, but members of his entire family will be in jeopardy of losing their lives.

In China one can always borrow money on the strength of having a son, but nobody would advance him a cent if he had a dozen daughters. The former is responsible for the debt of his father for three generations. The latter is only responsible for the debts of her own husband.



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

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOCIETIES.				CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BANDS.			
States.	Home.	Foreign.	S. S. Bd.	States.	Home.	Foreign.	S. S. Bd.
Alabama	\$ 314 15	\$ 212 67	\$214 81	Alabama	\$12 69	\$187 67	\$26 66
Dist of Columbia	195 00	25 00	3 00	Florida	10 02	3 25	
Florida	148 68	39 19	1 30	Kentucky	4 76	4 81	
Georgia	13 86	700 01	4 56	Louisiana	7 26	5 26	1 76
Kentucky	331 50	283 05	208 65	Maryland	54 51	40 49	20 00
Louisiana	98 77	69 55		Mississippi	22 60	10 36	
Maryland	286 69	383 83		South Carolina	19 10	89 07	14 28
Mississippi	639 55	71 50	1 55	Tennessee	34 87	30 58	43 35
North Carolina	287 31	427 91		Virginia	53 98	118 73	
South Carolina	110 93	586 03	\$				
Tennessee	232 51	1,328 85	406 15				
Virginia	1,007 14	867 49	156 50				

Mrs. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer.

BOXES TO FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

From the following Woman's Missionary Union Societies boxes of supplies, vaunted as below, have been reported as sent to home missionaries since October 10th:

GEORGIA.—First Ch., Macon, \$168.45.

KENTUCKY.—Greenville, \$40; First Ch., Owensboro, \$100; Shelbyville, \$75; Walnut-Street Ch., Owensboro, \$45; Woman's Missionary Union of North Bend and Campbell County Association, \$50; Third Ch., Owensboro, \$130; David's Fork, \$71.

LOUISIANA.—First Ch., Baton Rouge, \$65; "Sunbeams," Colosseum Place, New Orleans, \$3; Keachie, \$28.77; Hazlewood and Kingston Chs., Grand Cane Association, \$9.50.

MARYLAND.—Fourth Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$10; Fuller Memorial Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$1.65; "Willing Workers," Fourth Ch., Baltimore (contribution to German work), \$1.50.

MISSISSIPPI.—Starkville, \$70; Coplak Association, \$207; Columbus, \$85.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Kinston, \$46.50; Washington, \$17; High Point, \$38.50; Buckhorn, \$80; Goldsboro, \$58; Launenburg, \$33.70; Spring Hill, \$20.60; Maxton, \$8; Children's Society, Launenburg, \$3; First Ch., Raleigh, \$75.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Union No. 1, Saluda

Association, \$133; First Ch., Newberry, \$75; Chester, \$103.70; Greenwood, \$70.

VIRGINIA.—Bethlehem, Middle District Association, \$31.75; Catawba Ch., Dan River Association, \$61.43; Staunton, \$42.75; Waverly, Portsmouth Association, \$47.49; "Sunbeams," Waverly, Portsmouth Association, \$5; Cabell-Street Ch., Lynchburg, \$90; Mt. Madison, Lynchburg, \$24.67; Goshen Bridge, Augusta Association, \$72.70; Keysville, Appomattox Association, \$18.60.

TOTAL—\$2,321.44. Previously reported, \$1,742.43.

GRAND TOTAL—\$4,063.87.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.

GEORGIA.—Thomson, \$36; Social Circle, \$56.50; Marietta, \$56.

KENTUCKY.—Lebanon Junction, \$65.35; Gordonsville, \$20.

MISSISSIPPI.—Hattiesburg, \$125.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Cary, \$28.

TENNESSEE.—First Ch., Chattanooga, \$132.

VIRGINIA.—Fredericksburg, Goshen Association, \$160; Laurel Hill Ch., Augusta Association, \$45.50.

TOTAL—\$724.75. Previously reported, \$475.39.

GRAND TOTAL—\$1,200.14.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.



RELIGIONS OF CHINA.

Now, as to the religious systems of China, they may be classed in the order of their present importance according to the first four letters of the alphabet: A, Ancestral worship; B, Buddhism; C, Confucianism; D, Daoism (usually spelt Taoism, but the D is much nearer the sound of the Chinese initial).

Do not let it be supposed that one man believes in ancestral worship alone, and another man in Buddhism, and so on. They are elements in every man's belief. We have to mix up the four elements—the earth, the air, the fire, and the water—and then we have the warm mud in which Chinese faith is sweltering and floundering.

Ancestral worship, of course, implies that ancestors live after death. Confucianism is almost Sadducean. The Buddhist paradise is redolent of lotus perfume; it contains lotus flowers as big as cart wheels. The Daoist paradise is ornamented by red-bearded dragons writhing round columns.

A says parents live after death. C says they do not. B says they live in the West. D says they live exactly overhead. How can a man follow all and have all these things in his head at the same time?—Rev. W. A. Cornaby.



Though it is thousands of miles from China, yet it takes only four weeks to go from Canton to Richmond, Va.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES.

November 13, 1900.—Letters and manuscripts during month, \$59. The number is less than usual on account of the trips to Virginia by the Secretary.—*Frontier boxes*, 37; value, \$2,321; total to date, \$4,063. To S. S. missionaries, 10 boxes; value, \$724; total value, \$1,200. Requests for missionaries' names are coming in from Societies, and all in hand assigned; other names will be sent by the Board. The needs of Cuban missionaries have been urged upon the committee. Many and almost insurmountable difficulties seem to be in the way, chiefly of transportation and cost. After much correspondence with the Home Board Office, it was decided to give the names of Cubans only to Georgia Societies, who can be in closer touch with Atlanta, receiving instructions and help from the Home Office.—*Value of Boxes*.—In some quarters it has been urged that the value of boxes is too great. It were difficult to make them so, in the opinion of one who has been in the homes of the missionaries and has seen the dire need of the barest necessities which prevails almost everywhere. Fifty dollars' worth of goods, while a most acceptable present, would scarcely supply a family's wants where salaries are most meagre. The value of the box has no connection whatever with the salary, and is entirely apart from it; the secretaries who pay the salaries having no knowledge of the box values. Nor are the supplies for the boxes usually purchased with money that would otherwise go to the Board. It is gotten for the special object, and would not otherwise have been given. In truth, the box interest has awakened the Societies to the needs of the frontier missionaries, and moneyed contributions to the Home Board have been the outgrowth of the box work. Let no one seek to lessen one to increase the other. Let both go together. Not less in quantity and value for the boxes would we plead, but more in money, in addition.—*Christmas Offering*.—The literature for the Week of Prayer and special prayers for the ingathering of envelopes has been prepared with great care and distributed to Central Committees, according to request. The third page of the Journal in this issue has been printed as a circular to enclose in letters, as it contains an appeal from Dr. Willingham and from the Secretary W. M. U. Greater openings in China than ever before for religious work are confidently expected by those faithful ones on the field who have braved danger and death to remain at their posts. May the Christmas Offering be a thank-offering to God for His kind care in sparing their most valuable lives, and an answer to their faith for the opening opportunities.—*Missionaries at Home*.—Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have just returned, for whom tender sympathy was felt in the loss of their little boy, whose life, humanly speaking, might have been saved could he have had the care of a physician. And yet God used this condition of appeal to Georgia Societies who are ready to support a medical missionary. "All things work together for good." Misses White, Whilden, Hartwell, McMinn, and Mrs. Green are in this country, many of them under the care of the physicians. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are also here.—*State Associations*.—Woman's Missionary Unions have been held in many of the States in connection with State Associations; Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Maryland are of the number. S. B. C. Woman's work in Missouri has been consolidated with the work of the Northern Society, and St. Louis is its centre. Virginia is making an experiment of holding separate women's meetings. A three-days' series of meetings was held in Danville—nine sessions in all—attended by 160 delegates, earnest, intelligent, forceful women, eager to advance

the kingdom of God at home and abroad. Work is forging ahead in Virginia; the present phase of it is filled with hope, and yet there are dangers which attend it that need prayerful guarding and guiding. The Corresponding Secretary W. M. U. was in attendance—glad to be of service as the opportunity afforded. Seventeen thousand dollars was the women's total for mission gifts at home and abroad. North and South Carolina will hold their annual meetings before Christmas. The latter expects to make an advance step.—*Kind Words.*—In January this paper will be doubled in size, while the price—50 cents for annual subscriptions—remains the same.—The colored women organized their mission work during the meeting of their National Convention in Richmond. The Secretary, Miss Burrows, earnestly desires the counsel of W. M. U. as to plans and methods of work. This is a large opening for influence. May grace and wisdom be given to avail of it. The work in all directions is progressing, but never needed more earnest or constant prayer than now that no mistakes be made. Let a constant stream of prayer ascend to the Source of Wisdom and Power, and we are assured that "He giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

A. A.



#### MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA.

One of the indirect results of the great disturbance in China is to arouse the attention of the world to the efforts Christianity has been making for the past century towards the evangelization of that great empire. Lord Salisbury, in his speech to the English Church Missionary Convocation, a few weeks ago, seemed to implicate that the missionaries were largely to blame for the present trouble. This view has been vigorously combated. But the discussion has focussed the gaze of a large class of people, who know little and care less about modern missions upon the great work of foreign missions. The London Mail, perhaps the best informed and fairest of the English secular papers towards missions, presents some interesting views. "The best friends of modern evangelism will hardly deny that missionaries and their work are the main indirect cause of the present disturbances in China. 'I came not to send peace, but a sword,' is as true to-day as ever. By pitting themselves against every native tradition, by opposing the worship of thousands of years, the missionaries have, of course, aroused an antagonism such as no other men do. The day when foreign missionaries were the worst equipped men of religious persuasion has long since passed. Our missionaries in China to-day have among them the very pick of England and America. Within the past sixteen years a wave of self-abnegation has passed over our English speaking churches, such as history can rarely parallel. There are five main methods along which all missionary societies work. They are the distribution of literature, medical missions, the care of orphans, education and preaching. Have Chinese missions been worth the price paid? Have they been worth the noble lives devoted to them, and often laid down for them? It is a question each man must answer for himself according to his notion of what true value is. But none can deny that the missions have most profoundly affected the life of China."

Another noteworthy phenomenon connected with the present upheaval is the intensity of the Chinese hatred towards Roman Catholic missions. Roman Catholicism where firmly established in China, assumed charge of local civil affairs, and took all the children under its tutelage. Hence the rage of the Chinese towards the Roman Catholics burns more fiercely than towards Protestant missions.—Ex.

# Band Department.

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

## A MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

Every Christmas a number of Bands ask for a missionary exercise. Instead of the usual recitations about Christmas time, the following "Travellers' Report" has been selected. As the wise men travelled far to find the infant Jesus, so we may suppose these travellers have gone to far-off China to find out that land for Jesus. The Christmas Offering is for the enlargement of work in China, for we confidently believe that there will be a greater work to do than ever before when the war now drawing to a close is over. Bands wishing offering envelopes for Christmas offering should send to their State Band Superintendens:

1. Singing—"All hail the power."
2. Prayer.
3. Responsive Reading of Scriptures.
4. Singing—"Only an armor-bearer."
5. Our Travellers from China.

[Leader must explain, that because of Mark 16: 15, this Band has sent travellers into China. The travellers should learn and recite their answers.]

### FIRST BAND OF TRAVELLERS.

(In concert or by leader)—We have discovered the country, measured the land, and numbered the people, and bring you our report.

Question—Where is this land?

Traveller—A distant land, on the very opposite side of the globe from us. When it is day here it is night there. It is the Sinim of which Isaiah spoke.

Ques.—Is it a pleasant land?

Trav.—It has every variety of climate, scenery, and soil. Its seacoast extends 2,500 miles. Its rivers are long and full of fish. Its rich plains produce great harvests of many kinds of fruits, vegetables, and grains; and its mountains abound in rich mines.

Ques.—Is it a large country?

Trav.—The Chinese Empire is one-third of all Asia. It is larger than the United States, Canada, and British America together. Were it a platform, all Europe could be put on it, and leave room for twelve Great Britains beside it.

Ques.—Is it full of people?

Trav.—It has 4,000 walled cities and tens of thousands of villages and towns. There are 400,000,000 Chinese; so many that 33,000 die every day, and if all the world walked in a procession every third person would be a Chinaman.

[This report can be made clearer by pointing out China on a map and exhibiting squares of colored paper cut to represent the relative proportions given.]

Leader (to Band)—You hear this report; will you go up against this distant great and populous land?

Band (in concert)—Thus saith Christ: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "The Lord hath said unto me, Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Traveller (to Band)—Thus spake Jehovah to Israel: "If thou shalt say in thine heart these nations are more than I, how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them." Christ saith to His missionaries, "Lo, I am with you alway." "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

Singing—"Onward, Christian soldiers." (Sung by Band, travellers, or chorus without announcement.)

## SECOND BAND OF TRAVELLERS.

We were sent to learn the history, government, and habits of this people, and we bring our report.

Question—What is their history?

Traveller—They are a very ancient people. Their history reaches back before the days of Abraham. When Joshua conquered Canaan as a home for Israel, this people had lived more than a thousand years in this their fatherland.

Ques.—Are they ignorant and barbarous?

Trav.—Far from it. They are an intelligent, polite, skillful nation. Their civilization is as old as Babylon, and their language the oldest written language in use.

Ques.—Have they strange customs?

Trav.—The men wear their hair in long braids, and the women cramp their feet so that they cannot walk. Their sailors say the needle points south, not north, and their boys in school say they have their lesson, not in their heads, but in their stomachs. When one man meets a friend, he shakes not his friend's, but his own hand, and says, "Have you eaten your rice?" People in mourning put on white, not black, and those who want to be respectful, instead of taking off their caps, put them on.

Ques.—Have we in this country anything from China?

Trav.—We drink tea grown in China, and wear clothing and ribbons made from Chinese silk. The dishes on our tables took their name, and some came from China. Many fan themselves with Chinese fans and cover their floors with Chinese matting. Something from China is touched by us nearly every day.

[Here bundles marked "tea," "silk," etc., and articles of Chinese manufacture, might be shown by the travellers.]

Leader (to Band)—You have heard this report of a people of ancient history, strange customs, and many prejudices; can we hope to convert them?

Band (in concert)—God has made of one blood all nations of men. He is their Father, though Abraham be ignorant of them and Israel acknowledge them not; and He hath sent His Son to reconcile the world unto Himself.

Travellers (to Band)—Fear not; there is no difference, for all have sinned; and there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Singing (by congregation)—"The light of the world is Jesus."

## THIRD BAND OF TRAVELLERS.

We have visited the outposts of Christianity, and bring you word of their condition and progress in China.

Question—What has the Christian world done for China?

Traveller—Very little. China has given us tea and silk. England has given

China, against its will, the curse of opium. As yet it has not accepted our machinery, our railroads, nor learned our medical skill. But it is beginning to receive these blessings, and telegraph lines now connect Peking with the principal cities of the Empire.

Ques.—When did China first hear of Christ?

Trav.—Nestorian missionaries came in the seventh century, and Roman Catholic in the thirteenth century, but both were in time expelled. The Roman Catholics afterward returned. The first Protestant missionary, Robert Morrison, went in 1807. Then Christians could only live in Canton; in 1842 five ports were opened, and in 1860 all the land was made free to them.

Ques.—What missionary force is now in China?

Trav.—There are forty different societies, of which eighteen are British, five German, and fifteen American.

Ques.—What are the prospects?

Trav.—Good. Opposition is slowly decreasing; converts rapidly increasing. In 1853 there were 351 native Christians; in 1863, 1,974; in 1900, 100,000. At this rate, in 1913 there would be 26,000,000.

Ques.—Does much remain to be done?

Trav.—We need to put forth every effort. There is only one convert to every 20,000 unconverted, one missionary for every million inhabitants. If we sent every person in the United States to China, each would have eight people to save.

Band (in concert)—“How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?” Verily, we “are stewards of the manifold grace of God,” and debtors to preach the Gospel to them that are in China also:

Travellers (to Band)—Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion! The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of earth shall see the salvation of our God. He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have set judgment in the earth.

All together—“Behold these shall come from far and these from the land of Sinim,” till “the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.”

Singing—“Tell it out among the nations.”

Christmas Offering.

Prayer for our missionaries in China.

Singing.

Benediction.



NINETEEN CENTURIES OF MISSIONS. By Mrs. William W. Scudder. Fleming H. Revel & Co., New York.

This book is a brief history of missionary work. Only a few chapters treat of missions before the Carey epoch, and most of its 240 pages are devoted to a history and statement of modern foreign missions. It is concise, clear, and interesting. It will prove a valuable help to young people's societies and to beginners in mission studies, for whom it was specially prepared. We hope many of our young people, as well as our pastors, will buy it.



Who will be the first to send in a club for the Foreign Mission Journal?

**RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS**

*From October 15 to November 15, 1900.*

**ALABAMA.**—Conecuh Ass'n, by E. T. P., \$4.63; District Meeting, New Salem Ch., by J. M. P., \$9.13; Mulberry Ass'n, by D. Z. W., \$11.42; Sumterville S. S., by Mrs. J. B. S., \$1; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$51.81; Roanoke Ch., by W. W. C., \$15; L. A. S., Roanoke Ch., by W. W. C., \$10; Mt. Andrew Ch., by J. J. S. W., \$5; Mt. Andrew S. S., by J. J. S. W., \$1.01; Geneva Ass'n, by J. F. R., \$3.63; Rock Spring Ch., by W. C. G., \$5; Ramoh Ch., by B. W. M., \$3; W. B. Crumpton, Sec'y (Miss Kelly, \$44.05; Miss Hartwell, \$58.75; Miss White, \$9.30), \$1,154.66; Slipsey Ass'n, by A. E. P., \$15; Miss Fannie M. Bean, \$20. Total, \$1,310.34.

Previously reported, \$1,915.73. Total this year, \$3,226.07.

**ARKANSAS.**—J. C. Wallis, for Chas. Wallis, \$10; G. W. Barham, Treas., Ass'n, \$11.15; First Ch., Little Rock, by J. S., \$10; Buckner Ass'n, by J. W. C., \$11.15; W. H. Halliburton, \$4.65; A. J. Barton, Cor. Sec'y, \$188.27; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$3.72; Rufus Bayou Ass'n, by W. M. D., \$13.50; Rufus Cross, Palestine Ch., by W. P. H., \$2.50; "A Sister," \$5; F. Oates, C. C., Martinsville, \$1.10; A. J. Barton, Cor. Sec'y, \$63.69. Total, \$329.73.

Previously reported, \$389.61. Total this year, \$719.34.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**—Immanuel Mission Circle, First Ch., Washington, by E. T. E. (Miss White's boat), \$25; Missy So., W. Washington Ch., by W. A. O., \$2.63; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$1.30; "A Friend," \$5. Total, \$33.93.

Previously reported, \$170. Total this year, \$203.93.

**FLORIDA.**—Mrs. W. D. Chipley, First Ch., Pensacola, \$10; Enoch Collins, 30 cents; Tren-ton Ch., by Miss E. W., \$2; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$25.55. Total, \$37.85.

Previously reported, \$84.13. Total this year, \$121.98.

**GEORGIA.**—S. S. Convention, by W. W. W., \$2.78; Mell Ass'n, by W. W. W., \$17.68; Hepzibah Ch., by H. L. M. (native helper), \$26.97; Grove Ch., by W. J. H., \$5; W. M. and A. S., Furlow Lawn Ch., Americus, by J. E. M., \$5; New Providence Ch., by B. J. C. (native helpers), \$13.13; Jackson Ch., by F. S. E., \$41.66; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$95.06; First Ch., Augusta, by M. E. W. (W. H. Sears), \$75; S. Y. Jameson, Treas. (Medical missions, \$6.56; Brazil (Miss W.), \$25; China, \$51.56; P. Stephens, \$5; W. H. Sears, \$35; Native helpers, China, \$13.75), \$1,910.72. Total, \$2,193.

Previously reported, \$5,327.97. Total this year, \$7,520.97.

**KENTUCKY.**—Central Com., by Mrs. B. G. R. (Mrs. Stephens, \$3; Peyton Stephens, \$6.42; Missy boat, \$5), \$44.70; East Union Ass'n, by G. W. N., \$7; Greenwood Ch., by W. S. W., \$25; First Ch. and S. S., Henderson, by F. W. T., \$47.42; Bethlehem Ch., by J. A. M., \$3.56; Green Grove Ch., by J. A. M., 50 cents; Mt. Pisgah Ch., by J. A. M., \$1.10; Zion Ch., by J. A. M., 50 cents; Second Liberty Ch., by J. A. M., \$1.87; West Ky. Ass'n, by D. S., \$31.83; Mrs. Barrett, First Ch., Dayton, by

A. J. R., \$100; W. M. S., First Ch., Bowling Green, by B. F. P., \$41.05; Blood River Ass'n, by H. B. T., \$45.39; Drakes Creek Ch., by J. F. H., \$6.65; Crab Orchard Ch., by J. F. H., 50 cents; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$54.08; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec'y, \$331.68; Third Ch., Owensboro, by J. G. B. (Miss Mackenzie), \$50; Antioch Ch., by J. L. H., \$2.75; Paris Ch., by C. S., \$32; Mrs. B. G. Rees, Treas. (Baby Walne, 36 cents; native preacher under R. E. Chambers, \$15; Missy boat, \$2; Mrs. McCloy, \$11; China, \$5), \$112.91. Total, \$990.49.

Previously reported, \$3,795.33. Total this year, \$4,785.82.

**LOUISIANA.**—L. A. S., Red Land, Salem Ch., by H. M., \$1.65; J. W. Bolton, Treas., Executive Board, \$178.54; Evergreen Ch., by E. N. N., \$2.50; Mrs. P. Rochelle's S. S. Class, 60 cents; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$16.36; L. M. S., First Ch., Shreveport, by L. E. T., \$50; W. M. So., Shreveport, by Mrs. T. H. T., \$50. Total, \$299.65.

Previously reported, \$263.43. Total this year, \$563.08.

**MARYLAND.**—Riverside Ch., Baltimore, by F. B. L., \$5; Arlington Ch., by G. T. R., \$2; D-St. Ch., Salisbury, by J. P., \$3.50; Brantly Ch., by C. W. W., \$50; Eastport Ch., by E. B. C., \$5; Eastport S. S., by E. B. C., \$5; Hagerstown Ch., by L. P. L. (Chau Ting Oon), \$20; Eastern Dist. Ass'n, by J. A. C., \$5.07; Franklin Sq. Ch., Baltimore, by F. E. W., \$125; Hynesboro Park, by L. M., \$2; W. F. M. S., by Mrs. E. L. (Miss White's salary, \$96.98), \$391.05; Scott-St. Ch., by H. W. K., \$14; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$31.95; Arlington S. S., by R. C. S., \$1; Mt. Zion Ch., Rockville, by J. L., \$3.63; Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, by J. L., \$1,015.75. Total, \$1,679.95.

Previously reported, \$807.15. Total this year, \$2,487.10.

**MISSISSIPPI.**—Oktibbeha Ass'n, by W. D. H., \$18.40; W. M. S., Hattiesburg Ch., by Mrs. J. N. M., \$5 (Miss White's boat); Fair River Ass'n, by A. J. M., \$35.34; Pearl Valley Ass'n, by D. B. C., \$8.42; Clinton Ch., by G. W., \$5; Clinton S. S., by G. W., \$3; Amite City Ch., by J. P. H., \$7.35; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$38.59; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$2.85; Liberty Ass'n, by J. K. W., \$32.04; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec'y, \$600. Total, \$755.99.

Previously reported, \$1,457.44. Total this year, \$2,213.43.

**MISSOURI.**—Slater S. S., by J. H. E. (Wau Sing Chung), \$15; E. H. Sawyer, Treas., \$1,294.46; Independence Ch., by W. T. H., \$2; Missy Day, by J. M. F., \$12.92. Total, \$1,324.38.

Previously reported, \$1,812.88. Total this year, \$3,137.26.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**—J. D. Boushall, Treas., \$500; J. D. Boushall, Treas., \$500; Missy Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$187.05; Iron Hill Ch., by E. C. I., \$2.26; W. M. S., Hope Mills, No. 2, by J. F., \$5. Total, \$1,194.31.

Previously reported, \$1,116.22. Total this year, \$2,310.53.

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Previously reported, \$3,129.25. Total this year, \$4,418.50.

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Previously reported, \$2,011.70. Total this year, \$2,648.17.

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Previously reported, \$2,593.60. Total this year, \$2,847.67.

**VIRGINIA.**—Woman's College M. S., by Miss L. B., \$7; Monroe's Ch., Richmond, by R. J. K., \$5; R. L. White, Cappahosic, \$5; B. A. Jacob, Treas., \$1,500; Mrs. A. C. Estes, \$5; B. A. Jacob, Treas., \$2,594.51; Miss'y Day, S. S., by J. M. F., \$19.65. Total, \$1,136.16.

Previously reported, \$6,083.68. Total this year, \$10,219.84.

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Previously reported, \$42. Total this year, \$70.15.

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Previously reported, \$29.55. Total this year, \$57.38.

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Total this month, \$16,521.25.

Previously reported, \$31,048.97. Total this year, \$47,570.22.

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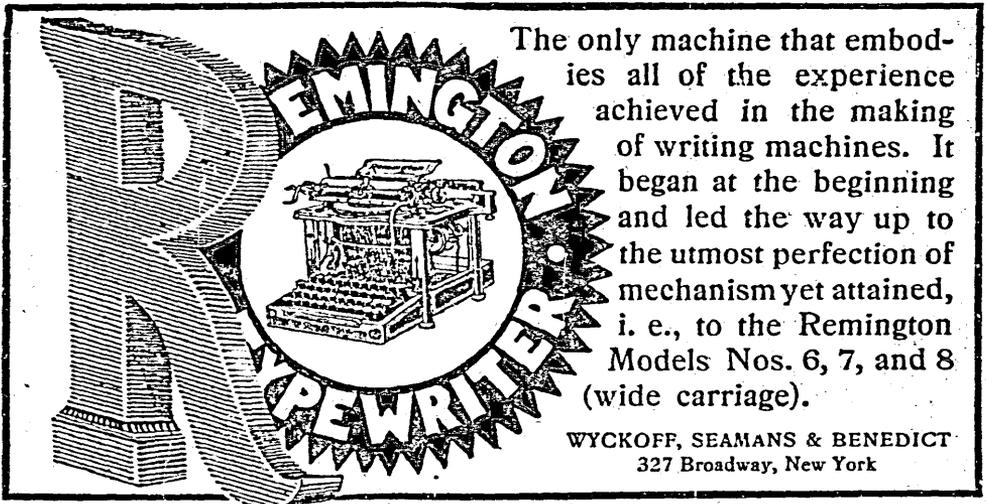
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