

*"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;
and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."*

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THE SIN OF NOT BELIEVING IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The fact that unbelief in foreign missions is a sin startles us. Most of us have been thinking that such unbelief is simply a fault. We have thought of the unbeliever, and even the disbeliever, in foreign missions as one who is simply weak in faith, prejudiced, narrow or covetous, it may be, and as one who is certainly living below his privileges as a Christian man. We overlook the fact that all this is sin, and that such a man is living in sin as long as he lives in his unbelief. Not infrequently we make merry over his sin, or smile at him, as one who is simply behind the times.

Often the unbeliever looks on himself with complacency, as well balanced in judgment, not easily carried away by enthusiastic speeches about the heathen, economical, believing the Scripture that one must "care for his own," and "especially they of his household," and interested in the welfare of his church and his community, having good home virtues, priding himself in good citizenship, and apparent honesty in his business dealings.

Very often the unbeliever in foreign missions, like the unregenerate sinner, thinks himself better than those who are earnest and enthusiastic in trying to serve the Lord. Like the unregenerate sinner, he has an eye on all faults both in those who believe, and in the work. He unconsciously puts himself in the same class with sinners, because in his unbelief he is a sinner, living in sin.

But how is unbelief in foreign missions a sin? Consider for a moment these facts: The Captain of our Salvation said, "Go!" The unbeliever says, "No." This is unblushing disobedience. The Captain demands prompt obedience, the unbeliever says, "Not yet." His Saviour had compassion on him and has forgiven his debt of sin. He refuses to have compassion on his fellow-man. The Holy Spirit moves him with compassion for the lost, but he grieves the Spirit which would use him to save others, by stifling his spiritual impulses. Our Lord and Saviour says: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." But the man who does not believe in foreign missions says in effect, "No, not so far; only to the place and the object and the time that is to my liking." Surely all this is sin.

Stated in this bald way, any one must see the sin. But the sin

goes deeper. Like all sin, it tries to hide itself. The unbeliever in foreign missions, now-a-days, rarely avows his disbelief. He claims that he is simply against "the way the work is conducted." He shrinks from avowed disobedience. He is like King Saul, who protested his innocence, when "he kept the best of the cattle and oxen" which Jehovah had commanded him to destroy, because he desired to make a sacrificial feast in his own way. Therefore he was deposed from being king. No man can work well with the King of kings who is not prompt in obedience. So Nadab and Abihu sinned when contrary to and critical of God's commands they used a strange fire on His altar. So Jereboam sinned and caused Israel to sin also when he erected altars in Bethel and Dan, according to his own wisdom. What a wise and accommodating man he seemed to be, and yet how fearful was his sin!

How awful is this sin becomes apparent when not infrequently the unbeliever in foreign missions loses love for his brethren, insinuates or even claims openly that mission money is stolen or wasted in handling. Like all other sins, when this sin speaks, it speaks a lie, and so we have a crop of hoary lies, such as, "It takes 90 cents of the dollar to carry the other ten cents to the heathen," "The converted heathen are not genuine," etc.

And then note how this sin in unbelief is like poison. It taints the very life blood of the true Christian, and produces spiritual death, not only in the individual, but also in the church, and in the community. It is a veritable leaven of poison. We have often been told of the pitiful decay of the church which is anti-missionary. Decay is also at work in the church which simply neglects its duty. The disbeliever is like Shimei, who threw stones at David and cursed him in the day of his trouble, or like Cain, who said: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The unbeliever who neglects his privilege as a witness for Christ is like the false watchman on the tower, or like the coward in the day of battle.

Unbelief in foreign missions, no matter which way you look at it, is a sin.

SLOVENLY COLLECTIONS.

The object of every pastor should be to lay on the consciences of each and all of his members the duty and privilege of giving to the Lord's cause. But too often, alas! the collection is gone through with as a duty of the church simply to "take up a collection," and no effort is made to reach the individuals. Whatever is given by the people present at the time the collection is taken is accepted as the measure of duty. This is slovenly; it is not the right way to do the Lord's work. No one would think of building a house of worship in such a way. On the contrary, to accomplish such a great work the entire membership is canvassed.

So it ought to be with the upbuilding of the Lord's cause in foreign lands. We rejoice that more and more our people are coming to see

this great truth, and systematic effort is put forth to reach every member. One pastor tells us of a method which he used effectively to supplement the general collection. He said: "I brought our missionary offering up to \$650 by using the telephone, calling up those who were not present Sunday. The telephone is a great thing for adding to a missionary offering. Our offering would have been at least \$50 less but for the telephone."

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TRAINING SCHOOL HOME.

For several years the wives of students at the Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and also some other ladies, have been taking a training course for mission work. The work has grown until there are now quite a number in the "Training Department for Women."

There was found to be great need for a home for the young ladies in attendance, and this the women of Louisville, Ky., kindly provided. However, the expense with increasing numbers became so great that it was decided best to bring the matter of its support before the Woman's Missionary Union, in Kansas City. The support of this home was not adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union. They passed instead a resolution recommending to the sisters a prayerful investigation of the work now being done, and the desirability of sustaining a home for the young women, so as to decide at the next meeting whether they shall sustain the home. They also recommend to all sisters who feel that the object is worthy to render such assistance as they may be able. The sisters in Louisville who have the matter in hand look for a larger number of young women this fall, and think that \$1,500 will cover all expenses. This they hope to get by voluntary subscriptions. Information can be gotten from Mrs. S. E. Woody, chairman, Louisville, Ky. She will also receipt for such funds as are sent her.

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CANNOT AFFORD IT.

A young man, not a preacher, once said in our hearing, "I can't afford to do without anything which will make me think better and do more efficient work. Therefore if I *need* a book I manage to buy it. and simply because I cannot afford to do without it."

This made us think of a brother in the ministry, who said: "I have bought your missionary map, though I thought once I could not afford it. I find now that I cannot afford to be without it. It has helped me and helped my people more than I can tell." There are many others who speak to the same effect. They cannot afford to be without the map.

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We give a large part of our space in this issue to letters and other communications direct from our missionaries. The reader will note that these letters, extracts and articles are interesting, instructive and animated with courage and hopefulness.

NOTES.

Rev. L. M. Duval and wife expect to return to Africa in October.

Rev. D. L. Hamilton and family expect to sail from New York for Bahia, Brazil, September 5, 1905.

Rev. D. P. Maddox and wife are arranging to sail from New York to Sao Paulo, Brazil, in October.

The sad news comes of the death of the dear little baby girl, Doris, of Bro. Frank Rawlinson and wife, on July 3d. The Lord comfort these bereaved hearts.

I want the churches in North Carolina to become a great militant army for the evangelization of the world. The more I think about it the more I am convinced that the inspiration of our churches must be derived from foreign missionary activity.—*Editor Biblical Recorder*.

We made a mistake, in July number of the Foreign Mission Journal, in giving the maiden name of Mrs. F. F. Soren, which should have been Miss Jane Corinne Tilson. Mrs. Soren, with her husband, arrived in Rio July 24th. May the blessings of the Master be upon this consecrated young couple in their great work.

The following expect to sail from San Francisco for China September 20th: Rev. A. D. Louthan, Chengchow; Miss Mamie Sallee, Chengchow; Miss Ida Taylor, Tengechow (via Chefoo); Miss C. A. Miller, Tengechow; Rev. E. L. Morgan and wife, Hwang-Hien (via Chefoo); Miss C. A. Miller, Laichowfu, and M. L. Brown, Canton.

Bro. J. M. Oxner has written from Pingtu, China, concerning his medical work, a statement that is almost astonishing. He says: "We have treated in one year 4,718 [people] in a room 8x12 feet." Just think of it—nearly five thousand in one year in a little room, which we call a dispensary. No wonder Bro. Oxner has been writing again and again: "O, for a hospital!"

A brother, who gives largely for foreign missions, writes: "I notice your collections are poor. If cotton stays around ten cents, they will likely be unusually good this fall and winter. Our people are very much blessed, and if we 'divide it up' aright with the Lord, wouldn't His kingdom come soon!" The great question is, Whether we will divide up aright with the Lord!

A consecrated sister writes: "I am greatly anxious about the condition of the house Mr. and Mrs. Roach are living in [a native Chinese house]. I read his letter in the Journal, and do not see how we in the home land can rest until we give the improvements so essential to their health and life. It seems to me also that it is *necessary* for them to have the school in which to gather those heathen children to teach the way of life. I often feel if we all knew more of the great sacrifices our missionaries are undergoing to honor God, more of their meagre

comforts, their trying circumstances and home surroundings, we would appreciate more their love for Christ and lost souls, and at the same time our own scant self-denial and limited gifts (when we could do more) to aid them in their great work."

A brother from Maryland writes: "I am exceedingly sorry to think we could not get our little pittance to you before you made out your annual report for May last at Southern Baptist Convention. But I could not well remedy the situation, as my people had to make sale of their staple products before I could press the matter. Well, 'better late than never.' But as Dr. E. C. Dargan once told me at S. B. T. Seminary, 'Better never late.' Well, my brother, I am glad to say that my Nanjemoy church did just \$83 better than she did last year before I came here. As I wrote you before, they gave \$27 last year, and this year \$110. I asked the Lord for \$100 from this little church, and had no doubt but that it would be forthcoming. My little Good Hope church, with membership of 22, gave \$25. This little church, which is helped by the State Board, never was known before to give a dollar for either foreign or home missions. This is my first pastorate, but I realize that I have had the help and guidance of God, the Holy Spirit, in this and all church work." If half of our pastors would do as this noble young pastor has done, in instructing and leading out his people, what an advance we could make in this great work of the Lord!

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STILL WORKING, PRAYING, AND HOPING.

An honored brother who has worked years for foreign missions, both by continually getting subscribers to the Journal, by giving and otherwise helping, has written the following letter, which has in it the spirit of Paul the aged. He says:

"I have passed my threescore and ten. Just a year ago the mother of my children (four) went to her reward, two sons are in Georgia, and my two daughters in Alabama. I am physically disqualified for much service, and divide time between Alabama and Georgia, and if I can get some faithful brother to substitute for me in the work when our Association meets on the 6th of September, I will do it and notify you, which will only add one more to the work, for I never expect to relax one iota as long as God gives me strength and opportunity, for the older I get the more thoroughly I am convinced that I belong, soul and body, to Him who bought me with His own precious blood. And of all the objects fostered by Southern Baptists, foreign missions lies nearest my heart, and it really is heartrending to see the lukewarmness and real indifference of so many professed Christians upon that subject; but thank God it is better than it once was, and let us pray that the sentiment may continue to grow until the powers of darkness shall crumble before the advancing army of Him who is able to bring us out more than conquerors through His own power and grace. The cause is His; the power is His. We are His, and the honor and glory is sure to be His in the end. May God bless you, my brother, and all others co-operating in this, the greatest work ever entrusted to human beings, is the prayer of your humble and unworthy brother."

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN MISSIONARY LIFE.

The Chinese Boycott.—A missionary teacher in China, not directly connected with our Board, but engaged in educational work, has written to some friends the following item, showing an inside view of the so-called boycott of American goods:

"There has been quite a bit of 'talk' in the Shanghai and Hongkong papers lately with reference to the United States Exclusion Treaty, and the manner in which Chinese visitors to the St. Louis Exposition were handled. The Chinese merchants in Shanghai have held a huge mass-meeting in protest, and have adopted boycott measures against American goods. A similar meeting was held in Canton about a week or so ago. The United States Minister, Rockhill, has published in the Shanghai papers a statement in which he tries to relieve the situation. The treaty, so far as the Coolie classes are concerned, is probably O. K., but the way in which it is administered is very bad for the student and traveller classes who wish to visit the United States, and there should certainly be some adjustment in that line. We have decided to require the boys to wear leather shoes as a part of their uniform, and last week we were considering making up an order for a goodly number of pairs from America, so as to give the boys a better article than they can get out here. But when we were asked to say which ones desired, or would likely buy, a better shoe from America, in place of the cheaper Chinese-made shoe, not a boy desired to import a shoe for himself. It is not certain, but it looks as if this was a part of the 'American Boycott,' for there was a notice in Chinese on the bulletin-board with reference to this Exclusion Treaty business."

The Baptist Congress.—We have seen much in the papers about the great Baptist Congress in London. We give a line from our missionary, S. L. Ginsburg:

"To-day the great Congress closes its sessions, and to-morrow we are off to Liverpool. Thursday the 20th (D. V.) we leave Liverpool for Pernambuco.

"This has been a great gathering, and it seems to me that great results may be expected in the near future. Right from the start the Spirit of God seemed to take hold of all things, and up to the last His honor and glory were put to the front.

"Of course it has been a surprise to all the English Baptists of the mightiness of the American Baptists. As some stated to me, they never thought that there were such great and powerful men and forces. The American ministers have certainly done well.

"Foreign missions have had a very prominent place at the Congress, and I was glad to be able to be here and learn many useful lessons as to my work. They also gave me several opportunities to speak of the Lord's work in Brazil. On Congress Sunday I preached twice in London."

The Christian Crisis in Japan.—A deeply consecrated student of foreign missions, and a great and efficient worker for that cause, writes as follows in a letter not intended for publication:

"What I say about Japan I feel very deeply. We cannot approach this triumphant nation as 'poor heathen.' They must be approached with the dignity with which Paul spoke to the men of Athens—the leaders of thought in his day. God has pushed aside a Christian nation—so-called—to give power to one not called by His name. The former had proved untrue to its trust by lifting men

up, and was weighed and found wanting. I wait with deep interest the movement of the Christian missions of the world in this crisis in Japan. Surely, never was such wisdom demanded as in this time."

The First Thing First.—An experienced missionary recently wrote to a young friend, who had just begun his missionary life, the following wise words:

"Get a good foundation of language. It is a more important duty for the first two or three years than even preaching. The opportunity to study will be fearfully curtailed when once you begin to work. Your whole future usefulness depends on your thoroughness in study now; and, moreover, you will save time by going slowly. If you are efficient, you will not need the toil of after-preparation which a shipshod apprenticeship involves. Many missionaries draw back from opportunities of splendid service because it takes so long to prepare. The preparation ought to have taken place in the first two or three years of study."

The Supreme Consideration.—The same experienced missionary who is quoted above also says:

"Above all, keep your soul green and fresh. Don't get too much alone, and yet be much alone with God. The duty of feeding the soul on spiritual truth is the duty of each morning. Get your blessings with the early dew of the morning upon them. Plenty of Chinese with whom you come in contact will be too hard for your intellectual power, but your spiritual power nothing can resist, for it links you with God. Keep a tight rein upon your thoughts and let the Lord control you, and you will be helpful, happy and successful."

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A GLIMPSE INTO A BOYS' SCHOOL IN CHINA.

Brother Peyton Stephens, in his quarterly report, gives a brief but interesting view of the work actually done in the boys' school at Hwang-Hien, North China. Note (1) the Chinese memory; (2) the effectual effort to preach the Gospel to the pupils. He writes:

"The boys recited from memory the Gospel of John, Pilgrim's Progress (a great part of it), and Evidences of Christianity. Every boy was spoken to privately about his soul's salvation. Many public services were held, which the pupils attended from time to time. We had thirty-six converted. Five of these were Christians at the beginning of the year. We have desired and labored that all of the thirty-one unconverted might be converted. So far twenty-three of these have been baptized. What strength this will be to our work! These boys are all now under Christian training, their parents being willing. Three of the larger boys will graduate this year."

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AN INSTRUCTIVE CHART.

The Young People's Missionary Movement has prepared six large charts, 36x42 inches, mounted ready to be hung on the walls. These charts very forcibly carry missionary truth to the mind and heart. They are called "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," "World Mission Progress," "Religious Census of the World," "How Americans Spend Their Money," "Religious Divisions of Africa," "Two Parishes."

Any church or Sunday school which wishes the six charts can secure them, expressage prepaid, by writing to the Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, and sending \$1 for the six.

HOW A BACHELOR MISSIONARY HOUSEKEEPER IN CHINA MAKES CAKE AND POINTS TWO GOOD MORALS.

[From a Letter of Rev. W. E. Sallee.]

The editor's comment, under "Entertaining and Instructive Incidents," together with a quotation from one of your letters to Napler, "I am curious to know what Brother Sallee gives you to eat," furnishes me with a text. I have been wanting to write you for some time, but what inspiration is to be drawn from experiments in "domestic science" and the dally grind on the Chinese language with which to wake the dead, furnish encouragement for the living, and close the mouths of gainsayers.

Since, then, I have no "missionary talk" to make, you will pardon me, I hope, if I just write a homely letter to satisfy your "curiosity." "Nature is less partial than she appears, and all situations in life have their compensations along with them." Even the home of two "old bachelors" (I speak after the manner of the world) is not outside this law of nature. To illustrate, let me



"The Sixfooters"—A Group of Missionaries at Shanghai, China, Conference, February, 1905.

Read from Left to Right—A. Y. Napler, F. J. White (A. B. M. U.), E. F. Tatum, E. W. Provence, H. W. Provence, R. E. Chambers, E. Z. Simmons, W. E. Sallee, Charles S. Keen (A. B. M. U.), W. H. Sears (Front Centre).

tell you of the passing of the Shansi party. The party consisted of three young ladies, recently arrived from England and Australia; another lady, who had been in China several years, and an elderly gentleman, who was conducting the party. We received word that the party would reach here on Friday, and stop over Sunday, before starting on their tedious overland trip across the mountains into Shansi. Mr. Lawton was just recovering from an attack of fever at the

time; so, with a sick husband on her hands, we felt it incumbent upon us to do something to help Mrs. Lawton. At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. Blom, recently married in Shanghai, were spending a few days with us before going on to their station in Honan-fu. Most young housekeepers know how interesting the situation becomes when the number of mouths to be fed is suddenly increased from two to nine. I knew, of course, that the first thing to do was to make a cake. But, then, after the cake was made it had to be iced, you know, and neither I nor the cook had ever iced a cake. Oh, yes, we had seen it done; but did you ever try to ice a chocolate cake yourself? If so, how did you feel when the chocolate in the pan congealed before you got half of it on the cake? And then, after melting it again, what did you say when the icing gave out while one side of the cake was still untouched? (If you don't know, ask Miss Belle.) My fudge, however, came out better. All said it was the best they had ever eaten. Lest I mislead you, though, it might be well to add that the English don't make fudge. As for hot biscuits and maple syrup—some of the party said they had "read about" such things. My triumph came, however, on the last night of the parties' stay with us. To be sure, my reputation was established; nevertheless I trembled, partly out of joy and partly out of fear, as I undertook the preparation of a new dessert, lured on by the anticipation of that joy which only the successful domestic artist knows. Oh, those prune puffs! They were a roaring success. Delicious! Why they fairly melted in the mouth. I wouldn't have been ashamed to set our secretaries and the Foreign Mission Board down to such puffs as those. And to think I made them without a recipe, never having seen any except as they had been served on Mrs. Evans' table.

But whither does all this lead, you ask? There are just two morals that I would draw from it. The first is a word to the women: "Don't run the boys out of the cuisine, but let them stay and have the icing dish; thus you may help to prepare some boy for the mission field." The second is to young men, who feel that in America their environment is such as to preclude the recognition and development of their latent powers: "Come to interior China."

Chengchow, Honan, June 10th.

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THE CHINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Charles Edmunds, Canton, China.

[This article was not sent direct to us for publication, but through a friend to whom it came as part of a letter. Mr. Edmunds is engaged in Christian educational work in Canton, China. He is a Baptist and a member of Eutaw Place church, in Baltimore. The letter is interesting, as giving an indirect, yet an inside and interesting account of the Publication Society.—Eds.]

On June 1st the directors of the China Baptist Publication Society, of which I am one, had their annual meeting. This is a thriving concern, and is certainly doing a work that cannot be estimated in value. It is managed so as to serve the whole mission community, and not the denominational interests only. For one thing, besides their own work, they print the *Collegian* for us. The financial status of the Society is rather striking. With a paid-up capital of \$20,000 (Mex.) and a borrowed capital of \$35,000, it receives \$8,880 from the rent of those parts of its premises which it does not itself use, so that, not counting the rental of this space, which amounts to about two whole floors, and a whole house besides for the Society's work, aside from the value of the presses, machinery, and stock of paper (the latter item in itself amounting on

the average run to \$10,000), it takes in as much as 8 per cent. on twice its whole capital, borrowed and paid up. That certainly is doing mighty well, and in a few years, when value of land and houses has risen as it is now doing in Canton, or rather on Shameen, the Society's status will be even better. The rents now received are on signed leases for an average of three years, though some run to seven years. The Society is doing a great work in publishing Bibles, portions of Scripture, hymnals, reports of all sorts of mission work, and general mission printing, in both English and Chinese. Two American practical printers of considerable experience have just been engaged, and one of them, E. W. Provence, from Texas, is already on the field. He is a fine fellow, and was down here last Saturday afternoon and spent the night with us. The other man, who has had about fifteen years' experience at the business, will arrive in September.

This will make Mr. Chambers free to do more editorial and general secretary's work than the previous oversight of the printing would allow. I find the men associated in this work very congenial, and it is one of the truly worthwhile endeavors, that are carried on here.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE AS TO THE JOURNAL.

If you fail to get your Journal promptly, or hear of any one else who does, will you please promptly notify us?

The Journal now has a very large subscription list, but we ought to issue 40,000 a month, instead of 31,000. The sisters help us greatly in procuring new subscribers. Send for sample copies of the Journal. Furnished free.

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For 40 cash subscribers, at 25 cents each, we will send free to the one getting up the club a copy of "Italy and the Italians," by George B. Taylor.

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For 20 subscribers, at 25 cents each, one copy of "Romanism In Its Home," by J. H. Eager, D. D.

For 15 subscribers, at 25 cents each, one copy of "The Story of Yates," by Dr. Charles E. Taylor.

For 10 new subscribers, at \$2.50, a copy of "The Crisis of Missions," or "How Christ Came to Church," or one year's subscription to the Journal.

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Rev. W. E. Crocker, Chinkiang, China, July 1, 1905, writes:

During this quarter Mr. Pierce came and held a two weeks' meeting with us, in which the results have been good. We had four meetings a day for a while, and three for a good while. The regular thing all through has been two meetings a day—one in the early morning for prayer and one at night for preaching. Five or six women have applied for baptism, which I consider a hopeful sign. Between twenty and thirty men have applied, but we have not during this quarter baptized any.

HYMENEAL.

On July 27th, in the Protestant Cathedral in Berne, Switzerland, Rev. D. G. Whittinghill and Miss Susy B. Taylor, both of Rome, Italy, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Dr. Whittinghill is a missionary of our Board working in Rome. He is a native of Kentucky, and a scholarly, consecrated gentleman. He was pastor for several years of the Colliseum church in New Orleans, and then afterwards in Bonham, Tex. In 1901 he went as a mis-



Rev. D. G. Whittinghill.



Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill.

sionary to Rome, and has established there the Baptist Theological Training School. Miss Susy is the accomplished daughter of our noble veteran missionary, Dr. George B. Taylor, and the granddaughter of Dr. James B. Taylor, first secretary of our Board. She is not only fluent in the use of the Italian language, but thoroughly conversant with the customs and manners of the country, and has by her kind heart and lovely helpfulness won the people to her. This union is regarded as being very auspicious for our work. May heaven's rich blessings rest upon the young couple.



MAPS, MAPS.

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Texas	\$6,652 05	Missouri	\$ 569 82
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NEW MAN FOR CHINA PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Mr. Martin L. Brown, of Lynchburg, Va., has accepted a position with the China Baptist Publication Society at Canton, and sails from San Francisco September 20th. Brother Brown was born August 13, 1877, in Amherst county, Va.



Martin L. Brown.

He is the sixth of a family of ten children. His father was the late M. L. Brown and his mother is Mrs. Flora A. Brown, of Lynchburg. His father was a farmer, but moved to Lynchburg and engaged in the mercantile business in order to give his children a public-school education.

Mr. Brown was converted at twelve years of age, and was baptized by Rev. Calvin G. Jones, then pastor of College Hill Baptist church, of Lynchburg. He received a grammar-school education, and was trained for usefulness in the Sunday school, Young Men's Christian Association, and Christian Culture Classes of the Baptist Young People's Union. He has been constantly engaged in church work, having served as librarian, assistant superintendent, and for the last six years as teacher in the Sunday school. He was elected deacon at

the early age of twenty-two years, and served as church clerk three years.

Very early in life Mr. Brown felt that he was called to the ministry, but as the way never fully opened up, he has only recently decided to devote his entire time to the Master's service. He is a printer by trade, having served a regular apprenticeship. He is thoroughly versed in all the branches of the printing business, having worked as foreman for several years, and as superintendent the past two years, of one of the largest and best established printing houses in the State.

He was married May 21, 1900, to Miss Annie Yoder, a graduate of the Lynchburg High School, and licentiate of instruction graduate of Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tenn.; also a teacher for five years in city public schools of Lynchburg. Her life has been identified with the cause of Christ in college and church, and she has always been peculiarly interested in missions. His wife and children expect to join him next year. Brother Brown is a noble, consecrated man, and will be a power for good in China.



EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Thomas Splight, Rosario, Argentina, June 10, 1905:

We attended the meeting of the mission Sunday night and listened to Brother Hart preach in Spanish. He seemed to use the language quite easily, and spoke with much earnestness. There were nearly 100 people present, and they paid good attention, with one or two exceptions. I would say from what I have seen that the work is very encouraging indeed. I am able to catch a

few words only, but I could frequently get the sense of what he was saying. We have been very busy trying to find a house for us, but now we think we are sure of one which, if we are able to get, will just suit us, and is within our allowance.

Rev. J. S. Cheavens, Torreon, Coah., Mexico, July 13, 1905:

I am grateful for your words of appreciation. I have tried to do my duty, but I am conscious of having made many mistakes and failures. The highest reward I ever hope to earn is to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Next to that, I wish to merit the love and esteem of my brethren, especially of those older and wiser than myself. We had a good meeting of the mission in Chihuahua. I think it was the best meeting we have had since I came to Mexico. Six men are better than two or three. There are no dissensions among us. We don't all see just alike on every point, but in everything vital there is substantial agreement. Brother Newbrough will send to the Board the report of our work and our recommendations.

Dr. P. S. Evans, Jr., Yangchow, China, June 26, 1905:

Counting from January 1st up to June 26th, we had 2,100 visits from 813 patients, 8 operations under general anesthetic, 69 with cocaine or without anything, including two cases of cataract; and, lastly, I have pulled 24 teeth. And as to spiritual results, the Lord has also blessed us. As all reports of medical work will show, the spiritual results from dispensary work are always much less than the more permanent work of a hospital. So we feel happy in reporting that some of those who recently joined the church heard the Gospel at the dispensary first, and quite a large number are regular attendants at the chapel who never went before coming to us. Our evangelist (who is also the registrar and my personal teacher) talks to them for an hour or so, and then when the crowd is at the most I go out and have a short service, always inviting them to the church services. We have calendars, with the dispensary days and customs printed along with the Scripture texts, etc., and give one to each patient when they register. We also keep a stock of Scripture portions and tracts, and sell a dozen or more copies each day.

Rev. E. F. Tatum, Shanghai, China, June 17, 1905:

We had our Association at Soochow in May. The main subjects considered were home missions and education. Because of a lack of suitable men to be sent out by the Home Board, their report was not so interesting. Brother Bryan did not attend the Association, because he did not feel justified in leaving the Bible school that length of time (a week, including travelling). (The spring term closed yesterday.) Perhaps the Home Board can find laborers to send out after two or three years. The Association had the most interesting session when considering the question of education. On Sunday morning we had a good meeting; such an interesting meeting! reports of the blessings of the Lord upon the churches during the past year. Yang Chow was overflowing with joy, and Brother Pierce did not stop his meeting to be with us. I have lately held meetings of two weeks each at the East and West Gate chapels. More interest at the West Gate, where dear old Deacon Wong sowed for years without seeing the harvest. There were twelve inquirers at the meeting last night. In special services every morning I am trying to make the way plain to the boys in the school. The evangelist, twelve miles down the railroad at Woosung, begs me to go and teach a class of inquirers.

Dr E. M. Huckaby, Pingtu, China, June 5, 1905:

Not quite three months have elapsed since we arrived in China, two months of which has been spent in Pingtu and in the study of the language. I have never undertaken anything in all my life that afforded me the unalloyed happiness which I get out of my work here. I love to study, because I know the time will soon come when I, too, can be of more real service to my Master. I am just starving to know how to talk; there is so much to do and so few to do it, and yet God is bringing hundreds into His kingdom every day who can talk. I do so long to take a part in this great work. One day last week I was called to Lai Chow Fu to see little Paul Lowe, who has been quite sick; was with them two days. During the time spent there was on the street much of the time, and was with the brethren of that station when they spoke to many hundreds of people at different times during the day. God is blessing His work there bountifully. He is constantly pouring out His blessings upon us. On Sunday last Pastor Lee baptized fifty-three men, women and children. There are several more to follow. Already there are 111 additions to the four Pingtu churches this year. Praise His name!

Rev. C. W. Pruitt, Tengchow, China, June 21, 1905:

The mission met here in Tengchow. I heard several say that it was the best meeting we have had. The Lord was with us in great power. We reached white heat while considering new fields. It was most powerfully felt that we must advance in two directions—north and west. The reconsecration of ourselves for this advance was particularly interesting and searching. There is a strong feeling in our Mission that the new territory that has fallen to Japan, just across the Strait from us, has in a sense also fallen to us. Japanese and American interests are very similar. After fourteen years of earnest thought and study regarding the Chinese and Christian work among them, I can say that the above conviction has grown with every day and year spent in China. The intense conservatism of the Chinese is an outward manifestation of an inward strength of character known and greatly appreciated by those who know them best. Eighty-four were baptized during the quarter ending June 30th.

Rev. Peyton Stephens, Hwang-Hien, China, June 26, 1905:

We sorely need native helpers, and trust that our people at home may also pray the Lord of the harvest to send us more laborers to work in His vineyard. Our work is very, very encouraging here in Hwang-Hien. We have had 112 baptisms this year. Pingtu has had about the same number. We had a good mission meeting, and all our missionaries are doing good work. We have the best body of missionaries on earth, it seems to me. Love and harmony prevail, and we know that great and mighty results will be manifested in North China because of this. Three hundred of our boys in the boarding school are Christians. Three will graduate this year, if they do not fail in their examinations. No one can be too enthusiastic for missions in China, if that enthusiasm is tempered with proper tact and judgment.

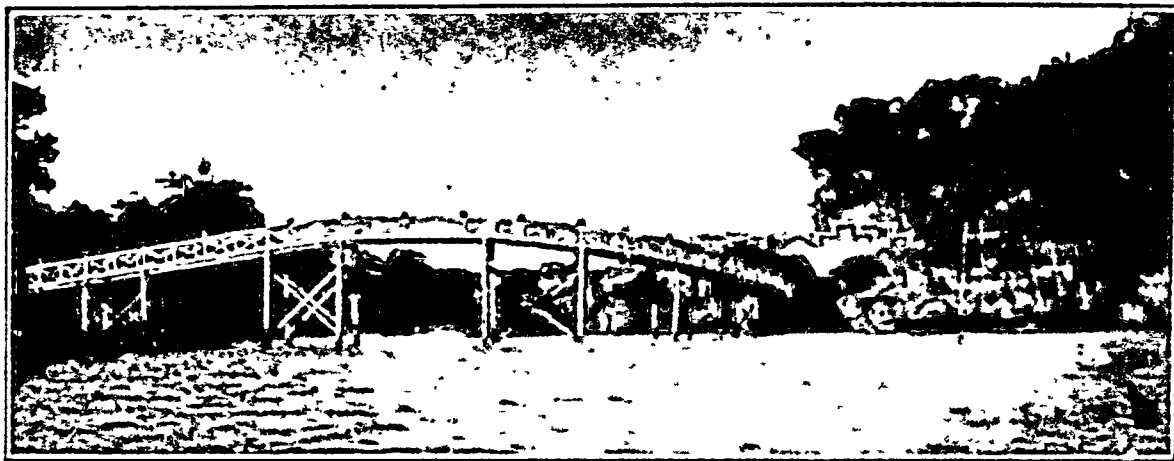
Rev. J. S. Compere, Ogbomoshaw, West Africa, July 9, 1905:

I need not tell you that we are delighted to be here, and that we are anxious to become able to help more in the work. As a result of much physical weakness, and of much work in getting our house ready to live in, we have not made the progress in the language that we hoped we would make. Still I find that I am able to read the Yoruba Bible, and we can sing familiar songs from the

Yoruba hymn book; so every morning we gather our natives (the cook, house-girl, and any others who may be around) together and have worship in Yoruba—except that when I offer prayer myself I must use English; but I read a lesson from the Yoruba Bible and we sing a Yoruba hymn, and the natives, generally, repeat verses of Scripture. We know this is very little to do, but we hope to enlarge our labors as fast as we may be able to do so.

Miss Jessie L. Pettigrew, Hwang-Hien, China, June 2, 1905:

By the time this letter reaches you our chapel at Kin Kia Ko, in Chao Yurn, will be nearing completion. Doubtless you have heard of the forty-eight being baptized there in one day, and twenty-eight of the number being women. I was not permitted to see the baptism, but spent a week there the last of May, and this time we found thirty-four more earnest inquirers. This is the most promising work I have seen anywhere. They seem so anxious to hear the truth.



Scene a Few Miles North of Canton, China.

Rev. Peyton Stephens writes:

When first called to give my life to China it was evident to my mind and heart that China was the most important mission field in the world.

Rev. J. B. Wakem, Abbeokuta, West Africa, July 6, 1905:

Brother Lumbley has received six young men for baptism, for whom we are thankful. The work here is progressing nicely. There are some who have stood up for prayer. May the Lord direct them aright.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor writes:

Notwithstanding many hindrances, some progress has been made. The Bible school in Bahia church was small, but a beginning was made for future success. Brother Pettigrew did good service in it. The day school continues healthful. The native missionary society raised and expended about \$500, sending out three evangelists on preaching tours. One of them was sent into the State Minas Geraes to the home of one of our brethren, an aged man, where a good foundation for a future church was laid. The same evangelist baptized three at church on the Jequitinhonha river, and visited a brother at Santa Cruz, the place Cabral touched on discovery of Brazil. I baptized two at Alagoinhas, six at Lage by Pastor Izidro, six near Casca by Pastor Laurindo, four at South Antonio by Pastor Andre, seven near Areia by Pastor Alexandre, where he says a revival has broken out; three by Brother Jackson, and ten in First

church here, making thirty-eight in all. Nor does this include three in Victoria and Interior of that State, where the missionary Francisco is working. Brothers Jackson and Reno write encouragingly of progress in their fields.

Rev. Thomas Spight, Rosario, de Santa Fe, July 7, 1905:

I am indeed glad to be here in this needy field. The need grows on a person more and more as he gets out and sees the real condition for himself. I have been out with brethren Sowell and Hart, and have seen something of the awful degradation here. My heart was deeply touched one afternoon while Brother Sowell and I were out calling. We were giving invitations in a conventillo, and he spoke to an old lady about Christ, and she told him that she had never heard of Christ and knew nothing of the Bible. He asked her if she did not believe in a God, when she replied that she certainly did, and that it was foolish not to believe in a God. Brother Sowell then began and preached unto her Jesus for a short time. The poor old woman broke down and wept as he told her of the Christ. The work at this place is very encouraging indeed. The people seem to have already learned to have confidence in the brethren. I wish you could see some of the earnest faces that come to the locale.

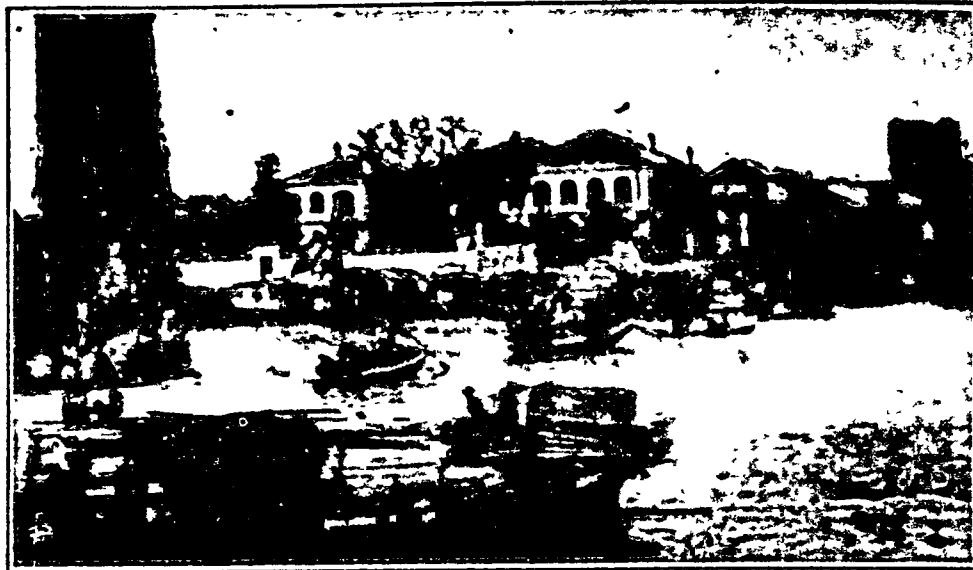
Rev. Everette Gill, Cutigliano, Pistoiese, Italy, July 16, 1905:

We hold services here in our villa every Sunday for the English and American visitors. I take time about with an Episcopal minister from Florence. Our Italian professor, who is a Methodist, worshipped with us this morning. He told some of us that the other day when he was taking a walk he heard a native woman singing an evangelized song. He was so surprised that he stopped and made inquiry, and found that it was the work of Dr. Eager years ago, during his summers here. Miss Roberts, an English Baptist missionary, who is "spending the day" with us, says she has had a similar experience. I am sure that much of the work of a missionary cannot be tabulated. A large part of spiritual results evade figures. Golden threads of heavenly influence are woven into the lives of the people that gleam forth in this and that experience in later years, and perhaps will shine out before the throne.

Rev. B. P. Roach, Yokohama, Japan, June 21, 1905:

Your intimation that school buildings, hospital, &c., would be forthcoming, sent a thrill of joy to our hearts. Mrs. Williams could hardly contain herself. How my heart yearns for these things. We must have them, and God in His own way and time will supply them. I know these equipments will mean harder work for us who are connected with them, but I know also that it will mean multiplying ourselves many fold. I know it will be economy of consecrated and manly life. I am praying for more laborers—and how we need them right now! But if it be necessary to hold them back a year or so in order to equip those already on the field, I would say, in my humble opinion, give us the equipment now, and then the men. As it is now, it is too much like sending out soldiers to fight with bows and arrows, when guns and battleships of tremendous power are at our disposal. The evangelization, such as it is, has already gone beyond our power to care for. Churches without pastors or evangelists, schools without teachers, and many places open, and we are unable to enter. I no longer pray for open doors, but my very soul cries out for laborers to enter! If we do not enter, something else will. Satan is here with his agencies, sowing tares while we sleep.

Letters from Our Missionaries.



Baptist Mission Compound, Canton, China, as Seen from the River.

CHINA.

Encouraging Work in the Memorial School and Among the Chinese Women.

Tengchow, China, June 29, 1905.

Dear Brother,—I have the pleasure of reporting a good half session of the Memorial School on North street. A better class of boys have come in this year, so we are not almost broken up by wheat harvest. Of course, we still have a great many poor boys, who must go out to glean wheat, and who, in the autumn, will have to dig up fuel for the winter. Still in the advanced department more than half are above this necessity. I suppose that there are two reasons why the school is attracting boys of a better class than heretofore—(1) It is getting quite the fashion to wish to associate with foreigners. The officials and their wives here set the example and many are eager to follow it. (2) Boys want a better education than the native schools, outside of government schools, can give them. The addition of arithmetic has no doubt drawn in boys who would not otherwise have come.

The New Testament is and will re-

main the chief text-book. The school is the joy of my heart. It is a delight to see the boys growing in character. Each boy feels that I am his friend, and from the oldest to the youngest they come to me without hesitation. The Chinese ideal of the relation between pupil and teacher is of fear on the one side, and severity on the other. The pupil must shrink away when his teacher appears. They have never dreamed that the law of life is love. My boys are growing up to be gentlemen, I hope, and, perhaps, some day they will be Christian gentlemen. I treat them with the same courtesy with which I should treat American or Japanese boys, and they are not slow to respond.

I have enrolled about sixty boys and girls this year. In the primary department the attendance is unsatisfactory. The girls are often kept out to work at home. From this department, too, the children go out largely to glean in the wheat field, and in the fall they must dig up grass. I recognize the necessity and praise them for helping their parents. I should like, next year, to add a lace-making department for the girls. There is a great demand among for-

elgners for hand-made laces. Some of it is beautiful, real Honeton lace. Three schools in Chefoo are thus supported. After the initial outlay, the lace department would be self-supporting, and the girls would be taught books half of each day.

I have had much encouragement in woman's work, visiting in the city and in the west suburb. Some are truly interested.

I have made only one country trip. I found much interest in one especial village, Sz Chia. If I were three women (and still young), I might do something in the country. As it is, the country work is perforce neglected.

I should have said that one of the school boys was baptized not long since.

We were rejoiced to know that the Foreign Mission Board again reported, "No debt." May the "betterments" be provided.

Yours sincerely,

LOTTIE MOON.



Good Beginnings and Decided Progress in Central China.

Chengchow, Honan, June 28, 1905.

Dear Brother,—Here in Chengchow our record of current events for the quarter ending June 10, 1905, includes a number of interesting local items.

The first day of the quarter brought in our first regular passenger train from Hankow, on the Pehan railroad, and on June 11th the first construction train crossed the Yellow river. This puts us, in point of time, much nearer the great centres of Chinese life and energy, and puts China, in point of progress, a long step forward. Hankow to Peking, Peking to St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg to Berlin and Paris, and thence to all parts of Europe, and by a quick trip to America. Old, slow China is not keeping step with the world, but she is watching her opportunity to catch step, and then—well, possibly

China might set the pace and tell the world to keep step.

But our talk is to be about Chengchow in particular, instead of China in general. What, then, are the points of advance to be noted in our new station?

On April 7th our dispensary, under the care of Mr. Wei, was opened. Mr. Wei has studied medicine some years under an English medical missionary, Dr. G. A. Cox, of Chinkiang, and is a desirable native helper. His work opens hopefully. Your prayers are solicited to help carry on this work successfully. We rejoice at the prospects of having Dr. Louthan with us soon to take up this branch of the work. The medical work is certainly an important factor in new centers.

May 19th a small girls' school was opened by Mrs. Wei. This school now has only three girls, who come only half the day. It is so small that it might be left unmentioned, except for the fact that we are hopeful. Already our hearts are made to rejoice about the girls' school work in general, by the announcement in the last Foreign Mission Journal that Miss Mamie Saltee is appointed to the Interior China Mission. When China's women become liberated and educated you will find China's men second to few others.

During the first part of April we were having some afternoon services in addition to the night class work that had been going on several months. We were hopeful of drawing in some new inquirers to join our class, but on April 17th I was taken sick and for ten days I was in bed. During my sickness Mr. Blom, C. I. M., was here and kindly took the night class. We are trying to instruct and pray for these half dozen or so who come more or less regularly, and we feel sure our labors will not be in vain in the Lord.

In Christian love,

W. W. LAWTON.

A Short Letter; But Much Matter.

Canton, China, July 6, 1905.

Dear Brother,—During the quarter ending June 30th I have preached eight times. Seventeen have been baptized into the fellowship of the First church, Canton. Twenty-eight were dismissed to constitute a new church at Tai Lung, in the Shun Tak district.

The average attendance at the Theological School has been 19. We closed on June 30th after an encouraging half year's session. I am sorry to say a few had to return to their homes on account of an epidemic of swollen legs and incipient symptoms of beri-beri.

Some funds placed in my hands by my old Sunday school (Seventh Baptist church, Baltimore) have enabled me to employ 14 of the students as preachers or colporters for one month of their vacation. Our work is encouraging. We have had over 100 baptisms in Canton and vicinity during the quarter, and the outlook is promising. Yours sincerely,

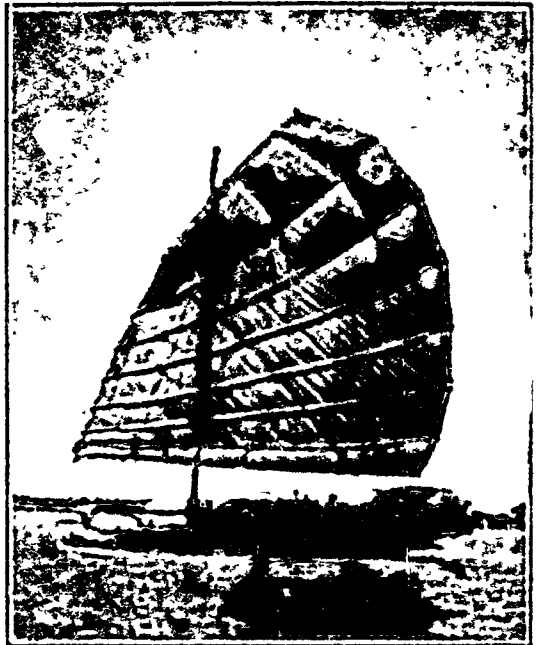
R. H. GRAVES.

**Never Such Interest Before—Many Baptisms.**

Yangchow, China, June 1, 1905.

Dear Brother,—For the past three weeks I have been away from home, except on the first two Sundays of this term. I am now returning from a boat trip of 100 miles to the east of Yangchow, where we have been preaching and selling books. From the 1st of February until last May we had from two to three meetings in Yangchow. We have never had such interest manifested on the part of the people. There have been many professions. I then spent two weeks in Chinkiang with Brethren Crocker and McCrea. The interest there was equal to that in Yangchow. The past week's (boat trip) has been one long to be remembered. The interest in the Gospel was great. We sold all our Gos-

pels out long before we had ended our journey. And the people still called for books. Thousands of people gathered on the banks of the canal to hear the Word. At one place I was led by a little boy into a Buddhist temple. He said for me to preach to



FREIGHT SAIL BOAT, SOUTH CHINA.

the people ("a child shall lead them"). The priest met me at the door and expressed great pleasure at meeting me. He assured me that he believed, and begged that I stay two or three days and teach them. He told me that he would come to Yangchow on the 12th to learn of Jesus. L. W. PIERCE.



JAPAN.

Accepted Christ Like a Little Child.

Kagoshima, Japan, July 2, 1905.

Dear Brother,—We have just baptized three persons with whom we have been in touch for over two years. One was the wife of our oldest member, and had been a Catholic for some years. The others, a man and his wife, were Shintoists, and only lately removed the offerings of flowers from the ancestral shrine. This is the first man of considerable means whom we have baptized here, but he accepted

Christ like a little child, and has given the Bible a conspicuous place in his home and in his reading for some time.

G. F. HAMBLETON.

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BRAZIL.

First Baptisms; First Organized Church; and First Collection.

Buenos Ayres, July 4, 1905.

Dear Brother,—We have much to be thankful for as we come to make our report of work done during the last quarter, ending June 30th. We took charge of the present work in Buenos Ayres April 1st, and since that date have been conducting four services in Spanish each week. God has blessed the work. Out of a number of applicants for baptism we have, up to date, accepted three, two of whom were baptized May 2d, in the La Plata river, and the other will probably be baptized the coming week. Our congregations have averaged about 60 persons. April 2d our church was organized with eight charter members. On this same occasion communion was observed. Next Sunday we hope to have communion service again.

We used all of the appropriation to this mission, and some \$35 or \$40 in addition given by people here. We are keeping an itemized account of income and expenditures, which we will present to the mission at the next meeting (D. V.). We gave \$80 to the work in Rosario.

We have, beginning with July 1st, increased the size and seating capacity of our hall, and will use the \$50 appropriated in meeting the expenditures. More than this amount is needed, but it is being contributed by people here. Last Sunday night we took a collection for the flood sufferers. The interior of Argentina has been flooded in parts, and there has been and is great suffering. The collection on Sunday night was the first ever taken

in our work, and amounted to \$30. Inasmuch as Bro. Hart is accessible to some of the flood sufferers, we sent the money by him to be used in helping the unfortunate ones.

K. W. CAWTHON.

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MEXICO.

Signal Blessings.

Saltillo, Mexico, July 29, 1905.

Dear Brother,—The Lord is signally blessing the work in the Missionary Training Department of Madero Institute. We have just had our first meeting after six weeks of work. The girls related in an enthusiastic way their joys and hopes of the work, and there seemed to be in all their talks a deep conviction that the work is of the Lord; that He is guiding and opening hearts and homes to us. We have never gone out without first kneeling together and asking the Lord to go with us, and we have always come home feeling that our hearts burned with His presence on the way.

There are just twelve of the girls who do mission work, but as a result of this morning's meeting four more came and said they wanted to join us. We go out four-and-four three times a week to do house to house work, distributing tracts, selling Bibles, etc. Four of the girls have charge of a small Sunday school in our mission at Belem. We distributed 164 tracts Sunday morning before breakfast to people coming out of the cathedral. We have just received 500 Gospels from the Scripture Gift Mission in London. We should like to have a tract fund.

We had a fine spiritual prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. Each of the missionary girls take their turn in conducting the woman's meeting on Monday afternoons.

The Lord is blessing His work.

ADDIE BARTON.

Woman's Missionary Union.

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MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER, 1905, HERALDS OF THE CROSS IN HOME LANDS.

"The Lord sent them * * before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come." Missionaries, 718. Baptisms, 10,551. Received by letter, 10,019. Houses of worship built and improved, 205. Bibles and Testaments distributed, 24,350.

Seed Thoughts—"It is worth while giving your life to make this a noble country for God and for man."—Ralph Conner. "Ever forward, never halting."



PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. A Beautiful Message: I Cor. 15:58. What joy to know that nothing done for God is in vain, but the smallest service abideth forever! What encouragement that in Christ's earthly ministry there were so many "little things"!
2. Hymn: "I Gave My Life for Thee."
3. Prayer: That the power of the cross, the fulness of God's love, may take possession of all present.
4. Blackboard Talk: See diagram.
5. Home Mission Heralds: Seven hundred and eighteen were supported in whole or in part last year through the Home Board. These baptized 10,551, paid 174,751 visits, organized 539 Sunday schools, and received as total church additions 20,570.

6. Seed Thought: "The longer the lever, the more power." Is there anywhere such a lever as prayer, reaching from earth to heaven? Pray for those on frontier fields, in mountain sections, and throughout our Southland and Cuba, enduring "all things" for Christ's sake.

7. Short Talks on Paul as a Great Missionary Example: (a) His Call; (b) His Methods; (c) The Secret of His Success.

8. Some Reasons for Maintaining Home Missions: (See September Home Field.)

9. Leaflet: "Lengthen Cords and Strengthen Stakes," as Applied to Mountain Schools. By Annie W. Armstrong.

10. A Basket of Summer Fruits: Members in turn giving some one thing observed, experienced, read or heard, during the summer months in connection with Home Missions, showing needs or encouragements.

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MONTHLY MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE; FOR LEADERS AND LED.—The Subject for mission study and prayer for September is "Heralds of the Cross in Home Lands." Work in the Mountain Schools has been made specially prominent in Woman's Missionary Union effort for this year. A leaflet has been prepared by the Corresponding Secretary as the result of recent visit to several of these schools. "Lengthen Cords and Strengthen Stakes" is the title, and it will furnish most interesting information on this present and practical topic. A suggestive blackboard diagram also accompanies the leaflet. Price, 3 cents for both, including postage. Mrs. Llt. Dept., S. B. C., 233 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.

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THE COURSE AND THE CROWN.

Forenoon and afternoon and night, forenoon and afternoon and night, forenoon and—what?

The empty song repeats itself. No more? Yea, this is life; make this forenoon sublime,

This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer, and time is conquered and thy crown is won.

—Edward Roland Sill.

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To Think About.—Do I myself know any foreigner whom I may reach with the Gospel?

Do I care enough for my homeland to be zealous in Home Missions?

Do I care enough for the world to be interested in Home Missions?

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ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, KANSAS, MO., 1905. (Concluded.)

Mountain School Work.—In June, 1904, while attending the Conference of Young Woman's Christian Association workers at Asheville, N. C., two Mountain Schools were visited—Mars Hill and Fruitland. March, 1905, a special trip was made to Mountain Schools in company with Rev. A. E. Brown, Superintendent of Mountain Work, who kindly made all arrangements, and who so thoroughly understands conditions and needs of the schools. Ten schools were visited in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Most of the schools are very poorly furnished and their educational equipment is totally inadequate. One had in its library but fifteen dollars worth of books; another had borrowed

an unabridged dictionary; nearly all were in need of maps. What an astonishment it was to learn of the high-grade work being done under such conditions! It was a delight to come in touch with the spiritual atmosphere of some schools, to find how large a number of the pupils are Christians, and to hear of many recent conversions. Opportunities for talking with the young people regarding Woman's Missionary Union work were much appreciated, and it is most encouraging to contemplate the influence which will be exerted by the twenty Mountain Schools, with an enrollment of 3,800, now aided by the Home Mission Board, and by others that will be established for the Christian education and development of the mountain region. Ten thousand dollars was appropriated by the Home Board last year for this department of work. If opportunities in connection with the schools are embraced, double that amount will be inadequate next year.

Work Among Negroes.—Very earnest efforts have been made by the Corresponding Secretary to find ways by which Woman's Missionary Union workers may aid the Home Mission Board in the advance steps taken towards assistance of the negroes. With this purpose in view, a visit was paid to Little Rock, Ark., for conference with Dr. A. J. Barton, Field Secretary and Superintendent of work among negroes, and to Philadelphia, Pa., for conference with Mrs. S. W. Layten, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention (negro). It is hoped that Dr. A. J. Barton will be present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Kansas City to suggest carefully-considered plans by which it is thought effective and permanent work may be done by the Woman's Missionary Union among negro women.

The Year's Statistics—Contributions.

Cash contributions to Foreign Board, \$53,678.45; cash contributions to Home Board, \$30,698.32; cash contributions to Sunday-School Board, \$417.55; cash contributions for purchase of "Margaret Home," \$10,500; boxes to missionaries, valued at, \$41,649.23; boxes to Sunday-school missionaries, valued at \$1,456.10; Christmas offering to China, \$11,798.01. Results of Week of Special Effort for Home Missions not tabulated, but largely increased receipts of the Home Board at the time indicated in some measure the successful results. Cash total, \$95,294.32; box total, \$43,105.33. Grand total, \$138,399.65.

Expenses.

Woman's Missionary Union expenses for the year have been \$3,662.67. For these a draft was made on the Foreign Board for \$1,600, on the Home Board for \$1,600, and the Sunday-School Board paid \$400. In addition, the Foreign Board paid for Christmas Offering literature, and the Home Board for literature of Week of Special Offerings. The Secretary does not receive a salary.

Summary of Year's Work.

Days of travel, 145; places visited and revisited, 99; miles travelled, 16,848; addresses made, 223; meetings attended, 273; letters and manuscripts, 21,502; leaflets, pamphlets, etc., distributed, 382,113; mission topic cards, 24,550; collection envelopes, 236,799; mite barrels, 6,792.

Brieflets.

In response to the letter of greeting from Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting at Nashville, 1904, to women missionaries on foreign fields and the wives of frontier missionaries, some very sweet, appreciative replies were received.——A beautiful example of seizing opportunities was given by the

Woman's State Committee of Missions of Missouri in the opening of Baptist Headquarters during the Exposition at St. Louis as a place of rest and religious privileges. Several Southern Baptist Convention missionaries were among the visitors, and, September 6th, while passing through the city on a missionary trip, the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union addressed a gathering of ladies.—What splendid service many Woman's Missionary Union State officers are rendering! By their willingness to accompany the Corresponding Secretary of the General Organization to different places, they have made missionary trips much more effective. We hope the "rank and file" of our workers recognize how much of time and ability is being consecrated by their State officers, often at great cost to themselves.—The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union had the pleasure of having Mrs. J. A. Barker, President, in attendance upon an important meeting in October.—Missionary day in Sunday schools has been relegated to the past. With a view to larger results, a new plan was tried last year. In January an appeal was issued to Sunday schools by the Foreign Board alone, the Woman's Missionary Union preparing and sending out literature—over 7,000 packages. In October a similar effort was made by the Home Board of the Woman's Missionary Union, giving like hearty co-operation.—Is it worth while? Just consider: A church had for years given two dollars a year to missions, no Society being formed, as the brethren were opposed. Last year a Society was organized, and the nineteen women composing it have already given over \$100.—The "Girls" of South Carolina are supporting Miss Lura Stump, missionary to the Osage Indians at Pawhuska, Okla.—The "Girls" of Missouri are now supporting Miss Bertha Froehlich as Miss Buhlmaier's assistant at the Immigrant Pier in Baltimore. Miss Froehlich thinks this a great country. Why? "Because here I found the Lord." How suggestive in view of the incoming tide of immigrants.—The Home Missionary Society of Maryland, in addition to regular work, has undertaken the support of Miss Emily Cottrell as Miss Stump's co-worker.—Miss Myrtle Morris, supported by two associations in Virginia, has peculiar claims for the help promised in answer to prayer, being a mute missionary to the mutes in Cuba.—Quite a number of foreign missionaries are being supported by State organizations, and in some cases by associations and individuals.—School work is appealing to young people. A large number of "desks" have been taken in China.—Many missionaries on foreign fields have passed through great sorrow during the year. May God comfort them all, and in an especial manner our Brother and Sister Lacy, who lost all their children—five—inside of three weeks.

In Conclusion.—The record of the past year should be an inspiration to greater achievement in the future. The editor of the *Missionary Review*, Dr. A. T. Plerson, says: "There is great danger in the enthusiasm of public missionary gatherings, with their encouraging reports, of patting ourselves upon the back and going home with a feeling of self complacency." It is hoped this may not be the case with these in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, but that we may have such clear vision of the great cost at which redemption was purchased, such true conception of the condition of those without the Gospel, and of the varied needs of the work, such appreciation of blessings which have rewarded our partial obedience, that our hearts may be filled with great longing to be more faithful in the future than we have ever been in the past.

"To enlarge our habitations, lengthen cords and strengthen stakes.

Till Christ's kingdom of the nations one unbroken household makes."

A few words as to how this shall be done. First of all, by constant dependence upon God as co-laborer, ready, willing, waiting to give that power without which all efforts are vain. Second, by claiming the promise, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you." Third, by intelligent appreciation and adoption of plans which have been successful in the past, and which if well worked will yield larger results in days to come. "What is the secret of success?" asked a young man of Chauncey Depew. The reply was: "My boy, there is no secret; it is just dig, dig, dig." The idea seems very applicable, especially along the line of "apportionment," the importance of which cannot be too strongly emphasized. "There is money enough in the hands of Christians to sow every acre of the earth with the seed of truth," says Dr. Josiah Strong. If those in charge of Woman's Missionary Union work will carry out Mr. Depew's idea—in other words, keep at it, keep at it, keep at it, along the line of apportionment—in course of time we believe Southern Baptist women will come near to the measure of their responsibility in giving, and that God will honor Woman's Missionary Union by continued calls to larger service. Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Corresponding Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

First quarterly report from Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention:

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOCIETIES.				CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BAPTIST.			
State.	Foreign.	Home.	S.S.Bd.	State.	Foreign.	Home.	S.S.Bd.
Alabama.....	\$ 613 50	\$ 356 25		Alabama.....	\$245 33	\$ 91 19	\$11 06
Dist. of Columbia.....	10 50			Florida.....	9 10	82 75	
Florida.....	326 45	701 93		Georgia.....	111 29	117 09	
Georgia.....	3,178 89	2,726 95		Kentucky.....	17 57	18 74	1 20
Ind. Territory.....	19 64	47 26		Louisiana.....	3 45		5 65
Kentucky.....	782 75	307 35	\$ 25	North Carolina.....	113 61	106 03	
Louisiana.....	98 00	70 75	\$ 00	South Carolina.....	119 71	160 03	9 09
Maryland.....	615 82	44 43		Virginia.....	322 52	79 83	
Mississippi.....	419 86	219 67	2 50				
Missouri.....	250 22	269 93	12 70				
North Carolina.....	1,419 76	1,706 42					
Oklahoma.....	11 65	12 30					
South Carolina.....	1,144 59	514 46	68 84				
Tennessee.....	307 91	356 77					
Virginia.....	1,998 11	774 69					
Total.....	\$11,227 15	\$7,919 16	\$92 29	Total.....	\$912 58	\$655 06	\$27 07

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA V. RICKER,
Treasurer W. M. U.

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THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES.

"Go ye into all the world; teach all nations," was the great command of our great Lord and Master. Many, many years this command was not heeded, and although in our day a spirit of activity in obedience to it is evident, yet it seems that the work has not been pushed as the need required, for God himself is now come down to help us do His holy will in reaching out to all nations. Can there be any doubt in the hearts of His children that it is He who directs the way of the many foreigners? Is it not the hand of our wonderful and allwise Father who is guiding these to our shores—into our very midst? Can there be any doubt to what purpose? Is it not that we may be the more willing and better able to show them the way of salvation?

"But," I hear some say, "are these people not Christians?" In name, yes; but of truth this Scripture will apply to them: "Thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead." Can you conceive of the impossibility to procure a Bible

or Testament for any amount of money in these so-called Christian lands, and among a people called Christians? And yet this is a fact. Hundreds come to our shores who have never in all their lives been the possessors of a copy of God's Word.

Here, in Baltimore, our Home Board is striving to care for the strangers. The moment the immigrants set foot on American soil, they are greeted by your missionary under direction of our Board. Time and circumstances are such as to make them especially appreciative of any attention or kindness bestowed. Various and numerous are the opportunities to minister to their needs—spiritual as well as temporal—and in most cases the impressions received then will last all their lives. Besides giving temporary relief where necessity demands, special attention is directed to benefit the soul. By word of mouth and the printed page, the Gospel seed is being scattered broadcast.

During the last conventional year over 140,000 pages of literature, in seven different languages, were distributed among the immigrants in Baltimore, and over 7,300 copies of God's Word. This printed matter is provided by our Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

Now, as the number of weekly arrivals is very great (each steamer bringing from 1,000 to 1,800), it will be seen that the outlay in carrying on this work is also very great. Shall we not all rally around our Boards and by consecrated prayer and effort help in their support—the Home Board as it continues the work among the immigrants, and the Sunday-School Board as it supplies the necessary literature?

May God help us to see our opportunities, and, with obedience to His loving command, do whatsoever our hands find to do, and "great shall be our reward in heaven."

Your humble co-laborer in the work,

MARIE BUHLMAIER,
Missionary to the Immigrants.

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THE WORK THE FRONTIER BOXES ARE DOING.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong:

Dear Sister,—Box from the Early Seekers' Society of the Central Baptist church of Memphis, Tenn., reached us in due time, and contents wonderfully adapted to our need. A fine lot of bedding, which was badly needed; a supply of shoes, clothes, table linen, and some new goods. It is highly appreciated, more especially because it enables me to stay on this field of splendid possibilities. The Lord is blessing us, and we are looking for and expecting better things in Edmond. I have travelled among our people in Oklahoma for two years, and have been very close to the real frontier missionary. I have often thought I would like to write of the great good being done by those boxes. I sometimes speak of it in The Word and Way, but it is a delicate matter, and many of our noble men, and especially our godly women, are sensitive about making their hardships public; but I know of so many cases where a box has come in between a preacher and the giving up of his work. May the Lord enable you to press the work as the needs may appear.

Very gratefully yours.

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If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go and do what no one else will do.—Mary Lyon.

Young People's Department.

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

An American Boy and An Idol.
What would you say—O Idol old—
If you could speak to-day,
About this young American?
I fancy you would say:

"My fate is sealed! No more can I
Decelve, and souls destroy,
If brave young hearts my temple seek
And face me, like this boy.

You see, such eyes are keen and clear,
He knows I am a fraud;
He's not afraid of frown or threat,
Because he trusts in God.

'Tis fear that holds my worshippers—
They tremble while they pray;
He smiles—he knows, Oh, can it be?
He knows I'm only clay!"

Oh, boy, be true! America
Shall send its heralds brave
To teach and preach that Jesus Christ
Will China's millions save.

—L. A. S., in Children's Missionary Friend.

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CHINESE TRAVEL.

The Children in Blue do not learn geography, and have never been taught "the world is round, like a ball." They think the world we live on is square, and that it is supported on the horn of a giant cow. Poor cow! When the one horn gets tired she tosses the weighty world on to the other horn, and that makes an earthquake!

And these children have never learned that the earth moves round the sun, or any other of the wise things your lesson books tell you about.

The sun, says little Boy Blue, is born every morning out of the sky, and "walks" dally across the sky to his watery bed on the other side. He walks so fast that he wears out three pairs of straw sandals a day. When the children watch the rain falling into the stone courts of their houses, they say, with a laugh, as the drops patter down, "To-day the dragon is playing with his pearls," for, far away up in the skies, they believe there lives a great big dragon, and all that happens, good or ill, in their lives, is caused by him. He is very harmless when he "plays with his pearls" and lets the soft raindrops fall on the thirsty earth; but more often he is fierce and cruel, and he has his spirit servants, Wind and Water, Thunder and Lightning, and many others, that he sends to hurt and frighten the people of the earth. The Children in Blue are terribly afraid of thunder, not only because of the noise, but because they believe it is thunder and not lightning which strikes people to death. Lightning, they say, "only runs on ahead to show Thunder where to strike."

Christian Schools.

The schools which teach the queer things you have just read about are as

you guessed, heathen schools, which are almost entirely for boys, not one heathen girl in ten thousand having been taught to read before the missionaries entered the country.

Soon the missionaries found that the best way to teach the children—not only the children, but the fathers and mothers of the girls and boys as well—was to open day schools, where reading, writing, and the Bible were taught. As the people at first feared the foreigners, the attendance was small; but now the missionary schools of all grades are crowded, the parents themselves sometimes coming with the children and asking to learn also. In our Southern Baptist schools in China we have 1,380 scholars, and I wish I could take you on a visit to these schools, where both big and little people in blue are being taught. As I cannot do that, however, I must be content with telling you how earnest some of these school boys and girls are in Christian work. Beginning in the far north, and coming down 2,000 miles to our Southern China Mission, we might drop into mission schools all along the way. Here in Pingtu, where we will begin, they have 21 schools, in which there are enrolled 519 pupils, from the tiny little tots to grown boys ready to graduate from the boys high school. The tots are gathered into day schools scattered here and there through the cities. These schools are taught by Chinese Christians. Once a week, or oftener, the missionary visits the schools and examines the pupils on what they have learned since her last visit. There may be clatter and buzz enough before the missionary arrives, for in the ordinary Chinese school the scholars turn their backs to the teacher and study aloud, the one who makes the greatest noise being considered the most diligent. When she—for these schools are generally under the care of the lady missionaries—enters, however, there is not a sound until all rise, make a low bow, and bid her welcome. Copy-books are brought, lessons recited; but, most of all, the verses from the Bible, which have been learned by heart, are repeated. It is not unusual for small children in these schools to be able to repeat chapters from the New Testament—sometimes, indeed, nearly a whole gospel. Then, perhaps, a Moody-Sankekey hymn, to the tune we all know so well, but with Chinese words, is sung, and the missionary leaves, promising to come soon again. Do you wonder that such a school leads many to Christ? The children, just as children in America, love to repeat at home what they have learned at school, and many a mother and father hears first of Jesus from the little preachers in blue. On the other hand, the children of those who have become Christians rejoice that they have Christian schools to which to send their children, and are glad to help pay the native teacher. "How could we hope for our children to be Christians," they say, "if we must send them to school to heathen teachers, and with heathen scholars." No more than your parents would send you to a school where there were only bad children, and expect you to be good, could they send their children to these schools and expect them to remain Christians.

Next to these come the boarding schools for boys and girls; separate schools, of course, for in China the men and women must be so divided, even in Christian churches, that they cannot see one another. In the girls' boarding school in Teng Chow there are thirty-three girls, nearly every one of whom is a Christian. They have a Mission Band, which meets every evening, and have agreed to give one-tenth of all they make at lace work, or in any other way, to missions. Two of the girls who finished the course at this school last year have decided to become missionaries to their own people, and are being

trained for that work. In Pingtu the girls' boarding school has twenty more pupils than the one at Teng Chow. The girls here are deeply interested in the question of feet. You know that in China every girl who wishes to be considered a lady must have her feet bound so tightly in childhood that she goes lame and hobbling all her life. Ugly and cruel as this seems to us, to have natural feet in China means to be laughed at, called names, and generally to have to stay unmarried, or make a very poor match. Ever since the missionaries went to China they have been trying to show how cruel foot-binding is, and now, in spite of the laughs and slurs, the girls in this school are unbinding their feet. Seven of them, too, were baptized last year, and others decided for Christ.

In the North China Mission the largest school is the boys' boarding school in Pingtu, with an enrollment of about a hundred, nearly all of whom pay in proportion to their means. Mr. Owen writes that he believes every boy in the school is a Christian. Is not that glorious? This school has a fine Young Men's Christian Association, and some time ago nine of the young men were determined to become preachers. If you could only see how these poor fellows are crowded, both by day and night, and see others yet asking to come in and be taught, I think every one of you would pray for the speedy enlargement of the Pingtu boys' school.

But this is not all. You will ask where are the boys who want to preach, and the girls who wish to be Bible women, are going to be trained? That is the question our missionaries asked over and over again, until they began the Training School. Now they have twenty-two men and three women getting ready for the work—making missionaries of those who a little while ago were heathen.

Coming down to Shanghai we find, besides a number of day schools, a pair of memorial schools—the Eliza Yates Memorial School for Girls, built by Mrs. Yates's daughter, and the Matthew Yates Memorial School, for which a new house is to be built. Miss Lottie Price is President of the Girls' School, and Mr. Bryan is President of that for the boys. Heathen mothers, Miss Price says, bring their little daughters, begging her to take them into the school.

Down in Southern China, at the end of last year, there were in the girls' boarding school only three girls (and they very small ones), who were not members of the church. The Canton Academy for Boys is taken care of by the Chinese Christians, who delight to see their own boys trained in "the Jesus way."

Here in Canton is another Training School for Chinese preachers and teachers, and yet another which I think shows how every one who really loves Christ wants to tell some one else about him. Very few heathen women can read. When they become Christians they, perhaps, do not know a single hymn; yet their hearts burn to tell their own dear children, their friends and neighbors, of the dear Saviour they have found. As best they can, they find two or three weeks, or a month, or two, perhaps, when they can come down to Canton. "Teach us, though we are very stupid, to read God's word," they beg. In the short time they can stay, some make little progress; but they come next year and next, as they can find time, returning each time with something more to tell of Jesus, and at last able to call many around them and read to them His own precious Word. Do you wonder now that we have Mission Schools? I think not, for they carry God's Word into the very heart of heathen homes.

From July 15 to August 15, 1905.

ALABAMA.—St. Francis St. Ch., Mobile, by J. W. L., \$105; O. F. Huckaba, \$1; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$3.54; Clayton St. S. S., Montgomery, by J. H. O'H., \$1.41; W. B. Crumpton, C. S. (Miss Kelly), \$76.51; Miss Hartwell, \$44.90; Miss Miller, \$2.50; Para Chapel, \$5; China, \$1.50; M. Collum Chapel, \$10; Japan, \$1.88; desk in Miss Kelly's School, \$15; desk in Miss Hartwell's School, \$15, \$562.99; W. M. S., Palmetto St. Ch., Mobile, by Mrs. G. A. K. (Miss Kelly), \$18; Friendship Ch., by J. B. C., \$25; Deadeville S. S., by C. J., \$1.65. Total, \$723.53. Previously reported, \$666.48. Total this year, \$1,390.07.

ARKANSAS.—Twelve Corner Ch., by W. B. W., \$2; L. A. S., Second Ch., Pine Bluff, by Mrs. J. A. B., \$5. Total, \$7. Previously reported, \$30. Total this year, \$37.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—S. S., Grace St., Washington, by A. J. D., \$22.54; S. S., Second Ch., Washington, by R. M. H., \$25; First Ch., Washington, by J. W. W. (N. Maynard), \$7.55; "A Friend," Washington, \$10. Total, \$65.09. Previously reported, \$131.13. Total this year, \$196.22.

FLORIDA.—L. D. Gelger, C. S. (F. J. Fowler, \$44.85), \$133.89; First, Jacksonville, Ralph Jessup (native preacher), \$20; L. D. Gelger, C. S. (F. J. Fowler, \$18.06), \$191.43. Total, \$345.32. Previously reported, \$84.57. Total this year, \$429.89.

GEORGIA.—S. S., Second Ch., Macon, by L. F. C., \$10.91; "A Friend," Ponce De Leon Ch., Atlanta, by J. W. M. (S. M. Sowell), \$300; Swainsboro Ch., by G. H. C., \$6.45; High Point Ch., by J. W. S., 55 cents; Jackson Ch., by F. S. E. (missionary), \$110.25; Pleasant Grove Ch., by J. A. T., \$4.34; Mrs. Mary Davis Jackson, Greensboro, \$25; Tabernacle Ch., Atlanta, by Mrs. C. W. F. (Alice Parker), \$21.60; Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, Moultrie (salary J. C. Owen), \$125; Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, Moultrie (school, Pingtu, boys), \$76; Mrs. C. P. Sams, Americus, \$5; County Line Ch., by W. M. R., \$2.50; W. M. S., First, Americus, Mrs. M. F. B. (native helper, \$6.50) \$11.50; Lumber City Ch. W. M. U., by Mrs. H. S. W., \$1.10; Vineville Ch., Macon, by S. J. F., \$17.07; Quiltman Ch., by S. B. P. (R. E. Pettigrew), \$50; "A Friend," Lumpkin (colporter in China), \$4.25; W. M. S., Dublin Ch., by Mrs. L. R. S. (native helper, \$9), \$10; W. M. U., Ponce De Leon Ch., Atlanta, by M. H. H. (T. M. Thomas), \$150; Millford Ch., by J. P. S., \$3. Total, \$943.52. Previously reported, \$1,705.96. Total this year, \$2,649.48.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—W. M. S., Holdenville, by Miss C. H. (A. W. A.), \$2.50; Coalgate Ch., by M. P. H., \$10.15; Checotah Ch., by M. P. H., \$1.50; L. A. S., Tulsa, by Mrs. B. F. P. (Japan), \$3.25. Total, \$17.40. Previously reported, \$51.63. Total this year, \$69.03.

KENTUCKY.—North Fork Ch., by I. M. T., \$4; Trammel Fork Ch., by J. W. McQ., \$11.67; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec'y (Franklin Ch., H. W. Provence, \$94.25; 1st Paducah, Tipton, \$41.67), \$297.57; Rev. F. M. Stone, Fountain Run, \$10; Miss Willie Lamb, Treas. (Cave Run, for Goto, \$13; Mt. Vernon, McCollum, \$25; Lebanon Junction, Girls Mrs. Snuggs, \$18; Smithland, Yangchow Hospital, \$1.11; First, Lexington, Yangchow Hospital, \$10; Parkland, Yangchow Hospital, \$2; Parkland, native preacher, \$15; Parkland Sunbeams, Chinese girl, Graves, \$3.75; Danville, reading woman, \$15), \$290.06. Total, \$613.30. Previously reported, \$1,014.43. Total this year, \$1,627.73.

LOUISIANA.—Drew Ferguson, Homer Ch.,

by H. M. G. (pupil, Miss J. Meadows), \$15; Covington Ch., by an aged member, J. E. B., pastor, \$2.50; Sodus Ch., Pleasant Hill, by W. R. R., \$5; Pelican Ch., by J. B. H., \$20; L. M. Aid Soc., Frierson, by Mrs. C. F., \$3; W. M. S., Arcadia, by Mrs. J. A. O. (Ch. at Bahla), \$5. Total, \$50.50. Previously reported, \$14.20. Total this year, \$64.70.

MARYLAND.—Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, by H. W. P., \$143.90; Y. L. Bible Class, Huntington Ch., Baltimore, by C. W. W. (support child with Rawlinson), \$22.50; Nanjemoy Ch., by J. L. D., Jr., \$110; Franklin Square Ch., Baltimore, by F. E. W., \$100; First German Baptist Ch., Baltimore, by Wm. P., \$11. Total, \$337.40. Previously reported, \$864.62. Total this year, \$1,202.02.

MISSISSIPPI.—Immanuel Ch., Meridian, \$6.80; Clinton Ch., by Geo. Whitfield, \$5. Total, \$11.80. Previously reported, \$596.20. Total this year, \$608.

MISSOURI.—A. W. Payne, Treas. (Le Monte Ch. native helper for Sears), \$4.50; a member Nevada Ch. (Jose Parl, Brazil), \$80; C. W. Hazell (Sears' chapel), \$5; Slater S. S. (Wan Sing Chung), \$15, \$250.67; Women of Missouri, by A. W. P. (New Hope W. M. S., \$1; Roanoke W. M. S., \$1; Harrisonville W. M. S. (Christmas), \$9.10; Newark W. M. S., \$2.50; Mrs. Caroline Betts (Effie Sears Mem.), \$1; a sister (Effie Sears' Mem.), \$5; Millan Juniors (Peyton Stephens), \$5; Mt. Pleasant W. M. S. (Africa), \$1.10; Pleasant Grove W. M. S., \$9; Marceline W. M. S., \$5; Lexington W. M. S., \$3; Baby Roll (Effie Sears' Mem.), 52 cents; First, St. Joseph, W. M. S., \$5.05; Calvary, Kansas City, W. M. S., \$9.06; Bales, Kansas City, W. M. S., \$2; Third, St. Louis, W. M. S., \$5; Mexico W. M. S., \$12.50; Salem W. M. S., \$3.40; Grace W. M. S., \$3.45; Mrs. J. L. Burnham (Effie Sears' Mem.), \$2; Fulton W. M. S. (Effie Sears' Mem.), \$5; Fulton W. M. S. (Pingtu Bible woman), \$15; Clinton W. M. S., \$3; Union W. M. S., \$5; Fredericktown W. M. S., \$1.05; New London W. M. S., \$2.50; Mrs. Geo. B. Sydnor (Effie Sears' Mem.), \$5, \$122.23; Mrs. J. Sanderson and F. S. Carey, Kansas City (native student with Ginsburg), \$30; Miss Jesse Sanderson, Bowling Green, \$15. Total, \$517.90. Previously reported, \$51.92. Total this year, \$569.82.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Elizabeth Flowers' estate, by W. H. C., \$356.45; Mt. Zion Ch., by W. F. McA., \$4.05; John Cates, Mebane (China missions), 25 cents; Walters Durham, Treas., \$2,000; Baptist chapel, South River Ass'n, by J. M. F., 65 cents. Total, \$2,361.40. Previously reported, \$529.11. Total this year, \$2,890.51.

OKLAHOMA.—Miss Emily Cottrell, Pawhuska (Yangchow Hospital), \$1; B. Y. P. U., Williston, A. W. A. (China, \$1.75; Mexico, \$1.40), \$3.15; L. A. S., Oklahoma City, by A. W. A., \$2.50. Total, \$6.65. Previously reported, \$52.44. Total this year, \$59.09.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Santee Ch., Charleston Ass'n, by J. A. B., \$6; Wedgefield Ch., Santee Ass'n, by W. H. R., \$6.05; S. S., Canaans Ch., by H. K. A., \$2.93; Cedar Grove Ch., by W. J. W., \$2; Greenwood Ch., Waccamaw Ass'n, by R. O. H. (D. F. Crossland), \$6.88; Greenwood S. S., Waccamaw Ass'n, by R. O. H. (D. F. Crossland), 62 cents; W. M. S., Riverside Ch., Greenville Ass'n, by Miss L. L., \$5; Piedmont Ch., by R. D. S., \$6.90; Return Ch., Beaver Dam Ass'n, by J. L. M., \$3.60; Goucher Ch., Broad River Ass'n, by Miss A. B. (W. E. Crocker), \$10.53; Mineral Spring Ch., Pee Dee Ass'n, by A. S. R., \$5; Salem Ch., Pee Dee Ass'n, by

A. S. R., 66 cents; Brownsville Ch., Pee Dee Ass'n, by A. S. R., \$3; First Ch., Rock Hill, by J. J. W., \$10; Mt. Arnon Ch., Barnwell Ass'n, by J. B. A., \$5; Celar Creek Ch., by L. M. D., \$1.06; L. M. S., Beech Island Ch., by Mrs. J. M. W. (W. W. Lawton) \$10; Washington Ch. and S. S., by I. T. H. (W. H. Cannada), \$3.89; Taylors Ch., N. Greenville Ass'n, by E. T. S. (W. H. Cannada), \$24.08; W. M. S., Taylors Ch., N. Greenville Ass'n, by E. T. S. (W. H. Cannada), \$6; S. S. Class, Mrs. J. O. Wilhite, First, Anderson (Entzminger press), \$1.62; Y. L. M. S., Citadel Square Ch., Charleston, by Z. D. (Miss Whilden's blind girls), \$10; Bethabara Ch., Laurens Ass'n, by R. S. G., \$3.36; Bethel Ch., Southeast Ass'n, by L. A. S., \$12.30; Tucapaw Ch., by F. W. M., \$2; Conway Ch., Waccamaw Ass'n, by A. H. B., \$30; Warrior Creek, Laurens Ass'n, by A. J., \$5.74; W. M. S., Ebenezer Ch., Ridge Ass'n, Mrs. D. L., \$5; Little River Ch., Fairfield Ass'n, by J. B. C., \$1.55; El Bethel Ch., by W. L. G. (W. E. Crocker), \$3.40; Double Pond Ch., by J. H. H., \$5; Pee Dee Union, Waccamaw Ass'n, by J. L. S., \$11.95; Mrs. Beattie Rowland, Treas. (Abbeville Ass'n, \$3.35 (Mrs. P. B. Roach, salary); Barnwell Ass'n, \$6.80; Colleton Ass'n, \$4.25; Charleston Ass'n, \$5.77 (\$5 of this from Citadel Square, Charleston, L. B. S., for Hospital, Yangchow); Chesterfield Ass'n, \$3; Edgefield Ass'n, \$1.72; Florence Ass'n, \$2.96; Greenville Ass'n, \$72.25 (\$16.37 of this amount for Yangchow Hospital); Laurens Ass'n, \$1 (50 cents for Yangchow Hospital; 50 cents for Publication Society, Brazil); North Greenville Ass'n, \$2; Orangeburg Ass'n, \$4.40; Pee Dee Ass'n, \$2.50; Piedmont Ass'n, \$2.43; Reedy River Ass'n, \$4.92; Ridge Ass'n, \$10.85; Saluda Ass'n, \$23.39 (of this amount \$14.14 for Hospital, Yangchow, balance for Miss Barton's salary); Santee Ass'n, \$2.10; Spartanburg Ass'n, \$47.58 (\$6 for Yangchow Hospital, balance Miss Whilden's salary); Union County Ass'n, \$11; Welch Neck Ass'n, \$6.85; York Ass'n, \$5.35), \$224.47; Mt. Pleasant Ch., by A. G. K., \$2; Greers Ch., by R. M. H., \$3.92; Greers S. S., by R. M. H., \$15; Chestnut Hill Ch., Ridge Ass'n, by P. H. C., \$1.45; Lanes Ch., by O. D. L., \$1.60; Greeleyville Ch., by O. D. L., \$2; Miss Ella Little, Greenville (China), \$100; S. S. Convention, Edisto Ass'n, by J. C. C., \$1.75; Saxon Mills Ch., by J. T. W., \$1.75; Good Hope Ch., Ridge Ass'n, by J. S. B., \$2.58; Thompson Creek Ch., by G. L. M., \$1.70; Catuhee Ch., Pickens Ass'n, by I. F. W., \$1.65; New Liberty Ch., N. Greenville Ass'n by Z. H., (Cannada's Fund), \$11.93; Graham S. S., by J. B. J., \$2.25; Friendship Ch., No. 2, by W. D. A., \$2.46; Philadelphia Ch., Spartanburg Ass'n, by M. A. F. (Miss Whilden), \$39; Piedmont Ass'n, by W. T. Odell, \$6.85; Mt. Tabor Ch., by H. G. W., 70 cents; Pee Dee Ch., by H. G. W., 61 cents; Providence Ch., Broad River Ass'n, by D. W. C., \$19.50; Ebenezer Ch., by D. E. L., \$10; Union Lower Division, Lexington Ass'n, by J. F. F., \$7.40; Rocky Springs Ch., Edisto Ass'n, by M. W. H., \$2.35; Salem Ch., Union Co. Ass'n, by W. O. J., \$2.88; J. E. Butler, Greenwood, 50 cents; Pacolet Church, No. 1, by J. G. K., \$2; Goucher Ch., Broad River Ass'n, by Miss A. B. (W. E. Crocker), \$7.50; Springtown Ch., by S. P. H., \$10. Total, \$709.97.

Previously reported, \$3,674.17. Total this year, \$4,384.14.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. I. N. Penick, Martin, \$1; Ararat Ch., Big Hatchie Ass'n, by G. B. S., \$25.04; Walden St. Ch., Harriman, by Mrs. R. C. B., \$75; Ballard's Chapel, Louisville, by M. L. B., \$2; Hill City S. S., by A. E. C., \$2.40; Union Ridge Ch., by B. J. S.,

\$1.50; Lost Creek Ch., by P. Hill, \$5.20. Total, \$115.14.

Previously reported, \$636.49. Total this year, \$811.63.

TEXAS.—Mt. Gillead Ch., by W. M. C., \$2.60; First Ch., Purvis, by J. H. O., \$3.50; Sylvan Ch., by J. H. L., \$11; B. Y. P. U., Calvert Ch., by Mrs. A. McL. (native preacher), \$5; Aid and Missionary Soc'y, First, Jasper, by Mrs. W. P. C., \$2.50; Round Rock Ch., by J. M. D. (Sect. in Para Chapel), \$7.15; W. M. S., Cliff Ch., by Y. F. W., \$2; W. M. S., Gallisple, by Y. F. W., \$2.10; S. S. Brigman and Honey Flat, by A. A. McC., \$2.10; L. A. S., Amarilla, by Mrs. B. T. W. (native missionary), \$75; First Ch., Humboldt, by R. P. M. (bullding Institute, Toluca) \$500. Total, \$617.95.

Previously reported, \$6,034.10. Total this year, \$6,652.05.

VIRGINIA.—Geo. W. Smith, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, \$25; H. P. Cox, Dug Spur, Va., by E. L. (Chinese Publication Soc.), \$5.25; S. B. Blair, Bannister, by E. L. (China Publication Society), \$5. H. A. Jacob, Treas. (Laurel Grove W. M. S., Roanoke Ass'n, \$25, for native missionary in China; Sunbeams of Glebe Landing Ch., Rappahannock Ass'n, \$2.62, for desk in China; W. M. S. of Mt. Hermon Ch., Hermon Ass'n, \$2, for desk in China; Clarksville Ch., Concord Ass'n, \$1.50, desk in China; W. M. S., Mt. Tabor Ch., Roanoke Ass'n, \$25, for native missionary; Sunbeams of Grove Avenue Ch., Dover Ass'n, \$2.42, for desk in China; W. M. S., North Fork Ch., Potomac Ass'n, \$14.10, for native helper Lee; W. M. S., Mt. Zion Ch., James River Ass'n, 83 cents, for desk in China; Sunbeams of Western Branch Ch., Portsmouth Ass'n, \$10, desk in China; Sharon Ch., Concord Ass'n, \$1.40, Chinese Publication Society; Sunbeams of Central Hill Ch., Portsmouth Ass'n, \$4.20, for desk in China; Sunbeams of Lee St. Ch., Roanoke Ass'n, \$3.50, desk in China; W. M. S., of Calvary Ch., Valley Ass'n, \$10, for support of Dr. Simmons; W. M. S., Mt. Zion Ch., Roanoke Ass'n, \$25, support of native missionary; Sunbeams of Glebe Landing Ch., Rappahannock Ass'n, \$1.31, desk in China; Mrs. W. W. Wooten's S. S. Class, Clarksville Ch., \$5, for desk in Canton China; Sunbeams of First Norfolk Ch., Portsmouth Ass'n, for desk in China; Sunbeams of Hermitage Ch., Rappahannock Ass'n, \$50, for Girls' Day School in Canton, China; W. M. S., of Alexandria Ch., Potomac Ass'n, \$10, for Miss Trainham; First Lynchburg Ch., Strawberry Ass'n, \$6, for Dr. Ginsburg's field; Sunbeams of Hebron Ch., Dover Ass'n, \$1, for desk in China; Sunbeams of West Point, Dover Ass'n, \$1.20, desk in China; Gwathmey Ch., Dover Ass'n, \$3.75, for desk in China; Union Grove Ch., Concord Ass'n, \$3.80, for Yates College, China; Cartersville Ch., James River Ass'n, \$43.39, for native helper in China; Smyrna Ch., Concord Ass'n, \$2, for Chinese Publication Society; Sunbeams of two Newport News Chs., Peninsula Ass'n, \$13.25, desk in China; Mr. Soren, \$25.03; support of desk in China, \$1.36; Mrs. McDaniel, \$2.25; desk in China, \$5. Total, \$3,035.25.

Previously reported, \$1,530.33. Total this year, \$4,565.58.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Chinese Dept. Bible School, First Cambridge (native preacher, Canton), \$15.

Previously reported, \$21. Total this year, \$36.

AGGREGATE.

Total this month, \$10,544.18.

Previously reported, \$19,807.60.

Total this year, \$30,351.78.

Total indebtedness of Board August 15, 1905, \$60,959.27.