

*"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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GETTING INTO A NARROW RUT.

There is perpetual danger that even the best of God's servants will get into a more or less narrow rut in their sympathies, their prayers and their work. It is not easy to take the whole world into our sympathies and prayers, but it is none the less necessary. Our minds are apt to become engrossed in our own work to the exclusion of all other work. For instance we recently heard two godly men pray, one in one association and another in another, that the Lord would "pour out His Spirit upon all flesh until all shall know thee from *one end of the State to the other.*" Similarly, there is danger that a foreign Missionary will pray for his own field and forget others. On this subject, the late Dr. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, once said:

"Some years ago it was brought home to my heart and conscience that there was danger of my getting into a narrow rut. China is 2,000 miles broad and 2,000 miles long, and yet I found I was getting into a narrow rut. My love was getting too much confined to it, as were my sympathies and prayers. I made it a rule, as far as possible, not to pray for China at all until I prayed for a good many other places, for I knew that if I began at the wrong end I would not get far on. I now begin by praying for South America. It is a most needy part of the world, and wants your prayers as well as mine. The workers here have great difficulties to contend with, and of the same sort as we have in China from Roman Catholicism—the most God-dishonouring system in the world. The heathen need your prayers, but the Roman Catholic needs your prayers ten times more. He is ten times as much in the dark as the heathen themselves are."

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AN OFFERING NOW.

The Foreign Board has made some greatly needed appropriations for the extension of our work and heavy drafts have been coming on our treasury. We have not pressed our needs on our people knowing that State Missions had to be looked after in many of our States. But now as the State Conventions are meeting and the people can think more earnestly about the work abroad we ask a gift from each. Just as soon as your State Mission Collection is over, can you not send on a part of your offering for foreign missions? It will help very much. We have been able to get money from the banks at a low rate of in-

terest but unless we get substantial help soon we fear they will raise the rate on us. Really, this is for you—Give something yourself and talk to your neighbours and ask them to give. We need funds now for the good of the work.

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LOOKING THE RIGHT WAY.

About five years ago Mr. Arthington, a wealthy Baptist of Leeds, England, died and left a large portion of his estate, estimated to be worth nearly five million dollars, for new work in foreign missions. The will, of course, was contested, but the contestants were not successful, and now at length the estate left by Mr. Arthington, has become available. It is not to pay debts or to keep any present work going, but to open new work. The larger part of it goes to the English Baptist Missionary Society; the balance to the London Missionary Society. *The Church Missionary Intelligencer* heartily congratulates those societies on this "munificent gift—the largest probably that has ever been left for foreign missions—which will now at once be available for new work. There should therefore be a solid forward movement, please God."

How the world is moving on! In 1884 the celebrated and much loved Gen. George Gordon ("Chinese Gordon") lost his life trying to pacify the rebellious people of upper Egypt and the Eastern Soudan, and for years the Mahdi and his sons defied the English and desolated the country. Then in 1889 came the great victory of Lord Kitchener, which completely destroyed the power of the Mahdi. Missionaries longed to enter the land thus opened, but were restrained by the government, which feared the fanaticism of the natives. But the pressure of missionary life in England and other countries was kept steadily on that point, and unobserved almost, medical missions entered. For some years the Church of England and the United Presbyterians have had medical work in that country. Very recently English officials have given consent for missionaries to enter more fully on the work. At this moment the bequest of Mr. Arthington, intended chiefly for new work in Africa, becomes available!

Some years ago, grateful and admiring friends of Gen. Gordon erected a statue of that great man and general at Khartoum. The statue faces the desert where thousands roam and find wretched homes in the valleys and on the oases of the great country stretching across Central Africa, called the Soudan. Last spring a gentleman visited the statue and asked his dragoman why Gordon's statue was placed facing the desert.

The dragoman replied, with much spirit: "Gordon Pasha is looking at the right place—the desert of the Soudan. See, sir, it was for the

Soudan Gordon Pasha died. So they put him looking not at the palace, nor to the north whence help was coming, nor to the Nile where he might have escaped, but to the great Soudan, for which he fought so hard, and for which he gave up his life. He is waiting, sir, for the morning, and with you English the dawn is come." The correspondent was deeply impressed by this reply, and he adds. "The figure waits like the sphinx of Ghizeh, looking patiently out over the sandy waste. But the sphinx is a puzzle; Gordon's statue is a prophecy. The sphinx holds the secret of the past; Gordon's statue is a voice calling the present to a great inheritance."

Yes a prophecy of the triumph of God's cause—of the time when the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and a call to all of us to look out on a lost world and to give ourselves most earnestly to its salvation.

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A MISSIONARY'S LONGING.

Below we give an extract from a letter of our beloved Missionary J. W. McCollum. He did not write for print but it is the outpouring of his heart. We want him to stay in this country until he is strong. Oh, that others well and strong might go to Japan. See what he says:

I've been waiting to have a thorough overhauling by the Doctor, so that I might write you something definite as to my condition and the probable date of my return to Japan. Since Sept. 15th I've gained 4 pounds in weight, and my general condition encourages me to hope for strong vitality within the next few months. The Doctor, however, says that I must content myself to wait until January 1906 before returning. He is to give me a two weeks' course of treatment at his Sanitarium beginning about October 15th. His reason for waiting until then is that the depletion of strength consequent upon the treatment, will be somewhat counteracted by the cooler weather of that season.

In spite of his opinion I can't help indulging the hope that we shall be able to spend Christmas in Japan and be ready for work by January, 1906. Hitherto I've only been called upon to counsel others to be patient. Now that there's necessity to observe what has been given only to others, I've sometimes, (more often than I ought,) felt rebellious. The Master knows and so I try to pray with Him, "If it be possible . . . nevertheless not my will, but thine be done."

Great opportunities of large service invite our speedy return. New conditions call loudly for new men of great capacity and enormous energy to lay the foundations, in Jesus Christ, of the Eternal Kingdom in the East. Oh, that He would thrust forth those whom he would have to go. No wonder that the Master seeing the throngs, as sheep without a Shepherd, was moved with compassion. Shall our hearts break in the longing for men while the millions of the East are marshalled to the orders of The Prince of Darkness though they wait for the coming of the Sun of Righteousness. It seems to me I could wait with more patience if some men really fitted for the work would volunteer. May many hear his voice and go forth to bring in the sheaves.

REMEMBER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN YOUR WILL.

Our people are accumulating property rapidly. There is no question about this. It is equally certain that those who have large means cannot hold them long. With every possession there is responsibility, there is also opportunity. Wealth is a means of accomplishing great good. Mis-used it is a great curse. Property itself cannot do good or evil. The use of it is the deciding factor. It all depends on the heart and hand which holds and uses in many cases. The present holders must decide soon how they will use what has been entrusted to them. Learn to give now and take God into your plans. Some are making their wills. Have you remembered a lost world for which God gave his Son from Heaven? It would be better to impress your child with your love for God and your fidelity to him than to leave the child impressed with the idea of worshipping gold.

One of the greatest dangers before us now is that where the parents have struggled faithfully and served God and acquired property, their children will come after them trusting in the things of this world, and will turn away to sin and iniquity. Far better poverty and purity than wealth and wickedness. Let pastors impress upon their members who have wealth to use it for God first. In drawing wills let the testator be sure to put a clause providing for a part to go to God's cause. We give in the Journal a form to be used when a person wishes to leave funds for Foreign Missions. This should be observed as we have lost by wills being written incorrectly and not standing the test when carried into the Courts.

We hope that all over our Convention people will put into their wills a legacy for Foreign Missions. A large part of the income of some boards annually is from legacies. Much more ought and we believe soon will come to our Board in this way.

The following is the

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, chartered by the Legislature of Virginia by an act approved February 23, 1888, (here insert the amount, if in money, or description of other property real or personal), for the purposes contemplated by said Board.

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ANNUITIES.

Perhaps even a better plan of giving to foreign missions than through legacies is through gifts. That is where a party wishes a certain amount to go to foreign missions but needs the interest on the same during life let him give the amount to the Foreign Board and the Board will give its obligation to said donor to furnish him a certain sum semi-annually as long as he shall live. The person is thus relieved of all care and responsibility and has an obligation better than that of a bank. The

income is sure. In this way at one's death there is no squabble and fighting over the property. A large part is not lost in settling suits and in lawyers' fees. It goes where the donor desired it should go. Some have already given to our Board in this way and the plan works well.

A SMALL LEGACY FOR ITALIAN WORK.

Brother D. G. Whittinghill writes of a legacy left to the Board by one of our Italian Sisters, Mrs. Martinelli, an ex-nun. He says, "The widow Martinelli, true to her convent training, hid her will under an old carpet. She was an ex-nun and therefore suspicious to the bone. We were relieved to find that the testament was legal and in the Board's favor. Her property consisted of a small sum of money, some household furniture and a house at Torre Annunciata, a village nearby. The total value of said property is about \$1,000. We fear that at least half of the amount will be necessary to pay creditors and government taxes. It may be possible to use the house which we have inherited as a preaching hall and pastor's residence."

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD.

A letter came from a sister in Tex. with 25 cts. to help build a hospital in China for Bro. Oxner's work. Read it and consider what you have given.

I am deeply interested in Bro. J. M. Oxner's work in China. His report and appeal to Texas Baptists for help touched my heart. Texas could build this Hospital just as easily as Georgia could build one for Dr. Ayers. God grant to help them see their opportunity. But I will not wait for Texas to "Go forward" in this—but will send my "wee" contribution. Now, I only wish it was dollars instead of cents. But we are to give what we have—and when I remember the Saviour commended the Widow's gift I am sure He will accept this from an invalid, with the earnest prayers that go with it. May I tell you why I send this little? You know I am a wheelchair shut-in, and some years do not earn even this much—but not long since I worked some button holes, and the person I did it for paid me 25 cents. I was very glad, and it did not take me long to decide to give it as a thank-offering to Bro. Oxner's Hospital. And one of the blessed things about it is, I earned it with my own feeble hands, and give it oh! so gladly.

I hope to get all who are taking "The Foreign Mission Journal" here to renew—perhaps a few new subscribers. The "Journals" are doing good work, stirring up those who are taking them, to the importance of Missions. Would that every Baptist in the land would take it! My whole heart is with you in the work, and may God's richest blessings be with you in all you undertake in Him. Faithfully and gratefully, your Sister in Christ.

.SENTIMENT IN JAPAN TOWARDS MISSIONARIES.

We present below a brief extract from a letter of Rev. E. N. Walne, our missionary at Nagasaki, Japan, under date of September 25th. This is the latest possible information by mail. We confess that when rioting began in Tokyo and other places in Japan, we feared an awakening of anti-foreign sentiment; especially anti-American and anti-missionary sentiment, because President Roosevelt had been so prominent in negotiations for peace and which proved unpopular with the Japanese people. We are glad our fears were groundless. Bro. Walne says:

You have probably been a little disturbed by the reports of the rioting which has been going on in Japan since the close of the Peace Conference. I am glad to be able to assure you that there is nothing in the situation to cause anxiety. There is less anti-foreign and anti-Christian spirit in the country than there has ever been. The present movement is directed entirely against the Government, and is due to the feeling, which is almost universal, that Japan has lost by diplomacy what she gained by the sword. There are already indications that the tide of feeling is turning. The Japanese are more law abiding than Americans and the nation bitterly regrets many of the things which happened in Tokio during that wild night of rioting.

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We rejoice to know that Miss Lottie Price is much better. She is in Berkely, California.

Rev. L. M. Duval and wife were expected to start back for Africa Oct. 28th, sailing from Montreal and going via Europe.

On Aug. 22nd, 1905, Bolivia, S. A. passed a bill giving liberty of worship to all her people. This is progress.

Miss Willie Kelly, who came to California with Miss Lottie Price, has returned to China sailing with the party who left San Francisco, Sept. 20th.

Many are sending us fine lists of subscribers for the Journal. This is real mission work. More information means more interest and more interest means larger contributions.

Miss Annie Jenkins who was detained on account of a fall and could not go with the party which sailed in Sept., left from San Francisco, Oct. 12, for Chengchow, China.

Rev. R. P. Mahon is at Humboldt, Tenn., taking a much needed rest. His health failed in Mexico, and the doctors ordered him away for a complete change. We hope he will soon be entirely well again.

The Ruston, La., Church gave last year for foreign missions, \$510.33. Home Missions, \$343.47, State Missions, \$248.38, Orphanage, \$222.25, for Ministerial education, \$108.30, Association Missions, \$100. Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry, the pastor is always missionary.

Our work in Foreign lands is prospering in more ways than one. Here come three announcements telling of an increase in the missionary force. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes say its a little boy, Arthur Courtney Hayes. Bro. and Sister J. F. Ray say its a fine boy, and Bro. and Sister T. F. McCrea announce Jennie Gwendolyn, a sweet little girl.

Mr. Taylor Bagby, son of our beloved missionary, Bro. W. B. Bagby, at Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Sr. Cesar Dias Quearrious have both been licensed to preach by the Sao Paulo Church. They are now studying at Baylor University, Texas. When they shall have completed their education, they expect to return to Brazil for their life work.

Mr. J. L. Barker, of Berkeley, Cal., has erected a block of stores, the rent of which goes to support his daughter, Miss Lydia G. Barker, a missionary in India. This is a new, but altogether reasonable plan, in view of the rapid increase of wealth in this country, and the great calls for men and money in mission work. The investment of funds for the Lord's cause, is eminently fitting and right.

We are very much needing funds for our work. During the fall most of the States have been "rounding up" on State Missions. We are glad they have come out so well. But the Foreign Board has had to borrow much money. Will not many make a contribution soon and will not all Church and Association treasurers forward funds on hand as soon as possible.

Bro. W. J. Ruddick from Stanton, Ala., writes:

I was real happy at our Association last week when we learned that we had succeeded in raising the salary of a foreign missionary. \$640.52 was reported by the churches, and I have received \$1 since. We had to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Thus we realized a great desire of mine, of which I have talked for several years. Our Association (the Unity) has pledged over \$600 for foreign missions another year.

Dr. A. C. Watkins, our missionary at Torreon, Mexico, and Miss Rose A. Schautz, our missionary at Toluca, Mexico, were married at El Paso, Texas, just across the Mexican line, by Rev. Dr. R. B. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church at El Paso, on Sept. 27th. Dr. Watkins has served long and well as missionary to Mexico, and Miss Schautz has been for some time at the girls school in Toluca. Heavens' blessings be upon this union! Bro. and Sister Watkins have already taken up their residence and their work at Torreon.

Recently while in Louisville, Ky., we had the pleasure of visiting the excellent old mansion which has been rented and fitted up for a *Home* for our Sisters in the Training Department of the Seminary. The good women of Louisville are to be commended for the wisdom and good taste which they have displayed. Funds were being received from different States to help in this noble enterprise. Mrs. S. E. Woody said they saw their way clear for the present time, but would need more funds soon. Let our brethren and sisters bear this good cause in mind.

A Brother in Georgia, a layman, who gives largely, writes,

I verily believe that the eyes of our people are being opened every year toward this question of Missions. When any of us come face to face with God, and the question of "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" comes honestly to each heart, I believe there will be a searching and awakening that we have never yet seen. Only God's Holy Spirit can show us these things, and we can only pray that "His Kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," and that our lives in this old world may be just what he wants them to be.

A letter from Rev. J. G. Brown, Correspondence Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, gives the pleasing information that they have just closed their books for their convention year and that they have had a "good year in foreign missions." He also says: "Fifty thousand Baptists have given us \$47,430.77, or an average of about 95 cents a member. When it is remembered that about half of our Churches are in receipt of aid from the Home Mission Board, and that we have given besides the above amount, nearly \$100,000 for other missionary objects and education, I think we have done fairly well. However, there is great room for improvement yet."

We have just one comment: At the same rate, *our* receipts from Southern Baptists would be over \$1,700,000!

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THE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jno. R. Mott.

The need for this work is indescribable. It comes back to haunt me in the watches of the night. In the Anglo-Saxon world we have one Christian worker for every hundred people. In South America there is one Christian worker—that is, in the sense I understand the word—to over 38,000. In Japan I was told there are 100,000 Buddhists and Shintoists to every individual Christian. In China I was reminded that there are nine hundred walled cities, with a population of 10 millions, as yet without a missionary. In China I have discovered only one medical missionary to 1,000,000 people. Taking every letter in the Bible to represent a human soul, it would take sixty-nine Bibles to equal the population of the world, and of this only a little more than the letters in the Book of Isaiah would be equal to the number of Protestant Christians in the world. When we state that there are 200 millions of Hindus and 60 millions



River Scene, Canton, China.

of Mohammedans in India, nobody claims that they are Christians. How little statistics can explain the depth of need. In the Levant, where Christ worked, and His disciples labored for so long, there is only one Christian worker to 100,000 people. In Africa, a vast section, including the Soudan, with a population of 60 to 90 millions, is left with only a few scores of Protestant missionaries.

An eminent Bishop said to me one day that there were on the earth 200 millions of people who lie down every night hungry in body. At the time I doubted whether he was correct, but now I believe that to have been an understatement, and that sociologists accept it. But, sadder than that, let us remember there will lie down to-night 1,000,000,000 of people without God—without Jesus Christ—and without these the soul is not fed. Let us ponder this afresh. Think of those people living in darkness, steeped in idolatry and superstition, living under a burden of sin and sorrow, of shame and gloom, as they pass on to the tomb. And notice this part of it, that they do not have the power of resistance that we possess as the result of Christian environment and hereditary Christian ideals. They are fighting a losing battle. Without Christ, I say they are without hope. Men have asked, "Are not the non-Christian religions adequate to bring them home?" I used to think so. I honestly believed that these non-Christian religions had saving power, but I want to say to-night that, having studied these religions at first hand, I have been disillusioned. I have now no doubt in my mind upon that subject. I notice these religions are losing ground; judging them by the only proof that Jesus Christ has given us, by their fruits, they are a ghastly failure. In the provinces of Asia, Africa, and in Australasia as I visited many, many monasteries, shrines, and temples, as I talked with priests and native students, and the devotees of these religions, as I beheld

with my own eyes the injustices, the cruelties, the abominations practised by their adherents, deeper and clearer became the conviction that without Jesus Christ these nations are without hope. Without the law of God, these religions cannot nourish the soul nor satisfy the mind, therefore they are doomed. Christianity is not a religion, it is the religion. It is not going to share the world with Islamism, Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism; It is destined to prevail from the rivers even unto the ends of the earth.—From an address made in England.

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CHURCH EDIFICES IN BAHIA MISSION.

By Z. C. Taylor, Missionary.

Church building in our mission has proved a success in many ways. Our mission is 23 years old and has 23 churches. We began building churches six years ago. The matter was laid before the churches and all agreed to build one church house a year.

One of the oldest is selected and all the others contribute to that one that year. The amount each one should give is sent out in an annual circular letter each year to every church, and is in accordance with the sum to be raised and the ability of each one to give.

That church selects a house and reforms it or builds a modest chapel. We are now building our fifth house on this plan, though we have five others built by local churches.

When we discontinued the employment of native workers several years ago the Board generously allowed \$100 a year for church building, which has aroused the gratitude and interest of all the churches and each one waits her turn, rejoicing at the opportunity.

Care should be taken not to rush young and weak churches into building. Character building comes first. Preaching and teaching must have their time. Some will not develop, some will turn back to the world, some will move away and now and then a church may become extinct. We had two such in this mission; one was by persecution and the other by small-pox. None of our brethren died, but they had to move away.

One of these was in a good sized town and the other in a city, where it was in after years built up again out of new material, in other words an entirely new church. The true test is a settled resident membership. For if God has called a church into existence He will also raise up a pastor. So we do not wait on the pastor. The house will aid in holding the church together, as has proved true in some cases with us.

Wherever there is a flock there is need of a house. Of course there must be the desire and determination to build on the part of that church. Wherever the people begin to keep house for God every good work can in time be accomplished.

Of the many advantages of profit to churches having their own house of worship I mention four.

Union.—It creates a strong band of union among the churches. Our 23 churches are scattered, several at a distance of 600 miles from Bahia. Then

travel is difficult. We love those most for whom we do most. In the Romish church there is no center or bond of union except the pope and his inner wheels. The churches being purely democratic in government are bound together as one body in Christ. This brotherly union in working for Christ is a great stimulus to individual growth. Besides our union in church building all the churches contribute to one Society for evangelization. Nor does this include the plan of each local church evangelizing all the section surrounding.

Development.—A church must progress or it will digress, and church building is in the order of development,—not the chief end of their existence as some think. After conversion comes teaching, proving, organizing, enduring, building and so on. The churches must have their education and spiritual growth as truly as the boy on his way to manhood. If his education is delayed or neglected he loses by it all his life. The missionary is God's undershepherd to the Churches. He must guide and lead on by love as his Master. For this reason the missionary should be pastor of no church in particular and general pastor of them all. If he stays with each one a month or a year at a time he will be better able to develop and enlarge the work. The field is too large to have anything like regular visitation. We must follow the leadings of the Spirit, and with each church as it needs.

Economy.—As long as a man rents he will not become rich. For a time the young church may be held in a private house but the rule is as soon as a new church comes into existence a house is needed for it. Only in time of the Reformation were whole papal churches, temple and all converted at the same time. The first members are generally poor, so that the ordinary recourse is to rent a house at a heavy cost to the few poor ones. The rents are a continual strain and never return to bless us. So long as a church rents it can have no conveniences, library, school, etc., nor take much real interest in the great works of God's kingdom. For if a christian cannot take part in the redemption of the world his interest in it will decline, so that if rents are out of the way the church can enter whole-hearted into—

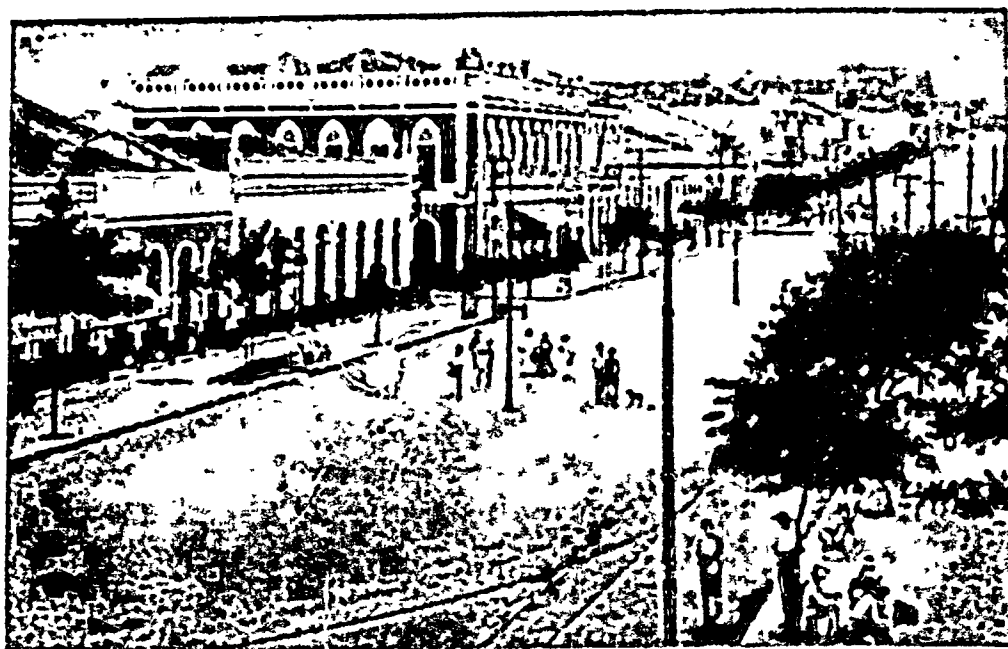
Evangelization,—the goal of all the churches, the real enterprise and business and end of a church in this world. Christ sent us to evangelize the world and everything honest that helps to that end is of God and for God. The same Savior that called us to Him to save us, bids us go evangelize the rest, taking all we have with us for the work. As the teacher carries on his students from year to year to the limits of his course, so the missionary leads on and up the churches to the climax of his teaching, thus ushering in and on the reign of our Lord and Savior over the earth, from whom, for whom and by whom all things exist.

Bahia, August, 1905.



The Southern Presbyterian Church reports that while in the past ten years the number of foreign missionaries in China has remained the same, their native helpers have increased threefold, and the converts gained in one year fourfold. The number baptized, per missionary in 1894, was 1, and in 1904, 22. This is largely due to the increase in numbers and efficiency of the native agents. The average contributions per member have doubled in the same time.—*Missionary Review.*

MANAUS, BRAZIL.

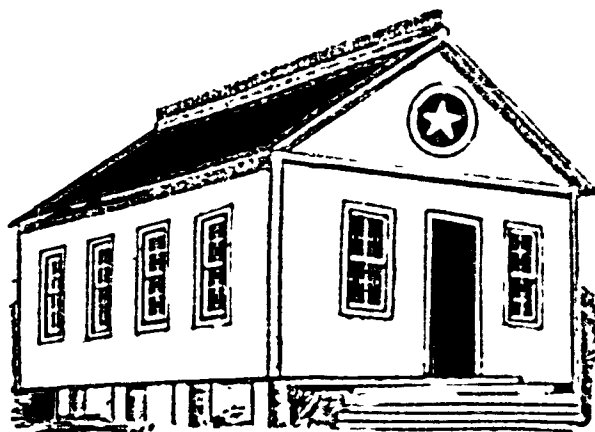


Manaus, first called "Villa da Barra," has about 40,000 or 50,000 inhabitants. It became the Capital of the State of Amazonas, Sept. 5th, 1850. It is located on the north bank of the Black River, "Rio Negro," a mile from where the river empties into the Amazon, and 980 miles from the ocean.

The location of Manaus makes it the distributing point of the upper Amazon, which includes part of Matto Grosso, Bolivia, Peru, Equador, Columbia and the frontier of Venezuela, to say nothing of the State whose Capital it is, a State larger than England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Portugal combined, or a thousand miles north and south, and 900 miles east and west—2,722,000 square miles. The principal export is the rubber; considerable cacao, vanilla, para nuts and copahibo, etc., are also exported.

We have between forty and fifty thousand people. Electric light, street-cars run by electricity, make you think of home.

The first missionary to work here was a Methodist, who turned Presbyterian, and finally landed between Anglican and Catholic. Some of the members, however, organized a Presbyterian Church, but there is no resident missionary.



Church Edifice in Manaus.

We visited this place first in 1897, and five were baptized, September 12th. The real work, however, was in 1900 and the Church was organized October 5th. The Church owns a fine lot with three fronts lying between two avenues, near a street-car, and will soon have a line running in front of our door. The Church building is a frame one, but built so that it can be transformed to brick with little cost, and in the centre of the city on one of the highest points visible in many directions. Four of its

members are now preaching the gospel, three are ordained. In fact the only Baptist workers in the Valley are the result of the work here. One has four small churches up the river, a distance of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty miles. One is building our Church in Santarem, and the other is the Pastor in Para, where our lamented Hamilton did such a fine work.

What is its future? The city must grow. Soon we will be united by rail with Bolivia and Southern Brazil, also on the west by the Japura River and rail across the Andes to the Pacific Ocean and the trans-American R. R.; also by rail to the headwaters of the Orinoco. Thousands of immigrants arrive every year both from Southern Brazil and from Southern Europe. The activity of the Panama will undoubtedly have some effect on this part of Brazil.

We understand that climatic conditions do not enter into the question of the missionary, any further than to know if it is hot or cold. Christ did not say, "Go into all the good climates," but "to every creature." Consequently it is a shame for the soldiers of Christ to question because of climate. Merchants from all over the world are found here. A Liverpool man has been on the Amazon thirty years, killing the white heron for the feathers. He offers to stop killing if the tender-hearted people at home, who object to such slaughtering, will furnish him with \$20,000 to start a breeding farm. Who will be the first? Now tell me if a man can travel the marshes for thirty years for a few paltry dollars, shall we, as Christians, who hunt for sinners in order to make them whiter than snow in the blood of the Lamb, not even jump at the chance?

November 19th will make it fourteen years since I first saw the Amazon, and with the exception of one year and a half, I have been steadily at work. The result is small. Only three churches, but it is a beginning and a glorious beginning. The Valley is a Baptist Valley. Now is the time to come and help us.

All these years I have been pleading, but it seems as though no one studies geography any more. No one seems to know that people live on the Amazon, that three lines of steamers run from New York, Liverpool and along the Brazilian Coast, to Argentina, one line as far as Yquitos, Peru. What more do you want? Do you think that steamers run where there are no people, or that America is the only TRIBE, intended in the last words of our Master. No, it is our great privilege to preach to these people. Let us enter and take the land. We Baptists can do it, if we care to.

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RECEIPTS BY STATES.

Table showing receipts from each State, etc., from May 1st, 1905, to October 15th, 1905:

Georgia	\$ 9,013 11	Mississippi	1,540 28
Virginia	8,856 58	Florida	511 96
South Carolina	7,463 06	Louisiana	487 72
Texas	6,579 66	District of Columbia	326 78
Kentucky	5,335 52	Indian Territory	153 42
Tennessee	4,471 62	Oklahoma	102 19
North Carolina	3,491 14	Arkansas	43 25
Missouri	3,196 67	Other Sources	2,119 77
Alabama	2,773 14		
Maryland	1,667 92		
		Total	\$58,133 79

THE MISSIONARY'S PROPER WORK.

"Make disciples . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them." Matt. 28: 19, 20
G. W. Greene, Missionary.

The startling changes taking place in the Far East sometimes threaten to sweep off his feet even the quiet missionary worker. Hence it may be useful for missionary workers, both at home and on the field, to refresh our minds as to our "marching orders," to remember anew what the Lord has bidden us to do. The three phrases quoted above make clear the work which Baptists feel called upon to do on the foreign field.

We are to present Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of men, in such way that men and women may recognize His attractiveness and become His disciples. People must know Jesus before they are willing to be His disciples. This knowledge may be imparted by the public preaching of the gospel, by conversation in the home or by the wayside, by the distribution of the printed page, by the teaching of the Scriptures in the day-school or the Sunday-school. When men give evidence of sincere faith in Christ, they should then receive baptism and be gathered into churches. Here they are to be taught the doctrines which Jesus has committed to us, made acquainted with the high privileges which he gives to those who love him, and instructed in the duties he has enjoined upon his followers. In this way we may hope after awhile to have strong churches, self-supporting, self-managing, and self-propagating. When there are in any portion of the field many churches with these three elements of strength, then the missionary may go to other fields and leave these brethren to do the work needed in their own territory.

This is the true Baptist position as to mission work; I think most Baptists will endorse it. But there are many who do not so understand the purpose of Foreign Missions. When I was at home, I was occasionally asked, "Do you think you will ever succeed in civilizing the Chinese?" Usually, I felt that the inquirer thought of the heathen as becoming Christians and thereby becoming civil, that is, moral, upright people. But one cultivated woman, after I had spoken of the Chinaman eating rice with his chop sticks, expressed a desire to send knives and forks to them, as she thought that this would be the best method to civilize them. There was recently in one of the Hongkong papers a long discussion of the work of the missionaries, each article being headed "The Chinaman's Soul." And yet few of those who participated ever recognized that the purpose of the missionary is to save souls. While many sneered at the work as a whole, some commended the effort to heal the bodies of the Chinese and to teach them Western learning, but many argued that the Chinese civilization and the Chinese Ethics are better suited to the Chinese people than what comes from Western nations, and that, therefore, it is absurd for missionaries to labor in China. These correspondents, having no sympathy with religion or with mission work, conclude that our object is nothing more than to give them our civilization and to teach them our system of morality. Similarly, a missionary who gives his time mainly to translating into Chinese books of science, philosophy, and other branches of modern civilization, and to helping institutions for secular learning on a recent visit to England was called by the papers a "missionary statesman." Many of



Group of China Baptist Publication Society Employees.

the Chinese are clamoring for an opportunity to learn English and Western science, and so a great awakening seems imminent in China. There is good reason to hope that many of those who are seeking the new learning will be more ready to hear the gospel. This great awakening in China will bring greater opportunities for preaching the gospel; but let us not imagine that this awakening will make people Christians. Many wish to join the church because they hope through the church and the missionary to come in closer touch with civilization. But not in this way will "a nation be born in a day." It will still be true, as always, that people must be reached with the gospel man by man. Many will be more ready to hear, but they must hear before they can believe. The desire for the new learning may open the way for the gospel, but it will not change the heart from nature to grace. Instead of hoping that this new movement will convert thousands of the Chinese, we should see in it a better opportunity for more extended preaching and teaching, leading men by acquaintance with the truth as it is in Jesus to saving faith in him. A few may be "missionary statesmen," may help on the awakening of China to modern civilization, but most of us must still be preachers of the gospel, ever seeking to tell men of Jesus, and when they have believed in him, still seeking to develop them in all Christian graces and to make them more efficient in leading their own people to the Saviour of sinners.

Canton, China.



Grass Huts of Native Chinese. a few miles north of Canton.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF OUR MISSIONARIES. ..

Solomon L. Ginsburg, Pernambuco, Brazil, Sept. 11, 1905:

The Lord is giving us grand and glorious times. Last night three more were baptized, and several stand approved for baptism. Our open-air meetings are doing marvellously well. The Romanists do not know how to stop them as the common people stand by us and prefer to listen to the glorious message of love. Yesterday a splendid young lady died of smallpox. She was to have been baptized yesterday. She gave a splendid testimony up to the last, urging every one to accept Christ as the only Saviour. There is a great deal of smallpox in town, but we trust in the Lord and go forward. Pray for us!

Bro. Z. C. Taylor writes from Bahia, Brazil:

Good revival meetings continue. Last Sunday night baptized a young man who had studied six years for priesthood. Notice of baptisms comes from several points interior. Exchange is now more than 30 per cent. against us. Have been hindered from going to visit interior churches and responding to calls to baptize for lack of means, but have put in the time well here in city. My son, Tarleton, is taking his mother's place in school as she is about prostrate. My health continues good under hard work.

Rev. W. E. Crocker, Chinkiang, China, Sept. 2, 1905, writes:

My heart gets full when I see so many coming to the Kingdom, and I feel so helpless before the vast amount of teaching and preaching that is needed, not just in general, but to keep up with the immediate demand. To-day we are expecting a company of fifteen or twenty country people up to spend a fortnight with us in Bible study, some already Christians, others expecting to be baptized. We have four country stations where there are Christians, and a dozen other places need attention. Chinkiang is growing rapidly now, and we have here the best place for reaching the people with the Gospel I think I ever

saw. Brother Lowe when he was here said something to this effect, and so did Brother Chambers and others. Are we going to go forward or not? For my part I feel we must go forward. To-day an old lady over sixty, is travelling about a thirty mile road, over a rough-way, to come here to be baptized. To see her face and hear her talk of her new hope in Christ is enough to pay one for weary years of work and waiting.* Many are stretching out their hands for bread of life; shall we give it to them? Will you and the Board be willing to join in prayer for the Chinkiang field?

Rev. W. H. Cannada, Pernambuco, Brazil, Aug. 7, 1905, writes:

How wonderful have been the blessings of our Heavenly Father! The good Lord has given us another priest who is truly converted. He also was professor in the same college from which the other ex-priest came and seems to be an experienced teacher. I have also in my house, studying the Bible with me, the head master of the printing department of the college. He has given up his place that he might be able to read the Bible. What a wonderful power the Word of God has on the hearts and lives of men! This young man was almost an infidel, but on hearing a sermon in our church he was filled with a desire to know more of that wonderful message of love. There are still others in the college who are anxious to know more of that new religion, as they call it.

Rev. T. F. McCrea, Chinkiang, China, Aug. 26, 1905, writes:

I hope you will be able to send us another man for Chinkiang in the near future. We ought to have two men for evangelistic work, especially as we have no single ladies in this station. This is a day of unparalleled opportunity in China, particularly for school work. The Chinese are determined to have western education and they will go to any school to get it. If we do not receive them and teach them the Bible while we have them, they will go elsewhere and our opportunity will be gone. As it is the mission schools must meet the strong competition of the Japanese, with their atheistic influences. There is in Chinkiang now a splendid school supported by a wealthy Chinaman and conducted by Japanese teachers which is doing a fine work, but the bright young men who are studying there are learning nothing of Christ. And the Shanghai papers and missionary journals report the founding of modern schools all over the Empire under Japanese auspices.....The outlook for Chinkiang is bright. This has been considered one of the most difficult fields in China, but even here the indifference is beginning to yield. A Methodist missionary, who has been in Chinkiang and vicinity over twenty years, said recently that the outlook in this place has never been so bright. The people are willing to hear. All our chapels are crowded whenever they are open.

Miss Lottie Moon, Tengchow-Fu, China, Sept. 8, 1905, writes:

The city work has so largely increased in hopefulness that I could give all my time to that with advantage. The day school also requires considerable time every week. So, you see my hands are full. I have always thought that if I could be in three places at once, I might accomplish something. As it is, if one interest is pushed, two others suffer. If I am constantly in the country, the work of city visiting and the school both suffer. If I confine myself to the city, there is no woman to work my district in the country, which is enormously large.

Rev. R. E. Chambers, Canton, China, Sept. 5, 1905, writes:

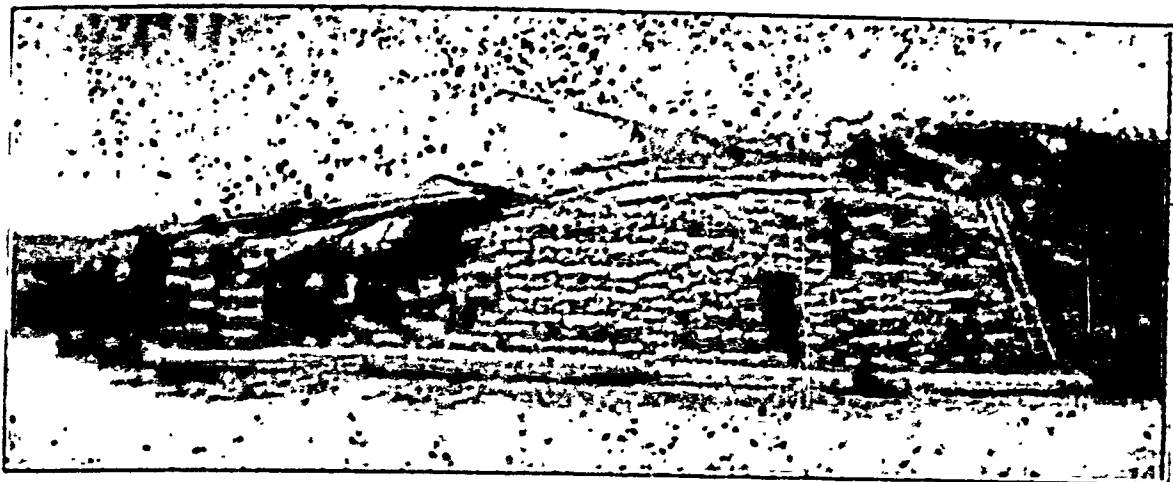
It is a great joy to me that the work of the China Baptist Publication Society is being put upon the hearts of the brethren at home as it is. But I tremble as I think of the responsibilities that enlarged resources are going to put upon those who have the practical management of the affairs of the Society. Ask the people to pray for the Society as they give to it. My constant prayer is that the Society may be a spiritual force. I realize that, of necessity, much that is material is connected with its work, but its life, its usefulness is in the spiritual. I hear the puffing of our kerosine motor and the whirr of the wheels as I write, but what I think of and am thankful for are the spiritual truths that are being put upon paper as our four presses revolve. Some pages of a ten thousand reproduction of one of Dr. Graves' tracts is being run off as I write and several jobs are under way. Our presses run constantly, often at night. We cannot do all the work that offers. We are creating more of a demand for literature than, up to the present, we have been able to meet. But brighter, better days are ahead for the Society.



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A Load of Fire wood floating down the West River, South China.

CHINA.

The Death of Faith in the River God.

Some weeks ago I went to see the bridge which is being built across the Yellow river. This historic stream is broad, swift and long, and receives its name from the thousands of tons of mud which it carries to the sea. So far as I know it had never been bridged before. When the contractors began work on it the natives said that the god of the river would destroy it. They used to worry our missionary neighbors at Kalfeng by asking what they were going to do when the god of the river swept it away. The missionaries explained that they were not building the railway bridge.

It is standing. I walked over it and judging by the time it took, it must be over a mile long. It is said to have 120 spans. They are built of steel, and rest upon steel piles which are driven fifty to sixty feet into the bed of the river. These steel piles are surrounded by pens made of pile driven timbers which are filled with stone. In the fall it will be ready for the crossing of train and the through trains will be running from Hankow to Peking. As long as the bridge, or its successors, stands, it will proclaim to the native that the god of the river has no power and that his idol is no god.

The railway from this place to Kalfeng fu is being graded. Just opposite the Peking-Hankow railway stations, seven foreign houses are being rapidly built for the constructors of the Chenchow-Kalfeng railway.

A. Y. NAPIER.

More Baptisms in Pingtu.

Pingtu, Shantung, China.

Aug. 7, 1905.

Dear Brother:

Yesterday 23 were baptized. We have had 133 this year. Four have been received by letter. 102 baptisms were reported in 1902. We are already 36 ahead of any past year. There are several others awaiting baptism. Among the number baptized Sunday was a man 70 years old and his grandson 11. They had walked 25 miles to be baptized. Another man 64 years old and his two grandsons, each 12 years old, were added to our number.

Yesterday our head carpenter who lives 3 miles in the country, invited George, Mary and myself to take breakfast with him. The children went out on bicycles and I went out on horseback. As church services began at 7:30 a.m. I ate and ran, leaving them to come home a few hours later.

Over a month ago our Chinese official went to Chefoo and while there called on George and Mary. This afternoon I went with them to return the call. The official was very friendly and was pleased to have them call. Mr. and Mrs. Owen invited him to take dinner with them not long ago. He was quite at home with the knives and forks.

Yours in love and service,
W. H. SEARS.

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MISSION CARD TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER, 1905, WORK OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Contributions, \$138,399, increase, \$26, 356. Increase to Foreign Missions, \$5,900. Increase in cash to Home Missions, \$5,828. Gift for establishment of Home for Missionaries' Children, \$10,500. Total for 17 years, \$1,133,597—8-fold increase.

Seed Thoughts—"God's commands are His enablings." "The calls to grand achievement still increase."

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1905.

"And the Lord shall be King over all the earth."

1. Hymn: "I Gave My Life for Thee."
2. Thanksgiving: That God so loved us. Petition that we may so love Him as to esteem it a joy to labor for Him.
3. Scripture: Malachi 3.
4. Seed Thought: Missions move on many wheels. Some give prayer, others planning, others word and influence. Some give self and all they possess. Are we doing to the best of ability?
5. Leaflet: "Victorious Progress of Christian Missions," by Mrs. C. M. prayer, others planning, others words and influence. Some give self and all Lamson.
6. Impersonations: Previous to the meeting, have three persons engage to familiarize themselves with the work of one missionary in China, Japan and Africa, and to speak as his or her representative of the work on the field. (Abundance of material to be found in Convention Report and Foreign Mission Journal.)

7. Business: Collections, etc.

8. Christmas Offering for China: Appoint Committee to confer with pastor in regard to special meeting for distribution of envelopes when program prepared for this service will be used. If not supplied, secure literature without delay from State Officers.

9. Formula for Success: Information plus enthusiasm, minus selfishness, multiplied by activity and liberality, divided by each member of the Society. Last year the Christmas Offering was \$11,787. Let us strive together to make it \$15,000 this year.

10. Leaflet: "Her Gift."

11. Prayer: For success of the Christmas Offering.

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MONTHLY MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

For Pastors and People; for Leaders and Led.—The subject for the month is the "Work of Woman's Missionary Union," and the leaflet issued emphasizes a very important and vital part of the work, which is "Our Duty to Young People." Price 3 cents, including postage, also a copy of Corresponding Secretary's annual report, which gives details of the work during the most prosperous year of Woman's Missionary Union history. Quarterly Mission literature, or supplies for 3 months, 8 cents; annual subscription, 30 cents.

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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF W. M. U. WORK.

Prayer, pains and perseverance have characterized the work of Woman's Missionary Union. The new organization which with fear and trembling began seventeen years ago "stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children" of Southern Baptist churches, has been greatly honored of God. While figures give a very inadequate idea of what has been accomplished, yet a study of them indicates progress. Contributions for 1904-1905 were \$138,399, increase of \$26, 356 over the preceding year. Total for the seventeen years; \$1,133,597—an eight-fold increase. The Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has been a large factor in stimulating interest and enlarging gifts. Amount reported last year \$11,787. The Week of Special Effort in March has been of similar help to the Home Mission Board. The Box Work—letters from missionaries received since the annual meeting at Kansas City continue to bear strongest testimony to its helpful character. The Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children bears testimony of God's guidance into unexpected paths of service, and it is a great joy to reflect upon the blessing and comfort this will be.

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NOTES OF W. M. U. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Oct 10, 1905.—Though this is the first meeting of the Committee in five months, the work has gone on diligently, with statistics as follows for the five months: Letters and MSS., 8,685; Miles travelled, 9,784; Days of absence of Secretary, 56; Places visited, 37; Meetings attended, 58; addresses made, 55.

Literature issued: Program for S. S. Day leaflets, "Yang Chow Hospital" and "Who Then is Willing?" Brick Cards. Star Cards for Miss Perry's work, and reprints of star cards for Miss Buhlmaier's and Rev. Mr. Septhens; Christmas Literature: 3 programs, Leaflet, "Heathen Lives Made Beautiful" and Christmas Envelopes. State officers have been supplied with more literature than usual, so as to make the work as effectual as possible.

The progress of the work at the Margaret House and the trips of the Secretary have been published in detail in the Journal, and the Home Field. Box work statistics are given in this issue.

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BOXES TO MISSIONARIES.

The following boxes have been sent by Woman's Mission Societies to Missionaries since the report made in the August periodicals. In view of the near approach of cold weather, also of the inability of children of some missionaries to attend school until clothing is supplied, societies that have secured names are urged to send boxes as soon as possible. Since the return of the Cor. Sec. W. M. U. from Ind. Ter. and Oklahoma additional names of missionaries for whom assistance is desired have been received.

GEORGIA.—Cordele, \$30.
KENTUCKY.—Walnut St. Ch., Owensboro, \$42; Third Ch., Owensboro, \$187.31; Nicholasville, \$96.
MISSISSIPPI.—Summit, \$100.50.
NORTH CAROLINA.—Kinston, \$65.
SOUTH CAROLINA.—Seneca, \$50; Westminister, \$30; Pendleton St. Ch., Greenville,

\$50; Chester, \$109.25; Clinton, \$100; Timmons-ville, \$53.
VIRGINIA.—Sumbeams of Wytheburg Ch., Concord Assn. (contribution) \$1.00. Total \$996.76.
Previously reported, \$495.65. Grand total \$1492.41.

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BOXES TO MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

A call for better equipment of Mountain Schools has been made upon Southern Baptist women. \$3,000 in cash is asked. In addition, there is need for contributions of various kinds—not clothing, but books, bedding, table linen, etc.—to supplement the meagre inadequate furnishing of schools and especially of dormitories.

From the following Societies gifts of the latter class have been sent this year:

KENTUCKY.—Milton, \$12.40; Prestonville, \$15.30; Nicholasville, \$15.00; Mt. Moriah, \$4.00; Lexington, \$10.00.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—First Church, Anderson, \$110.00.

Total, \$166.70.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

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A TRIP TO INDIAN TERRITORY AND OKLAHOMA.

Annie W. Armstrong.

As once more the attempt is made to give Woman's Missionary Union workers a glimpse of a missionary trip taken by the Corresponding Secretary, these fields stand out prominently. This is due to the fact that the main purpose in leaving Baltimore September 18th was to visit Indian Territory and Oklahoma at the time of the Territorial Conventions. Changes in the work were contemplated, oft-repeated invitations had reached Baltimore, so it seemed wise to meet with the women, to help put the work upon such a basis that, as far as possible, S. B. C. interests may not suffer in the future. Again, Indian Territory and Oklahoma are suggestive of much work on the part of Woman's Missionary Union in many directions. How precious and comforting is the thought of the blessed box work in which Societies have engaged, a work that has not only lightened the burdens of missionaries but has actually enabled them to continue in service, the testimony of many being that it has been the greatest factor in holding these fields for the Baptists. Years of patient, persevering service in trying to enlist the women of Indian Territory and Oklahoma in S. B. C. mission work pass before us. As frontier life is so strenuous in many respects, the difficulties were almost overwhelming. But, there has been fulfilment of prom-

ise, and as the leaves are turned in a record of societies, workers and contributions from Indian Territory and Oklahoma, which has for years been kept at W. M. U. headquarters, deep gratitude fills the heart for steady growth in the number of Societies and in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, S. B. C.

It was indeed a pleasure again to visit these frontier fields upon which so much time and thought have been expended, to see some with whom we have become acquainted in former years, to meet face to face many who were known only through correspondence, to be with Miss Catharine Hansen and Miss Kate Perry, missionaries in the coal mining district of South McAlester, Ind. Ter. and others in whom W. M. U. workers are specially interested. Some will recall that a buggy was provided for Miss Hansen and Miss Perry by the women of Virginia and Georgia. In this buggy, drawn by a horse the gift of the church at South McAlester, the Corresponding Secretary had the pleasure of riding, a sweet privilege indeed since it brought remembrance of hearty co-operation so often given by these consecrated women.

The meetings of the Territorial Conventions at Oklahoma City were of special interest as in anticipation of Statehood, it was thought by some that the time had come for uniting the work in Indian Territory and Oklahoma as a means of promoting educational work, the support of an orphanage and other general interests. The ladies held their meetings in the Christian Church, the gentlemen occupying the Baptist and Methodist buildings. The afternoon of Monday, September 25th, the women of Indian Territory and Oklahoma held a union devotional service. At night, there were separate business meetings, the Oklahoma ladies occupying the auditorium, those from Indian Territory the Sunday school room, though the opening exercises were jointly conducted. Both meetings were enthusiastic, and the annual reports were encouraging. The ladies deferred the question of consolidation in work until action by the Convention of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and after hearing the decision which was adverse to it, of course no steps in this direction were taken. The Oklahoma Convention was unanimously in favor and extended an invitation to the Indian Territory to unite. However, there was quite a difference of opinion in the Indian Territory Convention, the affirmative vote having but a small majority. The Indians were opposed, and as mission work among them has been very successful, it was decided unwise to undertake what was not satisfactory to them. As a consequence, the expected consolidation was not brought about.

After this decision was known, the Oklahoma and Indian Territory women again met together in a very sweet meeting where the most pleasant feeling prevailed, after which the two organizations separated for business sessions. Frequent calls for advice and suggestions were made upon the Corresponding Secretary W. M. U., and while it was both difficult and trying to be in attendance upon two meetings at the same time, every effort was made to render desired assistance and to advance the work. Enlarged plans were adopted and the outlook is bright.

The officers for the Woman's Work for the coming year are: Indian Territory, President, Mrs. T. C. Carleton; Corresponding Secretaries, Miss Kate Perry and Mrs. K. Murrow; Recording Secretary, Miss Katharine Hansen. Oklahoma, President, Mrs. Dicken; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. P. Jayne; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss C. B. Rice.

During the 12 days of absence, 3216 miles were travelled, ten addresses made and 18 meetings attended. Only seven places were visited as the purpose of

the trip was to aid the general work in Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and not the visiting of Societies.

One little meeting in Indian Territory was greatly enjoyed. It was at a place some distance from South McAlester, but which was accessible by an electric car line recently introduced. The ladies had pleaded most earnestly for the help of a meeting in their church. On arrival, we were met at the cars in primitive style by one carrying a lantern and thus escorted to the little church. What a sweet privilege it was to talk of missions to these earnest women! Very poor some of them were in the things of this world, and this visit was perhaps an epoch in their lives but what a blessing it would be if in the constituency of some large city churches there were more of this type of Christians! The church was without a pastor, yet all the services were being kept up. After the meeting an offering of two dollars for missions was given by one woman, and perhaps it was in answer to a voluntary look of surprise that she said: "I always give a tenth." Among the sweetest recollections of life will be the memory of the many poor, obscure, unknown people to whom we have been permitted to minister, to brighten their dull monotonous lives by bringing them in touch with world-wide missions. A shabbily dressed, poor woman in a little frontier town thus expressed herself: "I no longer belong only to this little town, but I feel that I am a part of God's great universe." O, let us thank God for faithful lives of the great host of women in small places who are ever responsive when brought face to face with opportunities for sharing in God's work. We believe in going to the little places and hope others who carry on the work after it is laid down by the present Secretary may drink deep of the joy which has been ours through such service.

En route for Indian Territory and Oklahoma, a little time was spent with Mrs. J. A. Barker, President W. M. U. in her new home at Laurel Hill, Virginia, to which field her husband has recently been called. A sweet, dainty and charming home it is, and one from which will go forth helpful influences of varied character. A meeting with the ladies of the church—at which there was a good attendance—was much enjoyed. We were glad to see that among these who have so much earnestness and ability, Mrs. Barker will have opportunities for being a large factor in the Master's work.

At St. Louis, Mo., there was the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Manly J. Breaker who had returned from the Baptist Congress in London, and of conference with Miss Eleanor Mare, Secretary of the Woman's Work in that State. Miss Mare also had gone abroad but was taken ill and obliged to return without having opportunity for attendance upon the Congress and other expected advantages of the trip.

Wishing to reach Baltimore as soon as possible after necessary work had been accomplished, also to avoid travel on Sunday, we were obliged to leave the Oklahoma Convention when Dr. R. J. Willingham was about to make an address on Woman's Work. Dr. A. J. Barton, and Dr. M. P. Hunt had already spoken, the former saying that in his opinion a church without a missionary society is making as great a mistake as one without a Sunday school, and it was a cause of regret that was impossible to wait longer to hear the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

N. B. For further particulars of this trip see November issue of OUR HOME FIELD.

GIRLHOOD AND MISSION WORK.

In face of the question "How is the supply of missionaries to be kept up?" we come upon a phase of the subject which we call "Girlhood and Mission Work;" though these thoughts may apply rather to those who are leaving their girlhood behind them, and

Standing (not always) with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,
Womanhood and childhood fleet.

During the month of June scores, hundreds, of youth of both sexes have finished their school life. Flowers and music, tasteful costumes and carefully prepared essays have marked the day when these have turned their backs upon the school-room and gone forth to meet—what? "The world is all before them." What shall they do with these lives for which they have been preparing during all these years?

In these days of enlarged opportunity for mission work at home and abroad we believe that every educated Christian girl ought to consider the question: "Does the Lord call me to be a missionary?"

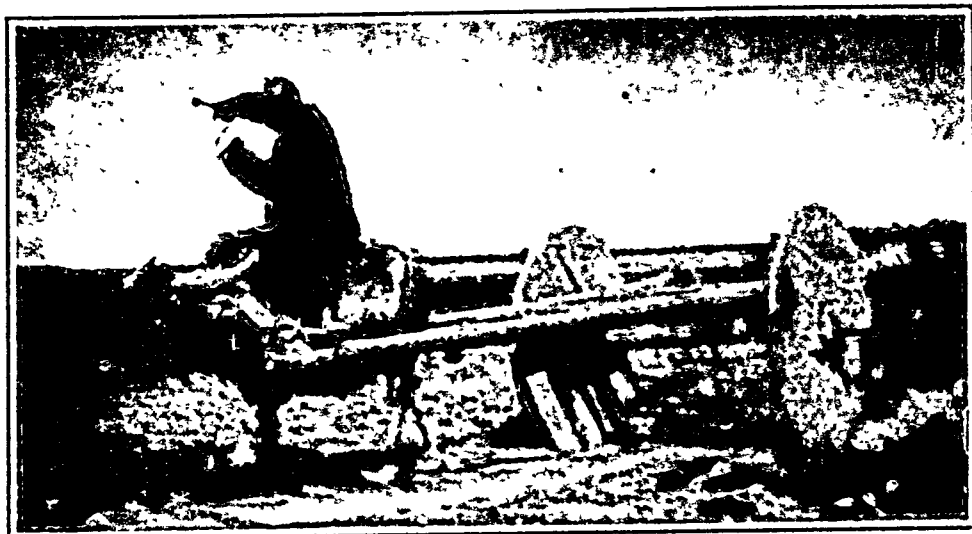
For some the question is quickly settled. Delicate health or home responsibilities make it perfectly clear that the call is not for them. But are there not many who are satisfying themselves too easily that "there is so much to do at home" that they fail to weigh that need honestly against the greater need in India and China?

The call is not for those who can be easily spared from the home or the Church or the social circle. The gifts that have fitted our girls to make home bright and cheerful, to win the highest positions as teachers, to shine most brightly in society, to exert that personal influence that is the most precious crown of womanhood, are just the gifts that will make a successful missionary. The sacrifice that the cause of Missions calls for to-day is not only on the part of the one who, laying down her choice, her ambition, her all, at Jesus's feet, says: "Here am I, send me." As parents, as brothers and sisters, as friends, as churches, as communities, we must be willing to give our very best—that which will cost us most—for the Lord's service.

For those who find the door into foreign mission work closed before them, there are opportunities among those who, "abiding by the stuff" are still to have their share in the victory. If every Christian girl graduate of 1905 brings, consecrated to the Master's service, all the culture and discipline with which her school-life has furnished her, she may become a center of missionary influence in her home and Church that will be felt more and more as the years go by, and add experience to her other gifts. There will be a glad welcome for her in the Missionary Society or Band, or, perchance, she may start such work in some untilled field where her lot is cast. There will be use for all her talents of mind and heart. One such young worker said not long ago: "There is nothing that I want so much as to be a missionary. Again and again I have gone to my room and cried because every door seemed shut in my face. But the message always comes to me, 'Feed my Lambs,' and I think that perhaps some day some of these boys in my Mission Band will do the work that I would love to do, and that I am helping to get them ready for it." We know of maiden ladies, now gray-haired, who for years have been busy and happy in this work, gathering little ones around them to teach them the needs of the boys and girls at home and in heathen lands, and training them for the work which in after years must be left in their hands.—Church at Home and Abroad.

Young People's Department.

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



A Chinese sugar cane cart, and man. who did not want his picture taken.

A CHINESE BOOM TOWN.

You have not forgotten how the Lawton children went down the mountain and into their new home in interior China.

Chengchow, their new home, is on a boom, and Mr. Lawton tells us the reason. Think of railroads being rapidly pushed in China!

Chengchow is on the Pehan (Peking-Hankow) railway, about fifteen miles south of the Yellow river, and about forty-five miles west of Kalfeng. This railway is being rapidly pushed to completion. Another railway is to be built from Kalfeng to Honafu, which will have its junction with the Pehan railway at this place. The railway company have just completed the erection of seven foreign houses, a large station, and a large engine and car shop and yard. There is a manifest boom, which is due to the railway having made this perhaps the most important place on the line between Hankow and Peking, and also the prospect of another railway. Nearly all the land outside the city toward the railway has been bought up by wealthy and enterprising Chinese, who, since our arrival here, have put up more than fifty places of residence and shops. Practically a new city is growing up. And many shops in the old city which were once vacant have been repaired and opened. The official has told us that within a few months Chengchow will be opened as a port. If this goes through, it will greatly increase the importance of the place as a commercial centre, and, so far as I know, will make it the first "dry land" port in the interior of China."

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BEAUTIFUL CHINA.

We hear often of Beautiful Japan but few tell us of the beauties of China. The following account of a visit two English Missionaries made to a mountain village to see and tell, at this late hour the Story of Christ to a woman who had reached the age of one hundred and two, gives us a glimpse also of Chinese scenery.

I do not think it is possible to convey in writing an idea to eyes which have not seen, what the surpassing beauty is of Chinese hills in spring-time. Mountain slopes and peaks 1,000 or 2,000 feet high, swept in lovely lines, or carpeted more thickly by pink, and purple, and rose and yellow azaleas, and nearer knolls blazing here and there with great masses of colour; azalea bushes fully out. In some cases the blossoms are as large as those of hot-house plants in England; and it looks as though all the conservatories in Europe were turned out exulting into the fresh open air, and had run wild in beauty over many hundred miles of hills. Up these hills we climbed, along a well-laid path, but as it consisted of large and rather rough pebbles, my fourteen miles' walk was tiring. Mrs. Moule led the way in a mountain-chair, which was a very uncomfortable litter, dangling scarcely a foot from the ground, and slung on to a pole touching the passenger's head, and cramping every movement. The bearers, however, were strong and active, and walked faster than I could follow.

As we began to climb, we were joined and accompanied by a fine mountain cataract, leaping from ledge to ledge, roaring and surging down through thick masses of large bamboo, and taking its rise near the village of Yih-kon-saen, where we hoped to find our aged friend. The village contains 500 or 600 families, and boasts of five village schools, and the people looked well-to-do, though they complained of their poverty and want, as they have no cultivated fields and gardens to speak of so high up the hills, and depend entirely on the hills and their apparently exhaustless supplies of timber, bamboo canes, and bamboo tender shoots, one of the favourite vegetables of these regions.

"How is the old lady?" I asked a villager by the roadside, as we drew near. "Not very well this last day or two," he replied. "She allows her daughters-in-law of four or five generations to attend on her to-day; she is generally busy herself winding cotton."

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MEMORABLE NAMES AND DATES.

The New Testament does not tell us very much of the Apostle Thomas, but many countries have claimed him as the founder of their churches. It is said that he went to China. However, this may be, we have learned from an inscription on an old stone that seven hundred and eighty years after Christ Christian Missionaries had found their way to China and made many converts. What was the fate of these converts we do not yet know.

Marco Polo, of whose journeys and marvellous stories we have spoken before bore back with him to Italy a letter from his friend, the Emperor, Kublai Khan, to the Pope of Rome asking that he send to China a hundred teachers of the Christian faith and if they could prove by argument that the "law of Christ was best" he and all under him would become Christians. But a hundred teachers could not be found. One Italian priest, however, influenced by Marco's account, as you remember Christopher Columbus was two hundred years later, determined to make the effort to carry the "law of Christ" to this far away land. This was John of Monte Carvino, often called simply Monte Carvino, from the name of the little village where he was born. When he reached China in 1291, the famous Kublai Khan was still emperor. True to his word the emperor seems to have given Monte Carvino a cordial reception, for

his mission prospered greatly. He learned the language of the people, translated the New Testament and Psalms and is said to have won more than 3,000 converts. After seventeen years of toil his heart was made glad and sad by the arrival of three new missionaries—sad because they were all that remained of a party of seven, three having died on the way from the great fatigues of the journey and one having lost heart and returned to Europe. Calvino labored on unceasingly until he died at a great age. Others came to carry on the work and the church grew and prospered until the end of the Mongol dynasty which Rutlai Khan had founded came to an end. The klugs who then came to the throne determined to stamp out all foreign influence, and since they looked on Christianity as a foreign religion, Christians were finally persecuted. Indeed, so well did they succeed that in time it was forgotten that Christians had ever taught in China.

About three hundred years later (in 1550) another Roman Catholic—the great Xavier—made heroic efforts to gain an entrance to this sealed-up empire, but was disappointed in the last ambition of his life.

He reached a desolate island in sight of the desired land, and died there, murmuring in his last delirium the name of the land he was only permitted to see.

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES.

The Third Period of Progress.

Programme No. 10.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Significant Sentences.
3. Current Events.
4. Map Review.
5. The Opening Door.
6. The Great Famine.
7. Mile Stones on Mission Paths.
8. Leaves of Healing.
9. Power of the Press.
10. One Out of Five.
11. Business. Dismission.

NOTES.—(2) Read by four ladies. R. C., 216-217. (4) Have already drawn on board or cloth large outline map of China. Have members to suggest stations of S. B. C. which are to be put in as they are called. Let leader give at least one fact with regard to each station as it is put in. Thorough preparation will be necessary to make this very helpful exercise a success. (5) R. C., 186-187. (6) R. C., 187-189. (7) Notable Gatherings, R. C., 189-191. (8) Bibles and Tracts, R. C., 191-193. (9) Literary Labors R. C., 193-196. R. C., 196-199. (10) Reading R. C., 217.

OTHER TOPICS.—A visit to our missionaries in Canton. North Carolina's contribution to China. A day with Dr. Ayres.

LEAFLETS.—S. B. C. Work in China, .02; Ten Little Yellow Captives, .02; 233 N. Howard St., Baltimore.

BEGINNING OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

Among Protestants the Baptists were apparently the first to think of evangelizing the "Middle Kingdom." As early as 1805, William Carey proposed to send his son Felix Carey and Mr. Mardon to the interior of China by way of Slam, but was advised to give up the dangerous undertaking. In 1806, Dr. Marshman at Serampore began to translate the Bible into the Chinese language, completing it in 1822. In 1807, Robert Morrison was sent by the London Missionary Society (Church of England) to Canton, but he soon removed to Macoa, on an island near by; and in 1813 he was joined by Mr. Milne, and in 1818 they published a translation of the whole Bible in Chinese. They also prepared a dictionary of the language, a grammar, a hymn-book, and numerous tracts. In 1814 the first Chinese convert was baptized. American missions commenced in 1829, when the American Seamen's Friend Society sent out two missionaries.



THE FOOL OF THE FAMILY.

A rich Chinese lady had a foolish son, for whom she had taken a wife from a cultured family. When he was about to pay the first visit to his bride's parents, his mother instructed him how to behave and what to say, for she was very anxious that his mental deficiency would not be discovered. As he carried a costly fan on which a landscape was painted, she thought that guests, disposed to be affable, would ask what scene was there represented, and so she taught him to respond to that question by saying, "Oh, that is only a fancy sketch." Then as he was to ride a fine mule, she thought the gentlemen would be sure to comment upon its excellent condition, and to enquire its price. So she drilled her son in replying, with courteous humility: "The animal is nothing more than a good beast of burden, reared on our farm, and not worthy of your attention."

When the young man arrived at the door of his host, the first to greet him was his prospective mother-in-law, who politely inquired after the health of his mother. He promptly responded, saying: "The animal is nothing more than a good beast of burden, reared on our farm and not worthy of your attention." The horrified mother-in-law drew back, half unconsciously exclaiming: "I was told that yours was a very well ordered family." The fool having bethought himself that he ought to have first used the answer which his mother first taught him, hastened to reply: "Oh, that is only a fancy sketch.—From Chinese Nights' Entertainment.



RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From September 15 to October 15, 1905.

ALABAMA.—Cedar Springs Ch., by H. B. K., \$3.74; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$13.30; Clayton St. S. S., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$1.01; Clarke Co. Assn., by J. H. C., \$135; W. B. Crumpton, C. S. (Miss Kelly, \$5; Miss Miller \$7.72; Japan, \$6.60; A. Y. Napier, \$8.18; Mrs. J. W. McCollum, \$9; D. H. Marbury for support of missionary \$250.00); \$939.76; Central Liberty Assn., by T. B. S., \$5; 1st Ch., Kinsey, by

W. B. J., \$10; S. S. Dadeville Ch., by L. McT., \$1.09. Total \$1,108.90.

Previously reported, \$1,664.24. Total this year, \$2,773.14.

ARKANSAS.—Mary Eagle Bond, 2nd Ch., Little Rock, by A. W. A. (Desk in China, \$1.25. ..

Previously reported, \$42. Total this year, \$43.25.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Brookland Ch., by C. H. O., \$8.93; Grace Ch., Washington, by A. J. D., \$19; Second Church, Washington, by E. H. S., \$25; 1st Wash. Emmanuel Miss'y Circle, by J. W. W. (N. Maynard), \$25; 1st Ch., Washington, by J. W. W. (N. Maynard), \$10.63; "A Friend," Washington, \$10. Total, \$98.56.

Previously reported, \$223.22. Total this year, \$326.78.

FLORIDA.—Sunday School, Harlem, by E. B. M., \$2.92; Graves Assn., by W. W. S., \$29. Total, \$31.92.

Previously reported, \$480.01. Total this year, \$511.96.

GEORGIA.—Mrs. Mary Davis Jackson, Greensboro, \$25; Philathea Class, 1st Athens, by Mrs. A. S. P. (Purchase Lot in China), \$50; Pleasant Grove Ch., by J. A. P., \$5.33; W. M. S., 1st Americus, by M. F. B. (Native Helper), \$7.15; B. Y. P. U., Vineville Ch., Macon, by E. S. (Bible Woman), \$7.50; Mrs. F. M. Langley, LaGrange (Native Missionary), \$25; Boswell Assn., by A. H. F., \$14.50; W. M. S., Tabernacle Ch., by Mrs. C. W. F. (Miss Parker), \$39.70; New Hope Ch., by J. C. B. (Nat. Miss'y), \$25; B. Y. P. U., Decatur, Student Fund, by J. E. S. (S. E. Stephens), \$10; W. M. S. Dublin, by Mrs. S. B. S. (Native Helper with Tatum, \$3.85), \$8.45; "A Friend," Lumpkin (Colporter in China), \$4.25; First Ch., LaGrange, by F. M. L., \$15.10; Quiltman S. S., by L. L. P. (R. E. Pettigrew), \$50; S. Y. Jameson, C. S. (Medical Missions \$24.20; Kumamoto Chapel, Japan, \$141.80; Ch. Building, Japan, \$3.70; 1st Augusta S. S. for Sear's S. S. Pingtu, \$15; Peyton Stephens, \$4.67; W. M. S. Fitzgerald Native Helper, \$12.50; Cuthbert Ch., S. E. Stephens, \$21.05; Cuthbert, J. W. Stanford, for S. E. Stephens \$25; 1st Athens Ch. in China, \$4.10; China, \$1.35; Xmas Off., \$1; W. M. S. Conyers, Nat. Miss'y \$14.28; Native Missionary, \$22.47; \$3,000; Central Ch., Newman, by M. C. F., \$18.50; 1st Ch. Moultrie, by Mrs. J. H. W., \$208.33; New Providence Guyton, by B. J. C. (Native Missionary), \$17.25. Total, \$3,531.06.

Previously reported, \$5,482.05. Total this year \$9,013.11.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Colgate Ch., by Miss L. Stump, \$5; W. B. M. Soc Choctaw & Chickasaw Assn., 25 cts; W. M. S. Refuge Ch., Busby (Pledge of Miss Penny for Yangchow Hospital), \$2; Enterprise Ch., by J. C. S., \$1.25; Duncan Ch., by J. C. S., \$1.50; Lutie Ch., by J. W. H., \$20; Short Mountain Assn., by J. W. H., \$16.75; John Southerlin, by J. W. H., \$1; S. S. Convention, Choctaw & Chickasaw Assn., by J. B. R., 75 cts.; Choctaw & Chickasaw Assn., by J. B. R., \$1.57; Rev. A. S. Robertson, by J. B. R., 14 cts. Total, \$50.21.

Previously reported, \$103.21. Total this year, \$153.42.

KENTUCKY.—Miss Willie Lamb, Treasurer, \$49.87; Mt. Pleasant Ch., by W. T. L., \$10; Mt. Carmel Ch., Nelson Assn., by H. B. J., \$2.06; Mrs. L. M. Rowe, 3rd Ch., Owensboro, by W. H. O. (Miss J. MacKenzie), \$5; Salem Ch., Lost Creek, by J. J. J., \$2.22; Long Ridge Ch., Concord Assn., by E. T. W., \$97.65; W. M. S., 1st Ch., Bowling Green, by Mrs. B. F. P. (G. F. Hambleton), \$130; J. G. Bow, C. S. (1st Paducah, W. H. Tipton \$41.67; Versailles Ch., for McCollum, \$300; Long Lick Ch., for McCollum, \$1.25; Mt

Pleasant Ch., McCollum, \$7.24; Siler Ch., McCollum, \$27.23; Dry Run Ch., for McCollum, \$9.33; Clifton Ch., J. L. Hart, \$68.14; 2nd Ch., Bowling Green, by G. F. \$30; S. S., \$2 for Lei Wac Ting); \$1,847.47; Rockcastle Assn., by N. B., \$3.70. Total, \$2,157.997.

Previously reported, \$3,157.55. Total this year, \$5,335.52.

LOUISIANA.—Independence Ch., by A. W. \$55.85. Rev. J. V. B. Waldorf, Halle, \$7; Beulah Ch., by E. D. C., \$10; Dr. G. E. Cannon & wife, Jonesboro (Nat. Miss'y), \$100; "A Sister," from New Orleans, \$3.50; Dr. P. A. Lee, Coushatta, \$20. Total, \$196.35.

Previously reported, \$291.37. Total this year, \$487.72.

MARYLAND.—Huntington Ch., Balt., B. L. C., \$47.33; Fuller Memorial Ch., Balt., by H. B. W., \$25; Home Dept., Fuller Mem. S. S., Balt., by C. E. D., \$4.01; College Ave. Ch., Annapolis, by E. U. C., \$23.12; North Ave. Ch., Balt., by F. W., \$25.76; Fulton Ave. Ch., Balt., by G. W. L. (Bible Woman, \$10); \$36.67; Easton Bapt. Ch., by W. H., \$6; W. B. F. M. Soc., Md., Mrs. Levering, Tr. (Miss Bagby's Salary, \$6.25; Yangchow Hospital, \$7.35); \$69.93; Gunpowder Ch., by Mrs. M. F. G., \$10; 1st Ch., Laurel, by C. C. W., \$5; Campbell Memorial Ch., New Glatz, by L. W. F., \$2.50; S. S. Cordova Ch., by L. R. R. (Work in Japan), \$1; Forest S. S., Foreston, by C. W., \$5; Rehoboth Ch., by J. C. C., \$15.85. Total, \$277.22.

Previously reported, \$1,390.70. Total this year, \$1,667.92.

MISSISSIPPI.—Lincoln Co. Assn., by A. J. M., \$32.95; General Assn., by D. T. C. (Chastain & Watkins), \$300; Bola Chitto Ch., by G. H. V., \$9; W. M. S. Coffeeville, by J. F. R., \$25; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$7.45; A. V. Rowe, C. S. (W. M. U. for Yangchow Hospt., \$11; Tombigbee Assn., for Chastain, \$14.75); \$497; Clinton Ch., by Geo. Whitfield, \$6; Centreville Ch., by J. W. H., \$5.55. Total \$902.95.

Previously reported, \$27.33. Total this year, \$1,540.28.

MISSOURI.—Calvary Ch., Kansas City, by L. T. J., \$220; J. J. Corum, Springfield, \$6; A. W. Payne, Tr. (Aurora, \$19; Plattsburg, \$45; Bucklin, \$3; Silex, \$1.25; Uxity, \$4.95; Enon, \$26.81; Pleasant Valley, \$1; Besonla, \$2.50; Curryville, \$6.74; Ebenezer, \$6.10; Union, 44 cts.; South Fork, \$5.31; High Point, \$1; Smith Fork, \$6.85; Cape Girardeau, \$1.20; Pivlet Grove (Mr. Ginsburg's Press), \$1.50; Barnes Chapel \$3.50; Providence, \$2; Good Hope, \$2.25; College Hill, \$2.35; Useful, \$13.50; Everton, \$1.25; Mount Olive, \$2.30; High Point, \$11.36; Oak Grove, \$2.85; Grandin, \$22; Cairo (J. E. Davis) \$10.65; New Hope, \$5.50; Prairie Grove, \$1.08; J. O. West and family, \$1.75; Elm Springs, \$40.35; Big Barren, 75 cts.; Mound Prairie, \$17; Ashland, \$11; Galt, \$6.55; New Hope, 90 cts.; Browning, \$2.50; Troy, \$18.80; Hunter, \$10; Atlanta, \$3.12; \$176.46; W. M. S., by A. W. Payne (Grand Prairie, Little Bonne Femme, \$10; Keytesville, Mount Pleasant, \$30; (Bible woman Pingtu under Miss Dutton); South Street, Bethel, \$1.25; Marshall, Saline, \$3; Trenton, North Grand River, \$4; Lexington, Lafayette & Johnson, \$5; Liberty, North Liberty, \$25 (Hospital at Yangchow); Third, St. Louis, 74 cts.; Bowling Green, Salt River, \$7.50; Salem, Tebo, \$1.35; Dover, Salt River, \$2.50; Delmar Av., St. Louis, \$17.05); \$111.39 W. M. S., by A. W.

Payne (Oran, W. M. S., 75 cts.; Ebenezer, W. M. S., \$5; First, W. M. S., \$11.55; Pleasant Ridge, W. M. S., \$10; Rich Hill, W. M. S., \$7; Ottoville, W. M. S., 99 cts.; Odessa, W. M. S., \$30; Belton, W. M. S., \$12. Theological Seminary Pernambuco, Brazil, Warrensburg, W. M. S., \$1 85 (Effe Sears, Mem.); Lees Summit, W. M. S., \$10; Unionville, W. M. S., \$7; Gower, \$4.39; Seymour, W. M. S., \$1.65, \$105.19; A. W. Payne, Treas. (Mint Hill, \$1.10; Long Branch, \$1.22; Lowry, \$1.33; Le Monte Sunday School, \$15; Mount Olive, \$1; Olive St., Kansas City, \$30; Macedonia, \$2.72; Hale, B. Y. P. U., \$5; Swedish B. Y. P. U., \$15; First, Platte City, \$11; Pleasant Ridge, \$11.42; Pleasant Ridge, B. Y. P. U., \$1; Perche, \$7; Corder, \$29; White Oak, 80 cts.; Deray, \$1.50; Personal, Little Bonne Femme, \$3; Butler, \$25; Freeman, \$2.16; Adrian, \$1; Doniphan, \$55.30; Glasgow, \$25.56; First, Browning 50 cts.; New Salem, \$9.75; Butler, \$1; Personal, Livingstone, 50 cts.; Mount Zion \$8.75; Bethany, \$4.29; Deepwater, \$16.09; Liberty Sunday School, \$12.35; Liberty, \$1.85; Elm Spring, \$15.75; Connelville, 50 cts.; Bethlehem, \$2.08; New Home, \$3.16 Odessa, \$64.36; Odessa Sunday School, \$10; Odessa B. Y. P. U., \$2; Belton, \$58.89; Carthage, \$19.22; Clark, \$7.09; Mound Prairie Sunday School, \$3; Montevallo, \$18; Montevallo Sunday School, \$3.33; Kaseyville, \$1.55; Mount Zion, \$26; Unionville, \$8.14; Versailles, \$17.16; Budd Park, \$1.67; Paradise, \$6.25; Lickins, \$6.25; Ruhama, 60 cts.; Prosperity, \$2.50; Hickory Grove, \$1; Lee's Summit, \$25.52; Montrose, \$2.89; Kosh Konong Sunday School, \$1.25; Mount Prairie, \$3; Forest Grove, \$14.35; Hale Sunday School, \$1.85; Pleasant Grove, \$7; Garden City, \$13.27, \$649.19; A. W. Payne, Treas. (Personal, 50 cts.; Sulphur Spring, \$2; King City, \$3.10; Forest City, \$3.24; Armstrong, \$15.40; Tabernacle, \$129.95; Trenton, \$46; Eversonville, \$1.50; Ebenezer, \$6; Pleasant Grove, \$1.50; Personal, \$10 (Sears Chapel); Tebbetta, \$3; Sturgeon, \$15.35; Bethlehem, \$4.60; Slater Sunday School, \$15; (Wan Sing Chung); High Prairie, \$1.40; Warren, \$12.30; Appleton City, 35 cts.; Lawson, \$2.10; Mt. Vernon, \$3; First, Farmington, \$14.50; Elsberry, \$5; Harmony Grove, \$3.60; Ellston, \$2.15; Centropolis, \$15; Ulrich, \$25.70; Elsberry, \$2.30; Durham, \$3.97; Huntsville, \$15.15; Personal, \$1.25; Indian Creek, \$10.90; Sandy, \$7; Corner Stone, 90 cts.; Foley, \$1; Mount Gilead, \$1; Sulphur Leek, \$1; Union, 50 cts.; Oak Ridge, \$12.50; Highland, \$2; Harmony, \$9, \$138.61; W. M. S., by A. W. Payne, Treas. (Calvary, W. M. S., \$1.50; Maryville, \$9.49; Mt. Olive, W. M. S., \$1.55; First, Sedalla, \$5; Sweet Springs, W. M. S., \$5.82; Independence Ave., W. M. S., \$2; New Prospect, W. M. S., \$3.86; Appleton City, W. M. S., 12 cts.; Mexico, W. M. S., \$17.50, \$5 for Bible woman in China; Warren, W. M. S., \$12; Fee Fee, Jr., \$10 (Effe Sears School); Mountain Grove, W. M. S., \$2.77, \$71.61; Concordia Ch., by H. H. B., \$40. Total \$2,117.44.

Previously reported, \$1,079.23. Total this year, \$3,196.67.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Henrietta Ch., by J. M. F., \$11.91; H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro, \$150; 1st Ch., Sautisbury, by C. B. J., \$100; 1st Ch., Asheville, by G. F. L. (Miss Price), \$232.71 W. M. S., Youngsville, by Mrs. R. J. C. (Native Helper with Mrs. Britton), \$26.60 Rainbow Circle, West End, Asheville, by Mrs. W. E. L. (J. C. Owen's School), \$5;

Mrs. Fannie Bryan Farrier, Kenansville, by M. B. M. (Yates College), \$10. Total, \$536.22. Previously reported, \$2,954.92. Total this year, \$3,491.14.

OKLAHOMA.—W. H. & F. S., 1st Ch., Hobart, by C. W. B., \$1.89; W. M. S., Yukon, by J. H. G., \$3; Pawhuska Ch., by W. D. J., \$3.80; New Bethel Ch., by Rev. R. Shoby, \$5; W. M. S., Guymon, by A. W. A., 67 cts. Total, \$14.36.

Previously reported, \$87.83. Total this year, \$102.19.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Berea Ch., Edgefield Assn., by M. B. H., \$7; Saluda Assn., by R. M. B., \$106.33; Ridge Assn., by R. A. T., \$41.02; Union Co. Assn., by L. W. S., \$5; Sardis Ch., Ridge Assn., by J. W. P., \$3.20; L. M. & A. Soc., Edgefield, by O. T. (Jno. Lake), \$11.54; W. M. S., Clearwater Ch., Aiken Assn., by W. O. J., \$3; Pine Grove Ch., Chesterfield Assn., by B. S. F., \$1.55; Chesterfield Ch., Chesterfield Assn., by B. S. F., \$5; Conway S. S., Waccamaw Assn., by T. L. S., \$17.01; Little River Ch., Saluda Assn., by M. G. E., \$5.35; Flat Rock Ch., Piedmont Assn., by W. T. O. D., \$1.66; Pine Grove Ch., Colleton Assn., by J. B. K., \$7.92; W. M. S., Warrior Creek Ch., Laurens Assn., by A. J., \$13; Mt. Pleasant Ch., by A. G. K., \$1.50; Dry Creek Ch., Ridge Assn., by J. H. W., \$12.42; Black Mingo Ch., by W. J. W., \$1.80; Conway Ch., Waccamaw Assn., by A. H. B., \$15.94; Bethel Ch., So. East Assn., by S. A. S., \$13.54; Bethlehem Ch., Lexington Assn., by J. B. T., \$10; Bartlett St. Ch., Sumter, by B. J. R., \$21; Bethel S. S., Beaver Dam Assn., by W. M. L., \$6; Horeb Ch., by J. H. M., \$4.86; Antioch Ch., Orangeburg Assn., by J. A. B., \$4; Beaver Dam Assn., by C. W., \$16.40; Broad River Assn., by W. L. G. (Antioch Ch., \$5.75; Arrowwood, \$3; Beavertown, \$7.05; Bethesda, \$2.26; Broad River, 75 cts.; Buck Creek, \$4; Corinth, \$24.40; Draytonville, 41 cts.; Elbethel, \$11.60; Gilead, \$10.75; Grassy Pond, \$10; Macedonia, \$10.25; Mount Olive, \$2.50; Pacolet, No. 2, \$2.63; Piedmont, \$5.62; State Line, \$5; Zion Hill, \$2.30; High Point, \$1.66; for W. E. Crocker); \$110.16; Santee Ch., Charleston Assn., by T. W. W., \$3.04; Union Ch., by Rev. S. V. W., \$6.30; W. M. S., Union Ch., by Rev. S. V. W., \$2.18; White Bluff Ch., Moriah Assn., by S. V. W., 70 cts.; Antioch Ch., by S. V. W., \$1.88; Harmony Ch., Fairfield Assn., by J. P. L., \$1.60; Ridge Spring Ch., by M. S. (Missionary), \$72.23; W. M. S., Welch Neck Ch., by Mrs. J. S., \$16.05; Sunbeams, Welch Neck Ch., Miss M. L. C. (Sunbeam Miss'y), \$1.29; S. S., Welch Neck Ch., by Mrs. J. T., \$4.70; S. S., 1st Ch., Darlington, by C. B. E., \$4.56; Groomsville Ch., Charleston Assn., by H. F. O., \$3; St. John's Ch., Charleston Assn., by H. F. O., \$3.51; Wassawassaw Ch., Charleston Assn., by H. F. O., \$3.41; Siloam Ch., Piedmont Assn., by J. R. R., \$2.25; Pendleton St. Ch., Greenville by W. W., \$17.50; Bush River Ch., by I. M. S., \$70; Mt. Zion Ch., by I. M. S., \$19; Cross Roads Ch., by I. M. S., \$3.50; Pee Dee Union, Waccamaw Assn., by J. C. T., \$3; Bishopville Ch., by J. P. K., \$5; Rocky Grove Ch., Edisto Assn., by W. M. S., \$5; Friendship Ch., No. 1, by R. M. R., \$1.65; Mt. Zion Ch., Spartanburg Assn., by J. H. P., \$12.25; Townville Ch., Saluda Assn., by J. P. L., \$16.99; Edisto Assn., by W. T. L., \$28.01; Woodward Ch., by M. A. C., \$20;

Good Hope Ch., Charleston Assn., by C. A. S., \$5; Summerville Ch., by D. L. A., \$1.92; Batesburg Ch., Ridge Assn., by J. C. G., \$4.38; Mrs. F. O. Towman, Ninty-six, 50 cts.; Philadelphia Ch. Spart. Assn., by M. A. F. (Miss Whilden), \$66.35; Plum Branch Ch., by J. W. B., \$7; Mrs. Beattie Rowland, Treas. (Abbeville Assn., \$33.05, Support of Mrs. B. R. Roach; Aiken Assn., \$12.35; Barnwell Assn., \$49.36; Broad River Assn., \$10 for Rev. W. E. Croker; Charleston Assn., \$20.90, \$2.75 of this for Miss Whilden's blind girls; Chester, \$31.64; Chesterfield Assn., \$3.75; Fairfield Assn., \$15.27; Greenville Assn., \$13.15, \$7 support of Miss Bostick; Laurens Assn., \$10.12, \$3.25, Yangchow Hospital; Moriah, \$2.25; Orangeburg Assn., \$13.87; Pee Dee Assn., \$3.68, \$2.50 for Yangchow Hospital; Santee Assn., \$7.90; Reedy River, \$19.09; Ridge Assn., \$26.55; Saluda Assn., \$40.25, \$37.85, Mrs. W. W. Lawton, \$2.40, Yangchow Hospital; Savannah River Assn., \$10.75; Spartanburg Assn., \$16.50, For support of Miss Lula Whilden; Union County Assn., \$3.25; Welch Neck Assn., \$32.48, \$1.80 for Yangchow Hospital; York Assn., 55 cts., \$431.71; Lanes Ch., Black River Assn., by O. D. L., \$2.50; Ridge Spring's S. S., by W. T. D., \$25; 1st Ch., Lancaster, by W. T. C., \$29.06; Warrenville Ch., by J. F. C., \$6; Fort Mill Ch., by S. L. M., \$25; Pacolet Mills, Spart. Assn., by H. L. B., \$2.34; Fairview Ch., Spart. Assn., by H. L. B., \$1.18; Middle Tyger Ch., Spar. Assn., by H. L. B., \$5.45; Spartanburg Assn., by H. L. B., \$11.79; Black Creek Ch., by W. C. G., \$6; Harmony Ch., by R. H. F., \$14; Harmony S. S., by R. H. F., \$2.50; Mayesville Ch., Santee Assn., by W. T. W., \$1.96; L. M. S., Bethel Ch., Spar. Assn., by Mrs. A. D., \$2.58; Lynchburg Ch., by G. W. L., \$2.75; Pleasant Hill S. S., by J. C. G., \$1.50; Catechee Ch., by J. F. W., \$1.20; 1st Ch., Charleston, by R. H. W., \$10; Sardis Ch., by E. E. H., \$9.20; Union Ch., York Assn., by W. D. T., \$7; Liberty Ch., Charleston Assn., by T. A. McT., \$2.70; Flint Hill Ch., York Assn., by W. F. B., \$27; Lexington Assn., by D. E. C., \$39.37; Fairfield Assn., by C. P. W., \$5.66; Bermuda Ch., by J. F. L., \$5; Greeleyville Ch., Black River Assn., by O. D. L., \$2.20; Missy Soc., Salem Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. T. R., \$2.45; Salem Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. T. R., \$5.50; W. M. S. Spring Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. T. R., \$3.37; Brownsville Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. T. R., \$1.69; W. M. S., Brownsville Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. T. R., \$2.15; W. M. S. Springfield Ch., by Mrs. T. A. J., \$3.40; Fairmont Ch., by J. W. K., \$20; Wayside Ch., by G. J. T., \$8.39; Mt. Carmel Ch., by G. J. T., 50 cts.; Enon Ch., by G. J. T., \$1.37; Mt. Olivet C., by G. J. T., \$5.52. New Prospect Ch., by G. B. H., \$1.85; Laurens Assn., by C. H. Roper (Lanford, \$9.55; Lanford Sunday School, \$16.93; Watts Mill Women's Miss. Socy., \$1.25; Chestnut Ridge, \$14.50; Chestnut Ridge Sunbeams, \$12.13; Friendship, \$12.72; Friendship Womens Miss. Socy., \$3.62; Beulah, \$4.60; Beulah Women's Miss. Socy., \$8; Waterloo, \$5; Waterloo Women's Women's Miss. Scty., \$5; Durbin, \$15; Durbin Women's Miss. Scty., \$2; Mt. Olive, \$1.67; Clinton Second, \$5; Harmony, \$4.60; Princeton, \$2.50; Rabun Creek, \$30.55; Mountville, \$5.31; New Prospect, \$6.36; Holly Grove, \$8; Bethabara, \$4.65; Cross Hill, \$4; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.70; Warrior Creek, \$5; Langston, \$10; Watts

Mill, \$2; Union, \$5; Laurens, First, \$357; Laurens First Womens Miss. Soc., \$14.05; Laurens Young Peo. Miss. Soc., \$5.75; Laurens First Women's Miss. Scty., for Yangchow Hospital, \$5, \$389.44; Poplar Springs Ch., Spart. Assn., by D. T. B., \$14.50; "A Friend," North Augusta, by Mrs. W. F. T. (China), \$2; Blackstock Ch., Chester Assn., by D. W. R., \$5.88; Bethel Ch., Spart. Assn., by B. S. B., \$20; Inman Ch., Spart. Assn., by J. H. B., \$60. Total, \$2,348.20.

Previously reported, \$5,114.86. Total this year, \$7,463.06.

TENNESSEE.—W. M. Woodcock, Tr. (Miss Meadows, \$15; Mrs. Tipton, \$145.15; Mrs. Maynard, \$5; Mahon, \$135.05; China, 50 cts., \$89.82; L. M. S., Broadway Ch., Knoxville, by Mrs. J. O. C. (Ginsburg), \$16.50; Hillsdale S. S., by T. J. T., \$5.50; Hillsdale Ch., by T. J. T., \$3.75; Orlinda Ch., by J. A. C. (Tatum), \$1.25; Beulah Ch., McDonalds, by T. H. P., \$2.25; "A Friend," Nashville, Tenn. (Cheng Chow Mission), \$11; W. M. Woodcock, Tr. (Mrs. Tipton's Salary, \$51.91; Yangchow Hospital, \$7.65; Ginsburg's Press, \$35; China, \$1), \$393.46; Northern Assn., by P. H., \$51.20. Total, \$2,103.17.

Previously reported, \$2,363.45. Total this year, \$4,471.62.

TEXAS.—Philathea Class, Columbia St., Waco, by E. J. M. (Nat. Helper), \$12; Linden Ch., by J. L. P., \$1.25; J. B. Gambrell, Supt., \$225.29; J. B. Gambrell, Supt. (T. P. Eastland), \$15; Ladies' Gossapple Ch., by Y. F. W., \$2.10; Cliff Ch., by Y. F. W. (Bible Woman), \$1.25; W. M. Purdue, Memphis, J. M. O. (Instruments for Pingtu Hospt.), \$50; S. S., Copeville Ch., by J. L. Y., \$6; Miss Ella F. Wright, Chico. (Oxner's Work), 25 cts.; Mrs. W. A. Crossett, San Antonio, by W. W. B. (E. Z. Simmons, printing Bibles), \$3.70; Rehoboth Assn., by G. S. T. (W. B. Glass), \$53.30; 1st Ch., M. Pleasant, by W. A. S. (Yangchow Hospt.), \$4; Bettie Pursey, Belton, Tex. (Miss Jeter), \$5. Total, \$379.14.

Previously reported, \$6,200.52. Total this year, \$6,579.66.

VIRGINIA.—"A Sister," in Va. (Support of Missy), \$250; B. A. Jacob, Tr. (Support of Desk in China, Mrs. McDaniel, \$7.50; M. H. Rickers of Bethel Ch., Shiloh Assn., \$15, for education Chinese girl; Sunbeams of Martinsville Ch., Blue Ridge Assn., \$16, for education of cripple Chinese girl in Miss Lottie Price's School; Park Av. Ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$48, for Lewis Faper African missions; W. M. S., Cartersville Ch., James River Assn., \$2.55, Native Missionary in China), \$2,000 Total, \$2,250.

Previously reported, \$6,606.53. Total this year, \$8,856.53.

CALIFORNIA.—Mrs. R. M. Close, Los Angeles, \$25.

Previously reported, \$40. Total this year, \$65.

AGGREGATE.

Total this month, \$18,119.92.

Previously reported, \$40,013.87.

Total this year, \$58,133.79.