

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

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WHAT KIND OF CONVENTION?

Every one of our Conventions has some marked characteristic. One is noted for fellowship, another for great speeches, another for spiritual power, etc. How shall it be with the Convention of 1906? Oh, that we may climb up with Christ on Olivet, and hear and feel His last words. We want a mountain-top vision of a world lying in sin, and then to feel a Saviour's love and have that power which comes from His Holy Spirit's presence. Shall we not have His Spirit with us? Before we leave home, and as we go up, let us pray for Him; and, as we come together, let us be in prayer with one accord. The time is too short, the opportunities too great, to be wasted on unimportant issues. We hope many will wait before God in fasting and prayer, asking Him to take possession of the meeting in Chatanooga and use it all for His glory.

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GIVING TO THE LORD.

Is there not great danger that we will think and talk too much about giving to the Church, to the Boards or to some part of the work? We ought not to give to the Church, nor to Missions, but give to the Lord, to be used for these parts of His work. It is interesting to run through the Bible and see how all giving is regarded as an offering unto the Lord. Take two examples: When the great collection was taken for the Tabernacle, every one "offered an offering of gold unto the Lord;" and when the Philipians sent their gifts to Paul, they were "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." The Word is full of the idea of gifts and offerings to the Lord. That is always the Scriptural expression.

See what the result would be if we could get back to this Bible view of giving. Then we could no longer hide behind the excuse that we do not believe in this or that part of the work. Let us make our gifts, not to the pastor's salary, or church expenses, or foreign missions, but to the Lord. It will be pleasing to Him, even though the use to which the money is put seem to us as needless and foolish as the costly anointing of Jesus by Mary seemed to some of the disciples.

Then, too, we would need to make the gifts worthy of the Lord and

of His cause. The Scriptural idea is always to give the first and best to God. We must honor Him with our substance, but it dishonors Him if we are little and niggardly with our offerings. The gift must be generous in proportion to our means. Jesus was pleased with the widow's mites because it was a sacrifice—all of her living. He thought little of the rich man's gifts, because they were only a small part of a large surplus. Let us give to the Lord, and remember that we are giving to a great King, who has done all for us, and is infinitely worthy of our best. The patriot gives all, even life itself, for his king and his country. Can we afford to do less for our Father and the Kingdom of Heaven?

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HOW TO WHIP THE DEVIL.

It is remarkable how many of the leading givers are absent from the service on the day in which the Foreign Mission collection is to be taken. Often the pastors have to explain with regret to the representatives of the Board that their best men are not present. It is a good sign. It shows that the devil is on the run. He knows that he cannot face the battle with a man who has any grace in his heart, while he is listening to an appeal for missions, and so he gets the man to excuse himself from the service. Satan knows that that is the only way in which he can win. Now, we ought not to let him run us off on Missionary Day. We ought to make him face the question with us, and see if he can answer the appeals and arguments.

A brother in Virginia tells with a good deal of triumph, how he got the victory over Satan on one occasion. He had gone to hear the representative of the Foreign Mission Board with his mind made up to give \$2.50, and soon after the sermon started, he decided that he ought to give more—that he would make it \$5. Satan was startled. He said to the man, "You are foolish, \$2.50 is enough for you to give," but he was soon vanquished on that point. As the sermon proceeded, the man began to feel that perhaps he ought to give \$10. Satan was outraged. He said to the man, "It is a shame; you will ruin yourself. Five dollars is too much for you to give." As the preacher waxed eloquent, and as the Christian man fought out the battle with Satan, he gained another great victory. He said, "I will make it \$25." There is no telling how much the contribution would have become if the preacher had not stopped just at that point, and the Christian man loved to tell, afterward, how he whipped the devil.

The day is coming fast when Missionary Day in every Church will not be the time when people like to excuse themselves, but will become the greatest occasion of all the year. It ought to be that now. Surely when we come to give our consideration and our contributions to the greatest and most glorious of all work, we ought to look forward to it with gladness and joy.

GRASSHOPPER CHRISTIANS.

When the spies came back from searching out the promised land they brought back a cowardly report about giants who were there: "And we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were we in their sight." It was pitiful for God's people to belittle themselves in such a way, and call down upon themselves the contempt of the world. It was dishonoring to God, who had done such wonders already and had promised to give them the land.

Are there not great multitudes of Christians who are doing the same thing to-day? The promised land before us is the whole wide world for Christ. "Ask of Me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Many of our leaders, Caleb like, are saying: "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." But many others are holding back, saying it is all nonsense, fanatical, impossible. "The giants are there and we are grasshoppers." Such an attitude is fearfully dishonoring to Him who said: "Go, and lo I am with you!"

It is a pity, nay, worse, it is wrong, for any individual follower of Christ to think of himself as being little, weak, incapable of doing anything in this world conquest. The least can do much by God's help. You can pray, and the prayer of faith counts tremendously. You can give much more than Satan wants you to think you can, if your heart is in the work and you carefully plan for it. You are not insignificant. Trust God and do your best. That is all He wants or needs.

Great numbers of churches depreciate their power and excuse themselves on the plea of weakness for doing nothing, or almost nothing. The weakest church can support a Bible woman in some heathen land; a great majority of our churches can support native preachers, and many of them can pay the salary of one or more missionaries. We can easily average one worker for each of our twenty thousand churches. Think of it! Twenty thousand workers in the foreign field, instead of about five hundred! And then we would still have all the money and men needed for the work at home.

Thank God, the day of larger vision is dawning, and this grasshopper view of ourselves is passing away. What may not our two millions of white Baptists in the South do for missions when once they are fully aroused? We are not grasshoppers. We are God's redeemed men and women. We can do wonders in his power. Let us fling out the banner and challenge all the forces of earth and hell, trusting in the strength of Jesus Christ, determined to do our part in taking for Him the world-wide land of promise. The compassionate Christ is yearning over lost men and women, and calling us to the rescue. We must not belittle or despair of ourselves, since He believes in us. Let us go forward.

THE WORLD-WIDE FIELD.

News comes of the great awakening in India. It is said that many of the scenes remind one of the Welsh revival. Those on the field bear witness that the ethical fruits already apparent stamp the work as no mere transient excitement. God is marvelously working. Let us continue to pray.

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There are signs of the spirit of self-help in the mission fields, and it is one of the most hopeful indications. A missionary writing of the work among the Telugus says, "There are many signs of promise ahead, not the least of which is the spirit of missions which is beginning to grip the Telugu Christians. Many pastors and students are finding a new message, and many churches are beginning to feel the pulsings of a new life, since distinct and united efforts have been put forth in Home and Foreign Missions.

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Another missionary, writing of the work in Brazil, speaks of a great religious awakening there. He says, "And the powerful exertion of the church to meet the demands of this principle by supporting large numbers of evangelists in new regions, is bringing its legitimate reward in remarkable growth. Dozens of churches to-day are entirely self-supporting, at the same time giving largely to the Home Mission cause."

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Another illustration of this principle of self-help comes from the work in South China. At Kichwang it is reported that in 1896 the local church record showed a membership of 22. The members at that time were poor, and did not contribute toward the support of the local church. To-day the local church has a membership of over 200, who not only support their own church work and school, but have reached out to 62 other points in the field.

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Still another illustration comes from the work of Pandita Ramabai. This great Hindoo woman, though already caring for more than fifteen hundred young widows, writes that the Lord has laid it on her heart to open twenty mission stations in different villages, to which she may send her Christian girls to preach the gospel.

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The Missionary Herald tells of the oldest missionary in the world. Mrs. Mary E. Parker, who, with her husband, went out to the Sandwich Islands in 1832. She has recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday in Honolulu. The Herald says: "The large company of friends who greeted her on this centennial day found her with sight

somewhat impaired, but otherwise in the possession of her faculties. With a strong force she replied to the salutations brought her, by relating incidents of the early days, which no one save herself is now alive to recall. Letters and messages by cable reached her, not only from the Islands, but from the States, overflowing with congratulations and words of highest esteem.



From all the Missionary Magazines, and from our own missionaries come accounts of the new spirit of independence manifested at present in so many directions among the Chinese Christians. This spirit will be a great power in the evangelization of China, if it be properly controlled and directed.



There have been a good many things said about the dislike of the Chinese for foreign Missionaries. It is very interesting to put over against these reports the testimony of the Viceroy of Fuh-kien: "We take pleasure, this evening, in bearing testimony to the part taken by American missionaries in promoting the progress of the Chinese people. They have borne the light of Western civilization into every nook and corner of the Empire. They have rendered inestimable service to China by the laborious task of translating into the Chinese language religious and scientific works of the East. They help us to bring happiness and comfort to the poor and the suffering, by the establishment of hospitals and schools. The awakening of China, which now seems to be at hand, may be traced in no small measure to the hand of the missionary. For this service you will find China not ungrateful."



Here is a beautiful little story, showing the blessedness of the work done by medical missions:

"Last night we had such a little tragedy in our hall. A sweet little girl, very ill, was brought to us. In the two days we nursed her (she died the second evening) we became so attached to her. She was half conscious all the time, but so sweet and thankful. An embrace was the reward for everything we did for her. We felt so sorry that this dear child should die without ever having heard of the Lord Jesus. And still it seemed almost impossible to convey anything new to this weak, half conscious mind. During the second day Dr. Scheurer went to her bedside, took her little hand in his, and said, 'Do you know you are very, very ill?'

" 'Oh, yes.'

" 'And what if you should never get better?'

" 'Then I should not be afraid.'

" 'Why should you not be afraid?'

" 'Because I trust in Him who suffered for me.'

"Who is He who suffered for you?"

"Jesus Christ."

"Have you ever prayed that He would cleanse your sinful little heart?"

"Oh, yes, it was very sinful. But He cleansed it, and now it is all right."

"Then her consciousness left her. I have never been able to find out how she learned this. I tried to ask her and she said, 'From you, nurse, and as soon as I heard it, I was not afraid any more.' That same night she died, and we buried her in our own cemetery."

Here is good news from the progress of the work in India. Rev. J. R. C. Ewing writes:

"The Church owes it to India that her present need be met. We have contributed a share to the process that has resulted in the existing situation. To stop now is impossible. Christ has not been glorified in the midst of this people as it is His right to be. Evidences of the working of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men are before our eyes, and we are assured of the approach of an era in which the Son shall take to Himself great glory, as India's people see in Him their Lord."

We do not realize as we ought the necessity of haste in reaching the heathen. It cannot be better expressed than by an old African Chief: "Oh, white man, I cannot remember when I did not know of your power and your learning. Why did you not come sooner? You have come now, and these eyes are too blind to see you, and these ears are too deaf to hear you. If you have any message to give, give it to the young men. You are too late for me."

Another illustration of the need of haste is furnished in this sad incident of an old woman who had become a Christian in China. After learning the gospel, she hastened away to tell it to her loved ones, in a district where the plague was raging. When she returned, she was asked about her visit. Her lips trembled, and then she burst into tears and said, "When I got to my daughter's home, I found she had been dead two days; her husband lay dying, their six little children had no one to look after them, and two of them died; but, oh, I wanted to tell them of the true God, and they are dead!"

The good news comes from India that the power of the gospel is breaking the bonds of caste. There is abundant testimony that this fearful system, which has been fastened upon the people for so many ages, is giving way. When its power has been completely broken, it will be a great day for the gospel in India.

NOTES.

Rev. C. W. Pruitt has moved from Teng Chow back to Hwanghien. He will look after the erection of the buildings for the Bush Theological Seminary.

There will be quite a number of missionaries at the Convention in Chattanooga. Some of these have been for years on the foreign field, some are new recruits, just getting ready to go out.

News has come to us of the marriage in China, February 28th, of Rev. R. E. Chambers and Miss Julia E. Trainham, both of our South China Mission. May Heaven's blessing rest upon these workers for the Master.

We give below the pictures of Rev. S. M. Sowell of Buenos Aires and his young wife, formerly Miss Ermine Bagby, daughter of our missionary, Rev. W. B. Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Brother Sowell was



our first missionary to the Argentine Republic. He is doing a fine work in that country. Miss Ermine Bagby was born in Brazil. She returned to this country and stayed here several years, while she was procuring her education. She then returned to Brazil, and has been a missionary there, working with her father. Our congratulations to the happy young couple.

Our people all over the Convention will be delighted to know that the operation on Brother E. Z. Simmons' eye has been successful. We expect to have the pleasure of meeting this dear brother at the Convention in China.

The brethren in our North China Mission are quite enthusiastic about opening the work in Manchuria for the eight and one-half million people there. This work is very closely connected with that in Shantung Province, and we hope that it will not be long before we can see missions established in that country.

The Clifton church, Louisville, Ky., has subscribed \$2,200 for foreign missions. Pastor Foster is happy. Only about two and a half years ago, this was a mission point; now they are giving to sustain twelve workers on the foreign field—two missionaries and a number of native preachers, a Bible woman and a colporter. These cost from \$600 to \$30 each. Many other churches could do as much, yea even more.

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NEW MISSIONARIES.

The Board held an important meeting on April the 4th. A matter of deep interest was the appointment of six missionaries—fine young soldiers for the front. We give a short sketch of the life of each one. At another meeting, held April 19th, two others were appointed of whom we give account below.



JOHN HANSFORD ROWE was born at Achilles, Gloucester Co., Virginia, on the 13th of November, 1876. He is the son of Samuel M. and Elizabeth Rowe, both of whom have been active Christians for many years, his father having been deacon for many years. He was converted at the age of 13 at Achilles, during a meeting held by Rev. Mr. Betts. He joined Union church, the same year and was baptized by Rev. R. A. Folkes.

He secured a common school education, and, at the age of 13, entered a private school taught by his pastor, Rev. R. A. Folkes, which he attended for two years. At the age of 21, having felt the call of God to preach, he entered West Point Academy, West Point, Va., where he remained one year. In September of 1899, he entered Richmond College, Richmond, Virginia, and, in June of 1903, he took the A. B. degree. In October, 1903, he

entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and, in May, 1905, took the Th. B. degree, and hopes to complete the work for the Th. M. degree by the close of the present session.

While in college, he did mission work in the various missions of the

city. During the first two years of his work in the Seminary, he was connected with several of the missions of Louisville. In June, 1905, he was called to the pastorate of Troy Baptist church, Troy, Indiana, and he has served this church since that time. He was ordained at Union church, Achilles, Virginia, in July, 1905.

His pastor, being a missionary pastor, did much to influence him in deciding to give his life to work on the foreign field. During the first two years he spent in college, he felt called to do foreign mission work, and near the end of the second session, he yielded to the call and became a volunteer. Since that time, he has been a member of the volunteer band at the college and seminary.

Bro. Rowe was appointed April 4, 1906, for the work in Japan, and hopes to go out in the fall.



CHARLES KELSEY DOZIER was born in La Grange, Georgia, Jan. 1, 1879. He is the youngest son of Joel Henry and Ella Nora Dozier.

In 1881, his father moved to Gainesville, Georgia, where he resided until his death, Dec. 19, 1904. His mother still lives at Gainesville. It was at her hands that he received instructions until he was twelve years of age, when he entered a private school. At thirteen, he entered the public schools of Gainesville, where he finished in 1897. He taught school one year. He entered Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in the fall of 1899 and graduated in 1903, with the degree of B. A. During the summer months, while at Mercer University, he taught school and held protracted meetings. In the fall of 1903, he began his course at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is an applicant for the Th.

M. degree in May. The summer of 1904 was spent at Clayton, Alabama, as supply.

His father was a Presbyterian and his mother a Baptist. Early in his life, his mother told him of the heathen and taught him that it was the duty of every Christian to give the gospel to them.

When twelve years of age, he became convicted of sin, and for a year struggled against this conviction. It was during a meeting conducted by his pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell that his heart was stirred by the presentation of the gospel by Dr. McConnell. He surrendered his heart to God in the room of his mother and in her presence. He joined the church and was baptized

April, 1892. At the same time with his conversion came the conviction that he must preach; also, that he must be a missionary, and this conviction was the result of his mother's teaching, and the testimony of Dr. McConnell that, were he younger, he would give his life to the foreign mission field. This made the boy's heart determine to get ready before he was too old. But the decision was not definitely made till the year the Baptists of Georgia met in Savannah, Ga. in Convention. He read in the daily papers the missionary appeals, which were made there. The call came stronger than ever that he must give his life to this work. In his own room, on his knees, he fought the battle out, and surrendered his life fully for this work. He was ordained to full work of the ministry June, 1904. He went to college and now is at the Seminary. Friends have made it possible for him to secure an education. He has been pastor of the church at Campbellsburg, Indiana since June, 1905.

He was appointed for the work in Japan April 4, 1906, and hopes to leave in the fall.



JOHN WATSON SHEPARD was born in Wilson Co., Tenn., Jan. 25, 1879. He is the son of Rev. S. G. and Mrs. Martha Shepard. The first fifteen years of his life were spent principally on the farm and in the common school at Gladeville, near his home. At the age of sixteen, he was converted in a meeting held there, and baptized by his father.

He went to Bethel College, where he spent a year. During this time, the impressions for the gospel ministry, which dated from early years, were deepened, and the desire of a consecrated brother, Joe Lawson, that his Sunday school pupil of earlier years should become one of God's messengers, together with other providential leadings, and the prayers of his parents, led to the expression and avowal openly of what had long been a deep-laid conviction.

His impressions for the foreign work date from early childhood and have deepened into mature convictions of manhood. The first impressions were made, under God, by the prayers and quiet appeals of a pious and godly woman, Mrs. R. M. Puckett, with whom he was thrown in contact when but a child. Through all, these impressions and desires have remained.

The college course having been interrupted at Bethel by a siege of the fever, he went to Richmond College, where

he remained for four years, graduating in 1901, with the degree of M. A. Following this, he entered the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he has studied four years, ending May, 1906. Here he graduated in 1905 with the degree of Th. M. and is at present engaged in post-graduate work bearing practically on the needs and problems of his chosen field. At the age of twenty-one, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Gladeville church. While in college, he was active in Y. M. C. A. work, and, for a part of the time, was pastor of Hopewell church near Tunstalls, Va.

At the time of his entrance upon his theological course at Louisville, he was appointed superintendent of Preston St. mission. He was afterwards called to the care of Otter Creek church, in Meade Co., Ky., where he is at present preaching in connection with his Seminary work. Recently, he has been called to the care of the church at Munfordsville, Ky., where he hopes to serve for a brief term until the Seminary course is completed and due preparation has been made for leaving for Brazil, to which field he has been duly appointed by the Board, in session April 4, 1906.

Brother Shepard has had considerable experience in evangelistic work, and two years' experience in teaching, one in the common school and one in a young ladies' training school.

This gift of teaching, he hopes and earnestly desires, may be used of God in assisting in the training of native evangelists and workers, so much needed in reaching the multitudes of the Republic of Brazil. He holds as his chief ambition that God may raise up the means and instrumentalities for the establishment of such an institution for the training and preparation of the native ministry and workers as may be greatly used in the redemption of Brazil. May the reader of this sketch pray just now that this may be so!



FLORENCE NEWTON SANDERS was born July 31, 1873, and reared in Hart county, near Hartwell College.

He is a son of Mr. W. A. and Mrs. Caroline Sanders. Both were active members of the Baptist Church. His mother died in 1891.

At the age of fourteen, he joined the Milltown Baptist church, and was baptized by Rev. J. T. W. Vernon. In the spring of 1894, he entered the Hartwell Institute, where he spent three years. After teaching a year or two, he entered the State Normal School, Athens, Ga. He became much interested in the Association work while there. Mr. Charles Rowland, Jr., a man not officially connected with the school, but a very close friend of the students, conducted a Personal Workers class every Tues-

day and night. There were not more than five boys in the class, but their influence was felt by the student body.

So it was through the influence of brother Rowland that he became interested in missions. Feeling the need of better preparation for this work in the fall of 1901 he entered the University of Nashville, Peabody College, from which school he received the B. S. degree June, 1904.

At Nashville, the volunteer band met every Sunday morning. He attended regularly, but was not a volunteer. He did not fully decide to give his life to the foreign field until after the Student Volunteer Convention at Toronto, Canada.

Since leaving college, he has been teaching, but still trusting that the way might be opened for him to the foreign field.

Bro. Sanders was appointed April 4th to teach in the school at Toluca, Mexico.



MISS SALLIE PRIEST was born in Sebree, Ky., on June 8, 1871. A few months after her birth, her parents moved to Henderson, Ky., where she has resided since, with the exception of three years spent in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Priest received her education in the Henderson public schools, graduating in June, 1890. The following term, she entered the schools as a teacher, in which capacity she has served for sixteen years. She has had short courses in the Chicago University, Summer School of the South, Knoxville, Tenn., and the Winona Bible School, Lake Winona, Ind.

She made a profession of her faith in Christ while a resident of Louisville, and became a member of the Chestnut St. Baptist church, the pastor, Dr. J. M. Weaver, baptizing her. She has been an active member of the church in Henderson where she

has had a Sunday school class, and has been leader of the Sunbeam Band. She has also been interested in the mission school work connected with the church. She has wished, for a number of years, to be a missionary, but the way never seemed to open until this past year.

Miss Priest was appointed by the Board April 4, 1906, for Shanghai, China, and hopes to enter upon the work there in a few months.



MISS MAUDE ADELIA BURKE was born in Statesville, North Carolina, September 18, 1881. The only living daughter of Della T. and Harry Burke. Her father is a lawyer, and member of the Presbyterian Church. Her mother is a member of the Baptist Church; her deep missionary spirit has greatly influenced the lives of her children.

At the age of ten, Miss Maude gave her heart to Christ, and was baptized into the membership of the First Baptist church of Statesville. She received her elementary training in the graded schools and attended Statesville Female College, and then took a partial course in the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville. In 1903, she graduated with A. B. degree from the Baptist University for Women, Raleigh, N. C. The year following, she studied in the training school of the Theological Seminary

of Louisville, Ky. During the period of preparation, she gave some time to the study of music and art. While in mission study classes, and president of the Young Woman's Christian Association. From very early childhood, she has been interested in missions—this interest grew into a purpose to give her life to the service of God. At the age of sixteen, she began teaching classes in church and mission Sunday schools; since then, she has been actively engaged in various phases of church work. She now joyfully looks forward to spending her life on a foreign field, to which she believes God has called her. She was appointed April 4, 1906, to the work in Japan, and expects to go out next fall.

MISS RENA COOK GROOVER was born December 26, 1880, near Dixie, Ga. She is the daughter of Mr. S. M. and Mrs. Ida J. Groover. The family from which she comes is one characterized by the deepest consecration and marked by the broadest Christ-



ian culture. It is not strange, therefore, that, at an early age, she came to recognize her right relation of loving obedience to her Lord, and entered into the covenant of His grace, devoting herself to His service and trusting in Him for her personal salvation. She afterwards joined the Grooverville Baptist church in August, 1894, and was baptized by Rev. J. M. Rushin. Since then, when at home, she has taken an active part in the work of the church, especially as Sunday school teacher and organizer of the mission work among the ladies. Her common school training was taken in the school near her home in Brooks county. After completing the course here, she went to Cuthbert, Ga., where she pursued her literary training in Andrew Female College, taking the degree of B. A. in 1901.

It was during her last year here that the call to foreign mission service came. While attending a series of revival services in Cuthbert, she was impressed with the need of deeper consecration. The conflict was sharp, because she realized that an entire surrender would probably mean the definite sacrifice and service in the distant field. After prolonged prayer one night, the victory came at the midnight hour, and casting all her care upon Him who careth for her, she responded to the call and dedicated her life to His service who has said, "Go," but has also said, "Lo, I am with you alway." Since then, the impressions for the foreign service have remained through the varying experiences which have tested and proved their depth and permanence.

During the last year in college, Miss Groover assisted in teaching in the preparatory department. She followed this with three years' teaching and then entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where she has since taken the regular course of training for lady missionaries, together with other classes such as would prepare her for her chosen

work on the foreign field.

She was appointed by the Board on April 19, 1906 for the work in Brazil.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BOULDIN, son of John and Mary Bouldin, was born at Larklin, Jackson Co., Ala. September 28, 1881, and there spent his early life on his father's plantation.

He attended the public schools of his community, the Scottsboro Normal Institute, and the Winchester (Tenn.) Normal College.

At intervals during the years 1901-03, he taught in the public schools of Alabama.

He was converted at about fourteen and joined the Freedom Baptist church at Milan, Ala., and by this church he was given a license to preach in November, 1902.



October 1, 1903, he entered the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he received the degree of Th. B. in May, 1905, and hopes to receive Th. M. in May, 1906. Since the fall of 1902, he has been engaged in preaching and doing various kinds of mission work.

He was, on April 19th, appointed for the work in Japan, and expects to go out this fall.

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TABLE BY RECEIPTS.

Table showing receipts from each State, etc., from May 1st, 1905, to April 15th, 1906.

Georgia	\$ 31,892.26	Maryland	5,281.34
Virginia	24,250.53	Florida	3,905.58
South Carolina.....	20,967.01	Louisiana	2,819.99
Alabama	19,806.52	Arkansas	1,405.22
Kentucky	16,750.96	District of Columbia.....	1,023.66
North Carolina.....	12,920.85	Oklahoma	548.39
Texas	11,102.66	Indian Territory.....	168.15
Tennessee	9,813.91	Other Sources.....	3,278.37
Missouri	9,793.90		
Mississippi	8,512.71	Total.....	\$184,582.14

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. G. F. Hambleton, Kagoshima, Japan, writes: Attendance is improving and the Christians are gradually coming to appreciate the blessing of having some part in bearing church expenses. With our new plan adopted in Mission Meeting during Christmas week we trust to see our seven churches of Klushlu move onward toward a real self-support by steady steps, though it will take some years to reach the goal.

I would like to tell you in plain words how much we need a chapel to do telling work here. We trust the wisdom of the brethren of the Board, and their effort to do the best for all the stations in every field, and we shall not be discouraged, if our chapel fund is not granted during the year, but it tries the soul to know that people who begin to attend our services are baptized and received by other churches where they have comfortable buildings and a better showing for real church life.

Rev. G. W. Pearce, Yang Chow, China, writes: There is much unrest on the part of the people everywhere. The student and military classes are adopting western customs. The government is endeavoring to establish schools after the western methods all over the country. In many places they have failed, but they are trying again. At no time was there a greater need for the Gospel. They are throwing away the idols and so without a knowledge of Christ they must become infidels. We are anxiously hoping that we may soon have another family for Yang Chow.

Rev. E. T. Snuggs, Shiu Hing, South China, writes: We of course feel the anti-American feeling now so prevalent in South China. Though nothing of an outward nature has happened. I attended the Association at Ng Chan from February 8th to 12th. It was a splendid, enthusiastic, soul-filling time.

The native brethren were at their best, and did their best in giving of their substance, many, perhaps all, making sacrifices in order to show their love to their Saviour, and their wish to make Him known to their fellow countrymen. About \$3,000 was subscribed for the various enterprises of the Association. This will average nearly \$1.00 per member. Considering their poverty, it is marvelous. The Southern Baptist Convention may well be proud of their brethren in South China. A visiting missionary of another American Society was present one day, expressed surprise that our members were able to manage things so ably without the foreigners, and said it raised the question of their own mission's polity. "We carry them in our arms too much. You put them on their feet, and teach them to walk and run," said the visitor. After an experience among the Methodists and Lutherans, and my year's experience as a Baptist missionary, I'm more and more convinced that the Baptist polity is the most suitable for the heathen.

Miss Alice Parker, Yangchow, China, writes: All is quiet here. The school now numbers fifteen in the boarding department, and six more to come. Also ten in the day school. A great many women come to see the new building, but the woman's Bible class keeps about the same in number. There is much anti-foreign feeling among the people. One of our church members refused to take the Lord's Supper with the Americans. Another has refused to come to the woman's prayer meeting because she is afraid she will be helping the work of the foreigners to go forward. This is the most influential family in the church, and I need not tell you that our hearts have been sad and much burdened because of them. Please pray for us and the work.

Rev. Chas. A. Hayes, Canton, China, writes: These are days of great uncertainty in South China and there is a growing spirit of unrest that is manifest to all. Ever since the Lienchow massacre, we have remained in Canton—the American Consul being unwilling to give his consent to our returning to the interior, but we hope to return soon, if conditions improve. Our enforced absence from our work has given me an opportunity to study the language.

Pray much for China during these days of unrest and great changes, that there may be a great spiritual awakening and an increasing desire to know of the way of eternal life.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor, Bahia, March 7, 1906, writes: Last Sunday night, the house was full to overflowing. We cannot press people to come into the Kingdom here, but must preach and wait. To press them would bring in a lot with notions, interpreting our zeal for a kind of promise to befriend them in some material way. But the lump is leavening and some day the harvest will come.

We must still be satisfied to be occupied in well doing, sowing—sure the harvest will come to our successors if not in our days.

The general sentiment of the people is growing rapidly in our favor. Our school has been worth ten times its cost in breaking down the partition between Protestants and Catholics. Our school opens the hearts of the people to me wherever I go, making it easy for me to get city halls, markets and protection in preaching.

Rev. Charles. G. McDaniel, Soochow, China, Feb. 20, 1906, writes: In spite of the wars and rumors of wars around about us, we are still living in peace in Soochow; and I trust that this peace may continue. Our work was never more encouraging. I only wish that I could multiply myself in the work. There is so much to be done, and so few to do.

We have just opened a boys' school in our compound, and have a good attendance. I want to do special personal work among the parents of these boys during this year. May the Lord grant His blessings upon what we do.

Rev. J. R. Saunders, Ying-tak, Via Canton, China, Feb. 8, 1906, writes: Some people think that the country is in an unsettled condition, yet, in all my recent travels, I have not seen anything that would indicate that we would not be quite safe in the interior. There is more thinking, and shall probably be some speedy and radical changes made in this country, but I know that it will all work out to the furtherance of the Gospel, and the hastening of His Kingdom of peace and righteousness.

We are never so happy as when we are either in the interior or going thereto. I fear that our people may rather pity us, and often pray for us in our loneliness in the far interior. They need not pray for us because of this, but rather pray that our lives will be effectual in the spreading of the truths where so few know the Lord and Saviour.

Rev. E. L. Morgan, Hwang-heln, Via Chefoo, China, Feb. 27, 1906, writes;

We are very happy in Hwang-heln, and are making persistent "attacks" on the language, and feel encouraged by our three months' study. Some day, please God, we shall be talking. It is a trial not to be able when the calls are so many. I never saw such opportunities! God send us men, and endue us with the Holy Spirit for service.

Rev. R. C. Chambers, Canton, China, writes: The coming of Mr. Provence and Mr. Brown has set me free to do work that is very much more to my taste than attending to the business of the Publication Society. Messrs. Provence and Brown had gotten well enough acquainted with the details of the work for me to turn all the direct management over to them. I have made four trips away from Canton during the past quarter, visiting four of my stations and attending the meeting of the Two Kwang Baptist Association. I hope to spend something like half my time away from Canton, pressing forward the work at the stations under my care, holding classes for Bible study, preaching in the towns and villages en route and doing other direct missionary work. While in Canton, I shall have a share of the general work here, including the general interests of the Publication Society. I am hoping to improve True Light during this year. My work on the paper, besides doing some good, as I hope, also adds to my knowledge of the Chinese language. I hope to translate one or two books during the year.



IMPORTANT NOTICE AS TO THE JOURNAL.

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

A GLORIOUS FIELD OF OPPORTUNITY.

Under this heading, the Baptist Courier refers to the editorial in the last Journal on "Country Churches and Missions," and speaks these wise words:

Who is looking after these churches? Who is in direct, personal correspondence with the pastors of these churches? Is it not true that there are some Christian men and women in these churches willing to help the work of missions and benevolence? It is impossible not to believe that there are. Let the moderators of these Associations, some pastors in these Associations, and other brethren who are charged with the oversight of the denominational interests, lay these things to heart anew and let renewed efforts, in this day of great awakening, and in this time of unprecedented prosperity, be made to reach every church in the State and secure from each a gift for the work of enlightening the world, and of helping those in need. In a small State like South Carolina, with excellent mail facilities, railroad and telephonic communications, it is altogether possible to get in touch with some of God's people in every church, and when this is done, some generous givers, hitherto unknown, will be found ready and waiting to help. The good results following such a campaign will justify any additional expense. Our country people are not unwilling; they are not selfish and lacking in Christian feeling. They are naturally generous, kind and hospitable, and many of them will not only gladly hear the Word but they will willingly respond to the call of God's servants who go in the proper spirit and ask their sympathy and co-operation.

This is true of every State in the South. Would not the beginning of the new Convention year be a good time to try to stir up our country churches? What a power they would be, if they could be made to see the importance of small sums systematically gathered up. Think of it! Thirty members of the church giving one penny a day through the year would raise enough money to pay the salary of a native evangelist. Many a country church could do that if some one would work it up. Many others could do more, and some could support a missionary. Will not somebody take hold of this suggestion in each church?

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MISSION CARD TOPICS FOR MAY, 1906.

HERALDS OF THE CROSS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

"The work is great and large, and we are separated * * * one far from another." Missionaries, 181 (85 men, 96 women). Native helpers, 269. 50 new missionaries. New missions opened in China, Brazil, Africa and Mexico. 4 missionaries died last year.

Seed Thoughts—"All true living is free and constant giving." I will go down, but remember you must hold the ropes."—Wm. Carey.

PROGRAM FOR MAY, 1906.

Resolution No. 5: I will pray more faithfully, more believingly, for missionaries.

1. The Lord's Prayer: In concert.
2. Condition of the Heathen: Psalms 115:4-9; Jeremiah 10:2-4; Psalm 19:17; Ephesians 2:12; Romans 1:18-20.

Our Responsibility: Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; Daniel 12:3.

3. Incidents: An old Chinaman prayed that "Foreigners might see the sore need of a people in a land where no one knows anything and where all are dying in the dark." An African prayed, "O, Lord, make a full heaven and an empty hell."

4. A Timely Admonition: Dr. Alexander MacLaren says, "Let us not be tempted think less severely, more pitifully of sin, and less solemnly of its certain results, than either our Master or His disciples did."

5. Silent Prayer: For deeper sense of "personal, individual accountability to Almighty God."

6. Leaflet: "S. B. C. Heralds—Veterans on Foreign Fields."
7. Facts from Lives of Missionaries: By different members.
8. A Suggestion: Arrange to hold, from time to time, a special anniversary meeting commemorating the birthday of a missionary.
9. Business: Collections, etc.
10. A Serious Fact: In 1905 Americans gave for Foreign Missions 8,000,000, and 325 times as much for confectionery, chewing gum, millinery, jewelry, tobacco and liquor.
11. Leaflet. "The Society at Springtown," by Kate W. Hamilton.
12. Praise God in song and prayer for growth of S. B. C. Work; in 1895, 91 missionaries on foreign fields; in 1905, 181; then, a total membership of 3,493 after fifty years' work; in 1905, a membership of 11,423.



MONTHLY MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

This literature, for use in missionary meetings, for information to pastors and individuals, was issued regularly by the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms—later Missionary Literature Department, S. B. C.—prior to the organization of the W. M. U. work. It has been the right arm of the service as it has provided the Topic Cards, or Calendar of S. B. C. mission fields with annual statistics, a full and varied program for monthly missionary meetings, with fresh leaflets for information and inspiration. Also a catalogued list of great extent furnished the largest assortment of missionary literature to be had. The following notice gives information of the closing of the Department.

Also with this issue will cease the editorship of W. M. U. Department in the Journal by the present incumbent, who has served for eighteen years.



IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On March 13, 1906, by action of secretaries of Home and Sunday School Boards S. B. C. representing their respective Boards, the Missionary Literature Department S. B. C.—formerly the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms—passed out of existence, capital and assets thereof having been returned to the Maryland Baptist Union Association. It is hoped Woman's Mission Societies, pastors and others will keep this in mind, so that no further orders for literature will be forwarded to 233 North Howard street, Baltimore Md. Upon the discontinuance of the Mission Literature Department, money due for unexpired subscriptions to "Monthly Literature" was returned.

The Mission Literature Department S. B. C. has been a most effective agency for dissemination of missionary information. Since establishment in 1886 as "Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms" over four million copies of publications have been issued. There has been but one secretary during the twenty years administration. Her resignation of this secretaryship is in no wise responsible for the closing of the Mission Literature Department S. B. C.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,

Former secretary Mis. Lit. Dept. S. B. C.



BOXES TO MISSIONARIES AND MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

The following boxes of supplies to frontier missionaries and mountain schools, sent by Woman's Mission Societies, with valuations given, have been

reported since March 9th. Reports received after this date—April 9—will not be acknowledged through organs of the Board, as sending of material for publication cannot be delayed; but, to April 20th, they will be included in W. M. U. annual reports to be presented at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

To Frontier Missionaries.

Alabama:—Y. L. S. 1st Ch. Talladega, (contribution) \$50; Dothan, \$68; Clayton st., Montgomery, \$86.24; L. A. & M. S., Trussville, \$54.24; Y. L. Soc. P. Mc. Ch. Anniston, \$84; W. M. S. P. Mc. Anniston, \$157.96; 1st Ch. Selma, \$103.10; Demopolis, \$55; Os-
wichee, \$105.53; LaFayette, \$65.03

Arkansas:—L. A. S. Hope, \$54.25; 1st Ch. Pine Bluff, \$85; Helena, \$31; Girls' Aid 2nd Ch. Little Rock, \$35.

District of Columbia:—W. Washington ch. \$70.

Georgia:—La Grange, \$88; Furlow Lawn Ch. Americus, \$95; 1st ch. Atlanta, \$138; Washington, \$93; Cartersville, \$60; Vienna, \$59.55; Quitman, \$125; Y. L. S. Second Ch. Atlanta, \$100; Commerce, \$50.

Kentucky:—Bowling Green, \$130; Murray, \$60; Midway, \$50; Cox's Creek, \$75; Stanford, \$58; Bardstown,

\$93.65; Allensville, \$30.

Maryland:—Rockville, \$83; Y. L. S. Fuller Mem. Ch. Balto., \$162; North Ave. ch. Balto., \$163.04; W. B. H. M. S. of Md., supplies to German Schools, \$68.18; Y. L. S. 7th ch. Balto., \$22, (contribution).

Mississippi:—Hattiesburg, \$203.50; Flora, \$18.

Missouri:—Memphis, \$12.

North Carolina:—Hebron, \$40; Roxboro, \$70; Loulsburg, \$57.88.

Tennessee:—Smyrna, \$11.66; Lewisburg, (contribution), \$5.75.

Virginia:—Laurel Grove ch., Roanoke Assoc., \$22; Bramwell ch., New Lebanon Assoc. \$57.25; Waynesboro Ch. Augusta Asso. \$34; L. A. S. Nomini ch. Rappahannock Assoc. \$10.12.

Total, \$3,449.93.

Previously reported, \$35,332.17

Grand total, \$38,782.10.

To Mountain Schools.

Georgia:—Maysville, \$20; Thomson, \$5; Abbeville, \$22.

Kentucky:—Murray, \$13.50; L. A. Parkland, \$5; Broadway, \$75; Paducah, \$20; Salem-Bethel Assoc. \$22; Falmouth, \$31.70; Latonia, \$25.

South Carolina:—Saluda, Columbia Station, No. 1, \$18.50.

Total, \$257.70.

Previously reported, \$1,551.53.

Grand total, \$1,809.23.

Correction:—Box to Mountain School from Finchville, Ky., in March Journal valued at \$79.60, should have been \$10.00.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

To April 10th the Christmas Offering was as follows:

Alabama	\$ 780.00
Arkansas	18.75
District of Columbia.....	31.00
Florida	145.13
Georgia	2,090.77
Indian Territory.....	100.80
Kentucky	871.13
Maryland	295.51
Louisiana	799.64
Mexico	5.00
Mississippi	406.53

Missouri	789.00
North Carolina.....	1,566.44
Oklahoma	65.87
South Carolina.....	2,130.38
Tennessee	743.30
Texas	273.20
Virginia	2,551.90
West Virginia.....	3.00

Total.....\$14,001.29

Additional gifts if reported by April 20th will be included in this year's receipts, but no further acknowledgement can be made through the Foreign Mission Journal.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

HOLD THE ROPES STEADILY.

Not many of us can enter the dark mines of heathenism to carry the light to the millions who still remain in the shadow of death; but a very large number can enter into sympathy with those who go and hold the ropes while they explore and quarry and dig for gems to deck the Saviour's crown. Dr. Duff, the late great missionary of India, said "The Christian Church is only playing at missions." This witness is true. But, thank God! there is a great awakening. The last few years have witnessed a great revival of interest in mission work, and the dawn of a better day has appeared. The work is open to mission workers. A world-wide cry, "Come over and help us," is arresting attention, and many are responding to the call.

There is an excitement and glamour and interest in mission work which for a time many prove a stimulus in the new fields; but the real, hard, stubborn facts have sooner or later to be faced, and it requires courage, patience, steadfastness of purpose and zeal to hold fast without wavering. There is the painful separation from loved ones, the lack of human sympathy, the intense darkness of heathenism, the degradation of false systems of religion, the manifest presence of Satanic spirits, utter helplessness in the midst of such crying need. Added to this are frequently climatic surroundings which seem to render effective work impossible.

What intense sympathy we should have for our brethren and sisters who are struggling with these difficulties in "the regions beyond." They are blasting and digging in the dark mines of heathenism, preparing the way of the Lord. Beloved, let us hold steady the ropes and give them a hearty, good cheer to assure them we are backing them with our sympathies, our prayers, and our means. They need, O how much they need, our support!—The Way of Faith.

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THE SOCIETY AT SPRINGTOWN.

"Fact is, it's all folderol!"

That was Uncle Meggs' comment, with a good naturedly contemptuous laugh, as leaning back in the creaking old rocking chair, where he was enjoying his Sunday combination of reading and sleep, he took up his newspaper again.

"Does well enough for folks that get their money easy and have so much they don't know what to do with it, though I doubt if there is any good in sending it 'way off to heathen lands then. But, anyway, I don't see any sense in his coming out here to talk about it to a lot of country-folks; it's all we can do to take care of ourselves," said Aunt Polly, laying down the old hymn-book, over which she had been dozing for the last hour, because of her feeling that "a body ought to do a little good readin' on Sunday," and placidly tying on her apron preparatory to getting supper.—"Joe, if you'll run and start the kitchen fire quick now, I'll make some cream flap-jacks for supper."

Joe had divided his day between the swing in the old wood-shed, looking after his squirrel traps in the woods, and his present position of luxurious ease on the carpet. Only Genie had thought it worth while to trudge a mile through the afternoon sun to the little church at the cross-road, where Sunday school was held. But when a stranger told of the boys and girls in a far-away land across the sea—of their wretched homes and miserable lives, and how the missionaries were trying to help and teach them—she forgot her long walk and everything else, and

listened with earnest face and kindling eyes. She did so wish that Uncle and Aunt Meggs and Joe had been there to hear, for the stranger wanted all the people in this free, happy country to help them; he said that even the children could help them. She tried to remember it all to tell those at home, and hurried away as soon as the service was over, for fear she might partly forget. But before her eager story was half told Uncle Meggs had pronounced it "all follerol," and Aunt Polly had pushed it aside for the weightier question of flap-jacks for supper.

Genie's lips quivered and her eyes filled with tears of disappointment as she went slowly up to her own little room under the slooping roof; "I was so sure they'd care; I believe they would if they only heard him. But now I can't do anything all alone."

There was no time to think about it, however, for Aunt Polly's brisk voice called from the stairway, "Hurry up, child! Put your hat away, and come down and set the table."

After supper, when she and Joe sat in the low doorway, trying to count the stars as they came out, Genie made another attempt to awaken a little sympathy with what had so interested her, but it was useless. Joe declared that he "didn't b'lieve that little heathens felt like other folks, and so it wasn't likely they cared how they lived;" anyway, his father had said it was all nonsense, and Joe guessed his father knew. So Genie was left to plan and think alone.

"I wish I could do something; I wish I had something of my own," she said; and she said it so many times within the next two days that Joe began to make fun of her. It was this that put a bit of mischief in his head one day. Passing homeward through the meadow, his quick eye noticed a slight commotion as of something unusual among the sheep, one had run down to the edge of the brook, and was running up and down the brook as if in distress. A moment's watching flashed the explanation upon Joe's mind—one of the lambs had fallen into the brook. Hurrying to the spot, he saw a small woolly head drop under the water, and by the time it appeared again he was ready to reach for it. Once it was just within his grasp, but the frantic struggles of the frightened little creature foiled him, and when he finally succeeded in rescuing it there was little evidence of life left.

"You're too late, Joey, my boy," said the hired man, coming up just then "It's gone."

Joe's father said the same thing when he found him in the shadow of the tree where Genie had brought the lunch. "It's dead, or so near it that there's nothing to be done."

"Here, then, you can have it, Genie; it'll be something for your 'very own that you have been wishing for so long," said Joe teasingly, as he met the little girl's pitying eyes. "Maybe your missionary folks that are so anxious for any little gift will take a drowned sheep."

"May I have it, Uncle Meggs, for my really, truly own?" asked Genie quickly.

"Of course, child, if you want it," laughed Uncle Meggs. "You'll only have the trouble of burying it."

But Genie was already hurrying away with it, wrapped in her apron, and

how she did work over it! By night it had eaten a little and was quietly sleeping in an old basket behind the kitchen stove; and, though Uncle Meggs, Aunt Polly and the hired man all said it would die, it lived and grew stronger until in a few days it was able to go back to the field. Then Genie felt herself a woman of property.

"Uncle Meggs," she asked soberly, "how much will you charge to let my sheep pasture with yours?"

"Well, seein' its appetite ain't very strong yet, and seein' your're pretty helpful 'round the house, I guess I won't charge anything," answered Uncle Meggs, with a twinkle in his eye.

"It really seemed as if that lamb knew it was a missionary lamb, it did so well," Genie said afterward. It grew and flourished all through the fall and winter, and in the spring, when shearing-time came, there were two dollars for Genie—the price of the wool. There was no missionary society in the place, and so Genie's money had to be sent by itself. She wrote a simple little note to go with it—not apologizing for sending so small a sum, for it seemed a great deal to her—but explaining how she came by so much that was all her own. But when one day long after there came an unexpected letter in reply, none of the family could help feeling a little interest in the missive that had traveled so far across land and sea, and even Uncle Meggs was heard to mention incidentally to a neighbor "that letter that came to our Genie from foreign parts."

Then the letter itself—a pleasant letter to a little fellow-worker, yet holding in its few pages a graphic picture of some of the work in that far-away mission-station—was interesting. If it had been merely an appeal for help, Uncle Meggs might have considered it nonsense, but this was a letter of thanks, and it is pleasant to be thanked.

"And to think of her readin' to them little heathens away off there all about Genie's nursing the lamb for 'em here in Springtown! Well, now!" said Aunt Polly. And Uncle Meggs really felt a glow of satisfaction in the thought that he had given Genie that lamb.

Nobody objected when there was more money to go, and when it was time for a possible answer Joe began to watch the postoffice as closely as Genie did. By and by there were other lambs as part of Genie's increase and revenue, and a division of her funds among different points brought other letters and still wider interests. No one could have told exactly why or when the family first began to talk of them as "our missionaries" instead of only "Genie's," or when it was that Aunt Polly began to call for the reading of those letters when a neighbor came in, "because they're so interestin'." Indeed, it is doubtful if any one really knew what was the beginning of the missionary society in Springtown; but there is a vigorous one there now, and into these narrow lines, bounded so long by the selfish walls of their own pursuits and interests, has opened a door of communication with God's whole wide world.—Kate W. Hamilton, in *S. S. Visitor*.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE AS TO THE JOURNAL.

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Young People's Department.

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OUR MISSION STORY.

Chapter IV. Fifty Years.

The Best Investment.—If you had ten dollars of your very own, how would you invest it? Get pencil and paper and figure it out carefully. Then raise it to twenty, twenty-five, thirty, fifty. You would not find this a difficult task; you already have some plan in mind. But make it years. If you had ten, twenty, fifty years to invest, where would you put them? Some grand life investments have been made with returns that a billionaire might envy. Washington invested eight years of his life as commander in Chief of the armies of the Revolution, and set a young nation free. Eight years more he invested as the first president of that young nation, and by his untiring work, wisdom and foresight, made all the future of our great country possible. To invest a life wisely is to bring returns no man can calculate.

Fifty Years for Missions.—Think, then, of fifty years spent for missions. Fifty years of preaching, fifty years of teaching, fifty years of writing, fifty years of tract scattering, fifty years of healing, fifty years of praying. Think of what a harvest such a life must gather—what souls won for Christ, what homes made happier. What child-lives made brighter, what promise for many, many more grand and glorious things to follow in the long years to come. April 19, 1906 was a great day in our missionary calendar. Mark it with a red cross. Just fifty years before Rosewell H. Graves sailed for China to invest fifty years to bring that people nearer God.

The Link.—I wish I knew more of this great and good life, but no one has written its history. It stands as a golden link binding the past to the present, or better as a golden roof on which the history of our South China Mission has been woven in and out. Take up this history anywhere, and you will see glistening through it, binding it together, the golden deeds of this one life. Until someone draws these threads together from letters, papers and reports, we can catch only a glimpse here and there.

How it Began.—We know, however, how this mission life began. One May day of 1853, he heard our first missionary, Mr. Shuck, speak on China. Before the end of the month, he was to celebrate his 20th birthday, and, like all young men, he was asking himself what was the best investment of a life. As he listened to the missionary, his heart bled for the 400,000,000 of China still without the knowledge of Christ. That night, he wrote in his journal this prayer: "Direct me, O God! Send me where thou wilt have me go!" God answered, and sent him to China. But not yet. He must have the best. The young volunteer knew that by becoming a physician, he would be able to reach many of those 400,000,000 whom he could not touch in any other way. Time given to preparation is never lost, and the two years invested in winning his degree of Doctor of Medicine were, as we shall see, well spent.

The City to Which He Went.—April 19, 1856, as has been said, he sailed

for Canton where our missionary Mr. Gaillard anxiously awaited him. We will let him tell us how the great city to which he went looked to the eyes of a foreigner.

"The narrow streets are filled with low shops with open fronts and roofs inclining to the street so that the heavy rains send a stream from the overhanging eaves on the heads of those who pass by. The high brick city walls are surmounted by battlements, from whose embrasures peer the mouths of old war cannon, often without gun carriages. The gates, encased in iron, are closed at dusk and opened at daylight. The little shrines at each house and shop door, where incense is burnt morning and evening to the gods of the soil, remind us of Pompeii, with shrines to the Lares and Penates rather than of a modern city. The numerous temples, gorgeous with carving of vermillion and gold, and filled with images of their deities, call our attention to the fact that we are in a land of idolaters. The half-clad coolies, often with little more than a loin cloth, sweating and toiling under their heavy loads, show us that we are in a land where a man is often little more than a beast of burden. Not only are the city gates closed at night, but at the end of each block, is a barrier of perpendicular wooden bars, or of wooden gates swung on hinges. After 8:30 or 9 P. M. in the winter and 11 in the summer, these barriers are closed, so that no one can pass until he can arouse the watchman or wait for him until he makes his next round. Besides these street watchmen, there are others who, in winter time, go their rounds on a plank pathway constructed on the tops of the houses, or look out for fires from high watch towers built of bamboo."

The Heathen Night.—If the thought of the millions of China in heathen darkness made Dr. Graves' heart bleed, much more the sight caused him pain. Although the prayers of the Christian world, that the gates of China might be opened, had begun to be answered, it was not until 1860 that the country was truly thrown open. We have seen how our own Southern Baptist Missionaries had been met by death and sickness, and when Dr. Graves arrived, only Mr. Gaillard and his wife, and Yang Lun Lang, the ever faithful, remained to meet him. In all China, after half a century of work on the outskirts, there were not more than 500 Christians.

But, little by little, the work was penetrating into the country. The regulation that a missionary could not go farther into the country than he could return in the same day to be locked in behind the city gates at night, was relaxed, and Mr. Gaillard and Yang Lun Lang continued their journeys up the river 190 miles, preaching in many towns of from one to six thousand inhabitants. "This," wrote Mr. Gaillard, "is far beyond where any Protestant has ever been."

The scene now was changed. The mission no longer stood at the gates and cried for them to open, but hastening into the half-open doors, cried back to the Christian nations for men, men, men. Where they saw hundreds were needed, one was sent.

To this overwhelming need Dr. Graves came.

Sunshine and Shadow.—Small as was the force, they were full of hope. The year of 1860 marked the highest tide mark of success. 37 Chinese were

baptized, among them sixteen women. In all, the church numbered 58. But the shadow fell soon and deep. Two years later, a terrible calamity overtook the great heathen city. A fierce typhoon swept over the city and 10,000 lives were lost. Mr. Gaillard was crushed to death under the falling timbers of his house.

This sad death brought Dr. Graves back from one of the earliest stations ever opened in the interior of China—Shiu Hing, eighty miles from Canton, formerly the capital of two provinces. Here he had baptized several persons, founded a church and prescribed for 2,620 patients.

In Labors More Abundant.—Since that time Dr. Graves has lived in Canton, but worked for the whole of Southern China. What this work has meant no pen can tell. Let us take one year and multiply it by fifty, that we may get some faint idea of his abundant labors.

I chose the year 1866, when he was, as he was again and again, the only foreign missionary in Canton. He had eight native assistants. He traveled 1,600 miles on Chinese boats, distributed 9,658 tracts, and gave medical treatment 7,000 times. Some years there were more, sometimes, less, but ever as the years went on his influence increased, his knowledge of the people, their ways and the best way to reach them grew. All this we cannot put into our figures, wonderful as they are. Let us see—1,600 miles multiplied by 50 make 83,000 miles traveled in China; 9,658 tracts distributed, many of which he wrote himself, multiplied by the same figure, sums up 472,900, and 7,000 medical treatments, 350,000. What a work! What an investment.

Could I add to this the books written, the ministers trained, the schools established, the new missionaries shown the wisest ways, you would know something of how fifty years of life have counted for God in China.

Dr. Graves still lives and labors in China, beloved and venerated by all and to-day let every young Southern Baptist, with one accord, honor this man whom God has honored.

While we are far from forgetting Dr. Simmons, who has been in Canton since 1871, Mr. Greene, Miss McMinn, and the other faithful men and women who have labored in Canton, to Dr. Graves, more than any other, is due what we find in our South China mission to-day. Read these figures and be glad. Seventeen churches, forty-four out-stations. Last year, as many were baptized in the South China Mission as there were Christians in all China when Dr. Graves left America. In our South China Missions there are more than 3,000 members, many of whom first heard of Christ through Dr. Graves. Ten years ago, he wrote: "Christians have increased a hundred and twenty fold since I came to China." Were he writing to-day, he might say they had increased two hundred and sixty fold.

May he live to see and take part in still further triumphs of his Master, still further returns of his life investment.

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No Baptist family can afford to be without the Foreign Mission Journal. Now is the time to get up a club and send it in.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From March 15 to April 15, 1906.

ALABAMA.—J. C. Bush and wife, \$600; Sunbeams, Pleasant Ridge ch., A. Huey (Miss Jeter, \$1; Miss Kelly, \$1), \$2; Clayton st. ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O. H., \$11.44; S. S., Clayton st. ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O. H., \$1.60; B. Y. P. U., Clayton st. ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O. H., .30; Friendship ch., Pineapple S. S., by J. B. C., Tr., \$10.10; Letta Norton, Oxford, Ala., \$1; Trussville Bapt. ch., by D. N. T., \$7.50; Sycamore ch., Talladega (W. H. S.), D. L. Lewis (D. L. Hamilton), \$600; Maple Spring ch., by T. J. D. (A. Y. Napler), \$5.06; Chestnut Creek ch., by T. J. D., (A. Y. Napler), \$3.50; Shiloh Bapt. ch., by T. J. D., \$5.40; New Cedron ch., by T. J. D., \$2.06; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. (Xmas. off. for China, \$211.64; Miss Willie Kelley, \$40.25; Yang Chow Hosp., \$44.85; Miss Hartwell, \$25; Miss Miller, \$1.34), \$635.13; G. B. Hadaway, Five Points, \$2.71; Dauphin Way ch., Mobile, by G. J. R., \$51.46; 1st ch., Selma, by James B. Ellis (Book fund), \$50; L. A. S. Florala ch., by S. H. B., \$4.60; Unity ch., Sylvania, by Rev. J. D. B., \$1.70; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Secy. (Dothan ch.), \$600; Brewton ch., by Mrs. E. B. L., \$23.66; T. M. Willingham's S. S. class, Montgomery, \$25; W. B. Crumpton, C. S., \$750; Mt. Moriah ch., by J. D. Johnson, \$1.00; total, \$3,395.80.

Previously reported, \$16,410.72. Total this year, \$19,806.52.

ARKANSAS—G. D. Moore, Milo., \$4; Gum Spgs. Ch., Clarke Co., Mrs. S. Forbes, \$2.50; Marshall S. S., by L. A. S., \$3.50. Total \$10. Previously reported, \$1,395.22. Total this year, \$1,405.22.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—"A Friend," Washington, \$5; West Washington ch., W. H. H., \$50; Chinese S. S., 1st ch., Washington, by J. W. W., Tr. (Native helper, Ko Szn, Canton), \$20; Immanuel Missy. Circle, Washington, by J. W. W., Tr. (Xmas. off. for China), \$15; W. M. S., Bethany ch., Washington, by A. W. A., \$9; S. S., 1st Bapt. ch., Washington, by M. B. (chapels, schools and homes), \$10; B. Y. P. U., Centennial, Washington, by A. K. W., \$5.06; A Friend, Washington, \$10; West Washington ch., W. H. H., Tr., \$100; Mrs. J. V. L. Battles and daughter, \$2; Anacosta Bapt. ch., M. E. C., Tr., \$55; 1st ch., Washington, by J. W. W., Tr. (N. Maynard), \$26.91; total, \$316.96.

Previously reported, \$711.70; total this year, \$1,028.66.

FLORIDA—Antioch Ch., by E. G. R., \$4; Ockwilla Ch., by W. E. H., \$31.02; Eaton-St. Ch., Key West, by M. A. C., \$39.25; Lake Mystic Ch., by S. J. R., \$17.25; L. D. Geiger, C. S. (F. J. Fowler, \$35.95; Xmas. off., \$17; Yang, Hosp., \$17.37; Canton day school, \$32), \$337.79; New Hope ch., De Soto co., by H. W. S., \$82.70; total, \$512.01.

Previously reported, \$3,393.57; total this year, \$3,905.58.

GEORGIA—Tabernacle Ch., Atlanta, by H. A. E., (Miss Parker), \$44.95; Mary Davis

Jackson, Greensboro, \$25; Pearson Ch., Valdosta, Assn., by B. T. A., \$12; Miss Hattie Long, Carrollton, (Africa), \$10; West Point S. S., by J. L. A., \$5; W. M. S., First Americus, by Mrs. W. E. B. (Nat. helper), \$7.80; Tabernacle ch., Atlanta, by H. A. E. (Miss Parker), \$63.60; Vineville ch., Macon, by L. J. F., \$12; Tabernacle ch., Atlanta, by H. A. E. (Miss Parker), \$33.50; Tabernacle S. S., Atlanta, by H. A. E. (Miss Parker), \$16.15; "A Brother," Augusta, Ga., \$5; Mt. Zion Ch., by Rev. J. F. S., \$3.40; W. M. S., Thomasville Church, by Mrs. C. C., (Mrs. Stephens), \$10; Shiloh Church, by H. F. S., \$2.12; W. M. S., Lincolnton Ch., by Miss M. P., \$8; "A Friend," Lumpkin, Ga., (Native Helper), \$9.35; S. Y. Jameson, (W. M. S. Forsyth, Italy, \$5; Medical Missions, \$18.27; W. M. S., Conyer's ch., Nat. missy., \$5; J. W. Stanford, Emmett Stephens, \$25; Cuthbert ch., Emmett Stephens, \$11.50; B. Y. P. U., Decatur, Emmett Stephens, \$7.41; Decatur ch., Emmett Stephens, \$2; Yang, Hosp., \$6.99; Chapel fund, \$2; Miss Price, \$5; W. M. S., 2nd Atlanta, J. C. Owens, \$25; Dora Cain, \$5; Sears fund, \$16.95; China, \$58.37; Mrs. McCollum, \$4), \$2,150.50; East Macon ch., by J. C. J., \$34.70; W. M. S., Dublin, by Mrs. L. B. B. S. (Nat. help. \$15.75), \$18.75; Sarah Hall Miss. Soc., Central ch., Newman, by W. A. S. (Native helper), \$25; First ch., Macon, by M. H. Massee, by J. L. W. (Missy), \$300; Qultman ch., by E. F. D. (R. E. Pettigrew), \$50; Bethabara ch., by Rev. G. L. B., \$6.10; Guyton, New Providence ch., by B. J. C. (Nat. helper), \$3.07; Buena Vista, ch., by R. B. T. (Nat. preacher), \$100; S. Y. Jameson, C. S. (Jno. Carter, Gainesville,) (Girls' school, China), \$500; W. M. S., 1st La Grange, Mrs. F. M. L., by M. V., \$25; W. M. U., Summer Hill Assn., by Mrs. J. D. A. (Bible woman with Mrs. Thomas), \$9.76; One who loves the work, Hlawassee, \$1; Central ch., Newman, by N. L. M. (Missy), \$171.25; Total, \$3,677.00.

Previously reported, \$23,215.26; total this year, \$31,892.26.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Rev. W. P. Black, A. W. Simpson, Emahaka, \$2.50; 1st ch., Muskogee, by S. T., \$15.85; W. M. S., Muskogee, by A. W. A., \$1.57; W. M. S., Coalgate, by A. W. A. (xmas off), .36; W. M. S., So. McAllister, by A. W. A. (Xmas off), .60; W. M. S., Eufaula, by A. W. A. (Yang Chow) \$1; W. M. S., Chant, by A. W. A. (Yang Chow), \$5.25; W. M. S., Durant, by A. W. A. (Yang Chow, \$1.25; W. M. S., Holdenville, by A. W. A. (Xmas off), \$7.53; 1st ch., Roff, by A. W. A., by C. W. H., \$7; S. S., Loco ch., by A. W. A., \$6.55; Diamond ch., Okla., by W. F. S., \$5; Ft. Gibson Bapt. ch., by T. F. C., \$9.62; Webber's Falls ch., by T. F. C., \$13.33; Total, \$107.46.

Previously reported, \$360.69; total this year, \$468.15.

KENTUCKY.—Evergreen ch., by A. C. M., \$4.15; W. M. S., 1st, Bowling Green, by H. C. H. (Hambleton salary), \$170; J. G. Bow, C. S. (Elkhorn Assn., per Malcom Thomp-

son, \$615.85; Midway ch., \$31.49—\$7.22, China miss; 1st ch., Lexington, \$356.50; 5th st. ch., Lexington, \$15.12—\$13.12 for Xmas. off.; Georgetown ch., \$212.75; Millville ch., Elkhorn Assn., by O. B. F., \$15.75; 1st ch., Paducah, West Union Assn., by T. L. G. for Tipton's Salary, \$41.67, \$1,356.47; Broadway church, Louisville, by Miss W. Lamb (Their missy) \$72.34; Clear Fork ch., by Clara McL., \$22; Clinton Bap. ch., by Mrs. J. T. M., \$8; Sarah Morgan, Owenton, .50; total, \$1,633.46.

Previously reported, \$15,117.50; total this year, \$16,750.96.

LOUISIANA.—L. A. S., Monroe ch., by R. E. P. (Yang. Hospt.), \$5; Mission Band, Rose-land, by F. E. K. (Japan), \$190; L. A. S., 1st ch., Lake Charles, by Mrs. E. R. B. (Yang. Hospt.), \$7; L. M. S., Amlite, by Mrs. J. P. (on pledge), \$5.00; B. Y. P. U., Amlite, by Mrs. J. P. (Miss Pettigrew), \$5; W. M. S., Monroe ch., by Mrs. E. G. D. (Yangchow Hospt.), \$2.50; L. A. W. Jones, Vernon, .50; Liberty ch., Concord Assn., by Anna Head, \$6; Antioch ch., by W. T. Cook, \$4.50; Robt. W. Collier Mitchell, La., \$1.65; Mr. and Mrs. Henley, Maudville, \$2; Canaan Bap. ch., by J. H. C., \$3.50; Shiloh ch., Kinston, by W. A. R., \$4.50; total, \$49.05.

Previously reported, \$2,770.94; total this year, \$2,819.99.

MARYLAND.—W. M. S., North ave., Balt., by Mrs. C. VanB. (Girls' school, Shanghai), \$25; 1st ch., Balt., by Chas. M. P., \$160; Fuller Mem. S.S., Balt., by J. A. R., \$2.60; North Av. ch., Balt., by C. M. K., \$134.57; Eutaw Place ch., Balt., by H. W. P., \$400; Loch Lynn, Deer Park, by W. H. F., \$2.10; Fuller Mem. ch., Balt., by H. B. W., \$25; Cambridge ch., by W. R. H., \$16.93; Division St. ch., Salisbury, by R. C. G. (Native with Chambers), \$30; Eutaw Place Bap. S.S., Balt. (Native pastor), \$140; Eutaw Place Bap. ch., Balt., by H. W. P., \$211; Grace ch., Balt., by W. E. M., \$10; W. B. F. M. Soc., by Mrs. E. L. (Miss Bagby's salary, \$7.65; Yang. Hospt., \$20; to Ed. girl in China, \$5; Xmas. off., \$186.40), \$271.88; total, \$1,429.08.

Previously reported, \$3,552.26; total this year, \$5,281.34.

MISSISSIPPI.—Genl. Assn., by D. T. C. (Chastian & Watkins), \$300; Buckatma ch., Liberty Assn., by D. A. C., \$7.11; Mrs. M. F. Cowan, Vicksburg, \$50; Canaan ch., by W. W. A., \$10; Smvrna ch., by A. F. Davis, \$7; Salem ch., by A. F. Davis \$5.50; Hickory Flat ch., by A. L. C., \$7.25; Beulah ch., by A. L. C., \$26.01; Shiloh ch., by J. C. F., \$10; Strong Hope ch., by J. C. F., \$29.13; Bola Chitto ch., by G. H. V., \$6.25; Union ch., Panola Co., by A. W. R., \$15.30; Hebron ch., by A. H. M., \$50; Learned ch., by A. H. M., \$6.25; Immanuel ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$10.95; A. V. Rowe, C. S. (Dr. Oxner, \$25; Yangchow, \$5; Xmas. off., China, \$58.55), \$1,800; Crystal Springs ch., Marlon Co., by C. T. C., \$20.85; Elim Bap. ch., by W. W. Slay, \$5; Mont Peller ch., by Rev. S. R. H., R. L. T. clk., \$4.40; Miss Maude Keating, Horatio, \$10; total, \$2,391.

Previously reported, \$6,121.71; total this year, \$8,512.71.

MISSOURI.—W. M. S., Norborne, Mrs. L.

J. T. (Xmas off.), \$2.50; G. W. Magruder, Liberty, \$2; Women of Mo., A. W. Payne Tr., (Hospt. Yangchow, \$23.66; Sears chapel, by W. M. S., Moberly, \$6; Sears Mem. school, \$42.81; Sears Mem. school, Xmas off., \$56; Xmas. off., \$119.60; W. M. S. Slater, Native helper, \$15; No. China, \$1.73), \$395.77; L. M. S., Calvary ch., Kansas City, Mrs. L. T. J., Tr. (support pupil in Canton school), \$15; Rev. R. M. Inlow, Kansas City \$5; total, \$420.27.

Previously reported, \$9,373.63; total this year, \$9,793.90.

NORTH CAROLINA.—S. S., Winston-Salem ch., by W. J. C. (Building fund), \$32.17; Reidsville Missy Soc., by W. R. B. (Sup. Missy, 1st quarter), \$25; Thum Swamp ch., by H. C., \$2.30; Mt. Harmony ch., by J. D. C., .74; Mt. Hermon ch., by D. T. B., \$1.05; Miss Dora B. Overton, Franklinton (Dr. Hayes), \$1.77; Forest ave. ch., Greensboro, by C. E. M., \$3.35; Bowman Academy Missy. Soc., by E. C. P. (Hospt. Yangchow), \$2.50; W. M. S., 1st, Asheville, Miss E. A. D. (Miss Burke), \$150; Grover Bap. ch., by B. F. T., Tr., \$41.20; R. L. Bridger, Bladenboro, \$100; Bear Swamp ch., Tar River Assn., by N. C., \$2; L. D. McNabb, Hlawassee, \$5; John G. Carrier, Hickory, \$2; Hickory Grove ch., by D. W. Tew, \$1; Ralph Jessup, 1st, Fayetteville (Native preacher, China), \$100; total, \$475.08.

Previously reported, \$12,445.77; total this year, \$12,920.85.

OKLAHOMA.—1st Bap. ch., Enid, by J. L. T., \$48; Moore Bap. ch., by W. A. R., \$2.58; Davidson Bap. ch., by V. G. C., \$5; Wellston ch., by H. G. W., \$5; Ceres Bap. ch., by H. S. R., \$2.20; W. M. S., Hinton ch., by A. W. A., \$1.56; W. M. S., Gregg, by A. W. A., .62; Hollis ch., by C. W. B., \$19.50; Orlon ch., by C. W. B., \$5.25; Oak Grove ch., by C. W. B., \$5.64; Birthday off., Watonga S.S., Mrs. L. R. C. (J. W. Lowe's salary), \$2; W. M. S., 1st ch., Oklahoma City, by A. W. A., \$9.10; Lookout Bap. ch., by H. W., \$4.50; Collection, by J. W. Lowe, \$10; Plainview ch., Comanche, by R. A. R. (Miss Ella Jeter), \$4.25; Noble Bap. ch., by J. R. R. (M. P. H.), \$3.50; Lone Star ch., Comanche Assn., by G. W. T., \$4.85; total, \$132.55.

Previously reported, \$415.84; total this year, \$548.39.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—W. M. S., No. Augusta, Mrs. W. F. S. (Ed. boy with Pruitt), \$10; Leesville ch., by A. P. W., \$9; Rev. R. E. Small, Ray, \$1; Providence ch., by Eva V. Stacy, \$7.13; 1st ch., Charleston, by R. H. W., \$15; Inman ch., by R. J. W., \$2.75; C. H. Roper, Tr., Laurens Assn (Sanford S. S., \$9.16; Sanford Sunbeams, \$2.00; Rabun Creek, \$6.35; Chestnut Ridge, \$4.75; Chestnut Ridge W. M. S., \$7.65; Princeton, \$1.90; Langston W. M. S., \$7; Mount Olive, \$1.70; Mount Olive W. M. S., \$2; Beaverdam, \$5; Watts Mills, \$2; 1st Laurens W. M. S. (Xmas off., China), \$55.05; 1st Laurens W. M. S., \$12.50; 1st Laurens Y. P. S., China, \$8; 1st Laurens Sunbeams, China, \$4.35), \$129.41; 1st ch., Columbia, by D. J., \$25; New Prospect ch., by G. B. H., \$7.93; Beaverdam ch., Kershaw Assn., by L. O. F.

\$2.01; Smyrna ch., Sav River Assn., by J. D. H., \$2.30; 1st ch., Edgefield, by O. S. (Jno Lake), \$32; W. M. S. & Aid Soc., Edgefield, by O. S., (John Lake), \$13; Antioch ch., B'd River Assn., by E. Hardin, J. D. B. (W. E. Crocker), \$1; Union ch., by L. A. M., \$2; Lynchburg S.S., Santee Assn., by Miss B. C., \$1.81; Pleasant Hill church, Orangeburgh Association, by D. W. H., \$5.70; Union County Association, by F. P. O'T., \$5.11; Busy Workers, Woodruff, by W. A. A., \$1.73; Philadelphia ch., Spar Assn., by W. A. F., \$18.47; White Plains ch., by B. P. B., \$4.60; Bartlett st. ch., Sumter, B'd River Assn., by B. J. R., \$16.39; Bethany ch., Saluda Assn., by W. L. S., .95; Bethlehem ch., Moriah Assn., by J. O. P., \$10; Little River ch., by J. E. F., \$10; Little River ch., Saluda Assn., by M. G. E., \$16.12; Thompson Creek ch., by G. L. M., \$4.10; Swansea ch., by L. P. S., \$2.35; Y. W. C. Assn., Greenville Fe. College, by M. G. (Miss Hostick), \$50; Lavis ch., by S. N., \$2.75; Rehoboth ch., by W. Y. Q. (Jno. Lake), \$11.65; B. Y. P. U., Pendleton st. ch., Greenville, by J. M. M., \$50; Bethany ch., by Mrs. G. E. B., \$3; St. George ch., Orangeburg Assn., by H. R. J., \$2; 1st ch., Sumter, by C. C. B., \$16.94; Union ch., York Assn., by W. D. T., \$2.25; Old Westminster ch., by S. A. McD., \$2; Madison ch., by S. A. McD., \$4; W. M. S., 1st ch., Columbia, by W. C. L. (Nat. preacher), \$25; 2 Brethren, 1st ch., Columbia, by W. C. L. (2 Nat. preacher), \$50; 6 Brethren, 1st ch., Columbia, by W. C. L. (6 Nat preacher) \$100; Terrell's Bay ch., Pee Dee Assn, by G. T. G., \$10; Mt. Horeb ch., Pee Dee Assn., by Rev. J. A. M., \$2; Buffalo Bapt. ch., C. T. Britt, Tr., \$7.86; L. A. S., Bethel ch., Spar. Assn., by Mrs. A. D., \$7.44; Central ch., Piedmont Assn., by C. C. F., \$2; Mizpah ch., Ira, by T. A. Y., \$4; By Rev. C. T. Scalfie, Woodruff, \$4.50; New Providence ch., by J. W. C., \$2.36; 2nd ch., Columbia, by S. S. R., \$6.42; Chestnut Hill ch., Ridge Assn., by P. H. C., \$1.43; Beaverdam ch., Fairplay, by R. H. M., \$14; Mt. Elon ch., Welch Neck Assn., by J. H. W., \$19.09; Leesville Bapt. Missy. Soc., Ridge Assn., by Miss L. M. (Nat. preacher, China, Yip Non), \$25; Republican ch., by H. W. McK., \$3.92; Langley ch., Misses Wright and Drumfield, \$1; Hebron ch., by M. L. H., \$5; Springtown S.S., Barnwell Assn., by Miss C. F., \$2; Lowndesville ch., by O. J., \$6.47; Southhill ch., by W. P. H., \$5.64; Mrs. J. N. Cudd, Treas. (Xmas. off., Beaverdam Assn., Yang Chow Hospt., \$5; Xmas off., Saluda Assn., Yang Chow Hospt., \$2.50; Xmas off., \$293.12), \$300.62; Mrs. J. N. Cudd, Treas. (Charleston Assn., desk in China, \$15; Laurens Assn., Yang Chow Hospt., \$1.85; Saluda Assn., Yang Chow Hospt., \$1; Saluda Assn., desk in China, \$4.12; Salud Assn., Mrs. Lawton's salary, \$8.75), \$396.72; Timmons-ville ch., Welch Neck Assn., by J. S. C., \$5; Springfield ch., by W. D. H., \$1.85; Swansea ch., by L. P. S., \$2.45; Hurricane ch., by C. C. Y., \$3.20; Ridge Spg. S.S., by W. T. D., \$25; Citadel Sq. ch., Charleston, by G. B. B., \$73; Allendale ch., by E. H. O., \$10; W. M. S., Allendale ch., by E. H.

O., \$10.50; Switzer ch., by J. P. G., \$4.06; Mt. View ch., B'd River Assn., by W. H. W., \$3; Mt. Lebanon ch., Union Co. Assn., by W. H. W., \$3.06; 1st, Winsboro S.S., by W. L. D., \$8; Langley ch., by Miss H. H. W., \$1; Colonel's Creek ch., Fairfield Assn., by H. R. C., \$1; Timmons-ville ch., C. A. S., \$160; W. M. S., Beach Island ch., by Mrs. J. M. W. (Yang Chow Hospt.), \$5; Beaufort ch., M. L. L., pastor, \$14; Sandy Spring ch., Greenville Assn., by F. H. F., \$4.23; Denmark ch., by J. C. S., \$5; Black Swamp ch., Savannah River Assn., by J. W. B., \$2.98; Lawtonville ch., Savannah River Assn., by J. W. B., \$6.05; Miss Maggie Little, Greenville (for Japan), \$25; Fairmount ch., by J. W. R., \$2.55; Laurens Assn., by C. H. R. Tr., \$409.23; Miss Clara Wilkinson, Bennettsville, \$1; Abner's Creek ch., Spar. Assn., by G. S., \$11.10; Enoree ch., No. Greenville Assn., by W. H. B. (W. H. Cannada), \$20; Ridge Spring ch., by Miss M. G. S. (Sup. missy.), \$81.26; Mrs. A. S. Williams, Hardeeville, \$5; Canaan Bapt. S.S., by M. K. A., \$3; 1st Bapt. ch., Anderson, by J. D. C. (W. I. O'Brien, Nat missy., \$100), \$656.59; Pleasant Hill ch., Kershaw Assn., by Rev. J. C. C., .87; Harmony ch., Santee Assn., by Rev. J. C. C., .85; Mt. Elon ch., Welch Neck Assn., by E. H. H., \$1.20; Crooked Run ch., by E. T., \$11; Bradley ch., Abbeville Assn., by W. H. B., \$10; Broadmouth ch., Saluda Assn., by R. P. J., \$15.39; Nine Forks ch., by J. P. R., \$2; Sardis ch., Ridge Assn., J. W. P., \$13.87; Beech Island ch., by J. C. G., \$7.67; Tabernacle ch., Pelzer, by M. O. W., \$1.58; Taylor's S.S., by Miss V. L. Wood (Cannada fund), \$12.04; Arrowwood ch., B'd River Assn., by C. C. H., \$9.30; Lima Bapt. ch., No. Greenville Assn., by W. B. G. (Cannada fund), \$12.50; North ch., by J. S. C., \$4; Talatha ch., Alken Assn., by T. H. C., \$2; Elko ch., by W. H. W., \$2.78; Black Creek ch., Colleton Assn., by H. G., Tr., \$7.27; Providence ch., Santee Assn., by J. M. T., \$1; Griffin ch., by S. H. B., \$2.82; Florence Assn., by S. M. Greene, Tr., \$94.26; Peter's Creek ch., Pickens Assn., by C. E. R., \$2.25; Beulah ch., Abbeville Assn., by J. M. W., Tr., \$4.65; New Hope ch., Spar. Assn., by M. C. P., Tr., \$4.30; Sauldan ch., by G. A. E., \$1.75; Springfield church, by L. W. A., \$4.10; Fountain Inn ch., \$9.37; Long Branch ch., by G. E. B., \$6.06; Cedar Creek ch., by G. J. T., \$3.50; Mt Olivett ch., by G. J. T., \$2; total, \$3,325.75.

Previously reported, \$17,641.29; total this year, \$20,967.04.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. J. C. Midgett, Jackson, \$1; Ararat ch., by J. L. Lanier, \$5; Shelby Co. Assn., by Mrs. M. F. B., \$5; Germantown ch., by E. W. G. (R. E. Pettigrew), \$12.50; L. A. S., Germantown ch., by E. W. G. (R. E. Pettigrew), \$8; Halls ch., by F. C. F., \$25.91; L. A. S., Immanuel ch., Chilhowie Assn., by W. T. O., \$10; "M. T." Springfield (Japan), \$5.60; Roan Creek ch., by J. H. M. (Mrs. Tipton, Sal.), \$3; Victory ch., Indian Creek Assn., by J. W. T., .90; Hopewell ch., Indian Creek Assn., by J. W. T., \$1.51; Oak Grove Mission, Indian Creek Assn., by J. W. T.,

.75; New Prospect ch., Beech River Assn., .73; W. M. Woodcock, Tr., \$90; Lenoir City ch., Prov. Assn., by W. R. M., \$7.25; Salem ch., Chilhowie Assn., by J. T. K., \$1.11; Orlinda ch., by J. A. C. (E. F. Tatum), \$125; Knob Creek ch., by W. E. W. (Nat. missy., China), \$20; Cross Bridge ch., by W. E. W. (Nat. missy., China), \$6.51; W. M. Woodcock, Tr. (China, \$39.50; Yang. Hospt., \$15.70; Miss MacKenzie's school, \$25; Mrs. Tipton's salary, \$15; church building, China, \$1.25; Gingsburg's Press, \$12), \$1,441.73; Broadway ch., Knoxville, by C. W. H., \$80.60; New Salem ch., by J. W. C., \$10; Cottage Grove ch., by J. R. Harding, \$5; Mrs. A. A. Smith, Statesville, \$1; Beulah ch., by E. F. H., \$5.52; Cherokee ch., by L. C. C., \$1.45; total, \$1,874.97.

Previously reported, \$7,974.04; total this year, \$9,849.01.

TEXAS.—Friendship ch., San Angelo, by A. T. T., \$5.30; Sunbeams, 1st ch., Gonzales, by Mrs. J. T. B. (China), \$3; Mrs. J. W. Rainey, Bonham, Tex. (Ed. 4 pupils, Miss Willeford), \$60; Miss Grace McLendon, Audra, \$2; B. Y. P. U., Grayson Co., by L. H. (Nat. missy.), \$50; Lewis Holland, White-wright (Nat. missy.), \$50; Rev. W. H. McSwain, Carlton, \$4.40; Friendship ch., Steph-ensville, by W. H. D., \$9; Y. W. Philathea, Columbus st. ch., Waco, by E. J. M. (Chin Moon Lan), \$21; Elmott ch., by F. A. G., \$5; J. J. Olinelra, Waco (Dr. Oxner's Hospt.), \$3.80; "A Brother," by A. J. C. Knowles, \$1; Kopperl ch., by A. B. C., \$20.25; Pleasant Hill ch., by E. E. H., \$5.75; L. A. S., Mt. Vernon ch., by Mrs. G. B., \$12.50; Sulphur Springs ch., by G. S. T., \$75; Hoboth Assn., by G. S. T., \$11.75; J. B. Ambrell (B. W. M. U., Xmas off., \$99.13; B. W. M. U., Yang. Hospt., \$21; Dr. Oxner's Hospt., \$36.50), \$1,277.12; Van Zand & Co. Assn., by C. H. R., \$15; McLean ch., by C. S. R., \$3.43; Nolanville ch., by A. J. R., \$16.25; Barton's Creek Missy. ch., by W. R. A., \$5; Prairie Grove ch., by J. C. O., \$10.20; Rock House ch., by J. C., \$4.15; Munday ch., by R. G. M. E. (Missy. Assn. of Texas), \$17.60; 1st ch., Glendale, by J. H. P., \$6.50; 1st ch., Waco, by T. E. R., \$50; total, \$1,745.10.

Previously reported, \$9,357.56; total this year, \$11,102.66.

VIRGINIA.—H. C. Bogart and family, with boy, Cartersville, \$12.70; Mrs. Blanche Wynne Johnson, Richmond (China Pub. Soc.), \$25; Irvington S.S. (by Religious Herald Co.), W. H. F., \$3.50; B. A. Jacob, Treas. (Ivor ch., W. M. and Sunbeams, of Portsmouth Assn., \$11.17; Yang. Hospt., China; Calvary ch., Valley Assn., \$20 for support of Dr. Simmons; Sunbeams of Low Moore ch., Augusta Assn., \$7.50, helper for Mrs. Snuggs; Freemason st. ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$25 for support of Native helper in China, and \$5 for Yang Hospt.; Taylorsville ch., Dover Assn., .87 for support of Nat. missy. in So. China; Sunbeams of Dendron ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$20, scholarship for

Miss Lottie Moon; 1st Roanoke ch., Valley Assn., \$10 for little girl in Miss Lottie Moon's room, Yangchow, China; W. M. S. of High st. ch., Albemarle Assn., \$3 for sup. of Nat. missy. in China; W. M. S., 1st Norfolk ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$100 for tablet in Yates college, in China; W. M. S. of Shiloh ch., Rappahannock Assn., \$2.25 for Yang. Hospt., China; W. M. S., Central Hill ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$2, Yang. Hospt.; Sunbeams, \$1.24, desk in China; W. M. S. of Calvary ch., Dover Assn., \$6 for Chinese girl; W. M. S. of Newsoms ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$2.15 for Yang. Hospt.; Sunbeams of Upper Essex ch., Rappahannock Assn., \$3.12 for desk in China; Ellis Grace Missy. Band, Martinsville ch., Blue Ridge Assn., \$2 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Fincastle ch., Valley Assn., \$2 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Brookneal ch., Appomattox Assn., \$1.75 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S., Providence ch., Appomattox Assn., \$3 for Yang Hospt.; W. M. S. of Martinsville ch., \$6.20; Sunbeams, \$2.10; Blue Ridge Assn., for Yang. Hospt.; New Haven W. M. S., Blue Ridge Assn., \$1.36, Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S., Rocky Mount ch., Blue Ridge Assn., \$1.85 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Liberty ch., Concord Assn., \$1 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S., Grove ave. ch., Dover Assn., \$22.11, Yang. Hospt.; Sunbeams of Fredericksburg ch., Goshen Assn., \$15 for blind child in China; W. M. S. of Hebron ch., Goshen Assn., \$5 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Mt. Hermon ch., Hermon Assn., \$2 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Black Creek ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$1 for Yang. Hospt.; Central Hill ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$2.96 for Yang. Hospt.; Moores Swamp W. M. S., Portsmouth Assn., \$1 for Yang. Hospt.; Western Branch Sunbeams, Portsmouth Assn., \$2.50 for desk in China; W. M. S. of North Fork ch., Potomac Assn., \$10.20 for Nat. helper in China; Sunbeams of Ephesus ch., Rappahannock Assn., \$1 for Yang Hospt., and \$3 for desk in China; W. M. S. of How-ertons ch., Rappahannock Assn., \$3.35 for Yang. Hospt.; W. M. S. of Enon ch., Valley Assn., \$11.01 for desk in China, and Sun-beams \$7.80 for desk in China; Young Peoples' society, Red Bank ch., Accomac Assn., \$2.60 for desk in China; W. M. S., Lyles ch., Goshen Assn., \$1.35 for Yang. Hospt.; Sunbeams of Freemason st. ch., Ports-mouth Assn., \$22.50 for day school in China; W. M. S. of Tucker Swamp ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$3 for Yang Hospt.; Sunbeams of Lee st. ch., Roanoke Assn., \$4 for desk in China; Xmas. off. for China, \$70.65), \$2,500; total, \$2,541.20.

Previously reported, \$21,709.32; total this year, \$24,250.53.

MEXICO.—B. Y. P. U., Toluca, by Mrs R. S. Mahon, \$33.39.

Previously reported, \$5; total this year, \$33.39.

PHIL. American Bapt. Publication Society, Missionary Department, (Bible Work), \$100.

AGGREGATE.—Total this month, \$24,170.13; Previously reported, \$160,412.01; Total this year, \$184,582.14.

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