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Rev. J. C. Owen and his teacher translating Sunday School lessons, which is, as far as we know, the first Sunday School work translated into Chinese. It will go to press soon.

A CALL TO DEEPER CONSECRATION.

The financial side of our Foreign Mission work has been emphasized until there is danger that we will come to think of money as the main thing in missions. That would be an exceedingly sad mistake. The vast demands of the work do call for means, but they call with trumpet tones for something far more important—a deeper consecration. If somehow this could be brought about in all of the churches, there would be no need of appeals for money. Paul tells us how the poor churches of Macedonia, under the grace of God, with great joy, "according to their power, yea, and beyond their power, gave of their own accord." But "they first gave their own selves to the Lord."

Aye, there's the secret. They gave themselves to the Lord. That is consecration. Nothing else is needed and nothing less is honest. We are not our own. We have been bought with a price. We belong to the Lord, and not to recognize His ownership is to cheat Him. On the other hand, that Christian has tasted the fulness of joy and known the blessedness of living, who has been able to say unequivocally: "Lord, I am Thine, I give myself unreservedly to Thee. I will live to know and do Thy will." How we cheat ourselves while we are dishonest with our Lord! Why can we not bring ourselves and all our people to a full consecration? What blessed results would follow.

1. There would be nobler living. The plane on which great numbers of Christians are living is decidedly too low. We need to take higher ground. Weights and sins ought to be laid aside. We ought to let Christ show what He can do in and through our lives. Too many of us are giving Him a very poor chance—so much of self and so little of Christ! Oh, that we would turn our lives over absolutely to Him! Let the potter take the clay and do with it as he pleases. He would make of us vessels of beauty meet for the Master's use. Then we could offer to a lost world a power that would transform society. We can send abroad no higher type of spiritual life than that which obtains in our churches.

2. There would be far more of prevailing prayer. We are so taken up with our own opinions, plans and efforts that we do not take time to pray. And yet we know that prayer moves the arm which sways the universe. One of the sweetest results of full consecration is that we learn to know that we can do all things through Him that strengtheneth us. The consecrated life must be a life of prayer. To-day all the bells of heaven are calling us to prayer. The stupendous enterprises of evangelization, which God is opening up before us, demand the strength of omnipotence. The arm of flesh is sure to fail us. Oh, that we would, by humble consecration, put ourselves in such an attitude before God that He would pour out upon us the spirit of supplication and prayer!

3. There would be more of the Spirit's power. It is only into the life that is yielded to God that the cleansing, power and fulness of the Holy Spirit can come. The supreme need in Foreign Missions is the Spirit of God. His wisdom must guide amidst the endless array of perplexing problems. He must call those who are to go and sustain them in their work. He alone can influence men to give in a way worthy of the cause. We forget that giving is a grace. It is one of the fruits of the Spirit. We realize that we need the power of the Spirit in all parts of our mission work, except, perhaps,

in the finances; and yet, there we need Him most of all. When He can have His way in multitudes of consecrated hearts, there will be no need of appeals, no burdensome debts, no discouraged missionaries begging for facilities and reinforcements that are constantly denied and no churches that fail to contribute.

Every motive and argument for Foreign Missions is a call to deeper consecration. The heathen world in its wretchedness, our brave band of self-sacrificing missionaries looking to us for generous support, the cross on which our Saviour died for the whole world, this day of unparalleled opportunity at home and abroad, our Board burdened with debt—all these things call us to yield ourselves to God that He may use us for His glory.



LARGE GIFTS.

We are glad to report that there have been some liberal responses to the effort which the Board is making to get twenty-five churches which have never done so heretofore, to give \$1,000 this year. This is, of course, to include all gifts of the church through the Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School, etc. Up to this time we have about twelve or fifteen churches in sight, and we hope to get the full twenty-five. We ask that in every case where a church joins this \$1,000 list that they notify the Foreign Board at once.

We have been trying also to get twenty-five individuals to give \$1,000 each on this year's work. Up to the present time we have had six. There are several others from whom we hope to hear soon, some having given already \$600 or \$800. Let us keep constantly in prayer before God that He will open the hearts of our people. The question is not whether we have the ability, but whether we have the willingness to use that which God has entrusted to us for the salvation of souls for whom He gave His Son from heaven.

We would be glad to get a list of all the churches in our Convention which are averaging for Foreign Missions \$1 a member; and a list of those which are giving as much or more for Foreign Missions as for the pastor's salary. Some may say that this is too much, but, in view of the millions without Christ, and the marvelous blessings of God on us as a people, it is not too much. Oh, that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention would give as much to send the gospel to those who have it not as they give for the man who preaches to them the gospel which they have heard so long! Then would we convince the world that we were in earnest in this work of the Master. Will not each pastor whose church is giving as much for Foreign Missions as it is paying him for salary report to us at once? The First

Church, of Richmond, which, last year, led all of our churches, gave more for world-wide missions than for the pastor's salary. The First Church at Laurens, S. C., which, so far as we have been able to learn, gave more, per capita, for Foreign Missions, than any other church in the Convention—averaging over \$6.00 a member—gave decidedly more for this work than for the pastor's salary. We might mention others, but forbear. We know of one church in the bounds of our Convention whose gifts are perhaps surpassed by no other, and whose pastor is one of the grandest men we have. The church is perfectly willing to raise his salary, but he refuses to accept more, because he wants to lead them to do more for the great cause of the Lord, and is willing to sacrifice himself that he may advance the Master's Kingdom. No wonder his people follow his leadership gladly. The time has come for us, both pastors and people, to realize that we are in business for God, and that business is to take the world and bring it to His feet. To do this we will have to make great sacrifices. Those who lead must show a sacrificing spirit that those who follow will rejoice to do the same.

There are three lists which we would like to get, and would appreciate the information being sent us.

1. The churches which this year, for the first time, gave the salary of a missionary—\$600—or those which give for the first time \$1,000.

2. Every church which gives on an average of one or more dollars per member for Foreign Missions.

3. Those churches where the pastor receives less salary than is given for world-wide evangelization.

We are glad to report that a number of the smaller churches and a number of individuals have gone up to \$100, the salary of a native preacher in China. It is a blessed thing to feel that one has a man preaching Christ for him all the time. If we cannot do this, perhaps we can give \$50, the salary of a missionary for one month, or \$12.50, the salary of a missionary for a week, and even others can give \$1.65, and pay the salary of a missionary for one day. Who is so poor that he could not have one of these noble workers for God representing him for one day in the foreign land? A poor day laborer can do this much! What will you do, reader?

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AVERAGING A QUARTER OF A CENT ANNUALLY.

In looking over the minutes of an Association recently, we saw that in that body the total number of members was 1,894 and that they had given for the year for Foreign Missions 388 cents—that is, they

had averaged less than a quarter of a cent apiece during the year for world-wide missions. We suppose these people would feel very much hurt if some one were to claim that they were not orthodox, not true to the words of the Master. Think of it, four people who claim to be redeemed in the blood of Christ, faithful to Him, their bodies and all their possessions consecrated to Him, and the four together not giving one cent a year to give the glorious gospel to the heathen—to do the very work that He gave us to do. Are these real missionary Baptists? The contemplation of this subject is one that saddens us. Have we neglected to teach our people? Has the love of this world taken the place of the love of Christ? Is the gaining of present treasure of more importance than the winning of souls? After you have contemplated this sad picture, turn, reader, and find out what your church has done. Find out how many in it have contributed during the last twelve months to give the Bread of Life to the famishing millions of earth. Then sit down and consider what God has done for you; how He has heard your prayers in your time of trouble; how He has blessed you in your home, in your business, in your church; how He has thrown around you comforts and privileges, and then consider what you have done to let those in the blight of night hear of His glorious gospel. It looks sad to think of a whole Association averaging less than a quarter of a cent a year; and yet, when we remember that some of our people are giving \$1,000 or more, and others \$600, and others \$100, we see that there are thousands who are giving nothing at all. Let the pastors ring this subject out before the churches. If anybody objects, let them take God's Word and put it before the people. Something must be done if we would, in deep, dead earnest, do the work the Lord has given to us. If only our people will give on an average of one street car ticket a month, the cost of one spool of thread, or of one cigar, we can treble our force at the front. Let us think over these things, and in the name of God let us arise and do the work the Master has entrusted to us. There is no one but that can give the four cents a month. Then, with others giving hundreds and thousands, what cannot we do for the Master?



BUILDING AND HOW.

All over the Southern Baptist Convention, as the Secretaries of our Boards have traveled, they find much building—building of homes, bridges, railroads, towns and cities. It is building, building everywhere. We also find that many of our churches are building edifices of worship. Some of them have torn down their old houses and are building, instead, large, handsome houses. Some of them are

remodeling and beautifying. Some of them are putting up parsonages. We rejoice in these signs of improvement, when it is done for the Master's glory. We want to see the Baptists have good houses of worship and good pastors' homes. We hope that the number of such buildings will be multiplied; but, in the midst of all of this, are not some churches in danger of forgetting the great work which the Master has given to us of building His spiritual house? We think it a serious mistake when a great church puts into a house thousands of dollars beyond what they are able, and then, for years after, make their debt an excuse for neglecting souls to whom Christ has told them to send the news of salvation. Sometime ago we stood in the moonlight and looked at a great church which had been doing comparatively little for world-wide missions. It was burdended with a heavy, heavy debt. The church could have paid the debt, but they let it remain and made it an excuse for neglecting the millions who know not God. A brother, standing by my side, said: "That tower cost \$8,000, and it is not paid for yet." Right then the missionaries were pleading for little chapels in the foreign lands, in which they could gather the people and preach Christ to them. If only our people, in building, would make a rule that whatever they put in the building, they will try to give at least one-tenth as much to put in a building for those who have never heard the message of salvation, that church edifice would be indeed consecrated to God! If any one who reads this belongs to a church which is, or has been, building, and on this account has been neglecting the great work which the Lord has given to us of sending the Gospel to those who have it not, let him, on bended knee, talk to God about the matter, and then go and talk to the church about it. Right now, in addition to the great amount which we need for our work of Foreign Missions for the current year, our Foreign Board would be glad to have \$200,000 for greatly needed buildings on the foreign fields. May our people take these things to heart, and let us build in that way which will most glorify our Lord and Master.

Since writing the above, a touching letter has been received from a sister, telling of how thousands have been spent on a parsonage, and now an effort is being made by some in the church to put up a building for \$25,000, and yet lost souls are neglected. Then she adds these solemn words: "If we build this church to the exclusion of missions at this critical period in mission history, then I firmly believe that the blood of these millions of perishing souls will be on our hands and spiritual death for this church will as surely follow as the night follows the day." Perhaps some of the readers have heard of churches which had been formerly glorious centres for good and winners of souls, moving into great church buildings, and losing their soul-

saving power. Better worship under a shed and win a soul than to live in a marble palace and freeze to death. When we build, let us do so in love for God and love for souls, and, as we move into the new building, let us write above it all: "A place to meet God and to win souls for God."



HOW THE GREAT HOUSE WAS MOVED.

Recently, on stepping from a train in the West, the writer saw a large brick warehouse being rolled from one place to another. The house was said to be about one hundred feet long, and part of it was two stories high. To move it was a tremendous undertaking, but some man had the boldness to say that it could be done, and he would undertake it. The brick structure was first put on great beams, and then rollers were put under these. Then a number of men were put at the end of the house with jackscrews. Each man stood ready for a signal, and, at the blowing of a whistle, each man pulled simultaneously. We stood some time trying to see whether we could detect the moving of the great mass with the eye. Finally, we noticed a spot, and as the work went on we could see that the building was leaving the spot and moving forward. What a tremendous work this was, to move such a mass successfully! It was done by united effort. One man could not have done it alone. Many could not have done it unless they had worked together, but by one united effort it could be done. As we turned away and considered the great work which lay before us, the thought came—by one united effort it can be done, and it must be done. Let no man fail, and on the first of May we will see that success has crowned our efforts.



GETTING JOY.

We have received letters from some of those who have given this year large amounts for Foreign Missions, expressing their great joy in this noble service.

One brother, who has given \$1,200, the salary of two missionaries, this year, and who invests thousands, writes: "I think that probably the best investment I have made during the year 1907 has been the gift to Foreign Missions. The investment is a safe one, free of taxes and insurance, and will go on for all time doing good. I am glad that I was in a position to make this contribution, and it has been a source of great joy to me."

One sister, who has given over a thousand dollars, says: "The importance of the work grows upon me, and I would rejoice in laying

thousands at my Master's feet. Souls seem more precious and prayer in the Spirit more needed than ever before."

A brother, who has given two children and has contributed \$2,500 for a building in China, says: "It is a great source of pleasure to be able to give something for the Master's cause. It brings a real comfort and happiness that we do not get in any other way. I only wish I were able to do more."

A sister, who is supporting a missionary and has given \$500 in addition, writes: "I feel like opening the inner courts of my heart and letting you know the truth and use it for the glory of God and the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. Am I happy? Have I been blessed in this work? Inexpressibly so! Think of God calling me, even me, to so great a work as supporting an individual missionary on the foreign field. It is as much my task assigned by God as it is his to preach. God did not require too much of me. It is just such sacrifice as Christ would make and would have me make to know Him and grow more like Him. A few days before my husband left me, we were talking matters over. He was a successful business man and had invested his money wisely. I said to him: "Your investment seems all right, but my one little investment has brought to me that for which I would not exchange all earthly investments."

Another brother, who has made large gifts, says:

"It has certainly given me pleasure to contribute to missions, and I have no doubt that Providence has prospered me in fulfillment of the promise that if the tithes are brought into the storehouse, abundant blessings will be poured out. To doubt this would be to doubt the truth of the Almighty; I have never doubted it, and I have been greatly blessed, in business matters as in others."

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"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." Let us take this as our text and do some great asking and thinking, humbly permitting His power to work in us and through us.

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The Foreign Mission Board needs money, but there is something else far more important just at this time, and that is prayer and humble dependence upon God. "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We must remind ourselves of this great truth over and over again, lest we forget.

INTEREST GROWS IN MISSION STUDY.

It is a source of great gratification to us to note the response which is being made to the efforts of the Educational Department. Mission Study Classes are being organized all over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and wherever this method of study is being followed, are heard enthusiastic commendations of the Courses. So often we have in the letters the remark, "The Mission Study Class is just the thing we have been waiting for."

The large number of inquiries which come to us asking about the plans and courses for the Mission Study Group show that there is already a wide spread interest in this work and promise large developments in the future.

There are three questions which are asked most often.

The first is: "How many are necessary in order to have a successful group?" We should learn to be content with small numbers in the Mission Study Classes. Any number from two to twelve is large enough for successful work. In fact, the very best work has been done by the smaller groups. If the number is large, the temptation will be for the leader to lecture the class. This is one of the very things this group plan of study is designed to avoid. In the small group it will be easier to get all to study than it would be in a large group. Better have three people who really study in a group than to have a large group who leave the leader to do all the studying. So let us not be discouraged by the fact that the group may be small. The results in the end will show the wisdom of this plan, which "despises not the day of small things."

The second question is: "How shall we find time to engage in this mission study?" The real question to settle is, should we engage in mission study? Ought we to do it? If we ought, then there must be time for it. If it is our duty, we may be sure we have time; otherwise, we ought not to do it. The thing to do, then, is to find the time. We can find the time when we make up our minds to do it. We can find time when we economize time spent on things which are less important. We should keep in mind that it requires only eight or ten weeks to complete a Course, and we are urged to take only one or two Courses during the year. So if we were to take two Courses in a year, we should at most devote only eighteen or twenty weeks in a whole year to the study of the greatest and most important subject in the world. Besides, it might be that the pleasant social features in connection with the meetings of the Mission Study Class might very profitably substitute for certain social engagements, which, although pleasant, may not be so especially profitable.

The third question, which is the one most often asked, is: "Will

you give us full information concerning the Courses of Study and the organization of a Mission Study Class?" We are glad always to send the special circulars which explain the organization, methods and courses for the Mission Study Group. Personal letters will be written in answer to inquiries from any one. All letters concerning the mission study work should be addressed to T. B. Ray, Educational Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. We have two courses of study now. One a Foreign Mission Study based on a book called "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," and is a study of Africa; the other is based on the book called "Aliens or Americans," and is a Home Mission Study upon the immigration problem. These text books cost 50 cents per volume, bound in cloth; or 35 cents bound in paper. We shall be glad to present to any one who will organize a class the two booklets, "The Mission Study Class Manual" and "Helps to Leaders." Note that these booklets are presented only to those who organize a class, but the other pamphlets, explaining the workings of the Study Group, are free to all who wish to write for them.

MAPS, MAPS.

We sell the beautiful large Missionary Maps of the World, on cloth, printed in colors, with our main stations marked on them; size 50 inches north and south by 87 inches east and west. We will deliver one of these maps at any post-office in our Convention for \$3.00. Your church ought to have the map. The money can easily be gotten by a live brother or sister in a few minutes. Collect a few dimes and quarters, and have a map, which is a constant teacher to all who see it. You can send the funds by check or post-office order, to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and get the map by return mail.

RECEIPTS BY STATES.

Table showing receipts from each State from May 1, 1906, to March 15, 1907.

Georgia	\$ 33,981 64	Maryland	4,018 36
Virginia	26,621 69	Arkansas	2,856 40
South Carolina	20,397 09	District of Columbia	924 20
Texas	18,288 10	Oklahoma	583 65
Kentucky	17,976 48	Indian Territory	482 44
North Carolina	15,823 20	Other sources	5,006 88
Alabama	14,760 52		
Missouri	9,447 14	Total	\$196,141 12
Tennessee	8,711 23	Table showing receipts from each	
Mississippi	7,456 98	State from May 1, 1906, to March 15,	
Florida	4,547 49	1907;	
Louisiana	4,257 63		

INTERESTING NOTES.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, the Vice-President of the Board for Louisiana, sailed March 8, on the "Mongolia" from San Francisco to attend the Centennial Conference in Shanghai. Bro. Quisenberry represents the Board at the Conference. He has an earnest, missionary spirit, and will doubtless enjoy the great meeting, and come back to stir our hearts with the report of what has been said and done. Some of the brethren desired the Corresponding Secretary to attend, but it was impractical for him to leave at this time, and besides this, when he goes, he desires to visit the various fields in China, which he could not have well done by going at this time. It is impractical to visit the work in North or South China during the summer months. Several of the missionaries warned him against coming so as to be there at such a time. He hopes to go a little later.



At the South Carolina Convention Dr. C. C. Brown brought some little gold buttons which he said had been given to him by a girl, a member of his church. She came to her pastor, saying that she wished she could be a missionary, but as it was impossible for her to get an education, she could not go; she had nothing to give except these little buttons which had been left her by her mother. As Bro. Brown made this statement in the Convention, it was suggested that the brethren buy the buttons, and turn over the amount to foreign missions, and that the buttons be sent back to the dear girl. Two or three brethren picked up hats, and the money poured into them. A collection of \$65.21 was taken, and the buttons left the girl by her mother were sent back to her

as a gift from her brethren. It is marvellous how God adds His blessing to a heart gift, and can make our littles do great things in His name.



The following letter from James M. Justice is too good to keep. It should thrill every lover of the Lord among us:

I am sure you will be glad to know of the deep missionary spirit that is being felt in the Seminary just now. We have not been striving so much for volunteers as we have to get each one to become thoroughly missionary, regardless of the decision one might be led to make. The result that has come is gratifying in many ways. Men are studying the fields and the home problems in a very real way. For the past few meetings of our band we have had from one to three to join at a time. We began in the fall with 27 young men and women in the Seminary who want to go to the foreign field. The number now stands at 51. I know of two to join at our next meeting. Last night about nine o'clock a bright young man came into my room and asked me for the card to sign and with that broke down in tears. He told me of the struggle it had been and how his widowed mother could ill afford to give him up.

If there has ever been over 50 volunteers enrolled in any one year before in the Seminary, I do not know about it. We enrolled 42 last year. Of that number 10 came as a result of the Nashville Convention. I wanted you and the other Secretaries to know of the goodly number here as you go up and down the country pleading for money.

Our people will sympathize with Miss Carrie Bostick in the death of her dear father, March 2. He was a noble Prince in Israel. Several years ago he went out and stayed for sometime in South China with Miss Carrie. While there he aided Dr. Chambers in the Publication Society. Some of the most interesting letters which we have read from any one going abroad were from Brother Bostick. We are glad that Miss Carrie was able to be with him in his last days. She is much beloved and esteemed by the missionaries in South China, and she hopes to return to her work in a few months.



Dr. J. M. Oxner, Pingtu, China, who has been pleading for a hospital, and is operating in a little room eight by twelve feet, has just sent in his report for the past year. Here is a part of it: Medical patients, 4,939; surgical patients, 266; total, 5,205. He also speaks of patients returned for further treatment, which swells the number to nearly 7,000, and yet this dear man of God, who gave up a good practice in this country, and is putting his life for Christ in China, continues to plead for a hospital which will not cost over \$2,000 or \$2,500. Some man, prospered here, could do a great work for God by giving the whole amount.

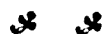


For the last three months we have been sending the Journal to a large number of those whose subscriptions have already expired. Unless these friends renew at once, we will be obliged to discontinue them. Please look at your Journal, and if it has a notice of expired subscription stamped on it, renew immediately.

With our next volume, which begins in July, we will make material improvements in the Journal, enlarging and beautifying it and, if possible, putting better matter in it. During the summer, we expect to publish pictures of all of our missionaries, so that those who desire can make a complete album of all of our workers. We will take all the names we can get from now until July at 25 cents for the year. Later we may be forced to increase the price. Now is the time to get large lists of subscribers.



Dr. E. M. Huckaby and wife, and Bro. Carl Vingren and wife, have had to return from China on account of the serious condition of the health of Sister Huckaby and Sister Vingren. We have had much trouble this year in consequence of the sickness of our missionaries. Let our people pray for these workers at the front who have to encounter many untold trials and difficulties.



A contribution has just come in for \$100 from Texas. The brother who sent it says that it is to support a native preacher for one year, and that it comes from a working girl who has saved the amount out of her monthly wages, that as she cannot go to the foreign field herself, she wants to enable some one else to preach. How can some of our business men, greatly prospered, do less than this poor girl?



Remember, that unless the funds reach Richmond, Va., by April 30, they cannot be counted on this Convention year. Please let all Church and Association treasurers remember this and remit promptly.

It is well for a pastor to set a high mark before his people. They think more of the pastor and more of themselves when they have done something worth while. Time and again have we seen churches get a new interest in their work by raising a large gift for foreign missions. Many churches that now give \$20 or \$30 can easily give \$100, enough to pay the salary of a native worker in the foreign field, and many others could easily give \$600, the salary of a missionary. Let us do something worthy of the cause which our Lord has committed into our hands, and also worthy of ourselves as His children.



We appreciate the cheering words which come to us from different quarters, assuring us of the prayers and help of the brethren and sisters. Kind words are greatly appreciated, especially at a time like this, and more especially when they come from those who we know are doing their best to help. For the next month let us all cheer each other and press forward. In this way we will be more apt to get the victory.



We have received from Miss May Leavis, Agent, West Medford, Mass., a beautiful booklet, by Lucy W. Waterbury, "A Passion Flower," a study of the real motive for missions and a message of resurrection of hope and cheer. Mrs. Waterbury is well known in Baptist circles. Price, 25 cents, postpaid.

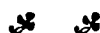


A number of our churches are taking good collections for foreign missions. We cannot enumerate them all, but we rejoice to see how nobly they are coming forward.

The Field Secretary, Dr. S. J. Porter, is doing a fine work in the West, where he will continue until May. Then he will move to Richmond with his family. He has been making a tour among the churches in Missouri, and he writes cheering words of the prospects for foreign missions in that great state.



Rev. J. H. Rowe and wife, who recently went to Japan, will locate at Kokura. Rev. Nathan Maynard and wife, who have been working there for years, are forced to take a vacation and return home on account of the continued feeble condition of Sister Maynard's health.



Rev. L. M. Reno, of Victoria, Brazil, writes: "The blessing of God has been with us until I wish that we could be with you at the Convention just long enough to sing 'Coronation' and then return to our people."

If the missionary on the far-flung battle line feels this way, what-ought we at home to do for the Master?



Rev. J. G. Chastain, of Mexico, sends check for \$25 from the Guadalajara, Mexico, church for the Foreign Mission work. If that mission church can give \$25, what ought not some of our churches in this country to give?



We have been receiving contributions for the famine sufferers in China. Of course, these amounts cannot be added to our receipts for missions, but we gladly forward them to our missionaries for the relief of the starving people.



Miss Alyn Goolsby, on March 5, sailed from New York for Brazil,

The brethren in Brazil desire to hold in June a Convention to celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our opening work in that country. They hope to meet in Bahia and to confer and plan for the extension of the work in that country.

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Rev. J. W. Lowe and wife, after a pleasant stay at home, have returned to their work in China. Brother

Lowe accomplished good as he presented the cause to the people in the home land.

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A brother in South Carolina sent to the Rooms recently a new broom made of old-fashioned broom sedge with the motto: "A clean sweep for Foreign Missions." We trust that it may indeed prove emblematic.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT.



Bridegroom, Pingtu, China. This is the groom in the middle. The bride's chair is just behind him. He has never seen the face of the one whom he is to wed.

In writing of the return of Mrs. Huckaby to this country on account of serious sickness, Dr. J. M. Oxner, of Pingtu, China, says:

"Mrs. Huckaby lived the religion of Christ among the Chinese the two years, and gained great favor with them. She was getting the language

very fast, when she was forced to give up study. Our hearts are bowed down with grief, but we submit to God's sweet will."

Bro. Carl Vingren, Tengchow, China, January 5, 1907.

At our Mission meeting in Lalchow last January, Bro. Owen told me that

he had been praying that the Lord would send me to Tsingtau. I must confess I felt unwilling to go there, but during the meeting, when the need of the field was presented, and the prayers of the whole Mission were concentrated on the question of a man for that field, I felt quite uneasy. When I got home my wife surprised me in asking: "Are we to be stationed in Tsingtau?" I answered, "Why do you ask that? We never expected to, did we?" "No," she said, "but while you were gone, it came to me so strongly that the Lord wanted us to go to Tsingtau that I laid awake almost a whole night, thinking and praying about it." Since then, in praying over this matter, I have felt the call so strongly that if the Mission wants to send me there, I am willing to go. I have been among the Germans enough to know that the influence of their lives among the Chinese makes Tsingtau a much more difficult field than an inland city. But Tsingtau would serve mainly as a base from which to work the territory north towards Pingtu, and northwest to Kao-mi. I was itinerating in the field fifteen years ago. Not one of the Lutheran or Presbyterian missionaries, who is there now, was there at that time. Where Tsingtau now is was then only a little fishing village, whose inhabitants ran like they were crazy to get a chance to look at a "foreign devl." It is, after all, most natural that I should feel a special interest in that field."

Rev. T. C. Britton, Soochow, China:

During the last quarter I began at my monthly visits to present the subject of giving to missions (especially to the Home Board of our native Association) to our little churches at

Quinsan and Changzeh. And it has done my heart good to see with what interest they have taken hold of it, and how it has already been a blessing to them. I reproach myself greatly for not giving them the opportunity before. Our church here has been giving to missions from the time before our Association was organized—ten years ago—and it has given every month to the Home Board since it began to exist, and we are so thankful to see our church seemingly well established, doing good work, and growing. I believe that in a sense mission work is the life of the churches here as well as at home.

Rev. C. W. Pruitt, Hwanghien, China:

We have at last secured a right nice lot for our chapel. It is centrally located and will give good satisfaction. We hope to begin building as soon as spring opens. We have had a long struggle to get this land. Land is hard to get. Usually there are more purchasers than sellers.

Bro. John W. Lowe, Carrollton, Mo.,
February 14, 1907.

We are all well and happy to have turned our faces Chinaward again.

Miss Willie Kelly, Shanghai, January
19, 1907:

I send you a copy of our first diplomas. I think they are the very first issued by our Central China Mission, either for boys or girls. We have two girls to graduate this month—the end of the Chinese year. One will remain with us as teacher in girls' school; one will marry a young man who is now in America, and very likely she will go to America to live. We hope that she is strong enough to stand and to help others too.

Dr. R. H. Graves, Jan. 16, 1907.

The Seminary also closed on Monday, 14th. Two men graduated, having finished their three years' course. One goes to Shanghai to work among the 40,000 Cantonese there, and the other will remain here, perhaps, to work among the Hakkas. The students have formed a Debating Society where they are seeking to improve their gifts in public speaking.

Miss Cynthia A. Miller, Laichowfu, China:

There are so many villages of this kind where perhaps one or two members of one family are Christians, and all the rest of the village—from one to five hundred souls—heathens. But they are willing to hear, if only they had any one to teach them. Oh, how I long to be able to speak this language freely that I may be used of God in leading these dear women to know Jesus as their Saviour! Pray for me that I may soon be able to tell them in their own language of Jesus and His love for them.

Rev. J. R. Saunders, Yingtak, China:

We are all praying that our people in the home land may be led to rise with their means and lives to meet the great opportunities of the hour in China. What a day of changes and opportunities we have here. Many lives have been given, many hearts have prayed for this hour for China, hence we must rise to buy up the time which other lives have made possible. It gives us great joy to see how Georgia leaps forward in her gifts to Foreign Missions—\$70,000.00 next year for Foreign Missions. Texas must soon join Georgia in this forward move for the heathen lost.

Rev. W. H. Tipton, Canton:

Our hearts were saddened during the quarter by the death of Bro Ue Sai Wu, one of our most faithful and most promising young preachers. We had great hopes for the usefulness of this dear brother, but it pleased God to take him to Himself.

Baptisms during the quarter, 56: during the year, 120.

Miss H. F. North, Shiu Hing So, China, January 9, 1907:

We were encouraged to find in one village a band of Christians where foreigners had never been, carrying on, as far as able, Christian services. In another, there was a commodious building furnished by one of the Christians for a Boys' School. The teacher is a Christian and some of the pupils have been baptized. The girls of the place are anxious to have a school opened for them also, and Miss Meadows is planning to have them taught.

Rev. Frank Rawlinson, Shanghai, Jan. 18, 1907.

We feel like saying that no missionaries have a better or more loving Board to work under than ours. We also wish to express our appreciation of the other grants made to our mission and especially of the broad-minded action of the Board in its liberal grant to the Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary. With such backing at home we are encouraged to press forward and do better work than ever. We ought and will be loyal to such a noble-hearted Board. May God bless them and us and give us strength to do more than ever.

LETTERS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.



One of the South China Baptist families. The old widowed mother, seated in the center, is one of our Bible women in the Sz Yap District. Her two sons, of whom she is justly proud, are standing on her left. The elder is a bright young ministerial student about completing his course in the Graves' Seminary. His wife, Mahi, stands at the left of the picture. She was one of the boarding school girls, but since her marriage, three years ago, has taught in the Girls' Day School at Tsz Ol chapel in charge of Mrs. Greene.

CHINA.

A Sad Scene.

Pingtu, Nov. 15, 1906.

Dear Brother:

This is one of the two great days for women in the Pingtu city temple, which every year affords. And all day yesterday little groups of women succeeded each other on all the roads leading to the city. Each one carried a rough stick in one hand with which to steady herself on her stubs of feet; on the other arm a basket containing some cakes of millet bread for her food and a little roll of brown paper and a few sticks of incense to be burned before the idol. To-day

there are about eight thousand of these women prostrating themselves before the only god they know, with hearts breaking with longing for blessings which he is unable to give.

In spite of the fact that she has been more than thirteen years without a furlough and has the care of her children, my wife has consented to undertake to teach a class of the native Christian women for the next twenty days. Last year I held one such class, attended by ninety-six women. The most eager learners I have ever seen were these illiterate women.

These facts prepare the way for the request which we wish to reiterate for a young lady to give all her

time to work among these women. Surely, no more inviting field could be desired than this.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. OWEN.

From a Busy Physician.
Ying-tak, via Canton, China.

November 14, 1906.

Dear Brother:

We are very glad to get back to our work after our enforced absence in Japan. Have been up here about one month now. Am glad to say that our trip to Japan was very beneficial to each of us. I hope the benefit gained will be permanent in its effects. It was my privilege to take a short trip in the country shortly after we came up from Canton. From the time I left here until I returned I was away just fifteen days, and during that time held dispensary on seven different days at four different places, and during those seven days treated 402 patients, including a few who came more than once. At two places about seventy per cent. of the patients were suffering from malaria, or its sequelæ, and many times, in addition some other ailment totally independent of malaria. To me it was very depressing to see such misery and suffering, when, if they had had several doses of quinine in the very beginning, they might now be enjoying perfect health, but China is a poor country and many thousands cannot even afford the price of a few doses of quinine. It made me wish I could afford to buy it by the bushel and give it to the poor and needy, or at least sell it to them at such a cheap rate that they would be able to secure it when they need it, but we can relieve their suffering only as we have the time and strength to

treat them, and as the limited means at our disposal will allow, for our greatest and chief work among them is to point them to the Great Physician, and no one at home can fully appreciate the joy it gives a missionary when he knows he is telling "the old, old story" to people that have never heard it before.

The Lord has indeed honored us by sending us out to this land of heathen darkness as His ambassadors to give the Gospel message to those who know it not. Oh what joy, then, it gives us to feel and know as we work for Him that there is great joy in heaven when even one Chinese soul is saved because of repentance of sins and faith in Him! I hope that we shall be able to commence building the hospital very soon now. We found it necessary to buy an additional piece of land adjoining our present compound, in order to accommodate both the girls' school and hospital before commencing building operations, hence the delay, but we are glad to report that the bargain money on the new land has been paid and we hope to close the deal to-morrow. I am arranging to re-open our dispensary work here next week, and we are looking forward to increased opportunities. May the Lord give us wisdom and strength to do His work.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. HAYES.

A Brave Worker.

Soochow, China, Jan. 15, 1907.

Dear Brother:

I am so thankful to be able to say that ever since I wrote my last quarterly report Bro. McDaniel has been improving. For a while he was really unable to preach. It would have done

you good to hear him preach on John 3:1-21 in the church last Sunday morning, I am sure, though you might not have understood a word he said. He did it with almost no difficulty.

Let me say that ever since Bro. McDaniel has been on the field, with great self-sacrifice, he has taken hold of the work here like a true yoke-fellow. As an operation on his neck for the present trouble would be very risky; some of us thought it might be well for him to return home for a while to seek help, but he bravely determined to stand by the work and risk the operation, simply because of the fewness of the laborers. We hope now that the operation may be avoided. And as to Sister McDaniel, I just do not see how she stands and does so much and is always so cheerful!

With our love, Fraternally,
T. C. BRITTON.

A Letter of Pathetic Interest.

Laichowfu, Shantung, via Kiao
Chow, China, Dec. 31, 1906.

Dear Brother:

My personal report cannot be very inspiring at this time, but the worst must be told as well as the best.

Neither Mrs. Huckaby or myself have been able to do any studying on the language for three months on account of sickness. Mrs. Huckaby is very low; was taken suddenly ill in May and has not been very strong since, although able to attend dispensary at regular hours, keep up study in language, and render invaluable aid in the treating of some of our lady missionaries. For three months she has been rapidly declining. At this time it is hard to say what the outcome will be.

Dispensary work was never better;

in fact, too many in attendance to allow us enough time on the language. The last three months there have been over six hundred patients treated, including surgical and otherwise. This number is almost up to the total number of those in attendance from opening of dispensary up to three months ago. We hope to make our hospital and dispensary self-supporting and, to judge from our last three months' work, there will be little trouble after the work is fully established. This good record dates from the time the dispensary was moved from the old quarters in the city to the new quarters just erected. These new quarters, while wholly insufficient, are quite a blessing, and have, on more than one occasion, given us the much needed room to care for those whom we have been instrumental in saving from immediate death. Some of our most promising members and inquirers have been reached through the dispensary, or rather the medical work. We look forward to the work for the coming year with no misgivings—only I hope it will be the will of our Saviour to let my wife labor with me through many years to come.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

E. M. HUCKABY.

(Dr. and Mrs. Huckaby have been forced to return to the United States on account of Mrs. Huckaby's health. They are now in Denver, Col.—Ed.)

Sunshine and Shadow.

Pingtou, via Tsingtau, China.

January 15, 1907.

Dear Brother:

We have just parted with Dr. and Mrs. Huckaby and sorely has it tried us. They came to us so full of enthu-

slasm and so ready for work. They did well on the language, and had already made many friends among the Chinese. We all love them and find it hard to give them up; but, great as the trial is to us, it is even greater to them. Their hearts remain in China, I know. Many prayers are going up for them constantly that they may return to this land.

The Institute will soon close for the New Year holidays. They have already had several examinations—one of them being a written examination over the seventy most important chapters in the Bible. They did very well, considering the fact that this is only the beginning of written examinations in our schools. We feel satisfied with the progress made this year. Mr. Owen has just returned from Tsingtau, where he spends one Sunday each month. The work there is doing as well as one can expect without a pastor or one giving all his time to it.

One of the young men has decided to give up his business, in which he is making money rapidly, and devote his life to preaching the Gospel. His home is in the Tengchowfu field, and his work will be done there. He is a fine young man, and his preaching has, in time past, been very acceptable to the brethren in that region.

Another German Baptist has come to Tsingtau, so the church there is growing steadily, though slowly. We will be so glad when a good, strong missionary can be located there.

We are still waiting hopefully and prayerfully for a hospital. Each mail we hope will bring the letter containing the good news. Dr. Oxner ought not to be kept waiting much longer, patient though he is.

We hope to get our furlough this

year after the Conference. I shall be so glad to meet our American Baptist brethren and sisters. I am personally acquainted with only three Baptists in all America, though I know many more through letters and our Church papers.

With best wishes and prayers,

Sincerely yours,

REBECCA MILLER OWEN.

MEXICO.

An Ordination in Mexico.

C. Jaurez, Mexico, Feb. 16, 1907.

Dear Brother:

Brother Donato S. Ruiz was ordained last Sunday night, Bro. Cheavens preaching the ordination sermon, and brethren Newbrough and Pablo Rodriguez and myself of the mission, and



DONATO S. RUIZ.

Bro. Benito Perez, of El Paso, of the Home Board Mission, being present and assisting in the ordination. The

Mexican Baptist Church of El Paso dismissed and came over in a body to be present, and many of other denominations and friends from without were present, taxing to about its utmost capacity our rented chapel. Bro. Ruiz was examined Sunday afternoon, the examination lasted three hours, and was one of the most thorough that I have ever heard in or out of Mexico. As Bro. Cheavens said, "When I find a brother that can stand it, I like to help make it most thorough and rigid." Bro. Ruiz' answers were indeed satisfactory, showing that he was well prepared both in mind and heart to go forth and preach the blessed Gospel story to his fellow Mexicans, who, in the main, are either rigid and fanatical Catholics, or—as with the younger generation—have drifted out into the open sea of infidelity, or as Free Thinkers.

One very striking feature in the ex-

amination of this young brother was that his fund of Scripture texts, fitting in to each of his answers, seemed inexhaustible—thus showing that he had his "sword of the Spirit," which is the Word, well whetted to meet and overcome the enemy.

Brother Ruiz was four years in our Training School at Torreon, and has been with me at Durango and Juarez for nearly two years, doing good, efficient work. He is the first of our students that has left Torreon School to be ordained. He is a fine character, full of zeal for the Master's cause, and, withal, of an humble disposition, desiring to serve the Lord. We have great hopes in this young brother, as well as others who have left our school and those also who are now there preparing themselves more thoroughly for their life work.

Yours for the Master,

FRANK MARRS.



THE GREAT CONVENTION, RICHMOND, VA., MAY 16-20, 1907.

The Southern Baptist Convention and Auxilliary Societies meet this year in Richmond, Va., May 16-20, 1907.

Historical Richmond is the capitol of the Old Dominion, and is widely known for its hospitality.

May is one of the prettiest months in the year to visit the Old Dominion, and in view of the very low rate that will be authorized for this meeting, the elegant transportation facilities offered, and the attractive point at which the meeting will be held, indicates a very large attendance.

The Southern Railway and its connections, traversing all of the South and Southwest, offer frequent and convenient service to those making the trip and beg to invite your attention to the same.

For detail information as to rates, through car service, etc., via Southern Railway, communicate with any agent or representative of that line.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Woman's Missionary Union will hold its nineteenth annual meeting in the Second Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., May 16-19, 1907. A meeting of the Executive Committee and State Vice-Presidents will be held Wednesday evening, May 15, at eight o'clock in a committee room of the Second Baptist Church. At the same hour a preparatory prayer meeting will be held by the women of Richmond, the delegates and visitors, in the main auditorium of the same church.

The Union will convene Thursday morning, May 16, at ten o'clock

holding morning and afternoon services, Thursday and Friday.

Thursday evening at eight o'clock there will be a public meeting in the interest of the Union, in charge of Dr. Willingham, and addressed by missionaries and other leading men.

Saturday morning will be utilized for Topical and State meetings, the informal discussions being opened to both visitors and delegates.

Sunday afternoon the meeting will be addressed by women missionaries from Home and Foreign fields.

FANNIE E. S. HECK,

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL, 1907.

Subject: Africa.

"I know of a land that is sunk in shame,

Of hearts that faint and tire—

And I know of a Name, a Name, a Name

Can set that land on fire.

Its sound is a brand, its letters flame,
I know of a Name, a Name, a Name,
Will set that land on fire."

"And His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

1. Hymn: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

2. Bible Reading: In Christ's Stead: John 17:18; John 17:11, 4; John 10:16; John 13:20; John 14:13, 14; John 20:21, 22; 2 Cor. 5:18-21.

3. Prayer: That the white man may earnestly labor to give the "Glorious Gospel Light" to the black man of the Dark Continent.

4. Readings: From "Our Mission Fields."

5. Open Parliament: "Africa's need, our obligation."

6. Leaflet: "If They Only Knew," by Mary L. Ninde.

7. Solo: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

8. Silent Prayer of Consecration.

9. Character Sketches: "A Study in Black and White"—of missionaries and native helpers who have given their lives to Africa.

10. Worth Considering: Southern Baptist Convention has only ten missionaries in all Africa. These ten baptized only 216 persons last year. There are only 936 members in our churches, and we have only eight day schools. At this rate, how long will it take Southern Baptists to give the Gospel to Africa's 150,000,000?

11. Roll call, collection of dues, etc. Let us not fail to forward all contributions for missions before the close of this Conventional year.

12. Singing: "The Morning Light is Breaking," followed by sentence prayers.

Size of Africa.

Africa and adjacent islands comprise 11,500,000 square miles of territory. Bishop Hartzell compares the size of Africa with other countries as follows: "There is room enough in the lower end of the continent for the whole of the United States with her 82,000,000 people; Europe, with her many States and hundreds of millions, can be placed on one side of Central Africa; China, with her 400,000,000, could be accommodated on the other half of Central Africa; and there is room for all India and Wales, Scotland and Ireland in the lower valley of the Nile and along the coasts of the Mediterranean; while there is plenty of room for Porto Rico and the Philippines on the island of Madagascar."

Housekeeping in Africa.

The African's solution of the "simple life" problem unwittingly lightens woman's burdens. So far as housekeeping, pure and simple, is concerned, there is not much of a house to keep. The characteristic hut is a rude affair. Poles, set up in close order for a framework, are plastered with mud. A thatch of leaves or grass serves for shingles. A small opening, so low that one must stoop to enter, does duty for both door and window. That is all. No chimney is built. The smoke from fire required

for cooking or for occasional warmth eventually find its way through the dried grasses of the roof. Neither is an artificial floor necessary. The natural floor of earth is quite good enough. Furniture of any description is almost unheard of. A woven grass mat provides a bed. It is soft enough for a mattress and warm enough for covering. Other furniture would hamper the daily routine.

Meals are not functions. They may be taken indoors or out, reclining, sitting or walking, whensoever or wheresoever individual hunger prompts * * * Fruits and vegetables are so abundant that the natives live largely upon them. Bananas, pawpaws, dates, mangoes, sour-sops, greavas, plantains, yams, cassava, millet seed, rice and maize, are either native to Africa, or are easily cultivated. * * * * Ants, gnats and locusts are by no means lacking in appetizing flavor. They are so numerous as to be easily collected, and are prepared as a sort of croquette. Palm oil serves for fat in cooking—Daybreak in the Dark Continent.

Dress.

Dress is another feature of the simple life as demonstrated by the African. Again the woman is the gainer. She spends no long days at stitching, no weary hours at laundering, no protracted moments at the mirror. Dress is not a requirement of African society. * * * A loin-cloth of bark, or leaves, or grass, suffices.—Daybreak in the Dark Continent.

Religions in Africa.

Africa is the Pagan continent, although all the Northern and larger area of it is given up to Mohammedanism. It is said there are 50,000,000 of people under Mohammedan in-

fluence, and 90,000,000 are Pagans; while the nominal Christian population does not exceed 8,957,000. Of these 2,493,000 are Roman Catholics. The African's ideas of God are oft-times horrible, shocking and revolting.

Fetich Worship.

A fetich is some material object in which a god or a supernatural power is suppose to dwell. Fetichism is the lowest form of idolatry. Fetichism and witchcraft go together. The fetiches guard against the power of witches, and this is their primary object. They act as charms or amulets; are worn on all parts of the body to keep off disease; are placed around the houses, villages or fields to keep off hurtful influences. The fetiches are of various sorts; the reeds of certain plants, the roots of certain trees, the horns of a diminutive deer, the claws and teeth of lions and leopards, and other sorts of animals, slips of wood fantastically notched, knucklebones, beads and a kind of white stone, being most commonly used.—Errors Chain.

Insect Worship.

The Hottentots believed that the good spirits sometimes came in the form of a winged insect, having a green tail, a belly speckled with white and red, and with two horns. They worshipped this insect wherever they found it.

If this insect alighted on a Hottentot, he was looked upon as a man without fault, and distinguished and revered as a sacred person ever after. His neighbors gloried that they had such a favored mortal amongst them, and published the fact far and near. The fattest ox belonging to the kraal was killed as a thank offering, and all the people kept fes-

tival for days. The case was in every respect the same if the insect alighted on a woman; she was regarded as a sanctified person and the delight of the spirit.—Errors Chain.

Praying for Rain.

In Southeastern Africa, along the Zambesi River, the people pray to a god, with whom they connect no impure traditions or degraded worship. When in danger of war or famine, they appeal to this god. They call him Mpambi. The worship is of this kind: When famine is threatened because rain is withheld, the people of a village resort to a cleared space of ground, enclosed by a fence. Here a prayer hut is erected. Women and men worship together. Generally, a princess, having in one hand a basket containing Indian corn meal and in the other a pot of native beer, or Pombl, goes into the hut, where she can be seen and heard. She puts the basket and jar on either side of her and, sprinkling a handful of meal on the floor, cries: "Imva Mpambi, Adza Moula!" (Hear, O God, and send rain!) The people respond by gently clapping their hands and chanting, "Hear, O God!" This is repeated until the meal is used up. Then the jar of Pombl is emptied on the floor. The woman then comes out of the hut, closing the door. Throwing themselves upon their backs, she and the people unite in praying, "Hear, O God, and send rain!" Then she arises and washes herself in a jar of water which stands before the chief. Then all the women take their calabash cups and throw the water into the air with frantic gesticulations.—Errors Chain.

Missions of Southern Baptists.

Until within the last few years, so little was definitely known about the great interior of Africa and her peo-

ple that interest in the salvation of the African had not been sufficiently aroused to bring the Christian nations of the world to a realization of the obligation resting upon them to give her millions the gospel. True, in the latter days, there have been missionaries in Africa since early in 1700, and to them the world is indebted, almost wholly, for information concerning the topography of the country, and the people. Southern Baptist Convention began work there in 1845. Under many difficulties and with numerous interruptions in the work, caused by the fatal climate, we have, as yet, only succeeded in firmly establishing ourselves. The foundation for successful work has been laid broad and deep in the Yoruba country on the West coast. Here the graves of some of our most faithful and well-beloved missionaries bear silent testimony to our holy purpose—to give Africa the gospel at any cost. Here we hope to enlist and train a force of native workers that shall rapidly increase in influence and numbers until the tribes of all this great continent shall have had the gospel preached to them.

Our main mission stations are Abbeokuta, Awyaw and Ogbomoshaw. The natives who have become Christians are trustful and faithful. They believe in God as the author of all good, and accept Christ as "the one Mediator between God and man." An African has advanced much when he can believe this, for they have been taught during many centuries that there are many gods, and numerous spirits, both good and evil, act as mediators between gods and men.

Misunderstood.

I think it was in June that I first saw the baby—a tiny, pinched, half-starved little thing of about four

months. The mother said she had no way to get milk, and wanted me to help her. A few days later the little one was brought to my house. I gave the mother a tin of condensed milk, showed her how to use it, and instructed her to bring the baby back when the milk was gone.

During July and August the baby was regularly fed; the little face gained some flesh, and the little black eyes grew bright. I did not see her again for a month or six weeks, and then she was nearly starved, and not so large as my own baby of six weeks. She simply gulped the milk I gave her. The mother was sick, and no one else cared enough to come to me. I rebuked the aunt, gave her milk, and told her to feed that baby. The mother soon died, the aunt returned to her home in the country, and again the poor little girlie was neglected.

The child took chickenpox. They brought her to me one bleak December day, while the disease was at its worst. I gave them milk, and tried to tell them how dangerous it was to expose such a sick child. I moreover told them that I would see if the Southern Presbyterians could not take her in their hospital and care for her until she could get well, and to come back on the morrow; if the baby died, to come anyway and let me know.

I have not seen the baby since. The

kind doctor was willing to take her in, but the family decided that I had some bad meaning, as I was so anxious to do something for the child, and will not bring her near me again. The baby has struggled heroically for its first year's existence, but, with only rice water and little attention, I fear that it cannot live.

Disinterested kindness is not understood in this heathen land.

Soochow China, Jan. 20, 1907.

BOXES TO MISSIONARIES.

The following boxes have been sent to home and mountain schools since the last report in March Journal:

KENTUCKY.—Pembroke, \$85; Bardstown, \$96.88; Georgetown, \$72; Bowling Green, \$115; Walton, \$59.50; Winchester, \$144.

LOUISIANA.—Monroe, \$88.60; Monroe, \$105.30.

MARYLAND.—Brantly Ch., Balto., \$230.25; First Ch., Balto., \$200; Pastor's Aid, First Ch., Balto., \$190; Y. W. S., Franklin Sq. Ch., Balto., \$124; Grace Ch., Balto., \$150.41; Y. W. S., Grace Ch., Balto., \$42; Fourth Ch., Balto., \$8.25 (contribution); North Ave. Ch., Balto., \$120; W. M. S., Franklin Sq. Ch., Balto., \$258.43; Fulton Ave. Ch., Balto., \$100.

MISSISSIPPI.—Starkville, \$82; Laurel, \$128; Clinton, \$118.25; McComb, \$96.10; Coffeeville (Contb.), \$5; Granada (Contb.), \$29.20; Mt. Paran (Contb.), \$5; Spring Hill (Contb.), \$2.50.

MISSOURI.—Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, \$50; Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, \$40; Marshall, \$35.30.

BOXES TO MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

VIRGINIA.—Freemason St. Ch., Norfolk, Portsmouth Assn., \$192.77; Hampton Ch., Peninsula Assn., \$200; Fourth Ch., Portsmouth, Portsmouth Assn., \$185; Hampton, Peninsula Assn., \$217.75.

Total, \$3,880.94.

Previously reported, \$13,459.03.

Grand total, \$17,339.97.



THE ROUND TABLE.

Conducted by Fannie E. S. Heck.

There is nothing so delightful as to see a smile flash around the Table. Such a smile will greet the pleasant news, from the President's recent visit to the Headquarters in Baltimore, that all points to a fine report,

IF—note the big if—every woman does her duty in the next month—Surely, no one needs to be reminded of the women's aim for the year. Nevertheless, it will do no harm to say again that it is \$75,000 for For-

elgn and \$60,000 in money for Home Missions=Last year we reported, in round numbers, \$62,000 for Foreign and \$37,000 in cash for Home Missions. Each must judge how much more she must do this year than last. =“You will find,” said an old missionary to a new one, “that you can write your best description of the country when it is all new and strange to you.” However this may be, we have received a most interesting letter giving the first impressions of Japan by Mrs. Maud Burke Dozier. It is too good to keep for one's self. Typewritten copies, therefore, may be had on application to the Headquarters, 301 N. Charles St., Baltimore. We commend this to all, but especially to the Young Ladies' Societies.=Speaking of these Societies, the question of the hour is, What shall we name them? The young ladies themselves should speak first.=The President of the Union has had the good fortune to be with the Executive Committee of Virginia in two of its monthly sessions. It goes without saying that the question of the hour is the coming annual meeting. They, with other Richmond women, are sparing no thought or time in planning to make every one welcome and arrange every detail for their comfort and pleasure. More than this, they are praying for the coming gathering. Are you?=After all, what do you most desire for this Nineteenth Annual Meeting? Let us think it through and then ask for what we really and truly want most. =Few features of Union work have grown more in the last year than the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. This year the demand for programs, leaflets and envelopes was so great that the first order very nearly exhausted the 130,000 envelopes ordered. This promises a large contribution

from the Week=Another oft-mentioned and cherished hope for the year is that its close may find the Tichenor Memorial Fund of \$20,000 completed. But here is another IF. If it is, there must be a vigorous effort now.=“Looking back on China, which it nearly broke our hearts to leave,” writes Mrs. Thomas, “I believe that the greatest need is trained Bible women, but these can only be trained by women missionaries; therefore, the present demand is for more foreign women to train the native women for work among their own people.”=If this is so, it is a tremendous appeal to women. Are there not twenty among us who can have their own missionary working for these sisters of ours?=It is well to pass the word around the Table, lest any forget that money to be included in the report of the Union should be reported to your State Central Committee by the middle of April. Don't put it off a day longer.=Societies kindly take note. There will be a Missionary Display and Museum in connection with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. It is desired that we have a large and illustrative display of work and methods of Societies. Societies having attractive annual programs, maps made and used by them in their work, charts, Society newspapers, attractive announcement cards, etc., etc. are asked to send them not later than April 15th to Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, 12 E. Main St., Richmond, Va. Mark plainly, with name and address, whether from Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Society, or Sunbeams, and whether or not to be returned. This may be made a valuable exhibit, if many will aid.

Young People's Department.

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

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING.

Do you hear the children crying
In the night
Of deep heathen darkness, sighing
For the light?
How their little hands uplift
To receive the priceless gift
That the Christ-Child brings to bless
them,
With His love and life and light!

Do you hear the children singing
In the light?
Far and near their offerings bringing,
Shining bright!
To the Christ-Child's feet they bear
Loving hearts and offerings rare,
That the little ones in darkness,
Far away, may see the light.

How the Alleluias, swelling
On the air,
Spread the glad news they are telling
Everywhere!
To the little lifted hands
Comes the Gift, in far-off lands
For the loving Christ-Child, listening,
Hears the little children's prayer.
—Chas. C. Rollit, in *The Spirit of Missions*.

OUR MISSION STUDY.

Missions in Italy.

Old Italy. Every one is interested in Italy. From the time the small people hear the story of Romulus and Remus, the familiar twin boys who were nursed by a wolf, and who afterward, as the story goes, founded Rome, on to the time when Latin is begun, and always when they read of Paul, his journey and imprisonment

in this great centre of the world, every one longs to cross the ocean and visit Rome for himself. But it was for none of these reasons that the Southern Baptists after the Civil War, opened their first new mission in Italy.

The Blood of the Martyrs. For three hundred years after Paul's visit to Rome, thousands of Christians died for their faith, until the Arenas, where thousands of heathen spectators gladly gathered to see a Christian slain to make a Roman holiday, were soaked with the blood of the martyrs. Then, seeing that the Christian had become too powerful to be put down, the Emperor, Constantine, accepted the Christian religion and made it the State Religion. Out of this gradually arose what we now call the Roman Catholic Church, and from this center the Pope has, for many hundred years, ruled over all who belong to that Church.

Luther, the Reformer. Do you know the story of Luther, the singing boy, who afterwards shook Roman Catholicism to its foundation, about the time our own country was discovered? Already the great Church had gone so far from the simple truth taught by Christ and brought to Rome by Paul, that Luther, one of its monks, rose up with the cry, "Back to Christ." Many in Europe followed him, Germany, Switzerland and England becoming Protestant. But in Italy, the centre of the Pope's power, the Protestants—those who protested a thousand miles up and down the length of the boot-shaped country.

—were crushed out, except a little band of Waldensian Christians, who, though like the heres of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, "were stoned, sawn asunder, were tempted," and were slain with the sword, yet could not be crushed out.

Catholic Italy. Thus having succeeded in shutting out the Reformation, Italy itself became more and more Catholic, while its Government went from bad to worse. Its small territory was divided into a number of little kingdoms, which warred among themselves, while, called from their work to be soldiers, or their gains taken to feed and clothe the armies of their little kings, the people constantly grew poorer and more ignorant.

The Red Blouse Soldiers. Then rose the brave soldier, Garibaldi with the cry of "United Italy." Those who hoped for better things for their land flocked to his standard, but many times his soldiers, dressed in red blouses—a style of dress that became known as Garibaldi's—were driven back. The Pope, who had ere this lost all his territory except a small section around Rome, held out to the last. Here the priests reigned supreme and no Protestant was allowed to teach on penalty of imprisonment or worse. Garibaldi proclaimed that should he once enter there should be a "Free Church in a Free State." No wonder, then, that every one who desired that the Bible, which was forbidden in Rome, should go everywhere, looked on, hoping and waiting for Garibaldi's soldiers. At last the day came. On the 23rd of September, 1870, Rome was taken and, as the victorious army passed in, with it went a hand-cart full of Bibles.

High Hopes. So tired were the

people of priest rule that for a time they crowded the missions opened by the Southern Baptist Convention, eager to hear this new thing. But most of them were "wayside hearers," and the "good seed of the Word" was snatched away by the thought of a new king and new Government and a new life—all of which they thought they might attain without a new religion. Soon the first crowds fell away; persecutions from the priests, as far as they dared under the new laws, began, and it was seen that there was a long, hard fight before Italy could be taken for Christ.

The Power of Rome. But the fight was worth making. Just as in the old days, there go out from the palace of the Pope the Church laws that govern the Catholics of France, Austria, Mexico, all South America and Catholics in whatever country they might live.

In the old Rome of the time of Paul there stood in the Roman forum a golden mile stone, from which all the roads which traversed the vast empire started, and from which all distances were measured. So, to the Catholics to-day the Pope's palace is the golden mile stone to which all look. If our purer, truer religion can be planted at the centre, will not the fight, though long, be worth while?

In the Heart of Rome. Thus our fathers thought when in 1872 our Convention decided to buy a house for a church and missionary home in the very heart of Rome. Plain and small it was, amid the magnificent cathedrals around it, but for thirty-five years it has been the golden mile stone from which Southern Baptists measure their progress in Italy.

Here for nearly as long Dr. George B. Taylor has worked, travelling many

Now, along its whole length, little churches may be found under the care of Italian pastors. Nor is this all. Sicily, the nearby island, has heard the news, and lately Africa has been reached through a colony of Italians living in the North. And even this is not all. More than one little Italian Baptist church has been founded in America by those who have first heard the teachings of our missionaries in Italy.

Missionaries, Old and New. To join the veteran, Dr. Taylor, other missionaries have gone. Dr. John Eager worked with him for sixteen years. Lately he has been joined by Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill and Dr. Whitting-

hill. Not very long after Dr. Whittinghill joined the mission, on a beautiful, balmy day, when the Lake of Geneva sparkled in the sunshine and reflected in its depths the mountains and the famous old city on its banks, a beautiful wedding took place in the old Protestant Cathedral, where John Calvin preached. The bride was the youngest daughter of Dr. Taylor, the groom, the new missionary, Dr. Whittinghill.

Good Courage. And now the message from Italy is "Be of Good Courage." God knows no defeat, and he will give His truth victory even in the hardest field.



RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 1907, TO MARCH 15, 1907.

ALABAMA.—L. A. S., Harmony Bapt. Ch., Miss M. L. (Xmas offering, China), \$5; Miss Maud Long, Choccolocco (Xmas Off., China), \$2; Elmore Bapt. S. S., R. B. J., \$2; Union Bapt. Assn. of Ala., W. G. R., \$65.09; Isney Bapt. S. S., H. M. M., \$8; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$12.36; Clayton St. S. S., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$135; Jasper Bapt. Ch., G. D. O'R., \$5.75; Brazildo Ferguson, Glenn, \$15; North Port Bapt. Ch., L. T. P., \$11.83; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'y (Miss Kelly, \$90.20; Miss Hartwell, \$75; Italian compound, \$64.75; Bouldin Fund, \$4.97; native worker, \$25; Mrs. McCollum, \$25.42; Xmas Off., \$373.65), \$2,130.74; Mrs. M. L. East, Russellville, \$20; Mrs. Charles R. Russell, Union Springs, \$50; Bethel Bapt. Ch., G. W. M. (Bouldin Fund), \$13.60; Dothan Bapt. Ch., W. M. A., \$600. Total, \$2,942.72.

Previously reported, \$11,817.80. Total this year, \$14,760.52.

ARKANSAS.—First Bapt. Ch., Camden, R. F. T., \$53; First Bapt. S. S., Camden, R. F. T., \$10; W. M. U., First Jonesboro, Mrs. W. D. P. (Bible woman, China), \$30; R. G. Bowers, Miss'y Soc'y (Buckner Assn., J. S. Compere, \$59.22; S. S. First Ch., Little Rock, native helper, China, \$15), \$507.80; Milton Winham, Frostville, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Espy, Cabot (native preacher in China), \$100. Total, \$725.80.

Previously reported, \$2,130.60. Total this year, \$2,856.40.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Chinese S. S., Calvary Ch., Washington, C. W. K. (Dr. Graves, three students in school), \$25; Immanuel Miss. Circle, First Ch., Washington, J. W. W. (N. Maynard, \$20; Xmas Off., China, \$12), \$32; Brookland Bapt. Ch., by

C. H. E., \$11.25; First Bapt. Ch., Washington, J. W. W. (N. Maynard), \$3.48; "A Friend," Washington, \$10; Temple Bapt. Ch., Washington, F. A. R., \$14; Mrs. Julia V. L. Battles and daughter, Wash., \$3; W. M. S., Bethany Bapt. Ch., Wash., Mrs. W. C. L., \$10. Total, \$113.73.

Previously reported, \$810.47. Total this year, \$924.20.

FLORIDA.—Rev. R. H. Whitehead, Palmetto (legacy of Mrs. G. E. Arnold), \$5; Calvary Bapt. Ch., Palmetto, G. E. A., \$3.60; L. D. Gelger, Cor. Sec'y (Fowler and wife, \$45.20; Pub. Soc'y, Japan, \$7.50; Bible woman, China, \$50; Xmas Off., \$89.97), \$366.40. Total, \$375.

Previously reported, \$4,172.49. Total this year, \$4,547.49.

GEORGIA.—Y. L. M. Soc'y, Americus, M. McL. (Xmas Off., China), \$3.70; W. M. S., Dublin Ch., Mrs. J. T. S. (Nat. helper), \$19.50; Y. L. W. C., Milledgeville, Miss L. B. (Nat. helper), \$12.50; B. E. Barksdale, Longstreet, 60 cents; Bethany Bapt. Ch., G. M. Faust, \$10; Mrs. B. E. Barksdale, Longstreet, \$1; Jackson Bapt. Ch., F. D. E. (missionary), \$90.21; Jackson Bapt. S. S. (missionary), \$134.79; Rock Branch Ch., T. J. R., \$4.75; First Bapt. S. S., Savannah, W. R. McC., \$43.54; W. M. S., First Ch., Americus, Mrs. L. A. (Nat. helper), \$10; Mrs. C. E. Miller, Waynesboro, \$10; Mrs. Mary Davis Jackson, Greensboro, \$25; C. B. Willingham, Macon, Ga., \$400; J. Carter, Gainesville, H. R. B. (house for Girls' School, Hwang-Hien, with Mrs. Stephens), \$500; First Bapt. Ch., Columbus, W. L. Lett (W. H. S.), \$100; W. M. S., Dawson Ch., Miss M. D. (China), \$5; Y. P. Miss. Soc'y, Zelgler, by A. T., \$10; Seco Bapt. Ch. S. S., LaGrange, N. R. S. (chapel door in

China), \$3; W. M. S., First Ch., Americus, Mrs. L. A., \$25; S. S., First Ch., Americus, A. F. G. (Nat. helper), \$50; Mountain Creek Ch., by D. A. H., 93 cents; W. M. S., Mrs. J. T. S. (two native helpers), \$20.85; "A Couple in Georgia," \$16; Baracca Class, Athens, Ga., E. H. D. (native missionary, China), \$35; Philathea Class, Athens, E. H. D. (Bible woman, Mrs. Green), \$48; J. J. Bennett, Cor. Sec'y, \$1,000; Mrs. J. Walter Bennett, Waycross (Nat. Miss'y), \$100; L. M. S., Donaldsonville Ch., Mrs. J. F. B., \$7.55. Total, \$2,686.92.

Previously reported, \$31,294.72. Total this year, \$33,981.64.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Madill Bapt. Ch., by J. J. G., \$18.90; Wapamucka Bapt. Ch., W. P. H., \$5; Rev. John H. Byers, Poteau, I. T., W. D., \$13.10; Little Beaver Ch., Rev. R. F. H., \$5; First Ch., Vinita, Rev. H. F. M., \$26.02; Big Cabin Bapt. Ch., G. W. B., \$7; J. C. Stalcup, Cor. Sec'y, \$47.05. Total, \$122.07.

Previously reported, \$360.37. Total this year, \$492.44.

KENTUCKY.—N. K. Marshall, North Fork, \$5; W. H. Newman, Louisville, \$100; Utica Bapt. Ch., S. S., Miss O. O., Sec'y, \$5; T. P. Hawkins, Trcas., Russell, \$20; Mrs. Thos. Mercer, Fulton, \$5; W. M. U., Thirty-sixth and Grand Ave., Louisville, Miss D. T. (Xmas Off., \$1.25); Eden Bapt. Ch., Pulaski Co. Assn., G. L. E., \$30; Bronston Ch., Pulaski Co. Assn., G. L. E., \$2.65; Big Bone Bapt. Ch., L. M. and A. Soc'y, Miss L. B. A., \$6.45; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec'y (First Paducah, W. H. Tipton, \$41.67; Mission Jewels, Latonia, Bible woman, \$4.25; Cor. Sec'y Ohio Valley Assn., Nat. preacher, \$100; New Union Ch., Bethel Assn., J. F. G., \$10.70), \$710.22; Perryville Bapt. Ch., W. L. D., \$15.50. Total, 901.07.

Previously reported, \$17,075.41. Total this year, \$17,976.48.

LOUISIANA.—Franklinton Bapt. Ch., J. K. J., \$74.71; New Hope Bapt. S. S., J. H. L., 60 cents; W. M. U., Pelican Ch., J. B. H. (Xmas Off.), \$1.75; Fort Jessup Bapt. Ch., A. J. H., \$3.60; Valence St. Ch., New Orleans, R. R. S., \$71; Valence St. Ch., L. A. and M. Soc'y, New Orleans, R. R. S. (Miss Pettigrew), \$12.45; Valence St. S. S., R. R. S. (China), \$7.47; Monroe Bapt. Missy. Soc'y, Mrs. E. G. D. (Italian compound), \$2.50. Total, 174.08.

Previously reported, \$4,083.55. Total this year, \$4,257.63.

MARYLAND.—W. B. F. M. Soc'y, by Mrs. E. L. (Mrs. Sowell's salary, \$3.20; Ed. of girl, \$15; Ital. Comp., \$15; Xmas Off. for China, \$242.37), \$346.41; Brunswick Bapt. Ch., B. W. P., pastor, \$15.60; Brunswick Bapt. S. S., B. W. P., pastor, \$3.81; Brantly Bapt. Ch., Balto., C. W. W., \$40; Grace Bapt. Ch., Balto., W. E. M., \$15; Eutaw Place Ch., Balto., H. W. P., \$73.11; Fourth Bapt. Ch., Balto., F. R. H., \$11.25. Total, \$505.18.

Previously reported, \$3,513.18. Total this year, \$4,018.36.

MISSISSIPPI.—Providence S. S., Pearl Leaf Assn., T. J. H., \$11.45; W. M. S., Peach Creek Ch., Mrs. O. L. K., \$5; Miss Adella Martin, Ruby, Miss., \$10; Pototoc Bapt. Ch., R. A. C., \$51.25; Houlika Bapt. Ch., R. A. C., \$11.80; First Bapt. Ch., Gulfport, A. W. A., \$121; L. M. S., Raymond Bapt.

Ch., Mrs. L. P. (Xmas Off., China), \$13; Pleasant Hill Ch., J. A. K., \$5.70; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, C. G. E., \$9.35; Ashland Ch., Cascilla, J. D. R., \$46; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec'y (Italian compound, \$8.25; Xmas Off., \$255.89), \$1,500; Tula Bapt. Ch., W. B. C., \$20.41. Total, \$1,804.96.

Previously reported, \$5,652.02. Total this year, \$7,456.98.

MISSOURI.—Est. C. B. Shaefer, by Mrs. C. B. S. (to be invested), \$200; S. S. H. Blake, Second Ch., Liberty, M. M. S. (Bible woman), \$20; Women of Mo., A. W. P. (Xmas Off., \$412.94), \$690.18; Women of Mo., A. W. P. (Y. L., Delmare, Miss Sallee, \$4.35; W. M. S., Calvary, Kansas City, Bible woman, \$30; W. M. S., Primary, Kansas City, child in Canton, \$15; Xmas Off., \$8.55), \$128.62; A. W. Payne, Treas. (B. Y. P. U., Swedish Ch., Kansas City, native evangelist with Sears, \$15; Slater S. S., Wah Ling Ching, \$15; Sears Memorial Chapel, \$6), \$364.75. Total, \$1,403.55.

Previously reported, \$8,043.59. Total this year, \$9,447.14.

NORTH CAROLINA.—No. Wilkesboro Ch., W. F. Slater, \$25.86; Joy Bapt. S. S., by W. S. S., \$4.40; Mrs. C. J. Burton, Henderson, W. R. C. (Bible woman), \$30. Total, \$60.26.

Previously reported, \$15,762.94. Total this year, \$15,823.20.

OKLAHOMA.—First Ch., Davidson, by J. W. and C. A. Evans (Nat. Miss. to China, balance of \$100 for F. M.), \$40.

Previously reported, \$543.65. Total this year, \$583.65.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Conway Bapt. Ch., Waccamaw Assn., L. H. B., \$72.99; Georgetown Bapt. Ch., G. G. O'N., \$20.70; Hopewell Bapt. Ch., Saluda Assn., C. C. King, \$35; W. M. S., Hopewell Bapt. Ch., C. C. King (Mrs. Hart), \$5; Philippi Ch., Ridge Assn., J. L. W., \$8; Pickens Bapt. Ch., by E. H. C., \$18; Harmony Bapt. Ch., by R. H. F., \$10.10; Liberty Ch., Piedmont Assn., W. T. O'D., \$4.36; St. Stephens Ch., Charleston Assn., L. T. C., \$2.95; B. Y. P. U. Second Laurens Ch., J. M. M. (China), \$1.25; Lockhart Ch. S. S., Union Co. Assn., W. B. C., \$3.15; Buffalo Ch., Kershaw Assn., J. C. C., 92 cents; Bethune Ch., Kershaw Assn., J. C. C., \$1.50; Beulah Ch., Abbeville Assn., by J. M. O., \$4; Lake City Bapt. Ch., B. W. J., \$3.57; Cross Roads Ch., Reedy River Assn., J. L. W., \$4.40; Little Ch., Fairfield Assn., by N. D. R., \$3.27; Batesburg Ch., Ridge Assn., by J. C. G., \$40; Little River Ch., Saluda Assn., A. F. C., \$5.90; Lynchburg Ch., Santee Assn., J. H. M., \$5; First Ch., Newberry, by G. A. W., \$48.52; Griffin Bapt. Ch., Pickens Assn., S. H. B., \$3.57; Buffalo Bapt. Ch., C. J. B., \$2.55; Bethany Ch., Saluda Assn., by W. L. S., \$1.48; Manning Bapt. Ch., by T. O. R., \$4.28; Miss Clara J. Wilkinson, Bennettsville, \$1; Clear Water Ch., Aiken Assn., by M. W. H., \$2.42; Pleasant Ridge Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., J. S., \$1.80; Pleasant Hill Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., J. S., \$2.35; West Union Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., J. S., \$3.85; Seneca Bapt. Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., \$4; B. Y. P. U., Greer Ch., by J. E. B., \$3; Laurens Bapt. Assn., by C. H. R., \$89.79; Ebenezer S. S., Orangeburg Assn., J. P. S., \$5; W. M. S., Whitney Ch., J. B. F., \$10.35; Friendship Ch. No. 2, W. D. A., \$5.18;

Bethel S. S., Beaver Dam, W. W. L., \$5; Enon Bapt. Ch., Piedmont Assn., H. D. S., \$2.63; Citadel Sq. Ch., Charleston, by G. B. B., \$150; Steel Creek Ch., Savannah River Assn., J. A. M., \$1.20; Second Ch., Columbia, R. N. P., \$8.85; Pendleton St. Ch., Greenville, W. W., \$50.52; Motlow's Creek Ch., N. Greenville Assn., J. H. F. (W. H. Cannada), \$10; Latta Bapt. S. S., Miss Nellie H., \$5.57; Thomas Memorial Ch., Bennettsville, J. T. D., \$100; Wayside Ch., Welsh Neck Assn., by D. L. H., \$3; Wedgefield Bapt. Ch., Santee Assn., by W. H. R., \$3.60; Wannamaker Ch., Pee Dee Assn., by A. D. J., \$2.84; Bethel Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., by W. N. B., \$3.25; Hodges Bapt. Ch., by W. C. M., \$3.40; New Westminster Ch., Beaver Dam Assn., L. A. T., \$24.49; Chiquola Bapt. Ch., J. R. J., \$3.72; Horne Creek Ch., Aiken Assn., W. A. McC., \$2; Richland Spgs. Ch., Ridge Assn., H. Q. R., \$8.90; Maysville Ch., Santee Assn., by W. S. W., \$3.63; Springtown S. S., Barnwell Assn., by Miss C. F., \$15; Denmark Ch., by J. E. S., \$5; Piedmont Ch., by R. D. S., \$103.47; L. M. S., Blacksburg, Mrs. D. A. G., \$10; Green St. Ch., Spartanburg, J. C. D., \$22.50; Beulah Ch., Union Co. Assn., by S. C., \$1.91; Unity Ch., Greenville Assn., by J. B. T., \$5; Barnwell Bapt. Ch., by G. W. M., \$16.93; Barnwell S. S., by G. W. M., \$10; Springtown Ch., Barnwell Assn., by J. C. M., \$1; White Bluff Ch., Moriah Assn., by S. M. W., \$5.87; Union Bapt. Ch., Moriah Assn., by S. M. W., \$2.87; Beaver Creek Ch., Moriah Assn., by S. M. W., \$3.33; Antioch Ch., Moriah Assn., S. M. W., \$5.36; Rich Hill Ch., Moriah Assn., by S. M. W., \$7.29; George's Creek Ch., Piedmont Assn., W. D. M., \$2.60; Rocky Springs Ch., Edisto Assn., by M. W. H., \$4.30; Sauldom Ch., Dorchester Assn., T. A. E., \$2.50; First Aiken S. S., by P. J. McL., \$3.78; W. M. Waters, Florence (native missionary), \$50; Welsh Neck Ch., by Miss L. S. W., \$11.10; South Union Bapt. Ch., J. L. R., \$12; Mrs. D. Graham and Miss T. King (Mrs. P. S. Evans, \$1; Mrs. Maynard, \$1), \$2; Bethlehem Ch., Spartanburg Assn., W. T. D., \$5; Union Bapt. S. S., No. 1, Edgefield Assn., A. J. C., \$5; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec'y (per letter), \$44.74; Mrs. J. N. Cudd (Xmas Off., \$753.11; Italian compound, \$7.75; W. E. Crocker, \$60.46; Mrs. Roach, \$59.90; Mr. Lawton, \$18; Mr. John Lake, \$10.60; Mrs. J. L. Hart, \$22.50; Mrs. Clarke, \$10.75; Miss Bostick's School, \$10.47; hospital in China, \$1; desk in China, \$5), \$1,191.10; Rehoboth Ch., W. E. C., \$2.63; Mt. Carmel Ch., J. O. C., \$8.50; Santee Ch., Charleston Assn., T. W. W., \$7.25; Mrs. Rebecca L. Martin, Orangeburg, \$5; Waccamasaw Ch., Long Ridge, S. E. L., \$5. Total, \$2,414.73.

Previously reported, \$17,982.36. Total this year, \$20,397.09.

TENNESSEE.—R. G. Tarlton, Greenville, \$4; Mrs. J. O. Colven, L. M. S., Broadway Bapt. Ch., Knoxville (self-denial offering for China), \$40; Knob Creek Ch., W. E. W. (Nat. Missy. Yingtak), \$30.50; Cross Ridge Ch., W. E. W. (Nat. Missy. Yingtak), \$6; Santa Fe Ch., W. E. W. (Nat. Missy. Yingtak), \$25; Miss Myrtle Drane,

Clarksville (in memory of mother), \$25; W. M. U., Mt. Olive Ch., Chh. Assn., J. O. B. (Xmas Off.), \$3.05; Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., Carson and Newman College, J. R. K., \$1.75; Enon Bapt. Ch., E. M. E., \$4.17; W. M. Woodcock (D. G. Whittinghill, \$150; Miss Meadows, \$10; Dr. Oxner's Hospital, Pingtu, \$5; compound Italy, \$1.15; Woodland Ch., native helper, \$50; Xmas Off., \$207.74), \$596.98; Maryville Bapt. Ch., Peter Brakehill (O. C. P.), \$13; W. M. S., Maryville, Miss J. M., \$2; Peter Brakehill, Prof. Elders, Sub., \$1. Total, \$752.45.

Previously reported, \$7,958.78. Total this year, \$8,711.23.

TEXAS.—W. A. Spencer, Harper, \$7; Philathea Class, Columbus St., Waco, C. M. (support Chin Moon Lan), \$2.60; Valley Bapt. Ch., Haskell Co., W. M. S., \$3.10; Munday Bapt. S. S. and Ch., by R. G. M. E., \$13; Miss Lou Green, Marble Falls, J. M. B. (support native preacher), \$100; Macon Bapt. Ch., J. E. G. (China), \$20; B. Y. P. U., Hereford, by Miss L. L. (Pingtu Hospital), \$6.05; W. M. U. and Aid Soc'y, Gonzales, G. E., \$27.25; Snyder Gapt. Ch., C. R. L., \$62.85; Simpsonville Ch., E. F. McE., \$5; Sylvan Bapt. Ch., J. F. H., \$16.20; Union Ch., Madison Co., A. M. H., \$7; White Flat Bapt. Ch., Vera, J. A. R., \$5.75; Hubbard Bapt. S. S., J. H. G., \$13; Harwood Bapt. Ch., P. P. P., \$4. Total, \$292.80.

Previously reported, \$17,995.30. Total this year, \$18,288.10.

VIRGINIA.—Rev. D. S. Hubble, Red House (China Pub. Soc'y), \$5; Parr Bapt. S. S., B. M. H., \$2.24; Mt. Hermon S. S., Middle Dist. Assn., Mrs. O. J. M. (building chapel, \$2.50; benches for chapel, \$1.50), \$4; B. A. Jacobs, Treas. (H. M. Edwards, of New Castle Ch., Valley Assn., \$10 for native worker in Japan; Petsworth Ch., Peninsula Assn., \$2 for Chinese Mission School; Sunbeams of Fremason St. Ch., Portsmouth Assn., \$45 for Miss Lottie Moon's Day School in China; Taylorsville Ch., Dover Assn., \$10.45 for native missionary in South China; Second Petersburg Ch., Petersburg Assn., \$10 for Dr. Oxner's Dispensary; Christmas Off. for China, \$102.21), \$1,500; Fork Union Bapt. S. S., R. J. S. (building churches), \$2. Total, \$1,513.24.

Previously reported, \$25,108.45. Total this year, \$26,621.69.

MEXICO.—Guadalajara Bapt. Ch., J. G. C., \$25; Rev. J. H. Benson, Durango, 50 cents. Total, \$25.50.

Previously reported, \$15. Total this year, \$40.50.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Chinese S. S., Springfield, W. F. P. (Dr. Graves' work in China), \$25. Total, \$25.

Previously reported, \$45. Total this year, \$70.

CHINA.—Rev. E. F. Tatum, wife and daughter, \$5.

Previously reported, \$10. Total this year, \$15.

INDIANA.—Mrs. Laura F. King, Edinburg, \$2.

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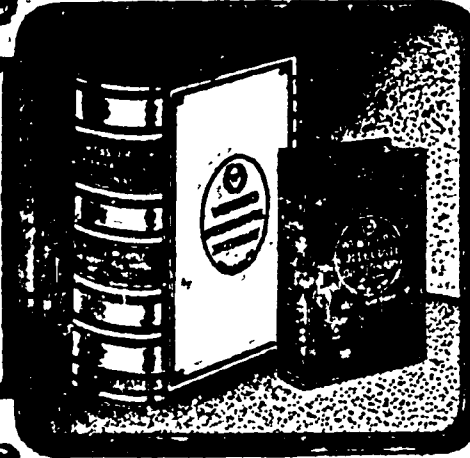
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