

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

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JESUS OUR LEADER; VICTORY.

In the great work which has been committed to us by our Heavenly Father we rejoice that Jesus His Son is our leader. The work started with God, and He is not only the author, but He will be the finisher of it. He calls His people to work with Him, but in all things we must look to Jesus as the one who is to lead us forward. He is our strength and help. Oftentimes the work seems very difficult, but we hear our Lord saying, "All power is mine. Go ye therefore," and we hear Him say, "Lo, I am with you alway." He has promised us His Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us. With these precious assurances from Him, we should never become discouraged. We may be depressed at times by conditions, but even then we ought to look to Jesus, and putting our hand in His, press forward with rejoicing that we can follow Him.

At times the way may be dark, and the work may be heavy, but let us remember that there is victory ahead. The darkest night will dawn into glorious day. The longest tunnel will open up into scenes of beauty—fields rich and mountains glorious. There is victory ahead. Our Saviour is leading. To the disciples Gethsemane and Calvary looked discouraging, crushing, but the resurrection and the ascension were just a little way ahead. When Stephen was dying, it looked as though the cause was suffering, but Saul was near by and the greatest preacher of the world was to come from that martyr scene. When Paul lay in prison, it looked like the mighty messenger of the Lord was chained in seclusion, but it was God's way

to send out his glorious message through letters which would go to all climes in all ages with the blessed message of love for lost men. When Morrison was dying in China, after being there twenty-seven years, and leaving only four converts among the hundreds of millions, it looked then like failure, but the hundreds of thousands are turning to God in that land to-day; the great revolution that has and will come even more in that marvelous country, shows that Jesus leads to victory. All over the earth to-day there are marvelous changes taking place. Jesus is our leader; victory is ahead of us.

What we say in reference to the greater outlook we can apply in our own States and churches and homes. Let not the pastor who is faithfully serving his Lord feel that he is laboring alone and failing. Jesus is leading, and there is victory ahead. Let not the mother in the home who is struggling with the children hard to manage, feel that she is alone and failing. The blessed Saviour stands by her. He looks on and He says, "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Will we trust our Lord? Will we follow where He leads? Will we rejoice in Him? Oh! blessed truth, He is our leader. If we trust Him and serve Him, there are not enough powers of earth and not enough devils in hell to overcome us. Even in death itself we can cry, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Living or dying we are His. Let us press forward with rejoicing.

PRAYER AND PARTNERSHIP IN MISSIONS.

Dr. Pierson is right when he says: "Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer. It has been the preparation for every new triumph and the secret of all success." Eugene Stock makes the startling statement: "He who prays faithfully at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field, for the nearest way to the heart of a Hindu or Chinaman is by way of the throne of God."

These things being true, why is it that there is so little real prayer for missions among Christian people? Why is it that the hosts of God's people do not through prayer lift the clogged wheels of the Kingdom out of the mire and hasten forward its blessed coming? Why the long delay of the gospel in entering the vast open doors, when by prayer we could speedily multiply many fold, both the forces of the workers on the field and their power for reaching heathen hearts?

One answer at least is this: Christian people have never fully realized their partnership with God and their fellowship with Jesus Christ in saving a lost world. We have not even taken the easiest step or entered upon the lowest plane of that partnership; that is a clear understanding that a part of all we have of material blessings belongs to God for the support and spread of the gospel. Why are God's

treasuries everywhere empty and many of them burdened with heavy deficits? We are robbing God in tithes and offerings. If all of God's people would give unto Him regularly at least one-tenth of their income, would bring into His store-house all the tithes, treasuries everywhere would overflow and the problem would then be how to use wisely God's money. Here is a simple doctrine and duty that ought to be faithfully preached in every pulpit and ring through every beautiful church building and every plain meeting house until all of God's children would understand and take this first step in their partnership with Him.

It is useless to try to pray faithfully and effectively while we fail to realize our partnership with God and are still robbing Him. It is folly to talk of entering upon the higher and holier walks of fellowship until we have taken the first step of recognizing our stewardship. It is just at this point that the ongoing of the Kingdom falters and almost halts. The cause is hindered by the lack of means. Mighty victories are within our reach, but we must furnish the "sinews of war." When will our people assume their full share of this glorious partnership and then begin to pray with irresistible power: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as in heaven?"



THE RELATION OF PRAYER TO FOREIGN MISSION.

W. EUGENE SALLEE.

It is far easier to give a dollar, or fifty cents, or five dollars to missions under the impetus of a special appeal than it is to pray regularly, persistently and conscientiously for foreign missions. How many of our best people fail at just this point your own conscience will bear witness.

There is no way in which one can touch the missionary cause at more vital points than through prayer.

The most essential factor in the promotion of missions is the missionary. The first need in almost all of our missions is an increased number of well-trained, spirit-called and spirit-filled missionaries. Concerning the supply of such our Lord has left us a very definite command. Open your New Testament to Matt. 9:36-38 and read afresh the record, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were dis-

tressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." One section of the field occupied by our Interior China Mission has over a million people in it, with one man, his wife and sister, the only missionaries of any denomination working in that district. In order properly to evangelize such a field there ought to be at least twenty or twenty-five missionaries. Many other fields for which Southern Baptists are responsible are equally in need of recruits. Is there anything for which we can pray with more assurance that we are praying according to the will of God than that the Lord thrust forth more missionaries? How we limit God and delay the ultimate evangelization of the world by failing to make the needs of our fields the objects of prevailing prayer! In one year the China Inland Mission asked the Lord for one hundred new workers for China and before the year was up every one of the hundred was on the field, the money for their equipment, passage, and support having all been provided. Oh! that pastors would go through the last reports of our various missions (as given in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention) and mark carefully the calls for more missionaries and that they would definitely give over one or two prayer meetings to an effort to put before the people the special requests for more missionaries and linking with this the specific command of our Lord to pray for more laborers! They would thus teach the people to make their prayers definite. Once let our people begin in earnest to bring before the Lord in definite, specific prayer the particular needs of our various mission fields not only will the needed missionaries be forthcoming, but the money for sending them forth and for giving them adequate equipment will also be provided. There is far too much generalization in our praying for missions.

Again, we need to join with petitions

for more missionaries, the prayer for more native workers. The ultimate evangelization of any field depends on the native workers. The progress of the work in any particular field is with rare exceptions in proportion to the number and efficiency of the native workers. Through intercessory prayer we ought to seek to help in the great work of providing a faithful, efficient native ministry in all our fields.

Not only do we need more laborers, but those already in the work need such enlargement of their power as is possible only through the intercessory prayers of the home churches. Has it ever occurred to you that it is possible for an individual Christian or a group of Christians here in the homeland to more than double the work of a missionary through prayer? The force now at work in the various foreign fields might easily be more than doubled in effectiveness and power by the increase of the spirit of intercessory prayer on the part of individuals and churches here at home.

The greatest missionary triumphs have been witnessed in those portions of the mission field on which Christians have been led to center their prayers. Have you ever thought how many of our missionaries have failed and how many heathen have been lost because you have failed to pray? Is not the deepest need of the missionary cause to-day a revival of the forgotten secret of prevailing prayer? When in these latter days have you ever heard of a church appointing a special day or a special meeting to pray for foreign missions? Will you not undertake by example and by every wise means to help bring in such a prayer revival? Will you not agree that the quickest, surest and wisest way to secure the increase of the missionary force, both foreign and native, and to secure adequate equipment for every mission field is to go on our knees before God and plead for it? Is there any Christian who does not believe that such prayer, earnest, persistent, believing would usher in a new and more glorious day in our missionary work? Why then should we not unite

our prayers around God's promises and claim the blessings we long for?

Missions had its rise in prayer. Every advance has been the fruit of prayer. The

future of the mission movement depends upon the depth, intensity, and faithfulness of our people in prayer.



EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE GREATEST CAMPAIGN.

The time has come when Southern Baptists must take up with vigor and intense earnestness the greatest campaign ever inaugurated for foreign missions. In our efforts, we must strive for the most wide-spread spirit of prayer and dependence upon God, the largest giving and the most enthusiastic and intensified work that we have ever known. We must by all means reach the limit of \$600,000 set by the Convention and if possible, go beyond it.

We here in the Mission Rooms have never entered a campaign with more hopefulness. We believe in God and His people. We are making large plans and we feel that under God, they will not fall. Our people are able to do great things and when they realize the necessity for a big undertaking in this work of the Master, they will not falter. Unless all signs fall, we will see a most glorious movement among our people during the next few months.

HOW TO CIRCULATE THE JOURNAL.

Our campaign for a large increase in the circulation of the Journal goes forward gloriously. The New Year is a good time to give it a fresh impetus. We will be glad to send to any pastor or church representative of the Journal a number of subscription envelopes to be used in canvassing the congregation. These envelopes can be distributed at the church service, with a few words of commendation from the pulpit and many new names secured. Let us know how many of them you can use.

ON THE RIGHT LINE.

We are glad to note that the insistence of the Journal on systematic, proportionate giving is meeting with the hearty approval

of the brotherhood. Brother H. Z. Duke, a prominent layman of Dallas, Texas, says: "You are on a hot trail of late, for when we get our people to giving proportionately and systematically and not less than a tithe we will do things in a great way. The Baptist above all others ought to take the lead in this because it is a scriptural doctrine and when we get to be as faithful to this doctrine as we are to repentance, faith and baptism, etc., we will soon take this world for God."

"We are up to date in everything along church work and church life except scriptural giving. We are plowing with a stick or 'scooter' plow in this one important matter. The farmer plows a row at a time now. When I was a Georgia plow boy I went five or six times to the row. One couldn't make a living now that way with present day expenses; and yet we are giving to God's cause just as our grandfathers did so far as scriptural and regular giving are concerned. I know of nothing that is worth more to a man's spiritual life than to treat God right with the means that God puts into his hands to use."

We have put Brother Duke's "Fifteen Years of Tithing" into tract form for free distribution.

THANK-OFFERINGS AGAIN.

We are receiving constantly special thank-offerings from those who feel that God has blessed them. Others have promised to send such offerings later. Is not the close of the year a good time to count our blessings and see if we ought not to make a thank-offering for the goodness of our Heavenly Father? If so, to what better cause can we make it, than to the spread of His gospel into all the world?

A COMING CRISIS IN EUROPE.

The Missionary Review of the World says:

"According to the Baptist World, there are strong indications of an imminent crisis in Europe centering about the old city of Prague, in Bohemia. This crisis is believed to be a revival of the reformation in that land of much tragic religious history. In the year 1915 the five-hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of John Huss will be observed and the whole of Bohemia is said to be getting ready for that time. Stories are told of the self-denial of the Baptist brethren in Prague that put to shame the sleek selfishness of their richer church members of other lands. All over that land and the neighboring Moravia, as the people get hold of the Bible, they are turning from

the Roman Church. One of the Bohemian pastors writes: "The Pope never trusted his sheep in Bohemia; and because he feared and hesitated he may at last lose them all. He granted them at the start their wishes—viz., preaching the gospel in the national language, the marriage of priests, and the New Testament Lord's Supper. They always protested against Romish abuses, and men like Huss and Jerome laid down their lives for being too radically 'Protestant.' To this harried land there seems to be dawning a better day."

Members of the Board feel a strong sympathy with the cause in this rich field and will consider most favorably the possible extension of the work of our European Mission into this section as soon as the contributions of our people make it feasible.



Receipts for Foreign Missions From May 1st 1911, to December 15th, 1911.

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| Virginia | \$ 18,781 10 | Mississippi | 5,499 41 |
| Georgia | 18,687 28 | Florida | 2,583 24 |
| South Carolina..... | 16,503 61 | Louisiana | 1,672 93 |
| North Carolina..... | 14,767 31 | District of Columbia..... | 937 93 |
| Texas | 12,501 29 | Oklahoma | 838 13 |
| Kentucky | 9,902 83 | Arkansas | 606 63 |
| Alabama | 9,834 81 | Other Sources | 1,755 79 |
| Missouri | 8,702 59 | | |
| Tennessee | 7,824 51 | Total..... | \$138,383 06 |
| Maryland | 6,983 67 | | |



RIO BAPTISTS AT CLOSE RANGE.

BY J. J. TAYLOR.

I have been making a close study of our cause in this great city ever since I came in July to enter upon my duties in the Seminary. Many things gladden me and many things sadden me. Let's have a look at these first, and the first of these is the overwhelming inadequacy of equipment, and that, too, in every feature of the work—except a bulldog tenacity to hold on and bite as hard as possible.

I begin by saying that a million people throng this modernized city in search of business or pleasure, and for three-fourths

of them we have one Baptist church. For the others we have three small churches. Let's visit these churches and look at their houses. The First church was bought some fifteen years ago with money that was contributed principally by brethren in Baltimore, and was large enough then for the congregation. Now it cannot be made to seat the membership of over 400, although partition walls have been removed. None can be invited for want of room.

Now we go to Engenho de Dentro, a

large suburb with fine prospects. The house belongs to the church, but soon it must be taken down lest it fall down.



INTERIOR FIRST CHURCH, RIO, BRAZIL.

They must build, and have not the money.

If we pass over the bay to the State capital, though not a part of Rio, it has close connections, we find a similar state of affairs, only worse, a rented hall and no good. One other little church exists on the largest island in the bay. "What are these among so many?" So much for the church house feature, what of the workers? So far as preaching and pastoral ability are concerned in relation to the men who "pastor" these churches, there is no ground for lamentation. But Bro. F. F. Soren, of First, has about eight other preaching places towards reaching the multitudes. Dr. Entzminger has on him the work of publications, a responsibility that four

men ought to share, and he is pastor across the bay—Nichteroy. Brother Maddox is

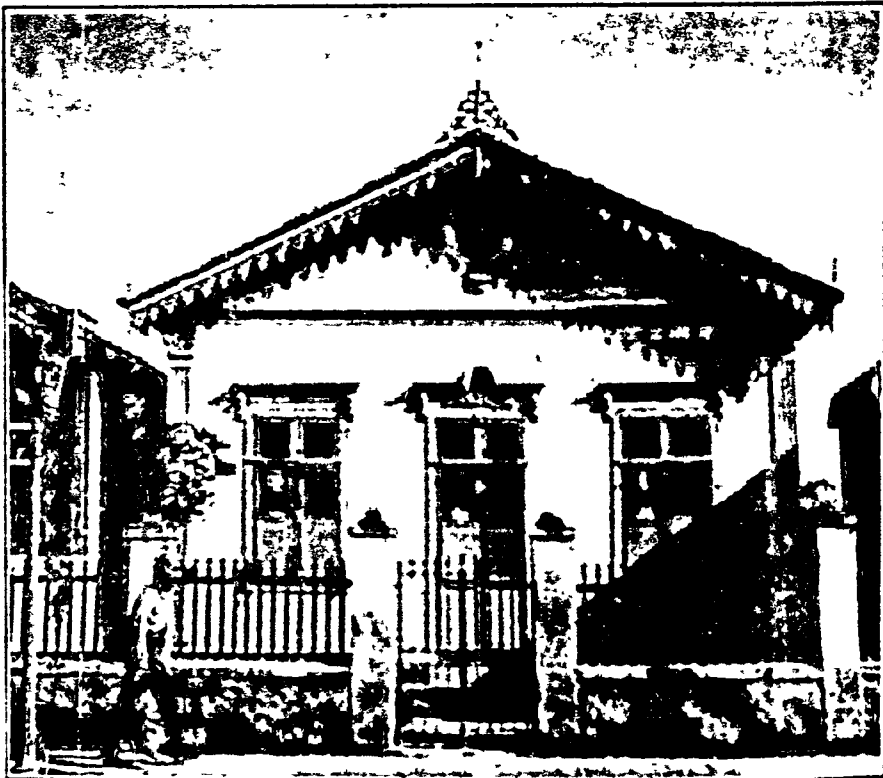
pastor in Engenho de Dentro and some half dozen churches scattered up and down the country. These two men are about as nearly ready to drop as can well be imagined.

Look at the publication enterprise—a mighty agent for propaganda and absolutely indispensable to our work. You must needs see the little hole in which Dr. Entzminger is doing a most heroic work. How he does need better equipment!

Look at the school and seminary. Thousands of dollars in rents and poor equipments to compete with similar rich institutions, and unable to build or even to buy one-fourth of the land we need for a

building.

I now show some things of the other side, which only show more vividly how Baptist hands are almost tied and unable



BAPTIST CHURCH, ENGENHO DE DENTRO, BRAZIL.
(Walls Unsafe and Will Have to Be Torn Down)

to reap the abundant harvest ready for the sickle. Begin with the First Church. The

boundless popularity of their pastor, whose soul is absorbed in the work, crowds his poor little building to suffocation. He has established a large number of stations in various districts and gets the members in those districts to maintain services there on Sunday nights, thus relieving the pressure at the church. These places are all on the way to become churches in the not distant future. Still his house overflows. The church needs and deserves a building with 1,500 capacity and Sunday-school rooms. The Thursday night Bible class numbers about 150. The women's societies are unsurpassed even in the home land for zeal and consecration. Since I came here I have seen about fifty baptisms, and to-day there are some fifty people seeking salvation.

About the other churches, I may say that they are characterized by the same zeal and consecration as these of the First, but in a smaller circle, and the Lord is bless-

ing them greatly. As to the publishing business, it is simply great and only needs adequate material equipment to be a truly



OUR RENTED HALL, NICTHEROY, BRAZIL.

national enterprise. And the school? Two hundred and thirty-six have entered our classes this year and we expect 400 next! Oh, how we need men and money to meet all these God-given demands!

NOTES OF INTEREST.

As we go to press the Sisters are at work on the Christmas offering. We hope that this will be unusually large this year. Their gifts are greatly needed. Let us suggest to the Sisters that they gather up the fragments carefully. Even as these lines will be read there will still be opportunity to increase the offering, and we hope that many of our Sisters will see that nothing is lost.

The Board is well supplied with a good number of tracts on missions, which we will gladly send to any one who wishes them to use in the work. We also furnish collection envelopes for foreign missions, free. May we hear from many who desire to use them.

Rev. John W. Lowe and family arrived at San Francisco, November 9th. They are now abiding at Fort Collins, Col. Brother Lowe has been worked down by over-exertion, and we hope that a good, thorough rest will result in his restoration to health and strength.

Our Foreign Board will as usual observe the first week in January—1st to the 6th—as a Special Week of Prayer for the work. Every day at 12 o'clock our people will be meeting in the Mission Rooms in Richmond. We hope that at this hour all through the Convention prayer will be going up to God. It is very important that we wait before the Lord in prayer at this time. He is

ready to bless us if we will faithfully look to Him.



Our people have been deeply interested in the war conditions in China and Mexico. So far none of our missionaries have been injured, but some of them have had to leave their homes for safety. Marvelous changes are going on in China. Brother Lowe writes: "A new day is dawning for China. I consider this the greatest revolution of any age." May the Lord overrule all for His glory.



A neat wedding invitation has come inviting us to be present at the marriage of Miss Louella Houston to Dr. Robert Earl Beddoe in the "Ella Yates Home," Shanghai, China, December 6, 1911, at 8 o'clock. Our heartiest congratulations to these dear young people. The Lord saw that it was not well for man to be alone. A good wife is from the Lord. God's blessings on the young couple. Their future home will be at Yingtak, China.



Beginning with January, 1912, a new quarterly, "The International Review of Missions," will be published under the auspices of Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference. It will compete with no other religious journal. It will represent the constructive missionary statesmanship of all lands. It will be invaluable to missionary workers. The subscription price is \$2. Address, The Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.



We are glad to see that the brethren are taking steps in the various associations for an advance movement. At the last meeting of the Accomac Association, Virginia, a motion was offered that five prominent, intelligent laymen be appointed to go out among the churches and talk missions to the people. This motion was carried. The brother who made the motion has not ceased his efforts, but is now trying to get a program made out and speakers appointed to bring about results. It

is not strange that in writing to us he says, "You can count on me." He has also organized the women and young ladies in his church, and has "set a high mark for them."



SPECIAL NOTICE.

Many churches are responding nobly to the "Share Plan," and this fact gives us both gratification and hope. The plan is simple and practical. We are extremely anxious to hear from all the other churches early in the New Year. Has your church sent an answer? If not, please take up at once the question of the number of shares you will try to raise and write to us, always giving name of church and association.



The annual meeting of the Medical Missionary Conference will be held at Battle Creek, Mich., January 2-5. Dr. L. C. Barnes, Field Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, is to preside over the Conference. The Battle Creek Sanitarium offers free entertainment for the week to all missionaries who attend the meeting.



Dr. W. D. Powell, of Kentucky, who sent forward two hundred and seven Journal subscribers during October, says that one sister who takes the Journal reported that those who subscribed for it, give twice as much as those who do not.



"Everyland," a quarterly magazine, edited and published by Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody and Mrs. H. B. Montgomery, presents the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, the Peace Movement and Modern Philanthropy. It is for boys and girls from 8 to 16. Its aim is education in a modern, attractive form, and it has received highest commendation from children, parents, ministers, Sunday-school

teachers, superintendents, and Board secretaries.

We commend it most heartily to parents and junior teachers and leaders. Address, "Everyland," West Medford, Mass.



Miss S. A. Gardner, of Providence, R. I., writes:

In reply to your question regarding the Rhode Island Mite Society, I quote from a Chronological Register, compiled by Rev.

Henry Jackson, D. D., a son-in-law of Dr. Gano:

"In 1806 the Female Mite Society, of the Baptist Churches Providence, was constituted November 11th, being the first and oldest missionary organization in Rhode Island."

The present name was adopted in 1885! The society is officered and supported exclusively by women representing the Baptist churches of the State.

The "Mite" plan requires that each member "shall pay not less than one cent per week."



MISSION STUDY NOTES.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

THE RESOLUTION.

I resolve to carry out the resolutions I have hitherto made to organize a class in mission study. I am going to begin this thing right now in January.

THE REASON.

One reason why I am going to organize this class now is that January is a splendid month in which to begin so that the class can complete its work before the spring fever overtakes us.

Another reason for doing it now is that if I do not begin at once, the old thief procrastination will seize me and prevent me from doing my plain duty.

WHAT A PASTOR WHO DOES IT, THINKS ABOUT IT.

"Dr. Ray, I am convinced that a Mission Study Class will go if the pastor will go with it in the lead. Oh! that more of our pastors would lead out in this glorious work.

"I thank God that he has given to us, through you, the book that we are study-

ing. I believe every class beginning mission study work ought to take it."

MISSION STUDY AT THE CONVENTIONS.

The Educational Secretary conducted Normal Mission Study Classes at several of the State Conventions during the fall season. Usually, three sessions of the class were held. They would meet one hour before the convening of the Convention every morning. Rev. Richard Hall, of Evergreen, Ala., was kind enough to lead the class for us at the meeting of the Alabama Baptist Women at Gadsden, and did a most excellent piece of work. In all of these classes, the subject of mission study was very successfully emphasized and a glimpse was given at some of the methods which should be pursued in mission study. We are greatly pleased over this feature of the fall campaign. Enthusiasm for mission study was kindled in many a person who will turn to the home church to lead in this Mission Study Class work.

MISSION STUDY BY A COUNTRY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS.

"Sometime in the early part of this year, I wrote asking your advice as to the expediency of using part of the lesson hour for mission study in my Sunday-school

class on the Sundays when we had no preaching. I wish more teachers would teach missions in their classes, and would try my plan, which, while far from perfect, is much better than no study at all. I have also for a long time been making a missionary application of each lesson. Sometimes I appoint a member of the class previously for this phase of the lesson. I wish that my plan of study might help some one else and if you can use it, would be glad to have you do so."

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER WITH THE WILL FINDS A WAY.

"The article in the December Teacher entitled, 'The Teacher's Attitude Toward Missions' has greatly interested and aroused me. Though I do love the cause of missions and am studying it myself, I realize I am far from doing all I should or even what I can, in teaching others.

"I have a class in Sunday-school made up of boys and girls ten years old. Though they are young, there are some very bright ones among them and I think that if we took short lessons that out of the thirteen in my class, there are at least six who could study one of your text-books on missions and learn a great deal of it. Of course, I mean one of the text-books prepared for children.

"Though I am only a young girl myself, I believe I can interest some of my pupils in this study and teach them by the help of the Master."

ITEM IN FIRST CHURCH BULLETIN, NASHVILLE, TENN.

"A second Mission Study Class has been organized to meet in the Philathea Class Room of the church each Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The class was organized with ten members. It is hoped others will join at once. Mrs. Henry Sperry will teach the class. This class will take for its first study, 'The Challenge of the City.' Real class work will be done. The organization of these Mission Study Classes is an important step forward in the work of our church. We cannot do our whole duty to missions until we know the facts on the fields. We greatly desire that the knowledge and spirit of missions among our people shall be deepened."

ONE HUNDRED FOLD.

"We studied 'Southern Baptist Foreign Missions' and our class of twenty-five women did serious, earnest work. They cannot express the benefit received and their enthusiasm and zeal in the work is increased a hundred-fold. We have added to the number of our class for next year and think the new book will be just what we want. The Lord is blessing us very greatly in it. We more than met our apportionment last year and have increased it considerably this year and I feel sure we will have no difficulty in raising it."



THE REVOLUTION IN CHINA,

All our readers are interested in the China situation and especially in the safety of our missionaries and the effect of the war on their work. The following recent letters coming from different parts of the country give a clear insight into conditions as they existed about the first of November. So far as we have heard, things remain about the same now.

INTERIOR CHINA.

Missionary D. W. Herring writes from Chengchow:

We are in the midst of trying times,

at least for the people, and they are more or less exciting to us. The long expected has happened and the revolution is upon us. It seemed not a matter of great concern while it was away yonder in Szechuan Province, but it was quite a different matter when all of a sudden we found ourselves cut off from the outside world. Hankow and vicinity having fallen into the hands of the rebels, and mails and even telegraph communications stopped. The railroad and all trains were in the hands of the war department, and we

seemed in a trap if anything should happen. The wives and children of the railroad employees (Belgian and French) living here all cleared out, having got a pass through their ministers at Peking. In response to a wire from us, our minister assured us that if we saw danger approaching he would secure us an exit by the railroad; so we felt that relieved the situation.

A few days later Rev. W. W. Lawton writes:

We are packed and ready to leave if we must. Just now many troops are being sent South—there is a lull in their going these past two or three days. The revolutionists are strong all over China, and it is very probable that they will get the power in their hands. It will take time to get it, and then it will take more time to get readjusted.

For a month and a half we have been having meetings in our country stations. This is the week for our fall meeting. We had hoped and prayed that it would have been one of the best we have had. We are having the meeting, but it is not as much like a meeting as we might hope, and as we would have had under favorable circumstances.

THE SITUATION IN NORTH CHINA.

Rev. C. W. Pruitt writes from Chefoo: The Chinese rebellion by which, if the papers are to be believed, about one-half of China proper has established a new rule in a very few days' time has broken upon us as suddenly as these Northern gales in the gulf of Pechile. But like those gales there was a preceding preparation which has been very interesting. In the first place the present rulers have been more than usually careful to keep the power in Manchu hands. At present there is no Chinese near the throne in the sense we used to see in the days of Li Hung Chang, for instance. Secondly, the Manchus almost uniformly retard progress. The Chinese think with the government in their hands they could go forward much more rapidly. They are very anxious to have constitutional government, which the Manchus have granted as

slowly as they dared. But another consideration just now is the series of un-



YUAN SHI KAI.

(China's Man of Destiny, Who Was the Friend of the Missionaries in the Boxer Uprising.)

paralleled calamities that has befallen the country during the present year—famine, pestilence, flood, unrest. In China the throne is held responsible for all these. The Emperor is the high priest of the people. If his country is visited by a whole series of calamities, what can it mean but that heaven has appointed this as the time when his rule is to end?

Of course, we are overwhelmed by news of wars and rumors of wars. And in these stories we are naturally very much interested. If these new people succeed we hope they will be able to fulfill all they have led us to hope for.

We happen to be a long way from the center of operations. But we remember that our Interior Mission is in the affected

district, and no one can tell what moment the whole country may be a blaze. The society that has done the work seems to be everywhere. The friends at home are no doubt anxious about the missionaries. The revolutionists have issued a proclamation that the missionaries are not to be disturbed.

CENTRAL CHINA POINTS.

Rev. W. E. Crocker, of Chinkiang, says:

You will know from the papers of the conditions of things in China at this time. Chinkiang has been in an uneasy frame of mind ever since the matter started. Sunday night an old brother came to me after the service and asked in an undertone if a Manchu friend of his could come to church! I said, "O-men buh hai ta," "we won't hurt him." Practically all the people (Han, or Chinese) are very much in favor of the revolutionists, but they are afraid of the turn up while the thing is being done. It is a simple fight between the Han and the Man, Chinese and Manchus. They have an age long hatred of each other, and have never mixed. Foreign and native sympathy seems to be with the Han people, the revolutionists. Up to now they have acted in a very correct manner. Last Sunday morning and night we had good congregations of members. What the revolution will come to no man knows. At present it seems a very serious matter.

The latest news comes in a letter from Rev. Frank Rawlinson, of Shanghai:

You will see from the home papers that

the revolution is growing by leaps and bounds. I have an idea that the Taiping Rebellion never involved so much territory at its worst as is already stirred up by this anti-dynastic movement. We here are already under revolutionary government, whatever that may mean. It certainly means that for us the old regime has broken down, whether or not the new has been established sufficiently to maintain order is something we are anxious to learn.

The reports from Nanking are terrible. The Imperialists troops have started in slaughtering indiscriminately. They are doing to the Chinese what the Revolutionists in Wuchang did to the Manchus. So far the foreigners have been treated well in general. I have heard of one or two cases around Hankow where that was not so. So far the foreigners are out of the conflict. How long they will be let alone is difficult to say. Let us at least hope that their status will remain as it is.

Whatever happens China will in the end have a better chance. The old reactionary element has gone from power forever. Whether China will have a Republican form of government or a limited monarchy none can tell. Which ever it is new ideas will prevail and missionaries and Christianity will have a field freer from moss-eaten prejudices. God help us all and especially China. The suffering of the people at large from war and famine is going to be terrible this year. Its extent only God can fore see.

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WHAT FOREIGN MISSIONS IS DOING FOR OUR HOME CHURCHES

B. W. N. SIMMS.

It has given new impetus to all our churches contributing thereto, and to every phase of our denominational life. The Foreign Missionary has shown us the how of "teaching them to observe all things." He has turned the church into a school house. He teaches his members. There is probably more personal

teaching done proportionately by our missionaries on the foreign field in any given year than is done in all of our American churches outside of the Sunday-school. Bible work at home is growing, because it is so persistently done on the foreign field. Personal church workers here are inspired by their reading of what native

helpers are doing on the foreign field. On the foreign field a far larger per cent. of the church membership are church workers. A larger per cent. pray in public, or read, or repeat a portion of Scripture; and more of the members give regularly to the cause than is done here in our mother land. And ask the missionaries as to the devoutness of the average foreign convert? Illinformed as many of them are, do they not study the Word more ardently, pray more devoutly, talk more constantly of "the new life" than the average home Christian? Again, they are more regular and more constant in their church attendance, all things considered, and as to their benevolence it puts us to shame! They suffer more persecution, walk further to attend church, give more regularly and

much more, "according to their ability," than the average church member does here in America.

Besides, foreign missions has developed here on our home field the great importance of sanitarium work. The missionary physician abroad has been one of the most potent factors in our foreign mission work. Thousands of souls have been reached through our missionary physicians. The "institutional church" life on the foreign field is found, embryonically at least, in every school-room, church and hospital. The dally life work has been tied on to the religious life. The foreign mission idea is the life of our home churches. Woe unto that church which has not awakened to this realization!

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A MOTHER IN ISRAEL.

BY THOS. SPIGHT.

The subject of this sketch, whose picture appears in connection with it, is Mrs. or Senora Catalina M. de Palacio, of Buenos Aires, Argentina. When a young girl she attended school with a Protestant girl, who told her about the Bible and something about Protestant teaching, which created in her heart a yearning for the Bible and for more knowledge of Protestant teaching, but being a Roman Catholic, of Roman Catholic parents, years passed before she had the opportunity.

When she reached young womanhood she was married, and now has twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of the latter and two of the former still with her. Two of the daughters have diplomas in one of the schools of art in the city of Buenos Aires, and in the Centennial Exposition of 1910 received silver medals for their paintings.

While a Roman Catholic Mrs. Palacio would not permit her daughters to confess their sins to the priest, fearing the corrupting influence of the questions asked in the confession and the lack of principle on the part of many priests.

As a Catholic she was devoted to the

Virgin and taught her children, especially her daughters to reverence her, but there was always a dread of the priests and a lack of confidence in them and in some of their teachings. Years passed and one day a colporteur, whose name will perhaps never be known in this world, entered her home and sold her a Bible. She gladly purchased it, but strange to say, when she had it in her possession she feared to read it because she was prohibited doing so by the teachings of her church. Longing to know its contents, but fearing excommunication, and having no "Phillip" to guide her in its study, she left it upon the table to be covered by the dust.

Something near two years ago a young man, who was then a member of the Con-



SENORA PALACIO.

stitution Baptist Church of Buenos Aires, began boarding in her home and attracted her by his good habits and by having a Bible and going out with it on Sundays and on Wednesday nights also, until some one of the family asked this young man where he was accustomed to go.

This was a simple question, but one which meant a great deal to several lives. It is amazing what influence a small question may exert in one's life.

He replied that he attended the "Culto Evangelico," or Evangelical Worship, on Plaza Constitution, and asked if they would like to accompany him, whereupon to his surprise they agreed to go to the next service.

This was a crucial moment in their lives. If their first impressions should be unfavorable they would be cast back into the gloom of Romanism, but should they feel the power of the truth, they would continue to attend the services and perhaps be happily converted to Christ.

What responsibility upon the missionary! But God who knows His own, did not let the destiny of their souls rest upon man's ability to discern or to provide, but guided by His Spirit in that first service, and they heard truth, new to them, but as old as the "eternal hills." That former yearning was rekindled.

A few more weeks of attending these meetings and a conviction of sin and need was wrought by the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Convinced of the truth, convicted of sin, and knowing their need of the Savior, still they trembled with fear lest they might make some mistake in separat-

ing themselves from Romanism. In an untrained, but true way, they pled for guidance and one night at the close of the sermon, feeling that they must accept Christ regardless of former teaching, Senora Palacio and one daughter came forward and gave their hands to the missionary in response to the invitation to accept and confess Christ as their Saviour.

A great joy came into their lives, such as they had not known. Later they rejoiced in the privilege of obeying their Lord in baptism. How sweet to a new born soul the privilege of obedience!

An unquenchable desire for the salvation of others was born in this mother's heart and she began praying for and talking to her other children. Since then five other children, four daughters and one son, have accepted Christ and have been baptized. Still she prays for the others. One married son became estranged from the family because of this new found faith of his mother and for sometime would not visit her. Young lady friends of her daughters sneered at them; other friends became cold, but nothing could compare with Christ and His love.

Wonderful the power of prayer in the new-born soul!

This son is being drawn back to his mother and now visits her, and may God grant him true repentance and faith in Christ.

Reader, will you not pray more for the missionary that he may be given grace in these crucial times, for the native Christians in their struggles and for the salvation of lost souls? Amen.



A REMARKABLE TRIUMPH OF THE GOSPEL.

MISS GENEVIEVE VOORHEIS.

Daniel Pereira (Pear Tree) was a notorious personage of Padua (this State), having practiced all the vices in the category, including daily wife-beating and frequent attempts to kill his mother-in-law. Passing down the street one night, he heard hymns of praise to God floating through the air, coming from the little

Baptist chapel. Attracted by the music, he stood listening at the door, to the close of the evangelical sermon. The service concluded, he asked some one for a song book. Instead, a Bible was given him, which he carried home, and, much to his poor wife's astonishment, ordered her to read daily, affirming that it would be good

for her, but as for himself, he did not need it! The woman, anxious to try any experiment that might possibly improve her husband's conduct, acknowledged her

fessed to the crowd how, since he had been reading their "Book," he had an almost unbearable pain in his heart for the evil he had done them, and chief of all, for the way he had behaved in his own home.

Returning home one day, he told his wife to get ready to attend his baptism, that he was going to join the church. When he presented himself, however, few believed in his sincerity and he was requested to wait a while. Although very sad at this request, he had no alternative.

A short while thereafter, his family were surprised again by an order to prepare for a visit to his mother-in-law's farm, not a great distance away. Having been forbidden to see her daughter for twelve long years, this good woman on recognizing the guests coming up to the house, screamed to know what on earth had happened. Then the penitent prodigal returned the call, yet at a distance, "Oh! my mother-in-law, it is the power of the Gospel. I am a Christian now, and come to implore your forgiveness for the many times I desired to take your life, and for not allowing your daughter to come home for so many years."

Arriving at the house, he knelt and prayed, weeping all the while and confessing his sorrow for the past; this, too, in the presence of a number of neighbors and hired persons.

News of this proof of conversion reaching the church in Padua, the man was invited to present himself again for baptism, which he did promptly. He now knows "by heart" almost the entire Bible, and he and his family are counted among the most useful members of the church.

Nova Friburgo, Brazil.



MISS VOORHIES
Gathering Flowers Christmas Day.

need of something to help in the daily life, and earnestly entreated him to join her in the reading. He consented, and soon became so interested that he didn't want to stop reading the Bible for anything.

One evening, passing a house from which issued excited and angry tones, he stopped and learned that the inmates were bemoaning the Protestants. He then boldly defended the persecuted and con-



STRIKING INSTANCES AND INCIDENTS

LET EVERY CHURCH TRY IT.

Six years ago Trinity Church, Aurora, Ill., was giving nothing to missions, either diocesan or general, and only \$700 for current expenses. Long experience had made

the vestry familiar with annual deficits. There was strong opposition to letting any money go out of the parish. A clergyman of missionary vision became the rector and gradually led the vestry to realize the

importance of a share in the missionary enterprise. A canvass has been made, the duplex envelope adopted. The subscriptions amounted to \$350 for diocesan missions, \$460 for general missions. Subscriptions for current expenses have increased from \$700 to \$3,330. In addition there are available the Christmas and Easter offerings and the loose money in the alms-basins each Sunday. A \$12,000 parish house has been built, \$3,000 have been given for a rectory. The salary of the rector has been increased by \$1,300. All in less than six years.—*Spirit of Missions.*

SOME INFLUENTIAL CHRISTIAN LAYMEN.

A high Chinese official, recently baptized by Ding Li Mei, the great Chinese evangelist, now undertakes the support of twenty of the ablest preachers who can be found, at an expense of about \$7,000 annually, for the evangelization of his people. He offers a small settlement on his estate in Manchuria free of charge to all Christians who may apply. Another case is that of Dr. Ming, who has a hospital in Hangchow, where 50,000 patients are treated each year. His work is so widely known in many provinces that if one is being imposed upon he has but to say that he will report the matter to Dr. Ming, and it is usually settled without more difficulty. Principal Chang Po Ling, of Tientsin, is an educator who is also a social reformer, fighting foot-binding, early marriages and other abuses. He led his own brother to Christ, and now has the satisfaction of hearing that he is the first signer of the declaration card of the recently organized Chinese Volunteer Movement for the ministry. As director of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Chang had the principal part in securing a gift of \$13,000 from H. E. Ou Yang for the new building site at Tientsin. This Mr. Ou Yang, who is a recent convert, is an extraordinary character and a man of large tasks. He has recently formed a corporation to purchase the street car car lines of Tientsin from the present foreign owners. He is also working on plans for colonizing large tracts in Mongolia. Well known among the educators

and officials of Central and Northern China, he has, after years of secret believing in Christianity, taken a fearless stand. His influence among the higher classes in the empire is extremely promising for the future.—*Record of Christian Work.*

AN EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA.

Missionary Arthur Judson Brown gives the following account of the way in which Christianity is permeating all classes in China and is favorably impressing even their methods of business:

"The Chinese, who invented the art of printing by movable type 500 years before it was known in Europe, are freely using the improved methods of Western nations, and job presses are springing up all over the empire.

"The Commercial Press, Limited, of Shanghai, was started twelve years ago by Christian Chinese who had learned the trade while employed by our mission press. After a time, these young and ambitious Chinese naturally wanted to go into business for themselves. They, therefore, left our employ and opened a small job printing shop nearby. By skill and diligence their business soon increased. When the new government system of education was adopted and foreign text-books were called for, the managers were enterprising enough to foresee the opportunity. They enlarged their plant and began to turn out the desired books.

"To-day, this press is the largest in all Asia, employing over 1,000 hands, all of them Chinese except about a dozen Japanese. It is equipped with the latest and best German, English and American machinery. It has a capital of \$1,000,000, one-third of which is held by Japanese and two-thirds by Chinese. It has opened twenty branch presses in various cities of China. It is managed on the co-operative plan, sharing profits with its employees. The net profits are divided into twenty parts. Five of these are distributed among the employees, ten go to the shareholders, three to the reserve fund and two to the schools of children of employees, to sick

and injured employees, and the widows and orphans of those who have died.

"It is gratifying to know not only that the managers of this great institution are Christian men, but that 60 per cent. of the men who are in responsible positions are Christians. This press now issues most of the text-books used in the government schools and a large proportion of the bank notes which are in circulation.



RESULTS IN KOREA.

The Holy Spirit has worked wonderfully in Korea. In about twenty-five years 200,000 converts to Christ have been gathered. One convert for every hour of every day since the first missionary landed in Korea. Church organizations have been founded on an average of two a week. In 1909 local churches were organized at the rate of one a day. The earnest piety, liberality and consecrated zeal of those Koreans have put many other Christians to the blush. They not only give their money, but they have collections of what is known as day collections, in which men volunteer so many days' service to go out and work for Christ. They take time to pray. One pastor arose at 4 o'clock in the morning and went with one of his members to the church to pray. Others learned of this and joined them, and it was not long before there were hundreds of the members every morning in the church at prayer.



THE BIBLE IN KOREA.

I should like to see impressed upon our hearts and upon the heart of the

Church at home the fact that the one great God-given means for the evangelization of a people is His own Word, and that the emphasis which has been placed on the teaching and preaching of the Word of God has brought God's own blessing upon the work in Korea. The one great commanding feature of the work in Korea has been the position, the supreme position, the perhaps almost unexampled position, given to instruction in the Scriptures as the very Word of God, and the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

"The story of women walking twenty or thirty miles over rough roads to attend Bible classes, perhaps with babies on their backs and the week's supply of rice on their heads, called after mockingly by their heathen friends as they passed along the road with the Bible and a book of Christian hymns tied by a broad piece of cloth around their waists, ridiculed and threatened by unbelieving husbands, sons or parents, sleeping in crowded, cold rooms—all for the sake of Him whom, having not seen, they loved—this story may well touch and quicken the hearts of Christians everywhere with a new love for Him who has saved us all, and is worthy of the best that the best of us has to give.

The aim in these classes is to teach them the Bible, and to exalt it as the Word of God, which is able to guard their hearts and reveal God's will for them. The method usually is to teach the lesson verse by verse, chapter by chapter, book by book, to make it so familiar that it becomes a part of their life.—Men and Missions.



NOTES FROM THE HARVEST FIELDS.

A CRITICAL TIME IN AFRICA.

Dr. E. G. MacLean says:

Now is a critical time in our mission. Mohammedan missionaries are in every town building tiny mosques and starting their schools, making the people much harder to evangelize than heathen.

Our work, due to so many breaks from

sickness, etc., has made little progress, and our few stations seem lost in that vast expanse of darkness and ignorance. It is a country dotted with towns, but there is not even a native worker of any denomination within sixty miles of Saki save our little work there.

The importance of an aggressive policy

just now is so great that it will be very regrettable if the Board is financially unable to push the work in Yorubaland.

My heart longs to see Africa saved from Islam and brought to Christ, and I deeply regret any hinderances to our work.



CHEERING WORDS FROM ITALY.

Dr. J. P. Stuart writes:

I enclose you a copy of our program of "The Southern Baptist Convention of Italy," held at Matera the 7th, 8th and 9th inst., also a card picture of our little temple there. It was a great meeting. At the public meetings the people crowded the church and many stood out in the street. I proposed the election of a Committee on Evangelization to study and counsel about the work of evangelizing our field, which was accepted with great enthusiasm. Plans were made for organizing two district associations, one near and including Bisaccia in the Province of Avellino and the other near Bari in the part called Puglia. Some laymen came to the assembly and paid all of their own expenses. The pastors, of their own accord, voted to pay all of their expenses to the Convention in the future. Heretofore the mission has had to pay half of the expenses. Best of all, we have had nearly a hundred baptisms this year, and there are many asking to be received for baptism. I feel grateful to God and happy about such blessings. I must go at once to Reggio and into Sicily because of some problems that demand immediate attention. This year it has been my supreme duty to stay with the brethren on the field and the results with God's blessings have shown the wisdom of the plan.

Dr. Whittinghill is encouraged over the work of the Seminary:

"Our school moves off well this year. In fact, it is the best we have had for years. The students thus far are studious, bright and are behaving themselves well. Our theological school still leads all others in numbers and, we think, in serious work."

OUR NEW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN JAPAN.

Rev. W. Harvey Clarko sends the first annual report of the President of our Baptist Theological Seminary in Tokyo, Japan. He says, "You will see from this report that the Seminary is an active reality and six young men have graduated to enter the work." The President in his report says, "It gives me great pleasure to present this, the first annual report of our united Seminary; for one of the best features of the past year's history is that the school has been spiritually as well as materially united, the professors and students alike living as though we had been always one.

"The school opened in Tokyo October 12, 1910, with twenty-five students in attendance."

In speaking of the needs of the institution, he says, "I wish to urge upon the trustees the pressing need of a permanent home for the school and that each month's delay puts us at a great disadvantage. The price of land is advancing at an appalling rate in Tokyo. Will not the brethren at home see that this most vital need in the work of the Kingdom be speedily met?"



A GREAT DAY AT LAICHOWFU.

Miss Cynthia A. Miller gives the following stirring account of one day's work: "Yesterday was a great day with us. Thousands visited our compound and heard the gospel. Many portions of the Scripture were sold and tracts distributed. Three officials, the district magistrate and his assistants called on the gentlemen of the station yesterday morning soon after sunrise and spent almost two hours. I was in the Girls' School at the time having our morning study of the Sunday-school lesson and then we went out in the yard taking our physical exercise when these three officials came to the gate to look in at the girls. They expressed themselves as much pleased to find them all with unbound feet and both pleased and surprised to find that we had as many as twenty-two pupils.

"I spent all yesterday afternoon in the Woman's Dispensary and treated more patients than I have ever treated in one

day since I have been in China—between forty-five and fifty in all. Dr. Gaston says he treated more men than he ever had in one day before at the hospital. Hundreds of men heard the gospel at the hospital and hundreds of both men and women crowded the church all day and Mr. Dawes says the attention was unusually good. The woman's class rooms were also crowded all day and hundreds of women were received in our homes. Miss Willeford's Bible School force were worked to the limit of their strength. We hope many seeds were sown in the hearts of those who had never heard before the 'Sweet Story of Jesus and His love.'"



OUR SCHOOL AT TOLUCA.

Rev. C. L. Neal, writing of our schools of Toluca, Mexico, says: "We did not expect to have as large an opening this year as we had last for several reasons, but with all the obstacles, we had a larger opening than ever before. We have enrolled more than last year. The present enrollment is 128. In the Theological Department we have ten who are preparing for the ministry and some of them are very promising. I tried to teach them before they entered the department, that the ministry is a calling and not profession. Our needs is a very discouraging topic. Without better accommodations, we can never advance as we should."



BURDENS TOO HEAVY.

Miss Susan E. Jones, writing of the work in the Toluca school, says: "I cannot resist the temptation to put in a plea. Now that Miss Ray is here, just as soon as she is able to speak Spanish, do not put the work of more than three women on her. That will be enough. Let her do one or two things and do them well."

It is a great sorrow that often our missionaries have to do the work of three or four people. When will our people in the homeland realize the importance of lightening the burdens of those we have sent to the front?



A GOOD MEETING IN BRAZIL.

Rev. F. M. Edwards, writing from Sao Paulo, Brazil, says: "Just a line to tell you about our good meeting in Magy das Cruzes. I preached there every night last week and on Sunday had the happy privilege of baptizing sixteen happy converts. Three more were received for baptism and three by letter. Praise the Lord! This church begins at once to pay its running expenses—rent, lights, etc. The work is all very hopeful in the Sao Paulo field. I have never seen the native brethren so active as they are now. Some are willing to go and preach, paying their own expenses."



SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM.

Rev. T. C. Britton, writing from Shanghai, China, tells of the splendid success of some evangelistic campaigns. He says: "At Changzeh an evangelistic campaign was held and the people seemed moved by the gospel in a way I never saw them before in China. There have been almost constant additions to the church. At our new station, Tsing Yang, eight were added by baptism last year and eight this year. Some of the brethren have rented a chapel in the town near which they live for Sunday worship and other work, it being too far to go to Tsing Yang. They may soon be organized into a church."



LETTERS FROM THE FIELD.

NEWS NOTES FROM FUKUOKA.

I am now on the field in Fukuoka and beginning to get into the work. I could not have come at a more auspicious time.

Thanks to the efficient leadership of Mr. Dozier, who is in charge of the station, the coming of our new pastor, Mr. Shimose, a man of fine gifts and excellent

promise, and the reception of some new members, the work has never been more hopeful. Sunday was a red letter day with us, both in the Sunday-schools and the



MR. MATSUSHIMA,
Sunday-School Evangelist, Japan.

church services. No one has contributed more to this gratifying condition than Mr. Matsushima, who graduated session before last from our Fukuoka Seminary. Some fifteen or twenty years ago Mr. Walne caught a small boy flinging stones at his back windows. He not only caught him, but he held on to him, and the result has vindicated his wisdom in so doing. Mr. Matsushima has developed unusual talents for interesting and training children and—what is more rare, for infusing his enthusiasm and skill into others. He has made a special study of Sunday-school pedagogy and methods and is at present engaged in organizing and reorganizing schools and in conducting teachers' meetings.

The opening of the night school has also done no little towards augmenting our regular church congregations, besides giving us access to many of the young

business men of the city, who would be otherwise hard to reach. They come, of course, mainly for the English, but we have a chapel service every day in which we sing gospel hymns, read the Scriptures, pray and have talks by the teachers or other speakers. Our second session opened a week ago with between forty and fifty pupils. We have at present only one preaching station and two Sunday-schools in Fukuoka besides the church. These are thrifty, but we wish to start others and have rented a suitable house in Hapota, the business section of the city, where now little or no Christian work is being done.

Mrs. Walne and Mrs. Dozler also have English classes for young ladies, which are proving a solution for one of our most perplexing problems. The weakest part of our work is the lack of women in our congregations, and how to reach them is a very difficult question. The young men are free to come as they please, but it is not so with the women; and where we have no girls' schools it is next to impossible to get hold of them. But when we do get them in a school or class they are even easier to influence than the men. Our pastor's wife also seems to be an earnest and efficient worker, and we hope will be instrumental in developing the women of the church and in attracting others. But I will have to leave Mrs. Walne or Mrs. Dozler, who are better posted on that phase of the work, to tell about it.

We have just received the news of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Willingham in Kobe. Thank you, and thank God for sending them to us.

Cordially,

JOHN MONCURE.

P. S.—I am enclosing under separate cover a picture of Mr. Matsushima, our "embryo" Sunday-school specialist.



FINE WORK BY A NATIVE PASTOR.

The district where I am working is making great progress. Our Temple is now situated in the best street of a growing quarter. The pavement and the elec-

tric light have come, and helped us as a means of access.

Last year I had the joy of baptizing 32 new converts, among whom there are



SOME WORKERS IN ARGENTINA.
(From the Left Varretto, Quarles,
Logan, and Hosford.)

several of much promise. Very seldom that number is reached here. But I am sure that things are changing, and that we shall see a more rapid growth.

I am already preaching in a tent, as I did last summer. We have found that this is the best way to break the indifference of the people. In any street in which we put the tent, we can be sure of having full meetings. That is not the case in our halls.

During the week we preach almost every evening in the tent, and on Sundays we hold our regular meetings. It happens that those who take some interest in the tent also go to the halls on Sundays, and some remain with us. Several of our best converts have been reached by the tent. We move the tent every month.

This excellent means of propaganda has not been employed sufficiently for lack of funds. Our tent is a poor one. With a little more money it would be very easy

to reach four times the number of people. We are trying to be faithful in the small tent, with the hope of a better one in the near future.

The members of the church put up the tent, light the lamps, keep the door, sweep, play the organ, etc. An old man, who works hard all the day, with several others, made the benches for the tent at night time. And as a proof of what good will can do, I shall say that a blind brother made many of the pegs of the tent.

We could not express with words how grateful we feel to the brethren that re-



SR. AND SENORA FERNANDEZ.
(Native Pastor and Wife, Argentina.)

member the spiritual needs of this country and help with their offerings and prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

JUAN C. VARETTO.

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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY, 1912.

Subject: A Million Women—Study of Organization.

"It is a great blessing given by God to be in position to do good to others."

Christian women, O women by Jesus made free,
To us is given, to you and to me,
To give of our treasures, not counting our store,
For in giving we are getting, and gathering more.

Give pity and love, the love of the cross;
Give money and labor, not counting it loss;
Give prayer evermore, that the needy may be
Most bountifully fed, dear Saviour by Thee,
By Thee and through me.

1. Singing: "Coronation."

2. Prayer: That all enlisted women and girls may, for the sake of heathen women and girls, seek to enlist and interest the 900,000 unenlisted and uninterested Bap-

tist women and girls of our Southland in our organized work for world-wide evangelization. "Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys."

3. Bible Reading: Prayer—Why Prayer is not Answered—Jas. 4:3; Psalm 65:18; Isa. 59:2; Matt. 6:15; Prov. 21:13; Mal. 3:8. Prayer Promises—Mark 11:24; John 15:7; I. John 5:14-15; Rom. 8:26-27; II. John 3:22; Matt. 18:19.

4. Singing: "'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer."

5. Open Conference: Plans for enlisting all the women, girls, boys and little children in the four organizations, respectively, of W. M. U.

6. Readings: From "Our Mission Fields."

7. Readings: This Issue of the Journal.

8. New Year's Resolutions.

9. Business: Announcement of the amount of the Christmas offering, plans for the New Year, etc.

10. Read in Concert: Psalm 84, follow with sentence prayers.

NOTICE.

Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists 1912.

The foundation of the entire missionary enterprise was laid in prayer, from this foundation big things are growing. Do you want to have a share in the great

missionary movements of the present day? Join with us in definite petitions found in our Calendar of Prayer, price 15 cents, postpaid. Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department, 15 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md.

"Daily prayers lessen daily cares."



A MILLION WOMEN—HOW SHALL WE ENLIST THEM?

My Dear Sisters:

In this day of advanced thought along many different lines we continually meet with the cry that organization is the need of the hour to enable us to achieve great things for God in missions. What is successful organization? Is it not a simple organizing of all the forces at our command, as God definitely guides us, followed by the training He would choose—both individually and collectively? It has been said that in our churches in the Southland there are one million women and that as yet only one-fifth of that number take an active interest in missionary work. Surely there is room here for further organization, but what can you and I do to advance it? In our recent Sunday-school lessons we have learned that the wall around Jerusalem was erected by every one building in front of his own house, with all his heart and mind in his work, and yet while building, depending upon God for protection and guidance. And can we do better than by trying to follow this same God-given plan? You and I cannot reach the million women we would love to influence but we can reach the one woman in the next home and in other homes, too, as new opportunities appear. We can never measure the influence we have upon others but influence though meant for good, will amount to nothing unless a life is behind it—a life drawing its power and strength from dependence upon God. Some one has said

that the Kingdom of God would be established, not by an army or by power, but by men born again from above and that until men learn to use the same methods that Christ used when on earth they can never hope to accomplish the results that God desires.

What were His methods? Doing faithfully every duty, helping richly every life that touched His, but, above all, depending upon prayer for ability to carry out His life's purpose.

How much time have we spent this past year in praying that our million women may have a deeper love for missions? How much time have we even spent in asking that the women of our own church, missionary society and Sunday-school class may realize what God is able to do through them? Suppose an exact record had been kept, how would it read?

Christ's two commands to us are "Come" and "Go," but as Phillips Brooks interprets it: "Discipleship, which sits at His feet to learn, and apostleship, which goes out into the world to work."

Oh! may we, women of the Union, be willing to let a new organization begin with each individual life, knowing well that if we will search out God's plan for our life work, instead of trying to carve out our own career and do His work in our own way, He will make us "Messengers with a message."

Faithfully yours,

ELIZABETH C. LOWNDES.



A PICTURE OF HEATHENISM.

Paint a starless sky; hang your picture with night; drape the mountains with long, far-reaching vistas of darkness; hang

the curtains deep along every shore and landscape; darken all the past; let the future be draped in deeper and yet deeper

night; fill the awful gloom with hungry, sad-faced men and sorrow-driven women and children; it is the heathen world, the people seen in vision by the prophet, who

sit in the region and shadow of death, to whom no light has come, sitting there still, through the long, long night, waiting and watching for the morning.—Bishop Foster.

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GREETING.

From the editor of this department to her readers scattered abroad:

"Grace be with you, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of the Father, in truth and love."

"The year is past and over,
What has it done for thee?
Hast thou grown in love and each Christian grace?
Hast thou grown more meet for the heavenly place?
What may the record be?

"The year is past and over,
Say, hast thou spent it well?
Hast thou lived each hour with a purpose true,
Hast thou done each task thou wast called to do?
What does the record tell?"

And

"How will it look when the months have flown
This fair new page that is all our own?"

Let us take the advice found in the fol-

lowing lines, and adopt this "rule of life" as we enter upon this auspicious year of grace nineteen hundred twelve, that prayer may have its rightful place and God's will be wrought through us daily as we labor unitedly to win back to God His lost, profligate world.

"I asked the New Year for some motto sweet—
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. It answered soft and low,
'God's will to know.'"

"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?"
I cried,
But ere the question into silence died
The answer came: "Nay, this remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked: "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer softly fell:
"Yes, this one thing, all things above—
God's will to love."

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TO THE HELP OF THE FIGHTING LINE.

An Appeal to the Y. W. A.

What shall we do about it? \$13,500 from 1,300 Young Woman's Auxiliaries in the Southland. That's not much! Ten dollars plus a little more for each Y. W. A. Society. What for? Don't you know, our special object in the foreign field is Medical Missions. We are asked to have a share in supporting the work of 20 Southern Baptist Convention Medical Missionaries, 14 being physicians and 6 being trained nurses, 7 hospitals, 12 dispensaries,

treating 40,719 patients last year, in Mexico, Africa and China.

"Lift up your eyes unto the fields which are white unto the harvest." One physician for every 2,500,000 people in the non-Christian world in comparison with the proportion in this country, a fight against dirt and superstition, an entering wedge into the non-Christian home, a life and death necessity for the women of the Orient, a mighty agency for evangeliza-

tion describes something of this open door of opportunity for Christian service.

"Lay down your lives, except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die it abides alone." "He gave His life for me, what have I given for His little ones?" As the Great Physician went about doing good, so He has sent His followers to the front for service, expecting us to stand behind them, "Holding the Ropes." Shall we not this Christmas-tide really sacrifice that men, women and little children may have this chance to be born again? This

is not only the appeal that we bring in our tithe into the treasury, but that we make a Christmas offering unto our Christ.

Young women of the South, shall we not rally to this cause believing that when "Ye bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, saith Jehovah of hosts, I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive?"

NANCY LEE SWANN,

Assistant Secretary W. M. U.



NOTICE.

Use Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptist 1912.

For Service

Prayer service, the beginning and end of all effectual work for the Master. He will be inquired of.

For Power

That we may have the power of united petitions. God answers prayer.

For Remembrance

A call to prayer. Mark missionary engagements, meetings, dates, etc., on its pages. It will remind you.

For Blessing

Love for humanity, unselfish ministry, a passion to win others to Christ, and an increase of ability to do it. A large reward.



A CHINESE GIRL'S OWN STORY—A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LIFE.

Last Sunday it occurred to me that something from one of our lovely Christian girls, rather than something about her, would come with more freshness to our women and girls than anything else, so I asked Miss Kyung to write me an article about her school life and afterwards, and I send you what she wrote.

Miss Kyung has been teaching in Soochow for four years and a half. Her work had been satisfactory; she is a beautiful young woman, and we all love her. She teaches every day in the girls' school; is one of our Sunday-school teachers; takes her turn as leader in our prayer meeting for Christian women, and presides at the organ whenever she is asked to. Thus, spending her life in His service, she exerts a beautiful influence upon her pupils.

small day school in Shanghai, where I lived. More than fourteen years ago this school was opened by Miss Lottie Price. There were only eight girls at first, and I was one of them. After a few months other pupils came. The house was small and there was not room for many girls. I think you know Miss Price very well, and how her heart is full of love and patience. This school's beginning was on account of her faithful prayers and her trust in God. After several years the school grew larger and larger. Mrs. Seaman, one of the school's best friends, gave the school building, and it was named the "Eliza Yates Memorial Girls' School" in honor of her mother.

How blest I was that I had such a good opportunity to study, when there are so many other Chinese girls who have not the opportunity. So it was my duty to use the opportunity to help other people

"When I was ten years old I attended a

to know Jesus, as I should have the chance.

I received Jesus Christ as my Saviour at fourteen. My parents were both Christians. That year my father died. My mother did her best to bring up her children; she always urged me to study hard, which I did. Three years later my mother died.

During the last two years at school I helped to teach. I graduated in June, 1907.

The girls' school in Soochow needed a teacher, and I was asked to come to that school. It was a day school, and well attended. Of late years the Chinese are feeling that their daughters ought to be educated as well as their sons, and many of them are sending their daughters to school.

When Mrs. McDaniel went to America on her furlough, Miss Lanneau took charge of the school. During this year the school was changed from a day school to a boarding school, and was moved into a large, new building.

I love my work. I am trying to walk in the footsteps of my beloved teacher. With a heart full of love and of hope for the girls who are now in the school, and for the girls who will come to it hereafter, I look forward to a bright to-morrow.

CONSTANCE KYUNG.

With the deepest appreciation of what you are doing to inspire others, I am,

Most cordially yours,

NANNIE McDANIEL,

Soochow, China.

(Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel.)



THE SOUTHERN JUBILEE.

BY MRS. W. EUGENE SALLEE.

In 1900 at the Ecumenical Conference in New York a committee of five women was appointed, and for eleven years this committee, known as the Central Committee on United Mission Study, has held regular meetings. They have published mission study books for women and children which have been used by all denominations throughout the length and breadth of our land.

For the tenth year it was decided to set before the women what they, themselves, had accomplished among heathen women in foreign lands. In due time Western women in Eastern lands came from the heart and pen of Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, a Baptist woman of Rochester, N. Y. When the book was already in the press Mrs. Peabody, chairman of the Central Committee on United Study, recognized the fact that 1910 marked the fiftieth, or Jubilee year, of American women being definitely organized to do definite work for women in non-Christian lands.

Mrs. Peabody said, "Let us make it a great Jubilee year, and hold missionary meetings all over the United States, and try to arouse an interest among the un-

interested women of the churches." Some said, "It will need long months of preparation, organization, and much financial backing." But Mrs. Peabody argued that this was the time to prove the strength of the women's missionary organizations in the churches; and so it has proven true beyond any one's fondest expectations.

Beginning in Oakland, California, on October 12, 1910, just six months after the thought was first conceived, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Jubilee was actually in progress. These meetings swept through many of the large cities in the West, North and East of the United States, and as far South as Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Louisville and Nashville, with ever-increasing interest, and intelligent enthusiasm.

After the meetings were under way, the natural outcome of awakened consciences and sane enthusiasm, manifested itself in substantial monied gifts from all denominations amounting to \$900,000 given mostly for equipment in foreign lands.

(In our next issue Mrs. Sallee will give an exceedingly interesting and helpful account of the Jubilee in Southern cities.—Ed.)

TREASURER'S REPORT, AUGUST 1, 1911, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

Second Quarterly Report from Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer.

| STATES | WOMAN'S SOCIETIES | | | | | YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES | | | | | BANDS | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Foreign | Home | S. B. Board | Margaret Home | Training School | Foreign | Home | S. B. Board | Margaret Home | Training School | Foreign | Home | S. B. Board | Margaret Home | Training School |
| Alabama..... | \$ 868 25 | \$ 519 24 | \$ 40 65 | \$ 5 60 | \$ 170 23 | \$ 53 01 | \$ 55 80 | | \$ 1 30 | \$ 32 25 | \$ 47 02 | \$ 16 24 | \$ 4 00 | | |
| Arkansas..... | | | | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dist. of Columbia..... | 83 25 | 37 50 | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida..... | 123 24 | 134 18 | 8 60 | 7 25 | 15 50 | 7 15 | | | | 1 00 | 7 35 | 6 67 | 1 25 | 5 00 | \$ 2 00 |
| Illinois..... | 147 23 | 147 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky..... | 786 70 | 149 63 | 15 58 | | 274 12 | 202 13 | 56 15 | | 25 | 19 87 | 67 50 | 37 15 | 50 | 5 50 | |
| Louisiana..... | 328 31 | 131 57 | | | 10 00 | | 2 20 | | 25 | | 30 00 | | | | |
| Maryland..... | 390 23 | 254 01 | | 1 50 | 8 00 | 8 58 | 20 12 | | | | 15 50 | 3 50 | | | |
| Mississippi..... | 2,046 76 | 1,455 85 | 68 20 | 33 50 | 69 25 | | | | | 35 50 | | | | | |
| Missouri..... | 1,510 59 | 151 21 | | | 357 78 | 123 42 | 9 42 | | | | 50 53 | 68 | | | |
| New Mexico..... | 18 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Carolina..... | 1,317 60 | 143 15 | 93 70 | 25 10 | 168 65 | 76 33 | 135 46 | | | 63 56 | 194 80 | 149 94 | 73 59 | 64 66 | |
| Oklahoma..... | 219 69 | 1 3 13 | | | 16 55 | 5 00 | | | 25 | | | 3 00 | | | |
| South Carolina..... | 2,415 39 | 1,046 38 | 44 66 | 22 50 | 355 52 | 178 87 | 141 51 | 6 50 | 4 25 | 76 63 | 235 86 | 153 42 | 7 90 | 20 35 | 33 62 |
| Tennessee..... | 2,432 48 | 1,176 70 | 65 64 | 69 94 | 73 91 | 320 74 | 214 06 | | | | 529 56 | 231 10 | | | 20 00 |
| Texas..... | 4,345 08 | 2,419 49 | 267 28 | 16 60 | 74 03 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Virginia..... | 2,277 73 | 718 52 | 14 45 | 65 23 | 279 10 | 193 29 | 86 46 | | 1 01 | 93 35 | 373 55 | 103 01 | | 19 05 | 16 99 |
| TOTALS..... | \$19,9 8 12 | \$ 9,760 86 | \$589 76 | \$250 17 | \$1,891 93 | \$1,228 81 | \$ 720 18 | \$ 11 71 | \$ 6 80 | \$ 334 66 | \$1,552 57 | \$ 704 71 | \$ 92 24 | \$112 56 | \$ 72 61 |

| STATES | ROYAL AMBASSADORS | | | | | TOTALS |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Foreign | Home | S. B. Board | Mark't Home | Train'g School | |
| Alabama..... | | | | | | \$1,821 49 |
| Arkansas..... | | | | | | 2 00 |
| Dist. of Columbia..... | | | | | | 73 75 |
| Florida..... | | | | | | 823 23 |
| Illinois..... | | | | | | 294 45 |
| Kentucky..... | 8 00 | 2 00 | | | | 1,919 18 |
| Louisiana..... | | | | 25 | 15 | 658 04 |
| Maryland..... | | | | | | 7 082 |
| Mississippi..... | | | | | | 3 699 06 |
| Missouri..... | | | | | | 513 63 |
| New Mexico..... | | | | | | 16 00 |
| North Carolina..... | 21 60 | 15 15 | | | | 3,083 84 |
| Oklahoma..... | | | | | | 437 67 |
| South Carolina..... | | | | | | 4,742 48 |
| Tennessee..... | 6 50 | 8 50 | | | | 5,151 52 |
| Texas..... | | | | | | 7,758 78 |
| Virginia..... | 37 21 | 11 72 | | | 3 01 | 4,274 02 |
| TOTALS..... | \$ 68 31 | \$ 37 37 | | 25 | 8 16 | \$37 379 81 |

The above Contributions for the Training School include \$1,018.03 for the Student Fund.

Value of Boxes to Home Missionaries and Mountain Schools

| STATES | W. SOCIETIES | | Y. W. A. | | BANDS | TOTALS |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Home Miss'ries | Mt. Schools | Home Miss. | Mt. Sch'ls | Home Miss'ries | |
| Kentucky..... | \$ 86 00 | | | | | 86 00 |
| Louisiana..... | | \$ 35 55 | | | | 35 55 |
| Maryland..... | 233 10 | | | | | 232 10 |
| Mississippi..... | 147 05 | | | | | 137 05 |
| Missouri..... | 135 56 | 41 00 | | | | 176 56 |
| North Carolina..... | 55 00 | | | | | 55 00 |
| Texas..... | 1,073 98 | | | | | 1,073 98 |
| TOTAL..... | \$1,719 69 | \$ 76 55 | | | | 1,796 24 |

REPORT OF BOXES SENT TO FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

Contribution from Towson, Md., box of clothing, valued at \$12.

Contribution from Hagerstown, Md., box of clothing, valued at \$15.

Belin, Miss., sent box to Rev. J. L. McCord, Breckinridge, Texas, valued at \$50.

Copiah Association, Miss., sent box to Rev. J. W. Hulsey, Red Oak, Okla., valued at \$266.50.

First Church, Meridian, Miss., sent box to Rev. J. H. Alford, Haughton, La., valued at \$202.80.

Belton W. M. S., Missouri, sent box to

Rev. John Bruner, Cason, Okla., valued at \$55.56.

Third Church W. M. S., Missouri, sent box to Rev. J. B. Milan, Cedar Valley, Texas, valued at \$80.

W. M. S. Hampton Church, Virginia, sent box to Rev. M. S. Osborne, Harper, Texas, valued at \$155.

W. M. S. Newport Baptist Church, Virginia, sent box to L. A. Bagley, Santo, Texas, valued at \$175.

W. M. S. Park Avenue Church, Norfolk, Va., sent box to Rev. F. F. Baucom, Beeville, Texas, valued at \$152.84.

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Young People's Department.

MRS. W. R. NIMMO, BALTIMORE, MD.

TIME.

Time is a wonderful artist;
And he paints on the faces of men
The good or the ill of a life-time,
With revealing strokes of his pen.

His wrinkles or furrows for sorrow,
He places with infinite care
That all combining, together
Show evil or goodness so rare.

And oh! may the sketch on our faces
Which shows the real depth of our sour,
Be a picture of beauty entrancing,
The nearer we come to our goal.
—English Bagby.

Guadajajara, Jal., December 9, 1911.

To the Royal Ambassadors.

My Dear Boys:

Yesterday the December number of the Foreign Mission Journal came and I saw an extract from my letter printed in it. Imagine how I felt when I saw I had

made a mistake in a simple problem of arithmetic. I said, "We supported forty boys and girls on the same amount that my niece spent in one year in college in the United States." It should have been twenty instead of forty. You know the dollar in America is worth two of our Mexican dollars and I just forgot to reduce the two amounts to the same valuation. I think any boy from the third grade up could have worked the problem without that mistake. But worse than all, many hundred people will read that and think it is the truth, not knowing of the mistake, and will wonder if we feed our children on fat grub-worms.

I am sorry I made the mistake, but now let's ask God to make the people who read the mistake, read the correction. And let us learn a lesson to read over what we write very carefully before sending it for publication and be exact in everything.

Your loving friend,
HALLIE GARRETT NEAL.

WANTED—A MILLION.

A million Baptist boys are wanted to join the Royal Ambassadors; to pray, plan and work for foreign and home missions, to contribute to its funds, to cooperate with its officers, to wear the pin, show the colors and to make all its interests their own—as they really should be.

These million boys will have a million opportunities to read, study and think about missionary heroes until they really know about the world's greatest battle field. Missionary stories are stories of adventure, courage and success, and they always end well, for they end in saving souls for Christ's kingdom, who in their turn will make His name known to others, until every people in every tongue will acknowledge Him and "the earth shall be

filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

A million Ambassadors! What a noble army from which to draw our future officers for the Foreign, Home and Sunday-school Boards; and from its ranks will step out, here and there, a loyal, loving servant of Christ to go where his Master sends him, to teach all he has been taught and to love as the Saviour loves him. Would you not wish to be one of these?

If you want to know all about the Royal Ambassadors write to the R. A. leader of your State or to the Woman's Missionary Union, 15 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md. The boys of every Baptist church should be banded together for Christian work. Write to us.



A PRAYER.

The stirring conquests of the Cross
My eyes may never see,
A lowly, quiet hidden life
God may have planned for me;
And so I breathe an earnest prayer
Lord make me true to Thee.

Though noble deeds that thrill the world
May ne'er be done by me,
My hand may hold love's lighted lamp
To point some soul to Thee,
Or haply help a burdened one
With love and sympathy.

If it is but a little sphere
Thou hast to me assigned,
Then give to me a gentle heart
A steadfast, quiet mind,
A soul of love and sympathy
That studies to be kind.

O Saviour! aid by grace divine
The little I can do,
That when I stand by Thee in light
There may be just a few
To say, "He spake to us of Christ,
And all he said was true."

—Selected.



DAVID AND THE LION.

Once there was a shepherd boy whose name was David. All day long he watched his father's sheep upon the hill-side. Sometimes he was near his home, but sometimes he led the sheep far away to find them new sweet grass to eat.

The sheep knew his voice and loved to run to him when he called. Often he called the flock to him and led them to the side of a sweet-watered brook. Then he watched them while they drank.

He loved his sheep very much. All day long he would lie upon his back watching them. If one strayed away he would call it by its name and back it would come, trotting as fast as it could.

Some days when David and his flock had been a long way from home, it grew very dark before they got to the fold and the path had great shadows in it. Then the sheep crowded close to David and made soft bleating noises; but when he

spoke to them they were no longer afraid. They knew that he had his great shepherd staff with him and would take care of them.

One night as the flock were going quietly home, following after David, a lion sprang upon them. The lion seized a wee lamb in his mouth and was making off with it. David heard the roar and looked around. He saw the lion lift the lamb by its wool and turn towards the woods. Grasping his staff, David leaped after him. As he ran he fitted a little stone from

his bag into his sling shot and drove it at the lion. Then he rushed upon him and struck him upon the head with his big heavy staff. The lion roared, but would not give up the lamb. David took him by the beard, aimed a terrific blow upon his head, and dragged the lamb from him. The lion crept away, beaten and sore. David put the poor little lamb into his bosom, and, calling all his trembling flock to him, led them safely to their fold.—The Sunday Kindergarten.



FEED MY LAMBS.

There are thousands of little children,
A great and pitiful throng,
Who have never heard Christ's story,
And never have learned His song.

All over the world they are waiting
For the song so simple and sweet,

For the songs the angels are singing
As they bow at the Saviour's feet.

'Tis for us who have heard it so often
To send it far abroad,
The wonderful song and story
Of Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Selected.



BEING A SUNBEAM.

Is your mother or some one you know a member of the Missionary Society? Perhaps your great-grandmother belonged to the very first missionary society in your State. Ask some of the grown-up women in your church all about it, it is a very interesting story. Some day after you are too big for the Sunbeams, you will pass on into the Junior Young Woman's Auxiliary and from there into the Young Woman's Auxiliary without the Junior, and last of all, you will become a member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Won't you be proud to say, "Yes, I was a Sunbeam, then a Junior Auxiliary, then a Young Woman's Auxiliary, now I am a member of the Women's Society." Perhaps your little girl will be a Sunbeam, singing "I'd be a Sunbeam," and telling all the other Sunbeams that her mother was once a member of the Band. The way to become a good member of the bigger societies is to be a first-rate Sunbeam. All through the South there are hundreds and hundreds of little boys and girls who ought to be in the Sunbeam

Band. Have you ever invited them? Remember the more Sunbeams we have, the bigger will be the older societies when you are all grown up. Do you ask God to bless and help the missionaries, do you give your money to help to pay them or to build churches for them to preach in? Do you go regularly to the meetings? All this is being a good Sunbeam.

And then there is the Band for boys called the Royal Ambassadors, perhaps you have a brother who belongs to it, they are doing splendidly but have not been at work as long as the Sunbeams.

All these different societies and bands are called the Woman's Missionary Union, that one big name takes them all in—so you are a member of the W. M. U. as well as a Sunbeam. Isn't it nice to belong to the same thing mother, and perhaps grandmother does?

Ought we not all join in thanking God for all our blessings and resolve to divide these blessings with the children of our own country and those in foreign lands.

Receipts for Foreign Missions from November 15, 1911, to December 15, 1911.

ALABAMA.—Sumterville Bapt. Ch., Mrs. J. B. Stewart, \$16.50; W. N. Nichols, Nicholasville, \$100; W. Y. Quisenberry and wife, New Decatur, missionary, \$100; a Sunday-school, by W. H. Thomas, \$5; Macedonia Ch., Miss M. T., clerk, \$1.50; Dr. W. T. Berry, Birmingham, native missionary, \$5; Suggsville Bapt. Ch., J. A. C., \$2.15; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'y, designated as follows: Jubilee offerings, \$10.50; Miss Kelley, \$60.25; Miss Hartwell, \$44.85; native worker, \$6.15; medical worker, \$9.55; kindergartens, \$13.42; undesignated, \$123.44; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'y, designated as follows: Wintereboror Church, \$25; Cork Springs Church, native worker, \$50; Baraca Class, Anniston for Parker Memorial, \$25; undesignated, \$866.99. Total this month, \$1,465.30. Previously reported, \$8,369.51. Total this year, \$9,834.81.

ARKANSAS.—Ladies of Beech St. Ch., Texarkana, Miss L. N. S., \$2.25. Previously reported, \$604.35. Total this year, \$606.63.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—W. M. U. of Washington, Miss E. J. R., Sec'y, \$47.84; Primary and Beginners' Dept. Temple Ch., Wash., L. B., Supt., for children with Miss McKenzie, \$6 First Bapt. Ch., Wash., J. W. W., Tr., \$26.20; "Farther Light," First Bapt. Ch., Wash., J. W. W., Tr., \$10; W. M. S., Immanuel Ch., Wash., E. J. R., Tr., Bldg. Fund, \$6; Mrs. Amella S. Williams, Tacoma Park, \$5. Total this month, \$101.04. Previously reported, \$836.89. Total this year, \$937.93.

FLORIDA.—Ochwilha Bapt. Ch., W. E. H., Tr., \$30; S. B. Rogers, Cor. Sec'y, \$122.64; W. B. M. U. of Fla., H. C. Peelman, designated as follows: Gainesville for Bible woman, \$7.50; Jubilee, \$70.70; native worker, \$60; undesignated, \$64.84. Total this month, \$355.68. Previously reported, \$2,227.56. Total this year, \$2,583.24.

GEORGIA.—Mrs. B. E. Barksdale, Cochran, \$2; H. R. Bernard, Auditor, designated as follows: Thomasville, W. M. S., Rena Sheppard, \$7.85; Goloid, Sunbeams, Africa, 50 cents; First Commerce, W. M. S., Bible woman, \$20; West End, W. M. S., Ayers, \$35.50; Capitol Avenue, W. M. S., Dr. and Mrs. Gaston, \$3.05; Capitol Avenue, W. M. S., Medical Missions, 5 cents; Capitol Avenue, W. M. S., Missionary Training School, 5 cents; Newington, W. M. S., Africa, \$1.45; Newington, W. M. S., Medical, \$1.45; Goloid, W. M. S., medical, \$1; New Hope, native missionary, \$25; Marshallville, W. M. U., Dr. Ayers, \$5; Ashburn, Sunbeams, support one child in China, \$13; Pinehurst, W. M. S., Bible woman, \$7.50; First Moultrie, McDaniel Fund, \$27.50; Lynn Durham Bible Class, Bible woman in China, \$10; First Moultrie, W. M. S., McDaniel Fund, \$6.75; First Dublin, for missionary on foreign field, \$217.75; Monroe, W. M. S., medical missions, \$8; Capitol Ave., Dr. and Mrs. Gaston, \$50; Lynn Durham Bible Class, Bible woman in China, \$20; Capitol Ave., W. M. S., Dr. and Mrs. Gaston, \$14.95; Capitol Ave., W. M. S., medical missions, 5 cents; Capitol Ave., W. M. S., Missionary Training School, 10 cents; Sandersville, W. M. S., native missionary, \$25; Rock Branch, woman teacher in China, \$30; Tabernacle Macon, B. Y. P. U., support of two Bible women, \$10; Baptist rally, jubilee, \$10.71; Darlington, W. M. S., jubilee, 50 cents; East End, L. A. S., jubilee, 75 cents; North Atlanta, W. M. S., jubilee, \$1; Norcross, W. M. S., jubilee, 75 cents; Norcross, W. M. S., jubilee, 25 cents; Hartwell Sunday-school, native missionary, \$100; Hartwell, W. M. S., native missionary, China, Dr. Ayers, \$50; Hartwell, W. M. S., Bible woman, care Dr. Ayers, \$30; Hartwell, Sunbeams, ministerial student Africa, Dr. Green, \$25; Hartwell, Y. P. Auxiliary, school girl Mexico, care F. N. Sander, \$40; Barnesville Sunday-school, J. C. Owen, native helper China, \$16; Second Atlanta, W. M. and B. S., jubilee, \$20; Hapeville, W. M. S., jubilee, \$2.50; West End, W. M. S., \$9.50; Statesboro, on debt, \$105.50; First Commerce, W. M. S., Bible woman, \$5; Milledgeville, W. M. S., native preacher, \$12.50; undesignated, \$4,344.55; Mrs. Mary Davis Jackson, Greensboro, \$25; Willingham Mission Sunday-school, Macon, A. N. S., \$5.59; Dalton Bapt. Ch., by W. H. Henry, \$5; H. R. Bernard, Auditor, \$1,348.94. Total this month, \$6,702.54. Previously reported, \$11,984.74. Total this year, \$18,687.28.

KENTUCKY.—Y. W. A. Training School, Louisville, Mrs. B. G. R., \$28; W. D. Powell, Cor. Sec'y, \$216.31. Total this month, \$244.31. Previously reported, \$9,658.52. Total this year, \$9,902.83.

LOUISIANA.—Z. R. Lawhon, Shreveport, native missionary, \$50; B. T. Lewis, Tr., State Convention, for Pettigrew Fund, \$63.15; undesignated, \$936.85; Z. R. Lawhon, Shreveport, native missionary, \$50. Total this month, \$1,100. Previously reported, \$572.93. Total this year, \$1,672.93.

MARYLAND.—Senior B. Y. P. U., Fulton Ave., Balto., J. H. D., \$5; North Ave. Bapt. Ch., Balto., C. M. K., Tr., \$37.52; Eutau Place Ch., Balto., H. W. P., chairman, \$58.66; First Bapt. Ch., Balto., J. R. G., Tr., \$131.31; Brantley Bapt. Ch., Balto., C. W. W., chairman, Wednesday Evening Fund, \$10.60; Chambers printing press, \$7.80; undesignated, \$52; Seventh Bapt. Ch., Balto., O. M. La B., \$30.45; Eutau Place Bapt. Ch., Balto., by E. E. Reid, D. O'Kaula, Ogbomasha, \$50; Grace Bapt. Ch., Balto., W. E. Mason, Tr., \$50; W. M. F. M. Society of Maryland, Mrs. W. G. Tyler, Tr., designated as follows: Jubilee Fund, \$60.50; Y. W. A., \$1; undesignated, \$50.64. Total this month, \$545.48. Previously reported, \$6,438.19. Total this year, \$6,983.67.

MISSISSIPPI.—Sunbeams, Sherman, Miss N. E. for education of girl with Miss Caldwell, \$11; Clinton Bapt. Ch., Geo. Whitfield, \$10; General Association of Mississippi, D. T. Chapman, Tr., designated as follows: Chastain, \$150; Hooker, \$150; Bryan, \$150; Philathea Class, First Bapt. Ch., Laurel, W. R. N., Tr., Bible woman, \$5. Total this month, \$476. Previously reported, \$5,023.41. Total this year, \$5,499.41.

MISSOURI.—Seven Oaks Bapt. S. S., Kansas City, Mrs. V. G., Sec'y, birthday offering, \$5.17; A. W. Payne, Treas., \$295.03; A. W. Payne, Treas., women of Missouri, designated as follows: Miss Jones' School, Toluca, Mex., \$5; Woman Training School Bldg., Shanghai, \$35.81; undesignated, \$74.99. Total this month, \$416. Previously reported, \$8,286.59. Total this year, \$8,702.59.

NORTH CAROLINA.—S. A. Hester, Or-rum, \$5; W. J. Berryman, Edenton, pledge at S. B. C. Convention, \$100; Walters Durham, Treas., \$8,000; Bethlehem Ch., Peardl Herndon, \$8.50; W. M. S., East Durham Ch., Miss P. O'B., Sec'y, Mrs. Tau, Bible woman, Pingtu, \$6.25; W. M. S., First Asheville Ch., Mrs. T. J. P., Tr., Mrs. Dozier, \$40; Y. W. A., First Asheville Ch., H. L. Tr., native worker, \$25; Miss Lanneau, \$5; Walters Durham, Treas., \$2,000; Walters Durham, Treas., \$696.61; payment on note for Whitesville property by J. L. M., \$74.20; J. Yates Killian, Newton, Miss Spalnhour's School, \$25; New Hope Ch., Eastern Assn., J. F. W., \$11.86; First Bapt. Ch., Charlotte, B. F. W., Tr., \$37.25; W. M. S., Peachland Ch., Mrs. B. J. C., Tr., Christmas offerings, \$3. Total this month, \$11,037.67.

Previously reported, \$3,729.64. Total this year, \$14,767.31.

OKLAHOMA.—Broadway Bapt. Ch., Ardmore, Mrs. W. R. S., Christmas offering, \$2; C. T. Jones' S. S. class, First Bapt. Ch., Hobart, C. T. J., 20 cents. Total this month, \$2.20.

Previously reported, \$835.93. Total this year, \$838.13.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—W. M. S., Warrens Creek Ch., F. B., clerk, \$13.50; Buffalo Ch., C. J. B., Tr., native missionary China, \$45; Beaver Dam Ch., Piedmont Assn., J. L. Tr., \$8.90; First Bapt. Ch., Greenwood, A. J. McK., \$50; Holly Hill Bapt. Ch., Charleston Assn., A. F. J., Tr., \$10; Mechanicsville Ch., Welsh Neck Assn., C. C. V., \$25; Santee Bapt. Ch., Charleston Assn., C. W. Z., Tr., \$3.47; Campobello Bapt. Ch., H. P. W., Tr., \$11.53; Beech Island Ch., J. C. G., Tr., \$3.46; First Bapt. Ch., Pelzer, W. T. A., Tr., \$8.60; Double Springs Ch., J. J. B., Tr., \$1.20; Bethlehem Ch., Moriah Assn., B. L. P., Tr., 67 cts.; Camden Ch., T. E. G., Tr., \$39.75; Dillon Bapt. S. S., T. O. E. Hall, \$2.20; Mrs. J. N. Cudd, Tr., designated as follows: Bible woman, \$36.50; native worker, \$2.15; Jubilee Fund, \$40.68; Mrs. Lake's School, \$145.06; kindergartens and schools, \$27.43; undesignated, \$120.26; Arrowwood Ch., Broad River Assn., M. McK., \$8.47; Black Creek Ch., Welsh Neck Assn., E. E. K., Tr., \$1.58; First Bapt. Ch., Greenwood, J. E. C., Tr., \$29.43; W. T. Derieux, Cor. Sec'y, \$11.27; Concord Bapt. Ch., J. R. C., Tr., \$10; Lawtonville Bapt. Ch., Savannah River Assn., E. N. N., \$84; Long Branch Bapt. Ch., Savannah River Assn., W. J. W., \$6.43; Beech Branch Bapt. Ch., Savannah River Assn., L. M. B., Jr., \$7.76; Bethany Ch., J. P. E., Tr., \$3.75; Philippi Ch., Ridge Assn., J. S. W., \$17.54; Flint Ridge Ch., Moriah Assn., P. W. T., Tr., \$1.83; Park Bapt. Ch., Rock Hill D. A. L., Tr., \$3.77; Sparrow Swamp Ch., Florence Assn., E. A., Tr., \$10; Shandon Bapt. Ch., Columbia, L. S. M., \$50; L. S. Mattison, \$50; Beulah Ch., Pee Dee Assn., H. G. W., pastor, \$22; High Hill Ch., Welsh Neck Assn., J. O. R., \$35.95; Four Holes Bapt. Ch., T. F. R., \$95.15; Florence

Bapt. Assn., S. M. G., Tr., \$58.10; Florence Bapt. Ch., W. J. B., Tr., \$63.50; Oakland Bapt. S. S., W. W. B., Tr., \$2.41; Shandon Bapt. Ch., Columbia, L. S. M., \$19.82; Unity Bapt. Ch., Spartanburg Assn., D. E. S., \$4.32; Waccamaw Assn., J. C. S., Tr., \$100.56; C. H. Snider, Conway, Bible woman, \$2.50; Hartsville Bapt. S. S., S. W. G., Tr., \$25; Washington Bapt. Ch., A. B. B., \$3.08; Greenville Bapt. Assn., J. C. N., Tr., \$10.22; Hurricane Ch., Reedy River Assn., J. F. W., Tr., \$3.52; Pleasant Plain Ch., Moriah Assn., W. F. E., \$6.05; Citadel Square Ch., Charleston, J. V. W., Tr., \$100; Cameron Bapt. Ch., J. O. W., Tr., \$25; Waddy C. Thomson, Lancaster, native, with Jno. Lake, \$150; Savannah River Assn., E. W. B., Tr., \$31.90; Levells Bapt. Ch., Alken Assn., P. W. G., Tr., \$2; Dorchester Bapt. Assn., P. W. Taylor, Tr., \$4.75; Bethany Bapt. Ch., Edgesfield Assn., A. G. C., clerk, \$10; Townville Ch., Saluda Assn., J. P. L., Tr., \$25; Laurens Bapt. Assn., C. H. Roper, Tr., \$126.79; Savannah River Assn., E. W. B., Tr., \$6.40; Ex. Board, Saluda Assn., E. P. V., Tr., \$5.10; First Bapt. Ch., Columbia, W. J. S., missionaries, \$43.90; Liberty Bapt. Ch., Piedmont Assn., R. T. S., Tr., \$4.31; Barnwell Assn., J. A. J., Tr., \$27.40; First Bapt. Ch., Columbia, W. J. S., Tr., \$57.50. Total this month, \$1,963.42.

Previously reported, \$14,540.19. Total this year, \$16,503.61.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. Thos. Spelght, Trenton, \$5; Brodie Wilson, Trenton, by T. S., \$3; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$409.08, Rev. J. M. Barnett, Shellmond, by W. J. L., \$2; Rev. J. C. Lambert, Jasper, by W. J. L., \$1; Rev. W. M. Mottey, Jasper, by W. J. L., 50 cents; Rev. Sam'l McWilliams, Mt. Airy, by W. J. L., \$1; New Hope Ch., by W. J. Lodge, \$13.60. Total this month, \$435.18.

Previously reported, \$7,359.33. Total this year, \$7,824.51.

TEXAS.—Miss S. C. Johnson, Sherman, Willford-Miller School, \$100; F. M. McConnell, Cor. Sec'y, \$3; Mrs. J. T. Sanders, Coleman Assn. (R. J. W.), Bible woman, China, \$50; C. Miller, Pickton, thank offering, \$4. Total this month, \$157.

Previously reported, \$12,341.29. Total this year, \$12,501.29.

VIRGINIA.—Nothing received this month. Previously reported, \$18,751.10.

NEW YORK.—Thos. P. Miller Memorial, by E. C. M., Dr. T. O. Hearn, \$100.

Previously reported, \$1,025. Total this year, \$1,125.

RHODE ISLAND.—W. M. U., Providence, by Miss S. A. Gardner, \$2.75.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Gordon Potent, by Dr. W., \$5; Seminary students, by R. B. Gunter, \$53.30.

Previously reported, \$38.40. Total this year, \$96.70.

AGGREGATE.

Total this month \$ 25,166.47

Previously reported 113,216.59

Total this year \$138,383.06