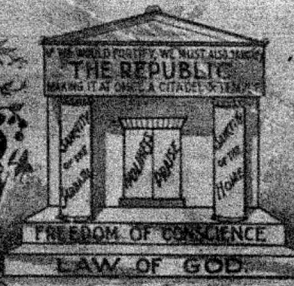


# OUR HOME FIELD



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## OUR HOME FIELD.

We send sample copies of "Our Home Field" to those whom we believe are interested in home and native land, in mission work and the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. We trust the paper will be of interest, and that EVERY PERSON receiving a sample copy will not only send in their own subscription at once, but kindly aid the Home Board by securing, and forwarding the money for other subscribers.

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## FOREIGN MISSION WORK AT HOME.

Rev. John F. Purser, missionary of the Home Board at New Orleans, writes under date of June 4th as follows:

Since my return from the Convention my heart has been greatly rejoiced by the conversion of five Chinamen in our Chinese Mission school. I baptized three two weeks ago, and will baptize two more to-morrow night. Large crowds witnessed the baptism.

These Chinamen belong to the better class—three are merchants, and they give the most satisfactory evidence of their conversion.

I am praying God that one at least of them will be called of God to preach to his own people.

In the same letter Dr. Purser alludes to arrangements now being made and about completed by which one hundred Chinese boys are to come from Hong Kong, China, to New Orleans to receive an English education. Arrangements will probably be made by which the school for the education of these boys will be located in Dr. Purser's church building. This will place them immediately under the spiritual influence of the church. Who can say what impression in the work of christianizing China may grow out of this circumstance? These boys are of course from the most intellectual and representative families of the Chinese Empire.

In this connection the following extract

from the last annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union is of interest:

That Home Mission work has a direct and immediate bearing upon Foreign work is shown in a recent letter from Miss Claudia White, Canton, China. She says: "I wish I could say to all teachers of Chinese in America, TAKE COURAGE, for as I go to the districts where are many Chinese, and see the difference in their houses, their treatment of foreigners and many things that mark them from those who have never heard the gospel in America, I feel as if no word of the teaching, by look, or word, or life, has been lost."

## INDIAN TERRITORY AND OKLAHOMA.

In the bounds of the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory and the Oklahoma convention the Board has had ninety men in its employ during the past year working in co-operation with these bodies. To these missionaries we have sent during the year in cash and supplies the sum of \$15,149.84.

During the year these consecrated missionaries have preached 11,965 sermons, supplied 343 churches and stations, baptized 1,274 converts and received into church membership 2,450 communicants. They constituted 37 churches, built and improved 12 houses of worship and organized 57 new Sunday Schools into which were gathered 1,832 teachers and pupils.

Brother W. A. Rowe, Moderator of Oklahoma Baptist Convention, in referring to the prospects of an increased appropriation to Oklahoma by the Board for this year, writes:

If the Board at Atlanta can help us with \$1,000 we can put ten men in the field and keep them there. We could cover much of the unoccupied territory and scatter seeds of precious truth in many dark places in our own Oklahoma.

How anxiously and tenderly this Brother speaks of the work to which his life is devoted. Well, Bro. Rowe, since you penned the above words in your letter to Bro. Black the appropriation of \$1,000 in addition to the usual appropriations to Oklahoma for the present year has been made by the Home Board.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Home Board, held July 6th, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That \$1,000 to Oklahoma and \$1,000 to the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory be appropriated in addition to the usual appropriations for the present Southern Baptist Conventional year."

In reference to this additional appropriation, Bro. L. W. Wright of Indian Territory, says:

"I heartily concur with you in the proposition to increase the work and workers in Indian Territory. I feel that the prayers of many have been answered. Yes, I believe the land can be possessed. You ask me 'How can we do it and how many men would you need?' Being acquainted with the field

and the brethren as I am, my opinion is that if we could get the preachers who are now on the field at work and be able to keep them in the field, our object could be accomplished.

This was written by Bro. Wright before the extra appropriation of \$1,000 was made. So now the outlook for Indian Territory is encouraging.

## CUBANS IN FLORIDA.

Bro. Cova continues his labors at Tampa with encouraging results.

At the solicitation of Rev. J. J. Parsons, pastor First Baptist Church at Jacksonville and his congregation, an arrangement has been effected by which Bro. Cova visits Jacksonville each month and preaches to the Cubans there.

In regard to this work Bro. Parsons writes under date of July 1st, as follows:

Since receiving your letter we have acted upon your suggestion, and secured Bro. Cova for another Cuban service, our young people bearing the expense and otherwise aiding in the service. Bro. Cova availed himself of an excursion to this city and came June 21st, remaining until the 23d, preaching Tuesday the 22d and visiting among the Cubans two days. His daughter, Pura, accompanied him, also Bro. J. L. Roger, of Ocala, who is very much interested in the salvation of the Cubans. He is the man of whom I wrote you, as preaching once for us in the Spanish language, to several hundred Cubans in our first service last December.

The service was held in the First Baptist church and had been well advertised. Invitations had been sent to the Cuban families and friends who came and listened to the Gospel as Bro. Cova preached under the power of the Holy Spirit. A male quartette from the church choir sang several selections, and the pastor conducted a short song service, in English of course. There was a contingent of our people present. These gave a very cordial welcome to the Cuban friends who greatly appreciated the courtesy shown them. Bro. Cova's sermon cannot be reported; the clear statement, tender utterance, pathetic persuasiveness, its bold denunciation, and at times, burning sarcasm, all combining a masterful genius peculiarly his own, made it a sermon never to be forgotten.

An appeal was made at the close of the sermon and five people came out upon the Lord's side and declared for Jesus Christ. Others who had manifested an interest in a previous meeting (in April) also came forward and renewed their faith, all together twelve in all, whom Bro. Cova will baptize when he comes again in this month (July).

The people lingered for almost an hour to talk with Bro. Cova, and seemed to be hungry to hear him expound the Word or explain his teachings.

Mormonism! It originated in the basest of frauds, it has been fostered through the most sensual corruption and today, it is seeking earnestly to win converts among the people in those sections of our land, where there has been no opportunity to learn of its "ways so dark and tricks so mean."—Alabama Baptist.

Recently there arrived in Chattanooga twenty-one Mormon missionaries. It is said Chattanooga is the headquarters of about four hundred of these emissaries of Mormonism whose whole time is occupied in house to house visits, proselyting among the mountain people of Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia.



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The Board in renewing the issue of the Home Field is controlled by the desire to impart information of its work to our people as widely and as efficiently as possible. On this depends our success. Our churches cannot be expected to give to any enterprise of which they know nothing.

The problem how best to impart this knowledge involves many difficulties. The Board is assured that the best plan to enlighten the masses of our people would be by a publication in which every department of the work of Southern Baptists should find a place. The Board of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School, State Missions, Woman's work and education, Theological and denominational, should in one periodical find a channel through which the needed knowledge should flow into all the churches and families of our Baptist people.

We much regret that the effort in this direction should have met with so little favor on the part of brethren in charge of departments of our Conventional work as to induce the Convention to abandon the effort. We are sure the day will come when the wisdom of this enterprise will become apparent, and our people unite in its support. But for the present some other means of enlightening our churches as to our work must be adopted.

The exclusive use of a weekly denominational press for this purpose has not, in either of the efforts we have made, proved entirely satisfactory. We have been compelled, especially in some States, to supplement it by the distribution of a large number of circulars, tracts and literature in other forms.

The experience of the world has resulted in almost every secular enterprise having its own organ, through which in its individuality, it appeals to the public.

The religious world has reached a similar conclusion, so that there is scarcely a Board of any denomination that does not find its publication a necessity to its success.

Guided by conclusions we have reached after the maturest thought, and confirmed in them by the action of the most enterprising of our business men, thanking our brethren of the denominational press for their kindness in the past, and trusting that it will be as fully extended to us in the future, we give our little sheet again to the world hoping for a success which we are sure our cause deserves.

#### DEBTS OF THE BOARDS.

Boards, like individuals, have constantly recurring wants. Their expenses, like those of business men, continue steadily day after day from year's end to year's end.

The admonition of brethren to our Boards to keep out of debt is vain unless the beneficence of the churches shall keep them constantly supplied with the means to meet obligations as they arise. The Boards to work at all must employ men whom they must support, and the wants of these men and their families are as constant as the breath they draw. The churches that create the Boards and expect them to do the work assigned them must supply the means to support them, or debt is inevitable.

The Boards ought indeed to be cautious in their management and never create obligations which they cannot meet, but this after all is a matter of judgment in which the best and most sagacious men may be mistaken. They may overestimate the beneficence of the churches. They may meet with emergencies which demand more money than they had believed would be required. A providential calamity may increase pecuniary burdens beyond their calculations. There are many chances for mistakes in the management of the Lord's business as there are in the management of our own.

Debt when created is not always the fault of the Board. For example the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution ordering its Home Board to raise not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purchase of a house of worship in Havana. This was done without suggestion from the Board, or without any knowledge of the Convention as to what the Board thought of its practicability. The annual income of the Board at that time was less than the amount the Board was instructed to raise for this single purpose.

If the Board in complying with this resolution had involved itself in debt, the fault would have been that of the Convention and not of the Board.

When the Convention at Chattanooga with full knowledge of the fact that the Foreign Mission Board was \$30,000 in debt, instructed it not to recall any of its missionaries, the Convention assumed the responsibility of the existing debt, and the obligation to have it paid.

There is one thing we desire to say to our brethren:

The Home Mission Board has not unfrequently gone to the Convention with a debt of sometimes as much as \$10,000, but it has never asked the Convention to aid it in paying it. The Convention has never raised a dollar to pay any debt of the Home Mission Board. It has always relied upon the contributions of the churches to meet its obligations, and they have never failed it.

While the Board proposes to be cautious in contracting liabilities, and diligent in its efforts to meet them, let our brethren remember that the ability to pay lies in the churches, and not with the Board.

#### SUCCESS OF OUR WORK.

The work of the Home Mission Board has been greatly blessed. In its results it compares most favorably with the work of other similar organizations of our own and other denominations.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York may be accepted as a standard of good management and efficiency. Compared with it, after deducting from each the missionaries who labored in schools, we find the following results of the last conventional year.

	The Society.	The Board.
Missionaries.....	807	366
Churches and stations..	1,775	1,963
Sermons.....	89,359	48,508
Baptisms.....	4,916	4,709
Total additions.....	9,373	9,455
Churches constituted.	137	139
Money expended in mission work.....	\$366,000	\$125,000

CAN'T YOU AFFORD TO HELP US?

#### CO-OPERATIVE WORK.

The Home Board is engaged in two distinct features of co-operative work.

First, general mission work done in certain states by the Board in co-operation with the respective State Boards.

Second, the co-operative work of the Home Mission Society of New York and the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, in connection with State Boards, both white and negro, which has been organized in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

The results have been eminently satisfactory to all concerned. The leading feature of the work is to fit the negro pastors and deacons for better care of their churches. To accomplish this three and sometimes four of the ablest and most scholarly negro preachers are employed to hold Institutes for the instruction of their people. In these Institutes white preachers are invited to participate. Lectures are delivered on the doctrines and duties of Christianity—questions are asked and answered—difficulties are removed, a better understanding of the Scriptures is imparted, and the preacher and deacon better prepared for the duties of his office.

Perhaps nothing more helpful has ever been done for our negro churches. It is the purpose of the co-operating bodies to extend this work into every State in the South, and thus aid in elevating the whole of our negro churches, and through them the entire race, to a higher moral and spiritual plane.

If you contemplate subscribing for Our Home Field, please do so promptly. Or do even more, send us other subscriptions. Only 10 cents for one year, 50 or more papers to one address 5 cents per copy for one year. We need subscribers NOW in order to be admitted to the Post Office as second-class mail matter.

Vol. VIII: No. 1.—We have taken up the serial number where it was left off when Our Home Field was discontinued, September, 1895. That issue was Vol. VII: No. 12.

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Auxiliary to B. C.

Motto.—GO FORWARD.

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## A NEW OPPORTUNITY.

We are gratified because of a recent letter received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board. It brought the good news that "OUR HOME FIELD" was about to be re-issued and kindly offered Woman's Missionary Union a regular space in it.

W. M. U. has two departments in the "Foreign Mission Journal," one intended for Woman's Societies, the other for leaders of Bands. It also edits the fourth page of each weekly edition of "Kind Words," secures manuscripts for Young People's Scripture Union, or Daily Bible Reading Course, in connection with the Sunday School Lesson, and Central Committees have charge of departments for Woman's Work in many State papers. Though its work is thus extended, God is giving yet another opportunity for service through this invitation from Dr. Tichenor. May every member of every Society feel personally responsible for the success of whatever is attempted. The annual subscription of ten cents a year places the paper within reach of all. Not only should W. M. U. workers support it themselves, but seek to secure many outside subscribers. Effort will be made to briefly give the latest information concerning all phases of W. M. U. work, including that in the different States. We wish the bond of sympathy and intelligent interest between the workers to become more vital, and will endeavor to bring the facts and influences which appeal to the hearts of the missionary Secretaries to the knowledge of every worker.

We appreciate that gathered facts are but as fuel, God's spirit being the kindling flame, and we plead for earnest prayer that the items from Woman's Missionary Union in OUR HOME FIELD may become as live coals scattered abroad, causing greater zeal in the Master's work.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOME BOARD.

The Home Board, as designated by the Mission Card, being the subject of study for the month of August, it has been deemed wise to adopt the same line of thought in this issue. As Recommendations from the various Boards are the basis for all W. M. U. work, we call attention to the following from the Home Board, adopted at the Annual Meeting of 1897 in Wilmington, N. C. They are essentially the same as those of last year, the object being "to enlarge the place of thy tent, to lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The Home Mission Board desires to express its grateful acknowledgment for the effective aid rendered it by the Woman's Mission Societies during the past year.

In asking its continuance for another year, the Board requests:

1. That an earnest effort be made to raise Thirty Thousand Dollars. Fifteen Thousand cash and Fifteen Thousand in supplies for our frontier missionaries.

2. That in view of the great sacrifices of many of our Home Missionaries, and of the life of self-denial we owe to Him who has redeemed us, we ask the women of the missionary societies to make constant offering for this work, remembering it by special prayer and gifts during some one week of the year.

3. The Board earnestly commends the effort to enlist all our Sunday Schools in mission work, and that for this purpose suitable and instructive literature be prepared and as widely distributed as possible. The educational power of such literature is worth a thousand fold more than its cost.

4. That our increasing foreign population, especially in our growing cities, be regarded with even greater interest by our sisters, and especially that the women who are upholding our work in Cuba may have their earnest co-operation.

5. That individual work, and work by societies for the elevation of the negro women in and about our homes be greatly increased.

## GLANCING BACKWARD.

Another Conventional year has ended. Standing with eager feet upon the border land of a new year, let us cast our eyes backward, quickly seeing what has been the share of W. M. U. in the work done by the Home Board. Seemingly an easy task, yet fraught with many difficulties, for only the omniscient eye of God can behold ALL the seed-sowing, the prayers, tears, sacrifices and service. We acknowledge His goodness in making some results visible to us.

The total receipts of the year amounted to \$29,931.31; cash, \$10,841.05; boxes, \$19,090.26, including \$162.98, value of basted garments contributed to German Industrial Schools. 343 boxes carried comfort into the homes of faithful missionaries. Among many important beginnings that have been made, may be mentioned that of helping colored women to organize along missionary lines. Success has attended the unpaid personal ministry of ladies in white churches to the Colored Industrial Schools and Mothers' Meetings. In one school 36 regular attendants on the Sunday School were gained by this means.

Progress among Germans, Mexicans, French and Chinese, has been made in many places. Industrial Schools were blessed in Baltimore, Washington and Louisville. From the one started in Washington by Miss Buhlmaier, missionary of Home Board to the Germans, has grown a Sunday School. The observance of Self Denial Week was general. Many touching incidents are known of the self-sacrificing spirit shown by even little children. Central Committees have been faithful in co-operating with the general officers. Letters have been received from workers in the various States, giving encouragement to the Cor. Sec. Amid all the year's work, we have been conscious of the calm, helpful presence of Him whose we are and whom we serve, and in His keeping we leave the old year's efforts.

## LOOKING FORWARD.

What shall be the record of the coming year? As in days gone by Joshua said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," with the same determined purpose, may every Society forming Woman's Missionary Union resolve that "Go forward" shall not only be the motto of the organization, but the keynote for this year's work. There is need for progress in moneyed contributions, in boxes, in personal ministry and in prayer.

The Home Board has in its employ over 400 missionaries who have in five years baptized more than 20,000 believers. Such evidences of God's blessing should give inspiration for increased faithfulness in gathering of contributions, and practicing of the

Christ-like virtue of Self-Denial, that the \$15,000 in cash asked of Woman's Missionary Union may be raised. Numbers of letters from frontier missionaries bear witness that to remain upon the fields without supplies or clothing, etc., sent by W. M. U. would be impossible. Such statements in connection with the fact that last year there was a falling off in frontier box work seem sufficient incentive to cause more Societies to secure from the Central Committees of their respective States name of missionaries to whom they will send assistance.

Year by year work among the foreign population and colored people increases in importance. May God hasten the day when, as circumstances permit, in the home, Industrial School or Mothers' Meeting, every Christian woman shall engage in personal service. The need for more prayer is urgent. With what divine power our missionary work would "go forward," if the plan for united prayer, suggested by the Mission Card, were adopted.

A. W. A.

## EXTRACTS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS.

REV. W. P. BAILEY, Earlsboro, Oklahoma:—My field of labor is a destitute one in a newly settled country, and the people, as a rule, are very poor. Could you but see the destitution in Oklahoma as it is, and hear the many cries for the Gospel coming from all parts of the territory, your soul would be stirred within you. While you are doing a wonderful work by giving your means to support the Gospel in this country, will you not lift your voices in prayer to Almighty God for the salvation of this people. There are plenty of counties in Oklahoma where they have no preaching at all. Think of this, you who are abundantly supplied with both spiritual and temporal blessing, and pray for us.

REV. WM. KROESCH, California, Mo:—The Germans in the State of Missouri number 800,000. Up to the year 1889, we had but four small struggling Baptist churches. About 10 years ago, the Southern Baptist Convention came to the aid of the German work. A German general missionary was put into the field and three new churches were organized. The "Three Grove" Baptist church of LaFayette county, Mo., originally an American Baptist church, is now a German Baptist church. The Americans have moved away and the Germans have taken possession of the farming country. Our church, near California, Mo., was organized in the year 1889 with seven members. The work has gone on with many obstacles and much opposition, but the blessings of the Lord are visible. From year to year the Lord has added to the church, so at the present time we number 51 members. Most of these have been baptized during the last few years. We have two meeting houses, one in the city of California and one four miles North of California. Beside preaching in these churches, I preach at four different places in school-houses and do missionary work, such as distributing tracts and other religious literature, and conversing with people on religious matters. Please pray for us.

REV. CHAS. HENDERSON, South Canadian, Ind. Ter.:—The prospects are promising for much good to be accomplished this year on my field of labor. I have already organized one church and two Sunday Schools, and am now engaged in a revival meeting where there is considerable interest. May the Lord carry on the good work. I have more calls than I can possibly fill. The field is already white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. Pray the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest. We need humble, consecrated laborers who will go into the highways and hedges with the sweet message of the Cross and plead for sinners.

## DR. F. M. ELLIS' GIFT.

A letter from Mr. Frederick F. Briggs, the step-son of Dr. Ellis, says: "The Rev. Frank M. Ellis who passed away on June 28th, and whom you doubtless knew, made provision in his will whereby a portion of his library was to be given to such missionaries of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as might be in need of them, and to whom they might be of service in their work. As Dr. Ellis' step-son I write to ask how this result can best be obtained."

We knew Dr. Ellis and appreciated him highly. We never knew a Northern man to win the hearts of his Southern brethren so quickly and so completely. His work in our Southern Baptist Convention will long be remembered. If he loved his brethren of the South, as I know he did, that love was warmly returned by them, and they mourn his loss as though he had been born and reared among them.

We are sure many a poor preacher on our home field who is so badly in need of good books, and destitute of the money wherewith to purchase them, will bless the memory of their good brother who has so kindly supplied their need.

## REV. N. A. BAILEY.

"When you indited yours to me of the 7th inst., brother Bailey was dead. He took the sleeper at your place for Jacksonville, and on arriving there Wednesday morning he was found dead in his berth. Oh! what a loss to me, and to our state work. He was my great support, my true yoke-fellow. I had known him longer than any minister in the state, or any minister living almost."

This sad information was received at the rooms of the Home Mission Board on the morning of July 10th, in a letter from brother W. N. Chaudoin. It brought sorrow to the members of the Board, and others in Atlanta, some of whom had known brother Bailey for years, others who had only recently known and loved him.

Brother Bailey had spent a week in Atlanta, where he came to attend the conference of state Secretaries. After visiting Nashville he returned to Atlanta, and on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 6th he was present at the meeting of the Home Board. At that time he was particularly cheerful and happy. He parted with the members of the Board only a short time before taking the train, rejoiced at the help the Board had been able to extend to his depressed and struggling brethren in Florida. He doubtless anticipated a joyous meeting not only with his own immediate loved ones, but also with his yoke-fellow, brother Chaudoin and others, who were burdened with anxiety about the support of the Master's cause in unfortunate Florida.

There remained for our dear brother the greater reward. The Master's voice reached his ear, saying: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

## RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

From June 15th to July 15th, 1897.

ALABAMA: Previously contributed, cash \$18.02.  
 ARKANSAS: Previously contributed, cash \$4.00.  
 FLORIDA: Previously contributed, boxes \$1.00.  
 GEORGIA: Tatum Square S. S., Macon, \$2.37, J. G. Gibson, Secretary, \$2.84.25. Total cash \$393.92. Previously contributed cash \$239. Total since May, cash \$632.92.  
 INDIAN TERRITORY: L. W. Wright, cash \$25.00.  
 KENTUCKY: W. M. S., Bowling Green, cash \$17.55. Previously contributed boxes \$24.00, cash \$153.12. Total since May, boxes \$24.00, cash \$170.67.  
 LOUISIANA: Previously contributed cash \$20.00.  
 MARYLAND: Eutaw Place Church, Baltimore, J. L., \$110.50; 4th Church, Baltimore, \$10.50. Total cash \$121.00. Previously contributed boxes \$46.41, cash \$23.25. Total since May, boxes \$46.41, cash \$144.25.  
 MISSISSIPPI: T. J. Bailey, Treasurer, cash \$30.35, previously contributed, cash \$54.85. Total since May, cash \$145.15.  
 MISSOURI: E. O. Rogers, Treasurer, \$107.27, K. O. Rogers, Treasurer, \$24.55, W. M. S., by E. O. R., \$166.50. Total cash \$315.52.  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Previously contributed, cash \$29.99.  
 OKLAHOMA: Previously contributed, cash \$5.00.  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Mt. Bethel Church, W. A. J., \$3.54; Graham Church, W. H., \$4.55; Netway Church, Wm. H., \$2.71; Double Pond, Wm. H., \$2.25; Fairmount Church, J. W. K., \$1.00; Red Bank Church, J. W. E., \$10.00; Reddy Fork, F. H. P., \$1.16; 1st Church Greenville, W. C. B., \$4.10; W. M. S., Anderson Cen. Com., \$12.00; Hebron Church, L. H., \$1.15; Newberry Church, B. K. L., \$7.00; Darlington S. S. C. B. E., \$3.97; Sumter Church, Miss P. H., \$3.18; Richland Springs Church, H. Q. R., \$2.30; Total Cash \$64.08. Previously contributed, boxes \$10.00, cash \$50.65. Total since May, boxes \$10.00, cash \$124.73.  
 TENNESSEE: Big Creek Church, Wm. C. W., \$8.23; Wm. Woodcock, Treasurer, \$7.84; total cash \$16.07. Previously contributed, boxes \$26.75, cash \$89.00. Total since May, boxes \$26.75, cash \$174.11.  
 VIRGINIA: Norvell Ryland, Treasurer, cash \$250.00. Previously contributed, boxes \$120.00. Cash \$150.00. Total since May, boxes \$120.00, cash \$350.00.  
 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA: J. M. Stone, Treasurer, cash \$5.00. Previously contributed cash \$20.25. Total since May, cash \$25.25.  
 AGGREGATE: Total cash \$1,515.58. Previously contributed boxes \$375.05, cash \$367.34. Total since May, boxes \$476.05, cash \$2,277.32.

## WHO'LL BE THE FIRST.

In next month's issue we will publish this honor roll:

1. Name and address of the first individual subscriber from each state.
2. Name and address of the first person from each state sending a club of subscriptions.
3. To the boy or girl not over 16 years of age, who sends us the largest number of subscriptions between now and the first day of December, we will send a Christmas present of a handsome Oxford Teacher's Bible.

Rev. E. O. Ware:—In Louisiana there are nineteen whole Parishes without a single white Baptist church. Seven cities of over 2,000 inhabitants without a Baptist church, and six towns over 1,000 and under 2,000 without a Baptist church.

O. F. Gregory, D. D.:—We feel, and feel with shame, that we are not half touching the heathen at our doors.

A. J. Holt, D. D.:—The Home Mission Board is the greatest agency for the perpetuation of Baptist principles, and the propagation of mission development in all these states, that we have.

J. B. Gambrell, D. D.:—If we could develop the Baptist resources of Texas she could do more for missions than the whole of the present work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A. J. Holt, D. D.:—I know that the


Home Mission Board saved Texas to the Southern Baptist Convention without doubt. I know this of my own personal knowledge.

Ed. Norr:—By this action of the Home Mission Board there has thus been turned into the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board the sum of \$97,190.36, and into the Home Mission Board treasury \$37,007.37. Making an aggregate of \$134,197.73 saved to the cause of Southern Baptist Convention missions during the past ten years, and an extensive amount prior to that period of time.


Rev. Wm. McCombs, Eufaula, Indian Territory:—I have travelled several hundred miles through the Creek country since spring on my mission tour, and I find all of them quiet and trusting their representatives, the Creek Commission, to look after their best interests and make for them the best agreement possible.

In all of my travels I find nothing disturbing the peace, spirituality and progress of the churches. I have found all of the churches that I have visited well organized in the work and making progress all along the line in their christian duties.

Many of the Indians of all ages have been converted to Christ, and many backsliders reclaimed within the last three or four months. So I have been very much encouraged and rejoiced to see the Lord keeping our churches in unity and harmony, and crowning their efforts with success.



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