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BIBLE INSTITUTE IN SOUTH EASTERN KENTUCKY.

REV. W. M. B. MCGARITY

About one-sixth of Kentucky is mountainous, with a population of about 100,000 souls. Most of this vast area is at present undeveloped, though great wealth in coal, iron ore, and timber is found. In coming years the many railroads already surveyed will be built, and towns will dot the whole section. The people as a rule are uneducated, but by nature are endowed with good intellect.

Some churches are found in every county, though in a few there are no buildings. The people in these counties use school houses to worship in.

Baptist Associations are found in every section but as a rule are very inactive.

Baptist preachers abound. The majority have had very few advantages except Bible study without help. Their preaching is mostly warm exhortation. They know their Saviour and believe His word. Religion is counted worthless unless it is accompanied with an experience.

In our section the preachers are beginning to take hold of organized work and advocate mission and ministerial support. The churches are not quite ready for it. Consequently the majority of the churches are without pastors, and most of the preachers without churches. A better prepared ministry is demanded. We are passing through a crisis. The old ways are being forsaken, and we have not leaders qualified to adjust the work to the new conditions without losing much that has already been won. An opening is thus made for all kinds of isms. The Mormons have 400 missionaries in the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. They go two and two to the county, and scatter literature wherever they go. I understand that they are making some converts.

The Second Adventists are also gaining converts. Some of our preachers are debating with them.

These Mormon and Adventist missionaries are well trained, well educated men. They know how to twist scripture and make the ignorant believe it.

From now on Baptists will have to contend for every inch in the mountains. You can readily see the necessity for Bible Institutes. In these we get as

many brethren together as will come and spend some time studying our Bibles as we do at the Seminary in Louisville. The brethren enjoy it, and always ask for another one. We held two in December. The attendance was small, but interest good. We hold two general Institutes a year. The summer session at Williamsburg, Kentucky, the winter session at Jellico. Such men as Prof. W. J. McGlothlin, D. B. Ragsdale, Z. T. Cody, J. N. Pres-tridge, M. D. Jeffries, E. E. Folk, and others helped in this work. There was never a time when we needed a strong, well educated, spirit-filled preacher at every county seat, and important center as we do now. The field is ours if we will keep it, but it is fast slipping from our hands. May the Lord incline many of our best young preachers to consecrate their lives to mountain missions.

Jellico, Tenn.

PERSONAL

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Many are helping to increase the circulation. Will you not join the number? you will be doing a good missionary work. You can easily secure one new subscriber, may be you can get ten, or fifty. Try.

EXTRACTS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS.

REV. W. A. INGLE, Winthrop, Arkansas:—This is a town of some importance. The church is young, weak and undeveloped in the work generally. The Baptists are in the lead here. We have a good Sunday school and a good Wednesday night Prayer meeting. The people manifest considerable interest in the preaching service. We have no opposition from other denominations to speak of, but everything is new—new town, new railroad, new country. The town has gained considerable notoriety for lawlessness, but we see hopeful signs of improvement.

REV. R. F. HACKER, Pine Mount, Fla:—We thank the great giver of every good and perfect gift for His divine presence with us during the year and the success He has given us. It has been my happy lot to baptize about 20 persons. All my churches have given me a hearty call for another year, and the last one has decided to be self-sustaining after this year. One of them, though it is a little band of nine members, (all poor and in the very heart of destitution—20 miles from any other church, 40 miles from a town and 50 miles from a railroad,) proposes to employ me for 50 dollars worth of mission work in the destitute region around them. On every hand we find reasons for "thanking God and taking courage."

REV. A. J. DEATON, Ada, Indian Territory:—I

have been on a three weeks' tour, and I will give you a report of what I have seen and done:

I have preached 20 sermons, given 7 exhortations and 2 Sabbath school lectures; visited 64 families and found 9 of them without Bible or Testament; also children 14 years old who had never attended a religious meeting, and one lady who had not heard a sermon in 4 years. This lady was born in Alabama, and raised and married in Arkansas. When I meet with such people, the thought comes to me: What are we doing—letting the young grow up without the Gospel when our Master has committed it to our trust, and has said: "Go," yes, "Go into all the world and teach all nations?" Must I go, or stop by the way? How can I stop? He has said so many things and given us so many promises, that we will "go," trusting Him. We organized one little church with 9 members where there had never been preaching before, and was 12 miles from the nearest place of preaching. I witnessed 4 conversions, and 35 manifested an interest in prayer. I received 50 cents on the field.

REV. WM. H. DEWEESE, Caddo, Indian Territory:—I have been in this part of the Indian Territory now going on three years, among a people that certainly need the Gospel, but are so pressed by poverty they can do very little for its support, yet we look forward for better days. I have preached on an average six sermons a week for two years, and have not received as much as \$50 for my work. I am now missionary for the Bethel Association, with promise of help. It is hard to leave wife and children, but the blessed Saviour says: "Go."

As to the work. It is great and men to preach the truth are scarce, and the cry comes constantly: "Come and help us." The field is large, but we are trying to meet the demand. I had to resign my pastorate to take charge of this work.

REV. E. A. PATTERSON, Union City, Oklahoma:—I have just returned home from our Fifty Sunday Institute, which was moderately well attended, and the subjects discussed were quite well handled and I hope greatly benefited the church where the Institute was held. I hope in the near future the Baptists of Oklahoma will be self-supporting, but at present there is much "land to be possessed," and we need strong and valiant men and women to take the country for Christ. We do not only need strong men in the Lord, but those who will endure hardships as good soldiers for Jesus. Pray for me that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, and that many souls may be saved.

REV. R. A. LEE, Quanah, Texas:—I am pastor of two churches situated in adjoining county towns—Quanah, Hardeman County, and Childress County. They are promising and important fields, but hard to occupy. I divide my time equally between the two churches, and hope by the help of God and His children to build up good, strong missionary churches at both places. People are coming here very rapidly, and it is most important the points should be held and pushed.

Attention is invited to the communication in this issue from Rev. Wm. B. McGarity, a faithful and consecrated missionary, who is doing a splendid work in a field which appeals to Southern Baptists as important beyond measure.



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"If I were a missionary in China, my first and most important prayer, every morning, should be for missions in America, for the sake of China."—Austin Phelps.

FAITHFULNESS.

The highest order of faithfulness in the discharge of Christian duty is often its own reward in this world. "The consciousness that duty has been well performed is a real reward to any conscientious man or woman." It does not consist in simply performing a prescribed limit of duties; in the discharge of those obligations imposed specifically by expressed conditions. This much is expected and required.

There is that character of faithfulness which patiently seeks to know and to do those things which will most honor and promote the Kingdom of Christ. In the performance of which no human word of commendation is sought or expected.

Silently, often tearfully, but if faithful the soul receives its inspiration and comfort from communings with Him who has said: "Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail."

QUERY.

A Brother in Tennessee writes: "I feel willing to do all I can for the upbuilding of God's kingdom among all men, the Negro as well as others. I want to ask you one question: Is it right to go and work with and for the colored race? Please answer this through your paper."

Of course it is right, as they are of those for whom Christ died—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Attention is called to the fact that at the first of the year it was deemed necessary to increase the amount of regular annual appropriations to almost every department of our work, and now emergency demands on the Board are greater than was anticipated.

It was also agreed that each state would be expected to increase its contributions to the Board. These two agreements were arrived at by conference with, and approval of the Secretaries of the State Boards, all being present except two.

The cash receipts of the Board since May to December 1st, have been \$2,326.76 less than for a corresponding period last year. The contributions from only four states have been equal to what they were for same period last year, while from eleven states they have been materially less.

The Board is, therefore, pressed to meet its present obligations.

We appeal to brethren to take care of the work they have committed to the Board. Prompt and enlarged contributions are needed now.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

O. F. Gregory, D. D.: We are Missionary Baptists. Missionary work is not the work of sustenance alone, nor chiefly; but more strictly, it is the work of bearing the gospel to those who have it not, whether it be in foreign lands, in the great Southwest, or in our own immediate State. And the need is great. Foreigners are pouring into all our cities, and all over our land are making homes for themselves. Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches are springing up in sections where twenty years ago, they were unknown. Between 1855 and 1882 nearly eight million foreigners landed on our shores; a large part of this new nation building material passed on through the territory of the various State Boards to the vaster field of the Home Mission Board; and must be cared for by that Board if they are to receive the gospel.

The number of foreign immigrants which have arrived in this country from 1882, the year named by Dr. Gregory, to 1897 inclusive, is 7,231,204, which added to the number stated by him, makes over 15,000,000.

SWEDES IN TEXAS.

Rev. E. Tornqvist, Genoa, Texas, writes: I have four preaching stations: At Genoa, where my family lives, I hold services the first Sunday in each month, besides meetings during the week; at Houston, 15 miles away, I hold services the second and fifth Sunday in each month; Crosby, 30 miles away, I hold services the third Sunday in each month, besides meetings during the week; and every fifth Sunday in the month I preach in Galveston. I do all my traveling with a horse and buggy. In Genoa we have a church numbering 22 members; also a church in Crosby numbering 21 members. In Genoa, Crosby and Houston we have organized Sunday schools that are led, or superintended, every Sunday by brethren of the churches. The country around here opened up for settling just about three years ago, and our people have taken advantage of it, so that today there are about twice as many Swedish people who propose making their homes here as there were about a year ago. No other denomination carries on any work here at all, so that the field is open to the Baptists, and my belief is that it will soon prove a very fruitful field. If you could see the hunger and thirst for the Gospel

as I see it everywhere I go, you would ask, as I often do: Why are not more workers sent out into the fields white unto the harvest? Yes, Why? Is it not because we are not willing to sacrifice our own selfish comforts and wishes for our Saviour's cause, and instead, suffer in some measure as He did? The Lord help us all, so that we may never shrink our duty, however hard it may seem, for great will be our reward in Heaven if we will be found faithful.

ITALIAN MISSION BALTIMORE.

Report of Rev. Raffaele Gallassi, Missionary, for the Month of October.

Visits.....	193
Meetings.....	6
Tracts distributed.....	75
Gospels distributed.....	3
Persons favorable.....	160
Persons opposed.....	33
Controversial tracts loaned.....	11
Handbills distributed.....	495

First public service October 31st at 4 p. m. Present about twenty, who listened attentively. Impression good.

The influence of superstition increases. They call me a devil, and all who listen to me are called demons. All this is the result of the influence of the Roman Clergy. Let us be courageous. All this will cease.

ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES.

The Clerks or Moderators of many Associations send copies of their minutes to the Home Mission Board. This kindness is helpful and appreciated.

Will not all do likewise. Please kindly attend to this NOW.

VICE-PRESIDENT CADDELL.

Dr. C. S. Blackwell having resigned the Vice-Presidency of the Home Board for North Carolina, the Board has elected Brother J. C. Caddell as his successor.

Brother Caddell is well and favorably known throughout the state. He is one of the younger men in North Carolina, and is a consecrated zealous worker in the interest of denominational objects.

REV. E. O. WARE, Cor. Sec'y, Louisiana: No one but a person who has been through a similar quarantine can imagine the loss we have sustained in our work in the state on account of the one just "lifted." Our greatest loss is the death of Dr. Purser. But for a period of two months or more there were no trains on the principal roads in the state hence no mails, no travel, no shipping, NO MONEY. Quite a number of our Associations have not met yet. I cannot tell what the final outcome will be, but I KNOW that we have suffered.

Arrangements have been completed for work among the colored people in Missouri under the co-operative plan. Rev. H. N. Bouey, of Springfield, Mo., has been appointed General Missionary, and Rev. John Golins, of Plattsburg, District Missionary.

Arrangements are also about completed for introducing this work in Kentucky. This will be five states in which this department of work is in operation.

Extract from report on Home Missions, adopted at Tennessee State Convention:

"The necessity of this arm of our Southern Convention was never so apparent as it is today. Without it, our cause could not be maintained in hundreds of communities where it is feeble, and we could not enter new fields which are crying for help. The Board needs more men and more money. God has laid upon us the obligation to supply this need."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

"New mercies, new blessing, new light on our way;
New courage, new hope and new strength for each day;
New praise in the morning, new chords of delight,
New fruits for our Master, new songs in the night;
New stars for our crowns and new tokens of love,
New gleams of the glory that waits us above;
New light of His countenance, full and unpriced;
All this be the joy of our New Year in Christ."

MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC: CHINA.

Items About China.

Area: Over 4,000,000 square miles.
Population: About 400,000,000.
Religions: Three—Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism.
Government: An empire.
History: Dates back to time of Abraham, 2,000 B. C.
Opened to foreigners, September 15th, 1842, by Nanking Treaty. The five ports then "opened" were Canton, Amoy, Fuchow, Ningpo and Shanghai.
Tientsin Treaty made 1858, ratified 1860.
Burlingame Treaty with U. S., 1868, giving right to emigrate to U. S.

KNOW, AND YOU WILL CARE.

Ignorance is the chief cause of the indifference manifested in foreign missions. He whose mind is thoroughly informed as to his responsibility in the matter cannot sit still and do nothing. The obligation presses upon his conscience and stirs him to activity. There is no need, in our day, for anyone being ignorant as to what God requires of his people in the way of reaching, with the Gospel, the millions sitting in the region and shadow of death. In his word he has declared his gracious purpose in regard to them.

In one of the Messianic psalms we are told that they occupy a large space in the redemptive scheme by virtue of a divine decree. He thus assures his redeeming Son: "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." Through Isaiah he declares, "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim," or China. The same prophet pictures "the isles of the sea" as waiting upon Zion's King. John, in his Apocalypse, describes the countless multitudes "redeemed out of every kindred, and tongue, and nation." Other passages tell how the nations of the earth are to be evangelized and saved.

The Church has a part to perform in the grand accomplishment. She must send the Bible and Gospel herald to mankind. Her Lord commands, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest," and "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." These directions she dare not ignore. They are binding upon her individually and collectively.—*The Presbyterian.*

CONFUCIANISM.

The religion of the Chinese empire is little more than a personal reverence for Confucius. Its rites and ceremonies all cluster about his name. An acquaintance with his maxims constitutes the beginning and end of education. For twenty centuries they have been taught in every village school. To the people they are the only creed, the only law.

The characteristics of the system of Confucius are filial piety, veneration for learning, and conservatism. The multitudes of the people, while professing Confucianism, do not hesitate to patronize, at the same time, the shrines of Buddhism and Taoism, and though their great master taught them to worship nothing, the empire swarms with gods.—*D. J. Burrell.*

BUDDHISM.

Buddhism teaches the vanity of all material things, the supreme importance of charity, and the certainty of rewards and punishments by means of transmigration of souls. It enjoins the daily worship of fictitious but powerful divinities. A devotional life in the service of Buddha is represented as infinitely superior to a life spent in social duties and in the pursuit of secular aims. Buddhism is a religion of vows, and the neophyte vows to abstain from animal food, wine, marriage, evil-speaking, and a worldly life. Buddhism is an atheism which denies the eternity of God and creation by God.—*J. Edkins.*

GIVING AND GETTING.

"I don't see how foreign missions help the home churches," said Lou Baker, looking up at her mother. "The preacher said they did, yesterday, when he was preaching about missions, you know."

"Do you remember the beautiful beds of nasturtiums Mrs. Snow and I had last summer, Lou?" asked her mother.

"Yes. But—"

"But what has that to do with missions?" replied her mother, smiling. "Let's see, Mrs. Snow would not cut her flowers, you remember. Her bed was a perfect blaze of color for awhile. She wanted it to be the finest in town, and, for a short time, it was. Then the vines began to die, though she gave them the best of attention. Before August there was nothing but dry stems left. The flowers had bloomed themselves to death, and withdrawn all the life from the roots. This year she did not plant any nasturtiums; she said they did not pay. My bed bloomed until frost. I was on the flower committee for the hospital, and sent great bunches of my nasturtiums every week to the sick people. I could not help it; they were so lovely, and brought so much brightness into the long, bare wards. I never thought of saving my plants or giving away flowers, but so it was."

"So you think, mamma, that the more we give to foreign missions, the more we have at home?"

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty," quoted Mrs. Baker. "When I saw the joy those flowers, gleaming like great blotches of red and yellow sunshine, brought into the days of those poor sick ones, I loved my flowers more than ever before, and thanked God more heartily than I had ever done for the beautiful gift of the flowers. They taught me a lesson on foreign missions. If we do not share our blessings and our joys, the beautiful flower of unselfish love will dry up and die in our hearts. When we give of our means, and see the blessings we have sent bringing such joy and blessing into dark, sin-sick lives of others, our hearts are filled with a greater love than ever before to God, who gave us these blessings, and so more and more he pours in upon our hearts, thus open to receive it, his love, that we may in turn pour this love out upon others. Now, my dear, do you know what the preacher meant when he talked of a church drying up, and, on the other hand, do you see what our dear Saviour meant when he said that to him that giveth shall be given?"

And Lou, looking far into the evening sunshine, thought she saw.—*Onward.*

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Are there not many to whom in years past "the week of prayer" has been only a name? Professing to abide in Christ, to long for the acceptance of His truth by all nations, conscious that His spirit alone can bring about such a consummation, may every one at the beginning of this New Year be true to self and God by laying fast hold of the promise: "Ask and ye shall receive." It is hoped all through our Southern land, there may be an assembling together of Baptist women for this purpose. Should this be impossible, how precious the thought that individuals in the quiet of their own homes may boldly approach the throne of grace, assured by God's word that help will be given. To every day in the week a special topic has been assigned as follows:

SUNDAY: Prevailing Prayer.

"Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness."

MONDAY: Pagan Countries—China, Africa, Japan. Who gave the command to evangelize all nations? With Him is unlimited power—"The earth and the fullness thereof" are the Lord's.

TUESDAY: Home Missions—In City, Country, State and among the Indians.

"Great Author of Salvation,
Haste, haste the glorious day
When we a ransomed nation,
Thy sceptre shall obey."

WEDNESDAY: China—Ingathering of Christmas Offerings.

Remember—Ye were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Gladly, freely, present your offerings of both prayer and money.

THURSDAY: Southern Baptist Convention—Its Boards; State Mission Work; Woman's Missionary Union; State Central Committees; Local Societies.

"Prayer is the pivot on which God's almighty enterprises swing."

FRIDAY: Papal Countries—Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba.

"They have a zeal of God," but not according to the truth as it is in Christ.

SATURDAY: Personal Consecration to Christ's Work.

"All! All for Christ, and Christ our all in all."

Full consecration, our own life's brief story,
No wasted essence, no unwoven thread,
But, with the church's commonwealth of glory,
Linked to the glory of her risen head.

IN PRAYER.

BY REV. F. B. MEYER.

With many of us prayer is rather a mental exercise than a waiting on God. We gird ourselves to agonize and strive with God, with too much of the energy of the flesh. We frequently go to God in prayer as though by the intensity and impetuosity and vehemence of our ejaculations and agonizings we will appraise Him. A man does not prevail with God that way. "In your own home what is it that prevails with you most? It is not the boisterous strength of some child that will have his way, but the helplessness of the little cripple that lies in that bed. As that little helpless one looks up to you, there is more that touches your heart in its mute appeal than in the strength of the other."

True prayer in getting into sympathy with God; in knowing what God wants to give us; in understanding the mind of Christ revealed by the Holy Ghost. In your prayers be less eager to impress certain things on God than to let Him impress things on you. Instead of going to God with a certain programme, let God incalculable upon you His programme. If in your daily prayer you would quietly wait till the Holy Spirit moulds you, you would find yourself presently more vehement, more intense, more ardent; not with thoughts and desires generated in your own heart, but with thoughts and desires that have descended to you from God out of heaven.

Receipts of Home Mission Board.

From November 15th to December 15th, 1897.

ALABAMA: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. 2nd ch. Selma, \$100; L. S. Parker Memorial, Anniston, \$105; L. S. Furman, \$60; L. S. 1st ch. Birmingham, \$31; L. Circle, So. Side ch. Birmingham, \$30; (contributed,) Pastors Aid, So. Side, B'ham, \$23; B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams, South Side, Birmingham, \$20; L. S. Montevallo, \$50.90; L. S. Tuscaloosa, \$60; L. M. S., Prattville, \$36; L. A. S. E. Lake, \$49; L. Circle, So. Side ch. B'ham, \$25; L. S. Gadsden, \$63. Total boxes, \$687.90; cash, \$402.53; S. S. Miss. Day, J. M. F., \$27.47. Total cash, \$437. Previously reported boxes, \$235.70; cash, \$816.95. Total since May, boxes, \$923.60; cash, \$1,253.95.

ARKANSAS: Cash, L. A. S. 1st ch. Little Rock, Mrs. M. M., \$10.15; Mrs. M. H. R. Monticello, \$5; L. A. S. Jonesboro, \$8.49; L. A. S. Walcott ch., \$1.50; L. A. S. Herman ch., \$2.50; L. A. S. New Hope ch., \$5; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$5.27. Total cash, \$33.26. Previously reported cash, \$100.88. Total since May, cash, \$134.09.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported boxes, \$36.

FLORIDA: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. W. M. S. Wildwood, \$5.15; W. M. S. Electra, \$38; W. M. S., Jacksonville, \$25; W. M. S. Live Oak, \$48.75. Total boxes, \$111.90. Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$7.22. Previously reported boxes, \$75. Cash, \$277.94. Total since May, boxes, \$186.90. Cash, \$285.16.

GEORGIA: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. Shiloh, ch., \$10; W. M. S. Tattall Square, Macon, \$44.50; W. M. S. Harmony Grove, \$40; W. M. S. Oak Grove ch., \$30; Mission Workers, 2nd ch., Atlanta, \$100; W. M. S. Griffin, \$62; W. M. S. Hartwell, \$32; W. M. S. Curtis ch., Augusta, \$75.56; W. M. S. 2nd ch., Atlanta, \$146.16; W. M. S. Toccoa, \$38. Total boxes, \$678.21. Cash, Chattahoochee Ass'n, G. D. E. Tr., \$20; Hopeful S. S., Rev. R. B. S., \$3.34; J. G. Gibson, Cor. Sec'y, \$191.86; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$92.55; W. M. S. Albany for Cuba, Mrs. J. B. G., \$3.93. Total cash, \$313.70. Previously reported boxes, \$170.69; cash, \$4,399.23. Total since May, boxes, \$2,279.90; cash, \$4,622.93.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Previously reported cash, \$86.85.

KENTUCKY: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. Shelbyville, \$50; L. S. Covington, \$60; L. S. Fairview ch., \$90; L. S. Catlettsburg, \$30; L. S. Lebanon, \$45; L. S. Locust, \$51.85; L. S. Bowling Green, \$38; L. S. Glen Creek, \$29.81; L. S. Paducah, \$31.60; L. S. Parkland ch., \$45.18; L. S. Covington, \$75; L. S. David's Fork, \$35; L. S. 1st ch., Owensboro, \$60. Total boxes, \$650.44. Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$38.34; J. W. Warder, Cor. Sec'y, \$592.98; Trenton ch., G. A. McKee, \$9.17. Total cash, \$640.49. Previously reported boxes, \$104. Cash, \$2,521.74. Total since May, boxes, \$754.44; cash, \$3,162.23.

LOUISIANA: Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$19.00. Previously reported boxes, \$16.30. Cash, \$188. Total since May, boxes, \$16.30. Cash, \$207.00.

MARYLAND: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. W. B. H. M. S. 1st ch. Balto., \$110; W. B. H. M. S., Lee street ch. Balto., \$223.75; W. B. H. M. S. Scott street ch. Balto., \$108.45; W. B. H. M. S. Franklin Square ch. Balto., \$200; W. B. H. M. S. Lee street, Balto. (German work), \$12.10. Total boxes, \$654.34. Cash, L. S. Lee street, Mrs. Tyler, Tr., W. B. H. M. S. for Mrs. Cothran, \$5.00; 4th ch. Balto., J. F. T. Tr., \$3.50; Franklin Square ch., \$35; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$117.14. Total cash, \$160.64. Previously reported boxes, \$287.47. Cash, \$1,275.90. Total since May, boxes, \$941.81. Cash, \$1,436.54.

MISSISSIPPI: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. Armstrong Society, Columbus, \$136; L. A. S., Columbus, \$36.40; W. M. S. Starkville, \$60; W. M. S. Winona, \$40.85. Total boxes, \$273.25. Cash, Silver Springs ch., R. S. W. clerk, \$9.20; T. J. Bailey, Tr., \$125; Lebanon Ass'n, Rev. C. G. E. Tr., \$16.00; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$6.15. Total cash, \$156.35. Previously reported cash, \$702.48. Total since May, boxes, \$273.25. Cash, \$858.83.

MISSOURI: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. Windsor, \$47; W. M. S., Pleasant Hill, \$29.85; W. M. S. Huntsville, \$43.50. Total boxes, \$120.35. Cash, E. H. Sawyer, Tr., \$204.99; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$2.95; W. M. S. E. H. S. Tr., \$75. Total cash, \$283. Previously reported boxes, \$94. Cash, \$1,909.12. Total since May, boxes, \$214.45; cash, \$2,192.12.

NORTH CAROLINA: Cash, J. E. White, Cor. Sec'y, \$683.30; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$41.83. Total cash, \$725.13. Previously reported boxes, \$252.77; cash, \$298.82. Total since May, boxes, \$252.77; cash, \$1,023.95.

OKLAHOMA: Cash, W. M. U. Lexington, Rev. A. B. M., \$2.50. Previously reported cash, \$31.35. Total since May, cash, \$33.85.

OREGON: Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$8.60.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. W. M. S. Chester, \$70; L. S. Goucher Creek ch., \$19; L. S. Cannon street ch. Charleston, \$42.30; L. M. B. Sumter, \$55.61; W. M. S. Johnston, \$43.91; W. M. S. Pendleton street ch. Greenville, \$50.00; W. M. S. Rutherford street ch. Greenville, \$34.45. Total boxes, \$341.67. Cash, Ebenezer ch. D. E. L. Tr., \$19.10; Welch Neck Ass'n, A. C. C. Tr., \$56.95; S. S. 1st ch. Gaffney, L. G. B. Tr., \$5; Cool Branch ch., J. F. V. L. Tr., \$15.20; Charleston Ass'n, Z. D. Tr., \$35.75; Laurens Ass'n, C. H. R. Tr., \$68.97; Chesterfield Ass'n, A. E. Tr., \$9.05; Edgefield S. S. W. B. T. Tr., \$5.15; Cent. Com., W. M. S. Mrs. John Stout, Cor. Sec'y, \$12.95; Savannah River Ass'n, R. T. C. \$31.10; Fairfield Ass'n, W. R. R. Tr., \$2.60; Spring Branch ch., J. M. B. \$30; Parkville S. S. H. W. D. Tr., \$4.00; Poplar Spigs ch., T. E. S. Tr., \$4; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec'y, \$16.31; Good Hope ch., C. A. S. \$1; Sumter ch., Miss F. H., \$3.55; Calvary ch. Inman, J. H. O. S., \$2.75; Green Pond ch. B. F. W. \$2; R. W. Sanders, V. P., \$11.28; Welcome ch., J. P. M. Tr., \$1.87; Newberry ch., J. M. S., \$30; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$94.67; Sardis ch., E. F. M. Tr., \$2.25. Total cash, \$417.74. Previously reported boxes, \$160.00; cash, \$1,635.60. Total since May, boxes, \$591.87; cash, \$2,458.34.

TENNESSEE: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. Cleveland, \$44; L. S. Humboldt, \$60; L. S. Trenton ch. Harrison, \$43; W. M. S. Jonesboro, \$47; L. S. 1st ch. Nashville, \$60; L. S. Smithwood ch., \$43.44; W. M. S. Central ch. Nashville, \$49.50; L.

S. Murfreesboro, \$105.70. Total boxes, \$452.73. Cash, W. M. Woodcock, Tr., \$125.95; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$14.91. Total cash, \$140.86. Previously reported boxes, \$533.23; cash, \$1,172.16. Total since May, boxes, \$985.96. Cash, \$1,313.02.

TEXAS: Cash, S. S. Mexia, W. F. M., \$80; S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$12.60. Total cash, \$132.40. Previously reported boxes, \$306.30; cash, \$995.04.

VIRGINIA: Boxes reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong. L. S. 1st ch. Lynchburg, \$137; L. S. Bedford City, \$53; L. S. Newport News, \$15; L. S. Lower Northampton ch., \$37.54; W. M. S. Freeman street, Norfolk, \$118.50; Sunbeams, Freemason street, Norfolk, \$65.85; L. S. Hebron, \$30; L. S. Grove Avenue, \$81; L. S. Hampton ch., \$75. Total boxes, \$612.89. Cash, S. S. Mission day, J. M. F., \$5.62. Previously reported boxes, \$971.11; cash, \$2,675.81. Total since May, boxes, \$1,584.00; cash, \$2,679.43.

W. NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported boxes, \$20; cash, \$27.15.

AGGREGATE: Total boxes, \$4,483.88. Cash, \$3,358.11. Previously reported boxes, \$4,793.62. Cash, \$19,011.58. Total since May, boxes, \$9,277.45. Cash, \$22,369.68.

NOTE: A number of additional boxes have been reported from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, South Carolina and North Carolina, too late to be included in the above list. They will be acknowledged in February paper.

A BUSY MONTH.

From the report of Miss Marie Buhlmaier, of Baltimore, for November, the following items of service show a busy month. This, however, is not above the average month's work of this faithful and consecrated missionary.

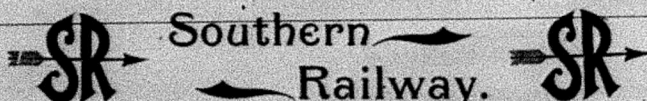
Visits made.....	45
Visits to Immigrant Pier.....	3
Attended religious services.....	18
Attended Sunday school.....	6
Conducted sewing schools.....	15
Visits to Washington.....	3
Pages of literature distributed.....	1,908
Persons benefitted by aid given.....	27

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