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RENEWALS.

The payment of so small amount as the subscription price of OUR HOME FIELD is an insignificant act with one person, but the collection of many renewals becomes quite a task to us. We respectfully request, therefore, that each subscriber will favor us by forwarding renewals without delay when due.

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If the paper has been satisfactory to you, will you not kindly undertake to send one or more new subscriptions with your renewal. Such assistance will be materially helpful to the Board.

OPPORTUNITY—RESPONSIBILITY.

God has given to the Baptists of the South the most wonderful opportunity ever presented to any denomination in this or any other country, in modern or ancient times. It is an opportunity of immeasurable magnitude, encircling in its wide sweep many questions of vast moment; questions that touch the stability of government, the extension of influences that make for civil liberty throughout the world, the spread of religious liberty for which Baptists by the very necessity of their church polity must always contend, and more than all, the hastening of that time when

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Doth his successive journeys run.

His kingdom spread from shore to shore,

Till sun and moon shall wane no more."

If it be granted that there is such an opportunity as this before the Baptists of America—an opportunity which never existed before and which no other denomination ever had to face—it will be readily admitted that the responsibility must be commensurate.

The above is the introductory paragraph of an interesting tract entitled "Great Opportunity, Great Responsibility" by Richard H. Edmonds, published by Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 304 North Howard St., Baltimore, price two cents. Secure a copy, it is well worth reading.

OUR MONTHLY CONCERT OF PRAYER.

Shall It Be Revived?

Many of our younger people know little of the old monthly concert of prayer. It was a meeting established by our fathers in the early history of mission work, when our people all over the land met together and offered special prayer for the world's conversion. It began when China was sealed to the outside world and the most common, perhaps, of all the petitions that ascended from these meetings was the prayer that God would open the gates of China. He has given us more than they asked, so that not only China, but Mexico and Cuba and South America and the Dark Continent and the

Islands of the Sea are all open today to the Gospel messenger.

Not only is it true that God will be sought by His people for the blessings He is so ready to give, but it is also true that as there are set times to favor Zion, so there are special occasions for the offering of acceptable, effective prayer. The life of the Master strongly emphasizes this truth. In human life there are many days of deep and dark depression when prayer is needed to confirm the grasp of faith; and, in the hours of the soul's highest triumphs, prayer is required to steady its emotions and hold it true to its reliance upon God. There are times when great vistas of the glories of the coming years so gleam in the sunlight of His providence that it needs the spirit of prayer to restrain the impatient soul and keep down its aspirations to the sober duties of the present hours.

As God thus deals with men, so He sometimes deals with nations; and as there come opportunities in man's life and occasions arise when he may do noble things for his Master, so there come times to nations when the Divine hand opens before them the glowing gates of privilege and beckons them onward and upward to labors and triumphs for Him, which improved, lead to their noblest destiny. In such occasions revolutions are born. We are told in the Scriptures that a nation may be born in a day. This statement has often been verified in human history.

To-day, by a strange providence a new and shining destiny may be open before us. We are at war with a foreign nation. Strangely, mysteriously, without desire to be so, we are somehow, we scarce know how, plunged into the bloody conflict. The war in the brief period of thirty days has changed the whole current of our national history. The advice of Washington to his countrymen to stand aloof from the nations of the old world, to form no entangling alliances, to live as much as possible within ourselves, to improve our isolated condition in this Western Hemisphere by building up our own political and social institutions, has been revered, not only by our statesmen, but by the rank and file of our people. And yet despite the devotion of this nation to the Father of his Country, and despite our long cherished desire to keep in the paths his wisdom has marked out for us, in a single day, almost in an hour, the cords binding us to the past are broken and a new destiny confronts us. A nation has been born in a day.

In these new conditions there is a demand for earnest prayer—prayer that God will tame the ambition of our countrymen—prayer that God will give wisdom and patriotism and christian principle to our statesmen and those who rule—prayer that God will saturate our commerce with the spirit of His truth and grace—prayer that God will save us from the desire of conquest, and from the accursed thirst for gold—prayer that God will add to the splendors of this day of material development the coming of the Son of Righteousness, rising "like another morn risen at mid-noon" upon our people, that they may be the messengers of His truth and the light-bearers of the world.

In our efforts to evangelize the world, we should realize more that without God we can do nothing; through Him, we can do all things. Our great privilege is to pray to Him for wisdom and strength.

More glorious will be the progress of the work when we pray more. China, Japan, Africa, with many other countries lie open before us. Our opportunities are great. We have many good men and women anxious to go out to the work. Let us pray God to open the hearts of our people to furnish the means. We should be encouraged to pray to Him when we consider: His love and gift for a lost world; His command to us to go; His command to us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come," and also the gracious blessings bestowed on the efforts which we have put forth in Foreign lands for the advancement of His Kingdom.

To come nearest home: the efforts of our Sunday School Board to plant Sunday Schools in destitute places, to distribute the Word of God, to publish Sunday School helps that shall not only teach the special Bible lessons, but shall instill the spirit of missions among the rising generation—these lines of work need the baptism of the Spirit to make them effective, and He comes in answer to the united prayers of God's people.

Do we not need again the revival of the old monthly concert of prayer? Is it not a time in which God's people should unite together month by month, and with one common heartfelt desire implore the Divine blessing as our guide, that we may be that "people whose God is the Lord," and who, first of nations, shall welcome the Messiah's reign?

R. J. WILLINGHAM,

Sec. Foreign Mission Board.

I. T. TICHENOR,

Sec. Home Mission Board.

J. M. FROST,

Sec. Sunday School Board.

KIND WORDS.

This is one of the oldest periodicals published in connection with the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

KIND WORDS is a beautiful, illustrated paper for young people and children, conducted on lines of Sunday School and missionary development. Its missionary department is admirably edited by Miss Alice Armstrong, of the W. M. U. It contains an exposition of the monthly Mission Card topics, Program for the Little Sunbeams and Missionary Blackboard exercises, besides interesting stories and miscellaneous religious matter.

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Rev. L. C. Hine, Oklahoma. Too much water the first Lord's day in May was a happy day for the little band of brothers and sisters at New Friendship on the Washita River in Center County, Oklahoma. Though our Jordan had too much water for the occasion, we selected a suitable place up one of the drains, and in the back water from the river I buried with Christ in baptism nine happy converts, who rejoice to follow Jesus. This makes thirteen I have baptized into this church, and there are six more awaiting baptism.

This church was organized by Bro. T. R. Boazman, one of the first missionaries in Custer County. I have been supplying them the last three months.



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It must be evident that in proportion as the work of the Home Missions is successfully prosecuted, there will be an increase of supplies for the foreign work. Our fathers felt the force of this fact. In point of time, Foreign Missions precede Home Missions. But those who establish Foreign Missions soon saw that if the work of carrying the gospel to the regions afar was to be maintained and to grow there must be corresponding work at home. The strength of the denomination must be increased in America if more missionaries and larger supplies were to be sent to India and China. The same thing is true now. If we are ever going to enlarge our missionary forces abroad, reinforce old fields and occupy new ones, we must develop our resources at home. The truth is, the extension of the Foreign Mission work during the past quarter of a century is due in no small degree to the results of Home Mission operations. There are hundreds of churches all over our land which are now pouring their offerings into our Foreign Mission treasury which were founded and fostered by our Home Mission Boards. If enlargement is to go on in the foreign work it must be by the same processes.—
A. J. Rowland, D. D.

We are told in the scriptures that a nation may be born in a day. This statement has often been verified in human history.

When Israel stood shivering on the banks of the Red Sea, with the dark waves in front and the mountains on either hand, with their foes behind them, God opened a pathway through the floods congealed in the heart of the sea, and led them down across its sandy depths in triumph to the other shore. Standing delivered, re-

deemed, triumphant over their enemies, they were a new people. The shackles they had worn in the centuries of their long bondage had been broken and lay buried with the carcasses of the Egyptians under the engulfing waters of Egypt's dark sea. A new destiny was theirs. They turned their faces northward where in after days on its distant horizon they saw the blue islands of their Canaan rise. Henceforth their home was to be in the land of their fathers, and where Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebecca and Rachel and Joseph slept the sleep of the just, was to be their heritage forever. On its mountain tops Jerusalem, the city of the great King should stand, and from Moriah's summit there should arise through the centuries to come, that temple which should be glorified by the coming feet of God's Messiah.

And so it is with us. God has not so dealt with any other people. He has made this land of ours the resting place for the weary pilgrim's feet. Here at last, after centuries of persecution, the church of God has found a spot where she can sit down beneath her own vine and fig tree, and none dare to molest or make her afraid. The Divine hand of Providence which rules the nations, has spread so wide our broad domain that two oceans lave its fertile shores. In the number of its instructed citizens it stands unsurpassed among the nations in all the past as well as in the present. In material power it holds the acknowledged leadership of the world, and yet its vast resources are but touched. Its teeming population, multiplying three times a century, promises soon to dominate the earth.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Read the following extracts from a letter written by the President of a Woman's Missionary Society in one of our Southern states:

Some of the brethren of our church and many of the brethren of our state are opposed to the Ladies Aid Societies. Consequently, our work is very materially hindered. We are making strenuous efforts to defeat the opposition, while at the same time we quietly do what the Lord points out to us as our duty.

Personally, my heart breaks over the deep injustice done us, in our humble attempt to share in the exalted privilege of sending the glad news of salvation to the millions for whom Christ died.

So long as our noble Baptist women work, as at present, in co-operation with their respective churches, and their mission organizations are conducted as auxiliary to our regular organized work, we fail to see why anyone should do otherwise than encourage and commend them.

That the character and methods of their work come within the limits of Christian propriety, as Baptists understand it, there does not seem to be room for doubt.

That the organized labors of our Baptist women have been crowned with the blessing of Divine approval must be apparent from the results achieved.

Many have been our faithful missionaries

in home and foreign lands, who could not have been sustained in the work to which their lives are given but for the support furnished the Boards by the organized efforts of our Baptist women.

The Tenth Annual report (1898) of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, shows its entire receipts for the year to have been \$58,293.51: Contributed to the Home Board \$35,636.24; the Foreign Board \$21,633.51 and the Sunday School Board \$1,023.76.

Thus it may be seen, that while contributions from other sources have constantly increased, the total amount contributed to the Boards of the convention by the organized effort of our Baptist women, during the tenth year of such effort, amounts to considerably more than the aggregate contributions to the work of the convention from all sources ten years prior to the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Brethren: do what you can in the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth; do no less than the full measure of your ability, but do not cast an obstacle in the way of consecrated, christian women, upon whose hearts the Lord has laid the burden of human souls: women who humbly desire to "share in the exalted privilege of sending the glad news of salvation to the unsaved millions for whom Christ died."

Many of our readers, especially among the Baptist women of the South, know something of the faithful work of Mrs. A. G. Washburn, the wife of our General Missionary to the Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles in Indian Territory. She usually accompanies her husband in his preaching tours, and is an active and efficient co-laborer with him.

In a letter recently received from Mrs. Washburn, in which she sends a large club of subscribers to OUR HOME FIELD, she writes as follows:

During my husband's absence at the Southern Baptist Convention, I visited Wilburton, Ind. Terr., and did some work in that new and growing town. Wilburton is a mining town of about six hundred people; is surrounded by a good farming country; is growing rapidly and now promises soon to be a place of some importance. There are, in and around the town, about sixty Baptists. A church has lately organized there, and they have the services of a noble and faithful Brother John W. Hulsey as pastor. In looking over the town, I found people of almost every shade of belief, from infidel down to Mormon. How unfortunate that these people should have gotten out here in the Territory among a people that we are working so hard to lift up to a higher and better life. We pray for more Grace, more Light and more means to enable us to carry the Gospel to these poor benighted unfortunates. Our Ladies Society at Eufula is progressing nicely, and giving some very substantial assistance to the church. A Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to our General Association, was organized at the last session of that body, and we are hoping to do much good in future. Brethren and sisters in the states, pray for us.

This is the twelfth issue of OUR HOME FIELD since we began its republication. We acknowledge our appreciation of the kind favor with which it has been received.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Auxiliary to S. B. C.

No. 304 N. Howard St., BALTIMORE, MD.

Motto.—GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

Written for OUR HOME FIELD.

TO THE WORK.

A Church of God thy mission great,
Commands thee to arise;
The clock has struck, the hour is late,
Lift up thy sleeping eyes.

The fields of harvest spread away,
Full ripe with golden grain;
Thrust in thy sickle for the day
Will soon begin to wane.

At home, abroad, let heralds go
With tidings from above,
Until every tribe on earth shall know
Of Jesus and his love.

WM. A. FITZGERALD.

MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC—FOREIGN BOARD.

AFRICA.

ITEMS.

The Foreign Mission Board, appointed annually by the Convention is located at Richmond. Its fields of labor are: China, Japan, Italy, Brazil, Mexico.

Over 22,000 of the *Foreign Mission Journal* are printed monthly, giving valuable information concerning them.

The total receipts of the past year were \$124,249.69.

Womans Missionary Union contributed of this \$21,633.51.

Missionary Day in the Sunday Schools was the source of \$1,700.

Baptisms during past year, 701.

Lately appointed missionaries: Rev. E. A. Nelson and wife, Brazil; Miss Bertha R. Stenger, Brazil; Mrs. W. W. Lawton, China.

Missionaries in Africa have during the past year been passing through deep waters. Rev. C. E. Smith had a little one taken from the home circle. Rev. W. P. Winn and wife were forced to return on account of his constant sickness, and Mrs Winn, though apparently in good health, died before the vessel had left the coast. Her body is resting in that land for which she so faithfully labored.

PAUSE AND CONSIDER.

The President of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss F. E. S. Heck, in her address at the Annual Meeting at Norfolk, said: "He passes through life as a sleepy child in this green wood's shade, who does not at each closing year pause and consider."

In remembrance of these words and of the recent tenth birthday of Woman's Missionary Union, during this month set apart for the study of the Foreign Board, it may be well for all W. M. U. workers to reflect upon what has been accomplished in connection with this Board, both in the past year and in the entire period since Southern Baptist women formed a general organization.

Not until the great day, when the life work of each individual shall be tried, will ALL the services which have been done to advance Christ's kingdom be revealed. Sweet is the thought to the heart of many a humble, earnest Christian worker, that God has a book of remembrance in which is written a complete history of all the deeds that have been quietly done in His name, for His glory; but

having been privileged to see SOME results, to these attention is directed.

During the past year \$21,633.51 in cash was contributed to the Foreign Board; the grand total of ten years' effort is \$240,788.11. Co-extensive with W. M. U. has been the Christmas Offering and by this means \$40,034.29 has been raised. Dr. R. J. Willingham at the Annual Meeting stated that last year was the most glorious in the history of Baptist missionary effort in China. How it gladdens our heart to know that we have had a share in this work. Successful effort has been made in extending the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*; sympathetic, kindly letters were sent to foreign missionaries; and in many ways general officers, Central Committees and members of Societies have striven to prove themselves true helpers of the Board.

Having paused and considered what has been accomplished, is it not also the part of wisdom to look forward to the work of the new Conventional year upon which we have so recently entered? As recommendations from the various Boards form the basis of all W. M. U. effort, and the following from the Foreign Board were adopted at Norfolk during the Annual Session, it is hoped they will be carefully read and considered. Then, believing them to be the result of prayerful thought for the carrying on of God's work, in the name of Christ, of the Gospel and humanity, may each one do her part. Do it with enthusiasm, prayerfulness, generosity, giving money and giving self as the magnitude of the trust and the majesty of the divine King and Captian demand.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOREIGN BOARD.

Adopted at Annual Meeting in Norfolk, May 7th, 1898.

1. We ask that the sisters heartily co-operate with us in getting information before our people in reference to the work of Foreign Missions. This can be done by writing talking, distributing tracts and getting subscribers for the *Foreign Mission Journal*. We print now 22,000 Journals every month. The sisters have greatly helped us in getting this large circulation. We want them to help us get 30,000 by next Convention.

2. We think that "Missionary Day" in our Sunday Schools is productive of good in training and developing our children in loving, and giving for Missions. We ask the sisters to try to get every Sunday School to take part in the exercises arranged for that day. Let two objects be kept in view; one, to inform and interest the children in Missions; the other, to enlist their co-operation in the work.

3. For several years the sisters have been making special gifts as a "Christmas Offering" for the work in China. We ask that the special gifts go to the same object this year. We rejoice that the work in China has been blessed the past year with many more baptisms than ever before in its history.

4. We suggest that the Young People's Societies and Bands endeavor to raise \$4,000 for Foreign Missions, and that the children of the missionaries and the children in the home land be brought into closer contact.

5. We think that the sisters could easily raise enough to pay all the expenses of the female workers, both married and single, now on the Foreign fields, and hope with each new female appointment that they will consider that they have an added charge upon them. We therefore ask that the sisters raise this year for our work at least \$10,000.00.

*NOTE.—This sum is not additional to the total \$30,000.00 but included in it.

THE MISSION (PRAYER) CARD.

What a suggestive little helper it is! Should it not be highly valued by all Woman's Missionary Union workers? Though so small it can travel in letters, yet it is large enough to bring before us all the fields of the Southern Baptist Convention, both

Home and Foreign, and intelligent enough to quicken our interest by imparting much information concerning them. Nor is this all. The neat little calendar not only marks the flight of time, but causes us to remember "for every day God will call us to account," while the message of the first page, "Effectual working needs first effectual prayer," makes clear the duty of filling each day with earnest, united, persevering prayer. Thousands of these little helpers are sent from the Mission Rooms in Baltimore every year. Repeatedly it has been suggested that they be used as Bible markers, yet once again we advance the same idea, hoping it may be new to some. Only a few days ago, a W. M. U. worker, who has at different times put them in almost every possible place, even tying them on the gas bracket and placing them in the mirror to be reminded of their message, was quite taken with the Bible Marker idea, as she had never once heard of it.

Valuable as it is, before the Mission Card can be fully appreciated, there must be a clear conception of the duty of prayer we owe to God and our missionaries. Let us remember the command "Go," and the promise: "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," are inseparably linked together, making it a clearly defined duty to pray of God the gift of the Holy Spirit, without whom this work can never be accomplished. Neither should the duty we owe our substitutes be neglected. The unchanging request in all letters from them is the same as that which Paul's heart prompted: "Pray for us." We need to remember that missionaries are subject to "all the ills to which flesh is heir," to be tempted, discouraged and homesick, and as laborers together for God, a duty devolves upon the workers at home to help them by making earnest prayer for them and their fields—intelligent prayer, recognizing special, individual needs. During this year may the little mission card be used more than ever before.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

A lady in Scotland, whose husband had left her a competence, had two profligate sons who wasted her substance with riotous living. When she saw that her property was being squandered she determined to make an offering to the Lord. She took twenty pounds and gave it to the London Missionary Society. Her sons were very angry at this, and told her she might just as well cast her money into the sea. "I will cast it into the sea," she replied, "and it shall be my bread upon the waters."

The sons, having spent all they could get, enlisted in a regiment and were sent to India. Their positions were far apart, but God so ordered in his providence that both were stationed near good missionaries. The elder one was led to repent of sin and embrace Christ. He shortly afterward died.

Meanwhile the widowed mother was praying for her boys. One evening as she was taking down her family Bible to read, the door softly opened and the younger son appeared to greet the aged mother. He told her he had turned to God, and Christ had blotted out all his sins.

Then he narrated his past history in connection with the influence the missionaries of the cross had on his own mind, while his mother, with tears of overflowing gratitude, exclaimed: "O, my twenty pounds! my twenty pounds! I have cast my bread upon the waters, and now I have found it after many days."

A meeting of secretaries of State Mission Boards was held with the Home Board on June 1st and 2d.

The meeting was one of much interest. Questions affecting the relation of Home Board to the various State Boards were discussed and the needs of the various fields considered. The one dominant fact brought out was the pressing necessity for enlarged efforts by the Home Board all along the lines.

BAPTISTS IN CUBA.

We have frequent inquiries from persons desiring to forward funds to Cuba for the relief of "starving Baptists."

For the information of all whose minds and hearts are impressed with these humane impulses, we may say: that all avenues of communication between the Home Board and Baptists in Cuba are closed. The Board is unable to send the salaries due our Baptist women, teachers in Havana, although every effort has been made to do so.

There are some considerations, which in a measure relieve the tension of anxiety and cast a ray of light on the dark picture, so far as our Baptist brethren and sisters in Cuba are concerned.

First: Before the declaration of war by the United States, the male members of our churches had practically all left their homes, either joining the army of liberation or coming to this country. Before communication with Cuba was interrupted, those of the Baptists who remained on the Island were in and around the city of Havana, the very best place on the Island for securing necessary supplies. In the last letter received from Dr. Belot, the agent of the Board in Havana, written near two months ago, he said: "In answer to the inquiries as to the extent of suffering among Baptist members, I must tell you that in HAVANNA there are VERY FEW Baptist members in real want." Dr. Belot is a Baptist and a man of means. We feel warranted in indulging the hope that even now, with the resources of the property of the Board in his hands, supplemented if need be by his private resources, Dr. Belot will be able to avert serious suffering for want of food among the limited number of Baptists remaining in Cuba. He will, of course, know that he will be reimbursed for any expenditures he finds it necessary to make.

Second: The fact that the United States Government is committed to the policy of furnishing provisions to the suffering Cubans as early as possible, and the activity of the Government in the direction of this accomplishment gives assurance that relief will reach our Baptist people in Cuba earlier and with more certainty through Government channels than we could hope for through private sources.

We, therefore, feel more concern for funds to be contributed to the Board to meet its increasing indebtedness; to cover expenses of arrangements already partly matured, under direction of the convention at Norfolk, for mission work in connection with the invading army, and for placing the Board on a footing which will enable it to meet any emergency and promptly discharge any additional obligation that early military developments may place upon southern Baptist in connection with the situation and work in Cuba.

WANTED—A TYPEWRITER.

If any reader of OUR HOME FIELD has an extra typewriter which he would like to donate for the aid of a worthy frontier missionary, we will gladly receive and forward it to one who, in his work, has an extensive correspondence. He can operate a machine but is unable to buy one, and consequently does a large amount of writing with pen, which is laborious. The gift of a second-hand machine would be a real blessing, and worthily bestowed.

RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION BOARD

From May 15th to June 15th, 1898.

ALABAMA: Cash, Silvan ch \$6.30
 ARKANSAS: Previously reported, cash \$162.90.
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported, cash \$1.
 GEORGIA: Cash, 1st ch Macon, \$41.41; M. L. McD., Effie \$2.90; L. M. S., E. Macon ch., \$5; total cash, \$48.31;
 KENTUCKY: Cash by Central Com. W. M. U., Ghent \$7.88; Hopkinsville \$27.25; E. Hickman \$9.55; Glens Creek \$1 and Walnut St. Louisville \$1; W. M. S., Bowling Green for Cova \$12.35; Total cash \$53.03. Previously reported cash \$15.20. Total since May, cash \$68.23.
 LOUISIANA: Previously reported, cash \$1.
 MARYLAND: Cash, Poolesville ch. \$3; Brantly ch., Balto. \$43; Pocomoke City ch. \$4.07; 4th ch Balto. \$4.12; W. B. H. M. S., for frontier missions, \$58.72. Total cash \$112.91. Previously reported cash \$1.12. Total since May, cash \$114.03.
 MISSISSIPPI: Cash, Pleasant Grove ch. \$5.55; Bethesda ch. \$8.55. Total cash \$14.10. Previously reported cash \$3.40. Total since May, cash \$17.50.
 MISSOURI: Cash, E. H. Sawyer, Tr., \$242.18; W. M. S. \$149.28. Total cash \$391.46.
 NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported cash \$5.22.
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Cash, Citadel sq. ch. Charleston \$50; Beulah ch. \$2.33; Georges Creek ch. \$2.15; Richland Spgs. ch. \$1.55; Manning ch. \$2.83; Sumpter ch. \$3.95; 2nd Div. Orangeburg Ass'n \$1.38; Central Com. W. M. S., \$15.67; Marion Union, \$20.00; Broad River Ass'n \$2.25; Brush Fork ch. \$1.18; Total cash, \$102.94. Previously reported, cash \$137.92. Total since May, cash \$2.06.
 TENNESSEE: Cash Mrs. M. E. F. Henning, for Cuba \$2; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. \$58.70. Total cash, \$60.70. Previously reported cash \$6.76. Total since May, cash \$67.46.
 TEXAS: Cash, J. B. Gambrell, Supt., on account of April contributions \$389.60; Limestone County Ass'n \$1.20; J. B. Gambrell, Supt., \$255.50. Total cash, \$1,206.60. Previously reported, cash \$5. Total since May, cash \$1,211.60.
 VIRGINIA: W. M. U. Collection, Annual Meeting at Norfolk, \$41.88; Previously reported, cash \$100. Total since May, cash \$141.88.
 AGGREGATE: Cash \$2,088.23. Previously reported, cash \$443.52. Total since May, cash \$2,461.81.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

THE STORY

YATES THE MISSIONARY

Written by Chas. E. Taylor, D. D. Cloth, 12 mo., pp. 300. Price, \$1.00 post-paid. Published and for sale by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Nashville, Tennessee X X X

Strikingly illustrated. Magnificent picture of Dr. Yates, his private seal on title page; beautiful picture of his wife; for frontispiece, a charming picture of the country home where he was brought up; a map of China; a map of Shanghai, drawn by himself; and other pictures of interest.

Really a wonderful book, telling the life and labors of Matthew T. Yates, Missionary, of the Southern Baptist Convention in China. Its reading sweeps mind and heart like a prairie fire. Dead, indeed, must one be, who is not stirred by its mighty heart-beat. It will revolutionize one's mission thought and feeling, and be an immense power in mission education.

THE MONEY from its sales goes to the MATTHEW T. YATES PUBLISHING FUND. Every purchaser becomes a builder of the monument to the noble missionary, and enters himself and open door for future usefulness.

J. M. FROST,
 COO. SECRETARY.

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