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REV. A. G. McMANAWAY, D. D.,



Whose recent death in Arkansas has been noticed in many of our papers, was for many vears Vice-President of the Home Mission Board, first in North Carolina and then in Arkansas.

In this position he rendered the Board most valuable service in both these

States. He was in full sympathy with the great work of Missions, and regarded Missions to his own countrymen as of no less importance than those to any other part of our race.

He was profoundly impressed with the idea that the evangelization of America was the direct way to the propegation of Christianity among all the nations. This country of ours with its vast resources of population, intelligence, moral power, wealth and commercial advantages, civil and religious freedom, he believed had been raised up by Divine Providence to take the leading part in the overthrow of false religion, and the enthronement of Christ as the Ruler of the nations.

His work is finished. It pleased our Heavenly Father to call him home. From his heavenly mansion he may be permitted to watch the growing Kingdom of our God, and to rejoice with the hosts of heaven over the consummation of that gracious purpose for which he labored on earth.

FRONTIER WORK.

From the address of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, Corresponding Secretary:

By frontier work we mean now something very different from what was meant by frontier work forty years ago. Frontier work was then very largely, if not chiefly, work among the Indians. Now frontier work means, mainly, work to furnish the Gospel to our own population, who are flowing in great tides of humanity from the older states towards the Western and South-western frontiers of our Southern country. People in the older states do not realize what this flow of population really means. Let me give you just one illustration. In January, 1873, I had occasion, as special agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to make my first trip to Texas. Facilities of travel to Texas were at that time very few and very poor. I crossed the Gulf of Mexico in a ship to reach Galveston. The Texas Central Railroad was almost the only railroad, if not the only one, in Texas at that time. So poor was the service that, as I remember well, one of the steam boxes, chilled by a

"Texas Norther," actually froze up on the journey to Dallas. After tedious delays I reached the town of Dallas. It was a little town of about 2,000 Inhabitants. Its streets as I saw them, were slushy mud. And yet, it was even then considered one of the great towns in Texas. It is said the small children shouted, "Hurrah for Dallasi" Its greatness, however, was in its outlook. The Baptist church was a very insignificant affair. The house was a wooden shell, and so miserably lighted that it was almost impossible to see to read the Scripturelesson or the hymns. That was a frontier town then. It was the day of very small things.

But now take another view. Within the last few months I had occasion to make another trip to Dallas. This time it was less than forty hours ride from Atlanto to Dallas, on splendidly equipped trains. The little frontler town I found to be a splendid city with a population, I was told, of about 60,000. It was ablaze with electric lights. The streets are now paved, the residences and houses for business would do credit to any city. One of finest hotels in all the country and many less pretentious ones are open to travellers. One would never think of Dallas now as a frontier town. And what of that little Baptist church? Ten years ago it moved out of the little wooden shell into one of the finest brick edifices of the South. And last year this church gave fifteen hundred dollars to State Missions alone, and one thousand dollars to Foreign Missions. Not only so, but she has become a mother of churches, and around her, in the same progressive city, are a half dozen other Baptist churches. Brethren, this an illustration of what it means to occupy promising frontier towns with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What if no effort had been made in those early days to build up our cause in Dallas? All the money spent there in those days of small things, by whomsoever spent, was a splendid investment for God.

But the growing wealth and power of these towns for Christ's work is not by any means the whole of this story. There is a side to this work that comes very close to many of God's people in the older states. It is this: Provision for this frontier work has been in hundreds of cases, and will be in thousands of other cases, provision for our own children. Who have made up that mighty tide of population flowing steadily to the West and Scuthwest? It has been largely the sons and daughters of those living in the older states. And, thus, those who have sent their contributions to the frontier have been not only possessing this fertile and rapidly devoloping section for Christ, but planting churches, which should, under God, save their own sons and daughters from the temptations and sins of frontier life, and give to them and to thousands of others the inestimable blessings of Christian church homes. Will you fail to make the contributions necessary to carry on this work now in this day of your opportunity? The Home Mission Board could use every dollar of its present receipts upon frontier work alone, and even then the need would hardly be supplied.

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REV. J. B. GAMBRELL .- There was a prayer meeting held at the home of a christian womanher son became a preacher, his name was John Mark-and while they were praying and in answer to their prayer the Lord sent and woke Peter up and opened the gate and brought him out and he came to the place where the prayer meeting was held. A special and a great deliverance in answer to prayer. The reception Peter received when he came to the meeting reminds us very much of ourselves. While they were praying, and doubtless had faith that in some way God would hear them, still they were very much surprised to see Peter. God's answers frequently astonish. The lesson is that it takes but a little faith sometimes to bring a blessing. It takes but a small wire connected with a dynamo to convey great power.

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THE JOY OF SACRIFICE.

In a North Carolina town one day a farmer drove his team up to the door of one of its stores and walked into it. He had done this many times before, and his gentle well-trained horses had always waited quietly for his return. That day what was his amazement to see one of them suddenly alarmed, start in wild plunges down the street. With a leopard's swiftness he sprang after them, grasped the dragging lines, and exerted his utmost power to hold them. In the struggle that followed, he was thrown under the wheel. From along the street dashed men to his aid. The horses were checked and the owner taken wounded and bleeding from the stony pavement. It was found that his effort to stop his team had cost him his life. His friends gathered about him and one of them said to to him. "Why did you take such a fearful risk, your life was worth more than a hundred such wagons and teams, why did you do it?" He replied, "Look in the wagon." And they looked there and saw his two sons, one six and the other eight years old, asleep in the straw. His efforts had saved them though at the cost of his own life. With a joy in his heart, which none but a loving parent can know, that he had saved his children, he breathed out his life. He would have died a hundred deaths to save his darling boys. He disregarded, despised danger and death for them.

Many a Mother has watched through the long and sleepless hours of the night, till morning's last pale star had set, by the couch of her suffering child, bathed its fever-

flushed face, smoothed back its flaxen hair, moistened its parched and crimson lips, and deemed it joy to thus minister to her stricken babe. Love called for this sacrifice, and with love pure as the crystal waters that flow from beneath the throne of God, she answers the call and counts as naught all the privations her tender ministries require.

Mary, when she broke the alabaster box of ointment, very costly, "exceedingly precious," and poured it upon the head of her Saviour, reckoned as nothing the value of the offering.

Did you ever think profoundly on that remarkable declaration of the Apostle, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame? Did you ever hear any body preach from this text? It is one of the most wonderful in all the Divine Record. There are in its unfathomed depths, heights that reach beyond the stars, an expanse broad as the illimitible immensity of Jehovah's creative power.

If I were going to preach from it, I should ask, 1st, what he endured? The cross. 2nd. How he endured it? Despising the shame. 3rd. Why he thus endured it? For the joy that was set before him.

All that the cross meant in his rejection by his own people and their mockery and insults when nailed to the tree; all it meant when in that hour of the powers of darkness, he was beset by the cunning and malignity and might of the unclean Spirits from the prison-house of the lost; all that it meant of physical torture which in the intensity of his agony so quickly terminated his life that the Roman Centurion wondered at his early death; all that it meant to die as the substitute of a guilty race, so that his blood might cleanse from all sin; all that it meant in that hour of accumulated pain and sorrow, to have extorted from his breaking heart the agonizing cry, "My God why hast thou forsaken me?" and more are included in those words 'endured the cross."

All these he despised, not hated as many think, the significance of that word to be, but "disregarded", treated as worthy of no consideration, trampled them under his feet.

This he did because his path of suffering, and humiliation, and blood led to a joy so full, so entrancing, so ever-during, that it dwarfed all he must undergo for its attainment.

Have you ever shared this feeling of the Son of God?

The great Apostle to the Gentiles after speaking of his labors, trials and persecutions, exclaimed "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry I have received of the Lord Jesus." This was the undeviating course of his self-sacrificing life, and as the end approached he broke out in a triumphant exultation. "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which

the Lord, the righteous Judge will give me at that day."

Did the dark shores of death ever echo back to this world of ours, such a triumphant exultation?

That life of sacrifice led to that victorious death, and received as its meet reward that unlading crown. Oh! that God's people riight have such lives, share the glories of such a deporture, and receive such honors as their reward.

Many; many Christians have never known this joy of sacrifice in the Master's work. There is nothing sweeter, purer, holier, this ide the gates or heaven. There is a world of light and blessing in sacrificing ourselves or God's cause and the salvation of our race. Across its broad expanse our saviour tred. Let us note his footsteps and follow them.

BOXES TO FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

The work of sending boxes of clothing to the families of Frontier Missionaries by our Baptist women has been a blessing to the poorly paid mis sionaries, often enabling them to continue preaching the gospel to the perishing. It has been a blessed work, in that it has furnished the fullest realization of the truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Our Sisters all over the South bear testimony to this fact. It has been a blessed work in its educational effect. It has been a means of disseminating missionary intelligence among our people, and has inspired them to greater missionary zeal and activity. It has produced larger cash contributions for Missions.

This work has increased from year to year until all our needy missionaries are being remembered, annually, with appropriate assistance. For the present year the work is completed. Nothing more seems required except cash contributions.

We appeal to the woman now to come to the help of the Board in monied contributions. Our books close on April 30th. But a short time interveney. The bulk of contributions to Home Missions ought to be twice as large as they have ever been, if we are to do a work at all commensurate with our opportunities and responsibility.

May we not hope for greatly enlarged results to come from the week of Self-denial? Will not every W. M. S., every Church and Sunday School, in fact every redeemed one undertake to do more for Home Missions this year than ever before?

We hope all will co-operate in the observance of a season of prayer and self-denial in behalf of Home Missions and that the results may be such as will receive the approval of Him who gave His life for a lost world.

"Faithfulness commends its exemplifier to the tenderest affection of my heart, as scarcely any other virtue does. Next, it seems to me, a companion virtue is simplicity and naturainess of character. These two combined in a good man, I care not how plain, how humble, or how illiterate, constitute one of the Lord's noblemen. He may not know it, He certainly does not boast it, but such a man' is a power for good in any church; in any community. I know some such men who are preachers of the gospel, and their ministry has been wonderfully blessed. Such is the character of many of the Prontier missionaries of the Home Mission Board. God bless them for the noble work they are accomplishing in a quiet, modest manner, with unobtrusive, and often unobserved fidelity."

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. MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

Whenever you make the sunshine
On a darkened face to break,
Whenever a self-denial
For another's sake you make;
Whene'er for souls of the wandering
In Jesus name you pray,
You are being a ministering spirit
And making things go God's way.

MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPIC—THE COLORED PEOPLE.

It should ever be borne in mind that the Africans are among us as "neighbors" by no volition of their own. They were brought here in 1620.

Native Africans fresh from fetish worship were unpromising subjects. Though so degraded, Southern Baptists labored for their spiritual welfare.

During their bondage, thousands in simple, childiske faith accepted Jesus as their Savior.

Among the first instructions given the Home Board S. B. C., formerly the Domestic Mission Board, was "to take all prudent measures for the religious instruction of our colored population."

Co-operative work is now being done by the Home Mission Board S. B. C. in connection with the Home Mission Society, N. Y., and State Boards both white and colored.

It consists principally of the giving of instruction to those who are leaders of the churches, training them to be efficient workers.

During the past year 300 ministers, 1,126 laymen attended the institutes held for colored people.

A Testimonial of Helpfulness—"We thank God that you have stood by us and we pray that He may continue to bless that body of Christian workers who have been so liberal in their benevolence towards us as a race."

Booker T. Washington recognizes much good that has been done, but cites the following as an example of the idea of religion as held by many of his race: "I's had a ha'd time since our las' meeting; I's been sometimes up and sometimes down. "Spect I's broke ebery one ob deten commandments, but I tanks God, I's not los' my 'ligion yet." Let us help them not only to profess Christianity, but put it in daily practice in their lives.

An ever present opportunity comes to Southern Baptist white women, through their servants. May each remember the advice of John Wesley. "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing I can do or a word that I can speak for Jesus my Savior, let me do it now."

The providence of God which has led the colored people through slavery up to christianity, civilization and freedom, has a great work for them in the future. The call has already come to "Go Forward" to the help of their kindred in Africa. Some have obeyed. Others will obey if we lend a helping hand in leading them to appreciate their duty to God. With Christ-like forbearance, let us look upon their weakness.

"A WEEK OF PRAYER."

"Have faith in God?" Simple words spoken by the Master to the disciples as they looked upon the

withered fig tree, yet they were the beginning of a conversation which led them to appreciate, to some extent, the great power of faith-filled prayer. Very suggestive and helpful are they also to those who are now contemplating the observance of a "Week of Prayer" in connection with the making of special moneyed offerings of Self-Denial.

"Have faith in God" is the necessary condition for a hopeful outlook upon the condition of our country and Cuba. Great evils are threatening the spiritual prosperity of our beloved Southland, and the successful accomplishment of Mission work in Cuba. Many of those in authority have fallen victim's to the third insidious temptation which beset our Savior and by bowing down before Mammon, are helping to guide our nation into the path of unrighteousness which has brought to others disgrace and ruin. The young men of to day are ofttimes too progressive for the good old truths of God's word, and are much more concerned in discussing "From whence did Man come" than interested regarding his final destination. The foreign population has brought with it a portentious train of evil-Sabbath desecration, Intemperance, Infidelity, and various heathen "Isms," Mormonism is rapidly increasing, gaining converts even from among those in Southern Baptist Convention territory. In Cuba are found those who, disappointed in the attitude of the United States government, are doubtful of the good intentions of the missionaries who bring to them knowledge of the liberty wherewith Christ will make them free. The Home Board is unable to enter many wide-open doors of opportunity for lack of money to carry on the work. Shall we as Christians become disheartened? Rather, let us exercise our faith in One who has all power, and is all sufficient for all things. Has He not promised "What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive and ye shall have them." Samuel was so disturbed because of the people's rebellion that he cried unto the Lord for them all night. John Knox in an agony of sorrow for his beloved land cried, "Give me Scotland or I die." Calvin was so given to intercession that when he died his knees were callous from kneeling. As Southern Baptist women, many of us have been earnest in efforts for the spreading of missionary information regarding the needs of our own land and Cuba; we have tried to be faithful in gathering contributions, but have we done all that we could? Let us each ask ourselves: "Have I been as earnest in prayer for Home Mission fields as I should have been?

The request made by the Home Board for the observance of a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" is not a mere form, neither is it intended merely as a plan for increasing moneyed contributions. Those to whom the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention has been committed, feel the need of prayer, because it is recognized as the only power which can move the arm of Him who rules the world.

May we indeed "Have faith in God." May we "Come boldly unto a throne of grace," pleading for those in cities and towns, on the frontier in the mountain region, in all destitute sections of this land and Cuba. Let us also remember the Home Board and its missionaries, praying that divine swisdom may be given them. In all petitions, we have the assurance that according to our faith, will the answer be.

SELF-DENIAL OFFERINGS.

"Something for Jesus! Nothing is too small, Nothing too great to give, since He gave all."

Nearly three thousand years ago, during a time of famine, a prophet of God stood before a lonely widow and besought her for a Self-Denial offering. She thought of her great poverty, remembered the needs of her boy dearer than life, and hesitated. Then, re-assured by the prophets encouraging message, she prepared for him the handful of meal and the little oil which was indeed her all. What was

the result? To her came the blessing of enlarged faith, and the service given God through his Messenger was immediately and abundantly rewarded.

Years passed by and He, to whom all prophecy looked forward, sat at meat in the house of Simon, the leper. A loving woman of the wealthler class who had ever found sweetest jov in communion with the Master, sought to show her affectionate gratitude by an offering of Self-Denial proportionate to her means. Into that home she quietly entered and, breaking the alabaster box of precious ointment, she poured it on the Savior's head. Of her were spoken the appreciative words: "She hath done what she could," and the fragrance of the deed still lives.

During this year 1900, at the time set aside as a Week of Self-Denial, God through the needs of the missionaries and those who in our own land and Cuba are walking in darkness, is giving to each of us a special opportunity for an expression of faith and love. Encouraged by reflection upon the giving of these two women whose positions in life were so different, with loving memorles of Him who for our sakes joyously trod the path of selfdenial though it led to the scourge, the thorns and the cross, shall we not-poor, rich, and those in medium circumstances-all unite in making an offering which according to the measure of ability shall represent genuine sacrifice? Faith gives assurance that such a loving deed from the women of to day will also be honored. To us there will come the joy of fellowship with Christ in Self-Denial and, through the divine blessing, our offering will be instrumental in hastening the time when the prayer "Thy Kingdom come" shall be answered.

LITERATURE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

Societies and others, willing to co-operate in the observance of a "Week of Praver and Self-Denial," are requested to send for ilterature which has been specially prepared with reference to this occasion, to Central Committees in the various States or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard St., Baltimore. Md.

The Self-Denial literature consists of a program, a letter, three leaflets and envelopes to contain the offering. The program which was arranged by Woman's Missionary Union, bears upon Home Missions, is adapted to each day of the week, contains much food for thought, and many suggestions which if carried out "in the spirit" will be productive of good results. The letter is from Dr. F. H. Kerloot, Secretary of the Home Board, and is an earnest appeal for co-operation. One leaflet also is by Dr. F. H. Kerfoot. "In it up-to-date information is given regarding the fields, work and needs of the Home Board. Another leaslet is by Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary Emeritus of the Home Board. It is entitled, "Help to the first Missionary." Very beautifully and graphically are the death of the first martyr and scenes in the life of Paul described, while the self-denying giving of the early Christhan is made the key note for a tender appeal in behalf of Hume Missions. The third leafler is narrative in character, being a most pathetic account of the self-denial of a missionary's son on the from tier, and its far reaching influences. Those who love and understand children will surely find it in-Those who teresting, and we trust, all who read or hear this leaflet may be inspired with a greater desire to ful-fill their obligations to our missionaries. "We be-ing many are one" is the Golden Text of the story. The envelopes are unique from the fact that The envelopes are unique from the fact that they not only serve as receptacles, but also furnish a lesson in Geography. A neat little map extending from Maryland to Florida on the South, to Indian Terri ory and Oklahoma on the West, also including Cuba, gives a good idea of the location of the fields of the Home Board.

It is said that "as well might a carpenter expect

It is said that "as well might a carpenter expect to work without plane or hammer, a shoemaker without a last, or an educator without books, as a missionary worker without missionary literature." Therefore, in looking forward to a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial," can we fail to appreciate the helpfulness of this special literature. Remember there is no charge for it and send promptly.

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