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CHURCH BUILDING LOAN DEPARTMENT.

The Church Building Loan Department of the Home Mission Board was established about eighteen months ago. The gifts for this purpose during the first year amounted to \$4,110.43. Less than \$100 has been added to this fund during the present conventional year.

It is designed that this fund shall be a permanent fund to be used for no other purpose than loans to churches for the purpose of aiding them in completing houses of worship, and that these loans shall be made on strictly business principles. The rules adopted by the Board for the control of such loans provides that the fullest information shall be furnished by the church making application for a loan, and that the application shall also have the endorsement of the State Board of Missions of the state in which the church is located. That no loan shall be made for an amount exceeding 30 per cent. of the value of the property, and in no case shall the amount loaned to any one church exceed three or four hundred dollars. And the church shall give assurance that the use of the amount thus loaned shall be sufficient to complete the building entirely free from debt. It is further provided that the Board shall be furnished with a complete abstract of title, prepared by some attorney, who shall be acceptable to the Board, and that the property shall be insured in a suitable sum with a policy made payable to the Home Mission Board as its interests may appear. When the loan is finally accepted by the Board, the church shall execute a first mortgage deed covering the amount of the loan and interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. All papers to be properly prepared and recorded at the expense of the church and filed with the Board.

The Committee in charge of this fund has, under direction of the Board, made quite a number of loans varying in amount from \$150 to \$400 for from three to five years. In each instance, where such loans have been made, the church has thus been enabled to complete its house, and in many instances, secure property at points of great importance to the denomination that could not otherwise have been held.

The best business care has been exercised in placing these loans, after thorough investigation of the title, the value of the property, the organization and work of the church, etc. It is understood the interest and principal of these loans must be paid promptly, as the same becomes due, in order that the fund may be kept constantly employed in aiding church building. Only a limited amount of this fund remains now available, and the Board is receiving regularly applications. When the fund at present on hand is placed, the Board will be without funds to make other loans unless special gifts are received soon for this object.

There is most pressing and urgent need, therefore, for contributions to this department, if this

good and helpful work is to be continued and made more and more helpful to a larger number of churches. Only in this way can many be aided to build or finish their houses of worship.

WALKER DUNSON,
Chairman Committee.

It would doubtless be interesting to readers of the HOME FIELD if they could know something of the many worthy appeals coming to the Home Mission Board for assistance. The following extracts are taken from a letter just received from the pastor of a Baptist church in Kentucky. It is a great trial to members of the Home Mission Board to have to decline giving assistance to appeals of this character for lack of means. Read what our brother says of his church and its needs:

"The Baptist Church of —, Ky., was organized by Rev. Kirby (now pastor of Austin, Texas, church) in July, 1900, with fourteen members. I accepted charge of the church five months ago, at which time it had a membership of seventy-two. We have preaching only once a month. In the five months I have been pastor we have had 103 additions to the church, so it now has a membership of 175. Our little town has 200 inhabitants. We worship in a union building with three other denominations, Campbellites, Methodist and Presbyterians. We can only have one Sunday in each month. Then there is a union Sunday-school, two union prayer-meetings, and under these conditions I cannot develop the church. We need a building of our own, where we can have our Baptist Sunday-school, prayer-meetings, missionary societies and all time preaching. Our people are poor. Over thirty widows and orphans in the church, some of whom we help continually. All the people are land renters, and if we build a house we must have help. We are strong spiritually. ALL our members attend ALL our meetings. ALL give something for missions and regular expenses. Not a drunkard, dancer or card player in the church. No discord in our work. We are united and working for the glory of God. I believe every member is willing to testify and pray in public."

THE CASE OF MISS STONE.

The case of Miss Ellen M. Stone is occupying the public mind to a very unusual degree. She is a very charming and accomplished woman from Chelsea, Mass., who, a quarter century ago, went to Bulgaria. She had been on the staff of the leading weekly of the Congregationalists, in Boston, and had charge of Biblewomen in her foreign field, training them to go about among their sex in the homes of the people. She was an extensive traveler over the field, and is both widely known and much beloved in Bulgaria and Macedonia. During the summer she held her usual school in a mountain village of Macedonia, Bansko, and on September 3d, with a party of twelve, started for Diunia. In a mountain defile, late that day, thirty or forty armed men in Turkish costume, with their faces blackened or masked, surrounded the party, and took captive Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsilka. They then demanded of the missionaries in Bulgaria a large ransom, threatening death to their captives if it were not paid.

Thus far all efforts to trace or capture the bandits have failed, but on October 27th word was received that the captives were still alive and well.

The fact that the sum demanded—\$110,000—is about the amount which Turkey had to pay in indemnity for the damage to missionary property in the Armenian massacres, has led many to suspect that behind the work of these so-called "brigands" the Turkish government's hidden hand may be traced. But thus far nothing is known of the real motive inspiring this outrage. Whether this is a plot to compel the United States to pay back into the Sultan's treasury the reprisals exacted, or to make the Sultan ultimately pay to the United States the ransom now demanded, and so contribute indirectly to the revolutionary "Macedonian Committee," we can not yet discover.

But meanwhile the question of paying the ransom is agitated, and at this time of our writing, most of the sum demanded has been raised. And now a new question of grave import arises: How about the establishment of such a precedent? After the abduction of Mr. Cudahy's boy and the payment of the large sum demanded by his captors, a score of similar, tho' some of them were much clumsier, plots for kidnapping came to light. A sort of epidemic of such outrages was apparently started. If Miss Stone is a political captive, it would be of no use to compass her death. But whether her life is at risk or not, the payment of this large ransom sets a precedent which will put a premium on such acts of crime and extortion.

Every resource of diplomacy has been used to effect Miss Stone's deliverance from captivity and threatened destruction. Before these lines reach the reader her escape will, we hope, have been accomplished. But the whole matter has far wider ultimate bearings. In any case the great problem remains, How to secure immunity to the persons of missionaries, and how to deal with their captors in such cases? It seems to us incredible that in any case Miss Stone should be slain; for if held for political reasons, her death could only defeat such ends; and if the ransom were not paid her death could only arouse the civilized world to demand at any cost the death of her murderers. Few events have so stirred the hearts of men as the diabolical act of these unknown abductors; and if any harm comes to this noble woman, the demand for her avenging will be correspondingly imperative. —Missionary Review of the World.

HOW HIS INTEREST GREW.

A truly Christian man grew interested in missions. At first he began to pray, "Lord, save the heathen!" After a time he prayed, "Lord, send missionaries to save the heathen!" Later on he prayed, "Lord, if you haven't anybody else to send, send me." Then he changed his prayer, "Lord, send me; but if you can't send me, send somebody!" Finally, he changed and said, "Lord, send whom Thou wilt; but help me to pay my share of the expenses!" Then for the first time the gospel to him became a reality and giving to the missionary cause a pleasure. —The Mission Messenger.

IN MEMORY OF HONORABLE PORTER KING.



By direction of the Home Mission Board this issue of OUR HOME FIELD contains special memorials in affectionate memory of our lamented brother King.

The following expression was adopted by the Board, at the regular meeting held on the 5th day of November:

Ever since the establishment of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, for now nearly two full decades, the Lord seems to have had the lives of its membership in His gracious keeping. Until the present year, only one of our members had been translated from his earthly tabernacle to his enduring mansion.

Recently the reaper has been gathering some of our brightest and best for the garner on high. Leaving half finished his work in New Orleans, our beloved Corresponding Secretary left the Convention and came home to be divested of

the trammels that bound him to this lower sphere, and at the Master's call enter the portals of that city which flesh and blood cannot inherit.

Since our last regular meeting, another has answered the Master's summons to come up higher. Our brother, Porter King, is not with us to day, and will no more share in our councils. His separation from us leaves a wide opening in our ranks, for he filled a large place in our work, and lays a great sorrow upon our hearts; for we valued him for his faithful services, and loved him for the manifold graces of God shown in his life.

As a member of the Board, he was wise in counsel, conservative in action, prompt in meeting the calls of duty, self-sacrificing in laboring for its interests, and sharing generously with it his means, his time, his sympathies, and his prayers.

As Chairman of our Committee, and Attorney for the Board, on the Work in Cuba, he performed the difficult and delicate tasks confided to him to our full and entire satisfaction. Beyond this sphere of duty, in his home, in his Church, in his city, in his State and in his country, in charitable organizations among his fellowmen, there were no interests of humanity that did not find a warm place in his heart, and a willing response from his open hand. Earth has too few such men for us not to be saddened by his removal, and for us not to mourn his death as a personal loss never to be repaired. But while we indulge our grief, faith opens to us another view of this sad Providence.

The meteor that flames across the mid-night sky and vanishes beyond our ken, is no more sudden in its flight than was that of the soul of our beloved brother when, at the Master's call, it broke its bonds of clay, and went up to the brightness of unending day. There, not unclothed, but clothed upon with immortality, with no trammels of earth upon his redeemed soul, with the scales that here bedim our vision fallen forever, who can tell what he saw, what he understood, what he felt? We can never know until we join him on that Heavenly shore. How illimitable the universe about him, and its furthest verge glowing with the wisdom and the glory that encircles it all! How fathomless the riches of His grace that sanctifies and saves the sinful and the lost! How warm, and tender and enduring the love of Christ, which began before the world's foundations were laid, and which stretches into the unfathomed depths of the eternity to come! No doubt such views broke upon him as they did upon Paul in thoughts too wonderful for investiture in human speech, and overwhelmed his soul with raptures that will endure forever.

But brethren, we know that just as the potentate upon whose brow the hand of Empire has placed the coronet of Kings cannot forget the olive plants about his table, so our brother cannot forget our efforts, our meetings, our strivings for the coming of the kingdom of our God; and his sympathy, and his love for us and for our work abides with us still.

If it consists with the conditions of that better land, and be permitted by the demands of duty, who doubts that he is here with us to-day? Who believes that in Heaven he can forget Cuba and its needs, or those who dwell among our mountains, or on our far frontier, or in our cities, or anywhere in our wide land, or in the wider world in which we live, that need the knowledge of Christ which saves? To us his useful life seemed to be expanding into its noblest powers for good. But the Master had need of him in another sphere, and with sad but trusting hearts we resign him to that Heavenly call, and to that higher work upon which he has entered.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Entered thy Master's joy."

HAVANA, CUBA, Oct. 26, 1901.

MR. M. M. WELCH, Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Brother:—

Your telegram was a great shock to me. I cannot realize that the beloved King is gone. That I shall see him no more till I meet him on the morning of the resurrection. Oh Brother Welch I feel sad, lonely, broken-hearted. I loved the man. I was most thoroughly devoted to him. I loved him because he loved my Saviour, and was so completely devoted to the work in which I am engaged. When a stranger in Atlanta he took me to his splendid home and to his great warm heart. He has so often gone with me to the Throne of Grace for Divine guidance. He has written me so many brotherly letters, which have been a real source of comfort and help. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul" such were his soul inspiring letters to me, separated as I have been from wife, children, friends and brethren.

When God called the great and good Kerfoot home I naturally depended on King, for he understood the situation in Cuba, and seemed to take deeper interest in my work than all others.

Brother Welch, I love you. I love other members of our Home Mission Board. I am sure "there are men upon our Board as true and loyal and devoted as the world has ever seen," true men, pure men, God's chosen men. I regard it as one of the greatest privileges of my life to have attended some of our Board meetings. To have seen those business men leave their business and cheerfully give hours of their valuable time, together in earnest prayer, meditation and consultation, trying to devise the best plans to advance the interests of our Redeemer's Kingdom. But among that noble group there was but one King of Cuban Missions. He understood Cuba and the Baptist work in Cuba as no other layman in the United States did. Dr. McConnell is the worthy successor of our beloved Brother Kerfoot, but who can fill King's place? I am bewildered at this strange dispensation of Divine Providence. What a loss to his family, to his city, to his country, to the world, to Christianity. He was such a devoted husband, such an affectionate father, such a true friend, such an unselfish patriot, such a consecrated Christian. May the Holy Spirit support Sister King and her children in this their incomparable loss.

We don't understand it now, for we see through a glass darkly, but after awhile it will be made plain.

'Tis a glorious thought that God knoweth best and doeth all things well.

Pray for me.

Yours in the Gospel bonds.

C. D. DANIEL,
67 Prado, Havana, Cuba.

HAVANA, November 5, 1901.

MR. M. M. WELCH.

Dear Bro.: The sad news of the death of Brother King soon was spread over this city. The paper you send me was read the same night at our church meeting, and we all sympathize in this hour with Mr. King's family. I knew Mr. King for the last five years and found he was an excellent Christian man and a gentleman in every respect. The last time he was here, about a year ago by this time, as he went back to the States all our schools and a couple hundred members of our church went to the pier to bid him a farewell, and as he stood on one of the little boats we all were singing together, we in Spanish and he in English, the beautiful hymn "Until we meet again."

Our life is a mystery. Who could tell that our beloved brother, so healthy and strong would disappear in a second, in a twinkling of an eye. I shall keep this lesson in the bottom of my heart and will try to live a better life and will consecrate myself more and more to our beloved Master.

I remain as ever,

Yours in Him,

A. J. DIAZ.

EXTRACTS.

Letter from Rev. G. Cardenas, Pinar del Rio, Nov. 1, 1901. "We are all sorry on account of the death of Mr. Porter King. All the church met together, and engaged in prayer for his family, and that the Lord will provide for the Board a man like him."

Rev. E. F. Rodriguez, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, Nov. 1, 1901. "I send the expression of my condolence for the sudden departure to the celestial home of our eminent brother, Brother King, Chairman of the Cuban Committee."

Rev. J. V. Cova, Matanzas, Oct. 28th, 1901. "I have just received from Brother Daniel the sad intelligence of the unexpected death of Brother Porter King. I met him in Tampa, Fla., on his way to Havana two years ago and had a very good impression of him. I know he was the Chairman of the Cuban Committee, and think the Board has had a very severe loss in his death, but it is so wanted 'there where it is done all that is wanted.' Brother Daniel writes me a sad letter, in which he seems to be a little pessimistic. I have reminded him that the Unerring will never make mistakes, though we understand not. He rules! And when we trust we get not discouraged because we know He will provide for His work in men and means in a way which we could never find out."

Brother Welch please express to the members of the Board my hearty sympathy in the sorrowful event, and assure them my prayers go to the throne above for inspiration accorded to them in finding the right man for filling the place in the ranks occasioned by our loved disappeared one. I am expecting to have Brother Daniel one of these days, as he has promised me a visit of two or three days, and we will talk long, and I will try to cheer him up."

The following extracts are taken from the last letter received from Brother Daniel, our General Missionary in Cuba:

"Brother McConnell, I appreciated the Board's appointment of Brother Carbonell very much. I think there is no purer, nobler, better man at work on any foreign field than he. I suppose he will be here sometime next week, or the week after."

As soon as the Board can see its way clear to do so, I would like to have Brother Calejo, now in Pinar del Rio, appointed. He has been employed by the Home Mission Society, but for good reasons he resigned. Brother Mosley regretted his resignation very much and speaks of him in the highest terms. . . .

We should increase our working force as rapidly as possible. This field is truly ripe unto the harvest, but our laborers are so very few. There is no doubt but that the present is the time to take Cuba.

Our future in Cuba will depend on what we do within the next five years. Other denominations see the present opportunity, and are pressing their work. Baptists have the advantage of all others. Will we hold it?

Weigh well the following facts: In the four Western Provinces (our territory), Baptists have 20 workers, Methodists 24, Presbyterians 19, Congregationalists 9, Episcopalians 9, Friends 4, Disciples 4.

All are rapidly increasing laborers on this field. Baptists should take four important points within the next five months. One man can hold two of them. The first to enter has the advantage. May God enable us to enter them first.

In the two Eastern Provinces (Home Mission Society's territory), the Baptists have 14 workers, Methodists 1, the Presbyterians 1, Friends 3. All are to increase laborers in this field, Baptists making great efforts to take important points first.

Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists are rapidly increasing their working force. During the last three weeks three Presbyterian preachers and their wives have been sent over.

Oh, that our Baptist people would wake up to the importance of this field and enable you to quadruple our working force this year! We ought to have another American preacher in Havana to establish a good school and to help in the American work. The Methodist school has in two years time become nearly self-supporting. They are thus reaching a better class of people. We are reaching a large number of children, but they are of the poorer class who are not able to pay.

We must advance. Our life as a denomination depends on it.

FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Reid Hale, Cameron county, Texas: "We are in the most extremely isolated spot, perhaps, in our homeland, 158 miles from railroad connection with the world. There is no Baptist church within 180 miles except ours of six members."

"Nine tenths of the population speak and understand only the Spanish language, the American population being mostly of the official class, or the most irreligious to be found."

"We have progressed far enough in Spanish to make ourselves understood in ordinary conversation, and hope soon to begin to preach in it. We have been here twenty-one months and worked under extraordinary difficulties, but the prospect is brightening a little now. We need very much Spanish literature, especially Bibles and Testaments. We also need a horse and buggy, which would enable us to extend our work very much, but above all we need the prayers and sympathy of those who hold the ropes."

"We have many other needs, but will not mention them now. We are strong in the confidence that our God will supply all our needs in His own good time and way."

Rev. A. G. Washburn, District Missionary, Indian Territory: "I am out on the field pushing the work of organization for a thorough campaign of mission work. In order to bring best results a regular campaign of mission education is indispensable. I am arranging for a system of mission rallies to extend over my entire district. I am just from Fort Worth, Texas, where I met Dr. McConnell, and spent two days in the great Convention of Texas. It was both pleasant and instructive to be there."

In a previous letter Brother Washburn writes of the annual Convention in the Indian Territory as follows: "Brother Walne of Texas and Brother Campbell of Missouri were present, and when the report of Home Missions came up for discussion I had these good brethren to represent the Home Board in the discussion. We had a very harmonious session. In fact it was a great and most agreeable surprise to most of us. For myself more perhaps than any other one person in the Territory. It was a great and glorious consummation. Peace, unity and harmony among brethren, where a year ago there was so much discord and dissatisfaction, and so little prospect on the surface, for peace brings joy indeed and the reward for hard labors among them."

Rev. C. A. DeLoach, Yarnaby, I. T.: "Our meetings at Pleasant Hill and Yarnaby churches just over resulted in forty conversions, twenty-one accessions to the church, 13 of whom were received by baptism and more to follow. Both churches greatly revived. My work is prospering. To God be the glory forever."

Rev. William Cagle, Indian Territory: "I have been here two years and have done all the preaching I was able to do. Would like to devote my whole time to it now. Very few churches in this country except at the railroad towns. They are building railroads all over this country now. Many other places will open up. Towns grow in a night. And then at places off the railroads they have no preaching from any denomination at all. Many people live in this country for years and never see a church or never hear preaching. We have no school houses over the country as in the States."

Rev. John B. Brock, Missionary at Opelousas, La.: "Opelousas is in Southwest La., among the French Catholics. It is indeed a very hard field for the Baptists. But we are making some progress. During the sixteen months I have been here we have had fourteen accessions, painted our church inside and out, fixed our fence and baptistry, bought a nice chapel organ, put carpet on our floor, chairs in the pulpit, put in electric lights and reduced a debt on our parsonage from \$577 to \$43. We expect to finish raising this money in a short time. This has been done by the help of the Lord, with a membership of less than thirty, twenty-five of whom are women. Dr. Kerfoot was instrumental in my coming to this field. It, indeed, is a hard place, but I want to do my best. May God bless you in your work."

MISS BUHLMAIER.

The last monthly report of Miss Buhlmaier, at Baltimore, closes with the following interesting statement, by which it will be seen, (1) that the work she is doing is very important, and (2) that the necessity for increasing our efforts among the Foreign population is imperative. She says:

"We are also unusually busy at the landing for this season of the year. Twenty-four hundred and forty-one passengers were landed this month. We are ten thousand ahead of last year at this time, and still they are coming. This week we met a company of German Hungarians, thirty-two in number, all coming from one town and all going to one city. As they were all related one to another, I felt curious to know why so many came at one time. I learned the following: Living is very meagre at home. One of their relatives got into debt on account of kindness to another. There seemed no way for him to pay that debt at home, so he determined to come to this country and landed here in May last. He secured employment immediately and was enabled to pay his debt already. Everyone at home was surprised and when the wife of the man got ready to leave and join her husband, the others determined to sell out and come also, trusting also to find good employment and thus better their condition. Oh, I was so glad that we have a German Baptist Church where they go. So I notified the pastor and hope he will have his eyes open. May they in deed and truth find here that which will help them and satisfy them in time and eternity."

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

The following extracts are from the latest letters received from some of our Negro co-operative missionaries:

Rev. J. A. Whitted, Raleigh, N. C.: "Despite the poor crops our Convention was a success financially and otherwise. You may never know how much rest and benefit has come to the North Carolina colored brethren through the plan of co-operation. * * * We are hoping and praying that the work in North Carolina at least may be continued. I think the white brethren of our State are agreed that the work should continue."

Rev. A. B. Vincent, Raleigh, N. C.: "This closes our year's work, and from my district it has been the most prosperous for six years. There were more conversions and more people reached and helped than ever before during the same time."

Rev. C. O. Boothe, D. D., of Alabama, one of the ablest and best among the leaders of his race, visited the Home Board at its last meeting for the purpose of presenting the cause of educational work among the colored preachers of Alabama. He made a fine impression upon the Board.



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FINE CONVENTIONS.

Since the publication of our last HOME FIELD, the Conventions of Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Virginia and District of Columbia have been held, as also those of Alabama and Arkansas, but it was not my privilege to attend the Conventions in Alabama and Arkansas, and about them I cannot write. It would make too long an article to say all that is in my heart to say about either one of these, and how much too long then it would be to write at length about all of them.

THE TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

On the 16th day of October at the picturesque little city of Harriman, in the famed eastern portion of Tennessee, a large number of earnest, faithful, godly men assembled to discuss measures and adopt plans for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God in Tennessee and throughout the world. The reports from the respective interests supported by the churches of Tennessee were hopeful and encouraging and the speeches made by men interested in these several subjects, were vigorous and strong. There was perfect fraternal harmony—not the harmony of silence, but the sweet harmony of song. The Tennessee brethren are doing a noble work, but there still remains much to be done in Tennessee. Besides the country places and villages that are to be developed by the State Mission Board, two vast cities, if not four, shall make it necessary through all the years of their growing future that the wide awake and enterprising State Mission Board, aided as much as practical and possible by the Home Mission Board, shall with ceaseless vigilance keep religious pace with their material growth and constantly increasing

population. Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis are four important cities in our Southland. All of them, save Memphis, are pretty well manned Baptistically at the present, but Memphis is a vast mission field. Good true men are working there, six or seven strong, but as certainly as the commission of the Son of God is meant to be emphatic, there ought to be a dozen more.

THE MISSOURI CONVENTION

met at Springfield, a beautiful, prosperous little city, some 240 miles south of St. Louis. My attendance at this great meeting was very unsatisfactory. The death and burial of our beloved Brother Porter King delayed my going until half the Convention was gone before I reached it, and some of the very best things had happened, but if the first part of the Convention was as good as the part which I did hear, let it go down in our history as one of the great meetings of that wonderful State. My acquaintance with the State of Missouri is very limited, this being the first visit it has ever been my privilege to make within her borders, but after looking into the faces of the men whom God has set to conduct the affairs of His kingdom among the Baptists, I have unbounded hope for the future of the work in that part of the vineyard. Like Tennessee, Missouri too has great centers of influence. St. Louis and Kansas City, not to mention others, have their thousands and hundreds of thousands of population not supplied with adequate religious opportunity. It is said that more than eight hundred thousand Germans live within a hundred or so miles of the City of St. Louis, and that two hundred and twenty-five thousand of the population of St. Louis, in one locality of the city, have but one Baptist church. The future of Missouri, Baptistically, humanly speaking, depends upon the amount of effort we may be able to make. Every dollar that the Home Mission Board has been accustomed to receive year after year might be spent in Missouri without the waste of a cent, but still there would be much to be done. It is a blessed reflection that the men and women who love Jesus Christ and Baptist principles are working on and multiplying in numbers, if not as rapidly as we could wish, yet certainly, they are holding forth the light of life and patiently waiting the aid that they so sorely need.

THE TEXAS CONVENTION.

From Missouri I went immediately to Texas, across that wonderfully beautiful country comprising southwestern Missouri, western Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Greatly to my delight and comfort I spent a day or two in the home of Dr. George W. Truett, Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Dallas. It was my privilege to preach to his people on Sunday morning preceding the Convention, which met at Fort Worth, thirty miles away on Friday, the Pastor's Conference meeting Wednesday before. The First Baptist Church of Dallas promises

to set the churches of Jesus Christ an example throughout the South in two respects. (1) The normal spiritual condition of conversions from week to week, "The Lord adding to them daily those being saved." (2) In the matter of giving, "Laying by you on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered you." It is said that there is rarely a service held in that church that does not witness professions, and their collections, while taken without pressure of any kind, high or low, are exceedingly commendable. While no work of general denominational interest was neglected, the collection for State Missions, when counted out, was found to be \$2,000. This is a little more than \$2.00 per member for that one object.

About five hundred preachers assembled on Wednesday in Fort Worth, preceding the opening of the Convention on Friday, and engaged in fraternal conference about things connected with their ministerial and pastoral life. It was a sort of love feast meeting. They seemed to wish to be together not only to be instructed one by another, but to love one another. It did look to me as if it might be said of them as it was of the disciples of old, "Behold how they love one another." This spirit dominated not only the Pastors Conference, but the entire Texas Convention from first to last, and this may seem strange to some people at a distance, having heard things that they have been hearing for the years past, but none the less it is true.

A description of the Texas Convention would never be attempted by a man who has an appreciation of the paltriness of human words to describe a mighty, living force. That Convention breathed. It almost did more sometimes. It nearly shouted. From Moderator to the brother on the outside row of pews there was living, vital interest in the affairs of the Convention from early morning until late at night. The great end of their educational commission was reached during the Convention. The most marvelous reports possibly ever read by a State Mission Board showed that fifty thousand dollars had been raised and expended in State Mission work. The Buckner's Orphans Home, the cry of the devastated region about Galveston, the young preachers at Baylor University and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, the Sunday-School work and the Preachers Mutual Benefit Association—indeed everything—seemed to engage everybody with abiding, not to say, consuming interest. I attended every session of the Convention up to Sunday, and did not hear a dissenting vote cast on any subject during the entire meeting. Unanimity and the marvelous power of spiritual fervor characterized the body.

THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION.

From Texas to Virginia! What a land I saw on this trip! My Southern homeland. One might fear the growth of avarice or

covetousness in his nature travelling from Texas to Virginia in a continuous trip, but far otherwise the spirit of complacency takes precedence. One says to himself, "This great country is all mine."

The Virginia saints assembled in the beautiful new church house of the Grace St. Church in Richmond, as pretty as a poet's dream, commodious and convenient in every way, the monument to the pastoral life of William E. Hatcher. The Virginia Convention was the best one I have ever attended. The earnest interest of all the messengers was manifest from first to last. Seven prominent objects claimed the attention; not one of them apparently in the way of any of the rest; everyone of them receiving due consideration and proper emphasis in its time. Like Texas, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina, Virginia has been making an effort to increase the endowment of their denominational school, Richmond College, Mr. Rockefeller having offered to give them twenty-five thousand dollars provided seventy-five thousand could be raised in the State of Virginia and from among the Alumni of the College. Just how much progress has been made I am unable to say, but a collection during the Convention and the inauguration of the H. H. Harris Chair, to be endowed by the Alumni, make it pretty certain that the amount will be raised within the prescribed time, Jan. 1, 1902. Having been a pastor in the State of Virginia for more than seven years, it may easily be imagined how greatly I enjoyed the meeting at Richmond. Steady old Virginia will do her noble part as the years go on.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

It was my good fortune to attend the Columbia Association of the churches in the District of Columbia. I was exceedingly sorry to be obliged to leave when the meeting had been in progress only one day. Yet I had the opportunity to present the work of Home Missions for a few minutes; to look into the faces of the earnest men and women whom Jesus Christ has called into his service in that marvelously beautiful city and community. As I beheld the Capital City of our country, I had a compassionate wish that it might be pre-eminently a Christian city, and I think it is not criminal in me to wish it, nor to say it, that I earnestly wished it might be pre-eminently a Baptist city. More and more Washington City is getting to be a residence city. Wealthy people will make it their home. This, together with the thousands that find employment there in government affairs, and those who grow up in their homes, call for vigorous and constant religious effort to make our churches the religious homes of the people. We have some great churches in Washington City. Heaven endow them with unusual power, and may we be wise to seize the opportunity and keep pace with the growth of the Capital of our country.

These several trips have engaged me lately, and thus is furnished an explanation of the seeming tardiness in correspondence and apparent neglect of other things. As I have gone from State to State, I have thought if I could have every Baptist in the land with me, what a different feeling we would have toward our work, and what a different prospect there would be before every Baptist eye. How justly proud we would be of ourselves and how determined we would become by the grace of God, to make the most of our opportunities.

HONORABLE PORTER KING

Along with others who loved him, I desire to express my personal appreciation of the noble Christian character, and the intelligent, practical helpfulness of our Brother, Porter King, in Home Mission work.

A day or two before his death, he came into the office for the purpose of asking me to write a friendly letter to one of our missionaries, remarking that he thought such a letter would encourage and strengthen him in his lonely work for the Master.

While in the office for that purpose, I took the opportunity of talking with him at length about our work in Cuba, and found him amazingly familiar with every detail of the work in that Island from greatest to smallest. He seemed to have a personal interest in every separate missionary, and a sympathetic concern for their happiness, as well as usefulness.

This little talk to which I have referred above revealed to me a man with a heart of gold. My immediate acquaintance with Porter King was of short duration, but that little time was sufficient to bring me into his very life-being.

Among all the hundreds of letters which I received in connection with my becoming Secretary of the Board Brother King's was one of the tenderest. How we shall miss his wise counsel, and his brotherly interest in our great work.

F. C. MCCONNELL, Cor. Sec.

BAPTISTS AND BAPTIST CHURCHES—STATISTICS.

W. W. GAINES.

A careful study of our denominational figures might prove helpful to us. A comparative study of our numbers, of our gifts to various objects of our resources, of the number of baptisms at home and abroad, might lead to more vigilant endeavor, to more intelligent supervision and to the ascertainment and strengthening of weak and neglected parts.

There are about twenty thousand white Baptist churches in the Southern States with more than one million, six hundred thousand members. The number of baptisms last year was 73,000; size of the average church is 85; so only one of our church members in 20 is instrumental in winning a soul to Christ in a twelve month, or the average Baptist is instrumental in winning one soul to Christ every twenty years.

There are some 6,400 white Baptist pastors in the same territory. So the average number of conversions per pastor is a fraction over 11. Our white Baptist houses of worship in the South are worth

19½ million of dollars. We expend annually for local purposes, two million, three hundred thousand and dollars. For missions of all kinds three hundred and ninety thousand dollars. For all purposes three million, one hundred thousand dollars. The average contribution per member is less than \$2.00. The average church in the South contributes for local purposes, that is for maintaining its own worship, \$115 per year. It contributes to missions of all kinds, \$20. In other words our churches give nearly six times as much to have the Gospel preached to themselves as they do to have it preached to others.

The average contribution per church in the South to missions, State, Home and Foreign, is \$20 per year. The average contribution per member 23 cts., less than 2 cts. per month. Our people give to Foreign Missions \$140,000, to Home Missions \$98,500. The average church gives for all purposes \$156. It gives \$16 for local purposes to one dollar to Foreign Missions, and \$23 for local purposes to \$1.00 for Home Missions. The average church contributes to Foreign Missions \$7.00; to Home Missions \$5.00. The average per member to Foreign Missions 8 cts.; to Home Missions 6 cts.

Alabama Baptists give per capita to missions, 16 cts., Arkansas 12 cts., District of Columbia \$1.60, Georgia 25 cts., Indian Territory and Oklahoma 8 cts., Kentucky 19 cts., Louisiana 17 cts., Maryland \$1.58, Mississippi 19 cts., Missouri 32 cts., North Carolina 20 cts., South Carolina 25 cts., Tennessee 16 cts., Texas 27 cts., Virginia 41 cts.

STATEMENT FROM THE TREASURER.

The total collections from all the States to Nov. 1st, 1901, amounted to \$20,549.86. Of this sum \$19,22.98 was received for the Jacksonville church building in payment of pledges made at New Orleans for that special purpose. The excess of receipts over same period last year is \$733.83, while the appropriations made by the Board for this year exceed those of last by more than \$10,000. Our indebtedness therefore was larger on the first of November than ever before at that time. Six months of the year has passed and unless there is a decided increase over the receipts of last year for the balance of this our Board will have to report a considerable debt to the Convention. For a number of years it has been a refreshing fact that we reported no debt, and if the churches stand by us as we believe and hope they will no debt will be our report again.

WALKER DUNSON, Treasurer.

Atlanta, Nov. 20th, 1901.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

At the recent session of the Baptist State Convention in Oklahoma a resolution was passed asking the American Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board, and pledging Oklahoma Baptists, to make largely increased appropriations for the work in the Territory during the current year.

In writing of the urgent necessity for such increased appropriation the Secretary of the Oklahoma Executive Board, Hon. C. W. Brewer, says: "The opening of the vast new country west of us has enlarged our field and increased the demand for mission work to the extent that we feel very keenly the importance of immediate action on our part."

REV. DANIEL IN DEMAND.

He performed Five Marriages this Week and has one for Tomorrow.

Elder C. D. Daniel of the Baptist church has united in the holy bonds of matrimony five happy couples this week.

He is to marry another couple at the Baptist church tomorrow.—The Havana Post.

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MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, EDITOR.

CHINESE MARTYRS.

Humble were they and lowly, like the fishermen of old;

They dreamed not of honor or glory, nor hoped they for silver or gold;

From earliest dawn until evening they toiled for their daily bread,

With never a thought of a brighter lot, Or God's heaven overhead.

But one, with a strange, sweet story, came like an angel guide,

And told of a loving Father, of a Saviour crucified;

Of a path which leadeth to Heaven, and joy and bliss untold,

Where a welcome waits at the pearly gates, And the streets are paved with gold.

Humble they were and lowly, but fearless and true and bold,

For the love they bore the Saviour, they died like the saints of old;—

But more have they wrought in dying than living they ever dreamed—

Christ's kingdom shall spread where these heroes have bled, And China shall be redeemed.

MISSIONARY MORSELS.

Topic of the Month—China.

For more than three thousand years, China has had a written language. The writings of Confucius which have done more to influence the people of this empire than those of all other writers put together, date back about five hundred years before Christ.

There is no "public school system" in this empire. Only the "well-to-do" or wealthy have the advantages of an education, unless the missionaries or generous Chinese open schools in behalf of the masses.

The Chinese recognize three great superiors—the emperor, the parents, and the teacher. A favorite proverb teaches that "Of the hundred virtues the chief is filial piety."

Chinese education is not a "drawing out"; it is a "Cram-cram." It consists chiefly in being able to repeat verbatim the sayings and writings of ancient sages.

Slavery exists in China to an appalling extent. The girls are victims. Their cry is suppressed until it is only a groan or it would be heard from the millions of oppressed throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Reasons given by the Chinese for foot-binding: "Bound feet are conducive to health and long life, for they prevent the women from working too hard." "A woman who has not eaten this bitterness is likely to be opinionated and to want her own way. On the contrary, a bound-footed woman will receive correction and is submissive and obedient to her husband. This is the proper order according to Confucius."

Hon. John W. Foster of Washington, D. C. in discussing the Mission Question in China writes: I assert with much assurance that the missionaries, as a class, have come out of the terrible ordeal

with their reputations untarnished, notwithstanding the criticisms which have found their way into the press. I regard them as the most noble of mankind, unsurpassed in self-denial and devotion. Native Christians also exhibited remarkable constancy and fidelity. While tens of thousands suffered martyrdom, the instances of apostasy are rare indeed. In view of such facts, it can not be said that Christian Missions in China are a failure.

The Deluge in China. After the devastations of Boxers and foreigners, China has now to suffer from a flood of appalling severity. The Yangtze River has overflowed its banks and laid waste the valley. Ten million persons are reported to be without homes, and without provisions, and the floods have not subsided.

S. B. C. Notes.—In letter of August 5th Rev. E. Z. Simmons wrote from South China, "We have had about 170 baptisms to date this year." Rev. T. W. Ayers, in writing of a revival in North China says: "I believe the blood of the martyrs shed in this dark empire is going to prove the seed of the church. Instead of the persecutions scaring people so that they will not dare to come to Christ they are showing more anxiety to learn the plan of salvation than ever before. Rev. Peyton Stephens is reporting numerous baptisms, and pleads for the prayers of his co-laborers in America."

THE HOME DEPARTMENT, W. M. U.

This is a new phase of work by means of which it is hoped to enlist the co-operation of many from among the hundreds of women in our Southern Baptist churches, who at this time are not connected with woman's mission Societies.

The plan was adopted at the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union held in New Orleans, May 1901, and as a foundation principle recognize that interest in missions is proportionate to knowledge of missions. For its promotion, special literature has been prepared. This consists of four sets of booklets to cover a period of one year, each of which contains several leaflets. These booklets are not intended for members of Missionary Societies but are to be loaned, those who connecting themselves with the Home Department will promise to devote one half hour a week to missionary reading and prayer. At the end of each quarter, the booklet for that term is to be collected and another substituted.

Believing that those who will engage to give the more costly offerings of time and thought to the reading of missionary literature, will wish to make voluntary gifts of money, special Collection Envelopes have also been prepared. We are hoping that the time is not far distant when not less than \$100,000 shall be the annual contribution of Southern Baptist women to Home and Foreign Missions, and believe that the adoption of the Home Department, W. M. U. will greatly aid in bringing this to pass.

Home Department Visitors are most important factors for the successful carrying out of Home Department plans. One or two should be appointed in each church (whether there be a Missionary Society or not) women who for love of Christ and His cause will devote the necessary time to visiting those who are not identified with mission work. For helpfulness in this service, a "Visitor's Card" has been prepared, containing necessary directions, spaces for names and the keeping of various accounts.

Space in OUR HOME FIELD is too limited to permit the giving of various details concerning this new plan of work, but an explanatory leaflet has been printed which we wish to circulate as widely as possible. Copies of this leaflet, also samples of Home Department Literature, will be furnished those interested in this work on application to the Central Committee of your State or to Woman's Missionary Union, 233 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

"Peace on Earth—good will to men!" How precious the message which the angels sang o'er the plains of Bethlehem 1900 years ago. As we recall those beautiful scenes in connection with the nativity, review the tender, strong, helpful life of the Son of God, and remember how on Calvary, human hopes were realized when the great Sacrifice for Sin was offered upon the altar of the cross once for all, our whole being becomes permeated with the blessed influence of the peace that passeth all understanding. The restlessness of daily life subsides into calm submission; its temptations vanish; its sorrows become stepping stones to a better life; and through faith in God's most precious gift, we look up into His face, crying Abba, Father. Our Christmas tide is thus made happy. But, as "dear children of God" let us remember that the message of the angels is intended for all mankind, and it is great in prophecy.

Restless, turbulent, full of care "like the troubled sea when it can not rest" are the lives of millions in China and we may hasten the time when "Christ the Lord God Omnipotent shall reign" in the hearts of many in that land of heathenism, and throughout all the earth.

With this purpose in view the Foreign Mission Board again asks a Christmas Offering from the Baptist women of our Southland. Suggestive envelopes have been prepared. Should one be placed in your hand, what will you do with it? Will it be tossed aside as "another call for money?" Will it be tucked away in a drawer to be forgotten? Will it be the receptacle of a stray dime or quarter after other gifts have been made? Or will it be accepted cheerfully as an opportunity for showing through generous giving to the needy in China, our devotion to Him who has so abundantly blessed our lives and who has the highest claim upon us?

May the Baptist women of our Southland realize the privilege of thus giving!

PROGRAMS, ENVELOPES AND LEAFLETS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

A special program has been arranged for the In-gathering of the Christmas Offering for China. It is based upon life in China, and contains short articles on "The House," "The Position of Woman," "Child Life in China," "The Kitchen God," "In Sickness," and also "Recent Messages from our Missionaries."

The Envelopes bring their own sweet message, and we hope it may find a warm response in every heart.

An unusually suggestive Leaflet, entitled "Miss Witterly's China," has been provided for reading at the time when the envelopes are distributed.

Societies and individuals desiring this Christmas literature will be supplied, free of charge, by making application to the Central Committee of their State, or if this address is unknown, to Woman's Missionary Union, 204 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md. Send for them promptly, distribute in time, and do not fail to have the leaflet read.

RECOGNIZED INFLUENCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The "Revocation of Nantes," the grand scheme originated by the devil and the Jesuits in the time of Louis 14 for throttling Protestantism throughout the length and breadth of France contained, as one of its first provisions, the infamous royal decree for the razing to the ground throughout the kingdom of every Protestant "temple" as Protestant places of worship were then called.

This was carried out with savage haste, on the morning of the day it became a law by the complete demolition of the great Protestant church edifice at Clarenton, the nearest point to Paris where a Protestant place of worship had been allowed.

This astounding fact in French history should remind us that the church edifice plays no minor part in the conflict between truth and error. Otherwise the astute enemy would not have assailed the church buildings with such fury and in such haste as a means of destroying French Protestantism.

Can You Cook Rice?

It is a fact that few persons really know how to cook rice. It is usually a jumbled mass with a consistency of cold mush, when the grains should be white and distinct. The fact that rice can be prepared in 200 different forms is not generally known nor appreciated, and yet such is the case. Send ten cents for a copy of the Southern Pacific Rice Cook-Book containing 200 receipts for preparing rice, to S. F. B. Morse, Passenger Traffic Manager, Southern Pacific-Sunset Route, Houston, Texas. This book has already achieved a brilliant reputation for completeness and is attracting a vast deal of attention, as well as stimulating the consumption of the health giving cereal.

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HYMN WRITTEN BY A CHILD.

The well-known hymn found in nearly all hymn-books, commencing:

"Jesus! and shall it ever be
A sinful child ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?"

was written by Joseph Gregg when but a child. It had for its heading, when first published, "Shame of Jesus conquered by love, by a youth of ten years."

At a later period he wrote,

"Behold a Stranger at the door,
He gently knocks, has knocked before;
Has waited long, is waiting still;
You use no other friend so ill."

He became a minister, and preached in Silver Street, London, where he was very useful.—Edward Payson Hammond.

Sometimes I compare the troubles we have to undergo in the course of a year to a great bundle of fagots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once; He mercifully unties the bundle and gives us, first, one stick, which we are to carry to-day; and then another, which we are to carry to-morrow, and so on. This we might easily manage if we would only take the burden appointed for each day; but we choose to increase our trouble by carrying yesterday's stick over again to-day, and adding to-morrow's burden to our load before we are required, to bear it.—John Newton.

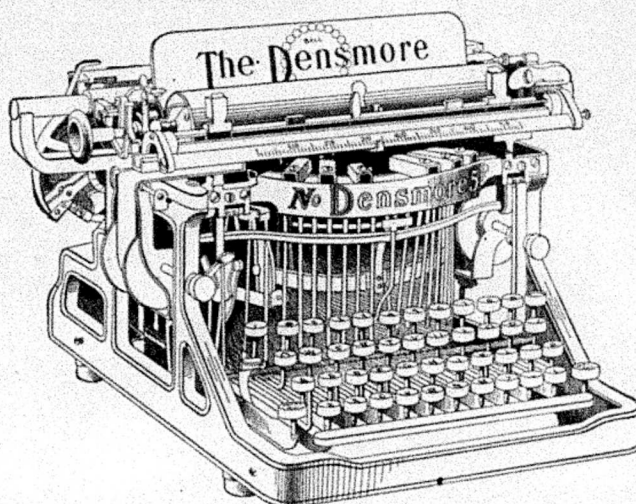
A life without a purpose is a languid, drifting thing; every day we ought to renew our purpose, saying to ourselves, This day let us make a sound beginning, for what we have hitherto done is naught.—Thomas a Kempis.

What we need is not a new compass every year, but a new determination to steer straight by the old compass, which is the Word of God in Christ.—Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

Let us ask God to put our work among the eternal things so that it shall not be like the years that fade away.—Mrs. C. H. Daniels.

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Cash Receipts of the Home Mission Board,

From October 15th to November 15th, 1901.

ALABAMA: W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$1,099.44; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., as follows: for Carrollton ch., New Orleans, \$4.05; Mosley's ch., New Orleans, \$7.50; Texas chs. (St. Francis ch.) \$24.22; for Indian Territory, 90 chs.; Talladega ch. for Jacksonville, Fla., B. ch., \$3; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$43.27. Total, \$1,114.46. Previously reported, \$1,009.14. Total since May, \$1,114.46.

ARKANSAS: J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Treas., \$50.12; Judson Assn., \$3.50; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$13.35; Springfield ch., \$2; Faye textile Assn., \$23.60; A. J. Barton, Cor. Sec., \$150.00. Total, \$210.59. Previously reported, \$175.60. Total since May, \$386.19.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: and B. ch., Washington, \$20. Previously reported, \$25.36. Total since May, \$45.36.

FLORIDA: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$21.92; W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec., \$75. Total, \$96.92. Previously reported, \$75.87. Total since May, \$96.92.

GEOGRAPHIC: Savannah B. ch. for Jacksonville, Fla., B. ch., \$16; S. Y. Jamerson, Cor. Sec., \$460.91; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$76.72; Cumming B. ch., \$5.45. Total, \$1,083.73. Previously reported, \$1,067.50. Total since May, \$1,083.73.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Long Town Assn., \$2.65; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$1.25. Total, \$3.90. Previously reported, \$2.50. Total since May, \$3.90.

KENTUCKY: Flood Riv. Assn., for 1840 Mission, \$7; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$4; J. J. Bow, Cor. Sec., \$10. Total, \$21.90. Previously reported, \$10. Total since May, \$21.90.

LOUISIANA: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$12.01; A. M. Hendon, Treas., \$97.17. Total, \$109.18. Previously reported, \$31.28. Total since May, \$109.18.

MARYLAND: Eutaw Pl. ch., Baltimore, \$28.53; Sater's B. ch., \$7.50; Reidstown Bap. Mission, \$2.75; Rockville B. ch., \$9; Brownsville B. ch., \$0.05; Hagerstown ch., \$10.50; Rider Fund, \$25.51; Forest ch., \$1; Marion ch., \$4; Rehoboth, \$1.75; Brantley, \$14.86; Riverside, \$1; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$1.75; Brantley ch., \$24.50; W. B. H. W. S. as follows: Frontier Missionaries Salaries, \$7.50; For Miss Diaz, \$121.43. Total, \$1,385.54. Previously reported, \$200.36. Total since May, \$1,685.90.

MISSISSIPPI: Blue Mt. Sunbeams, for Miss Ruhlmaier, \$3; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$1.01; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec., \$800. Total, \$802.01. Previously reported, \$1,024.76. Total since May, \$1,024.76.

MISSOURI: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$1.70; E. H. Sawyer, Treas., \$77.43; Mrs. C. H. Hardin, Mexico, \$1,000. Total, \$1,079.13. Previously reported, \$1,469.35. Total since May, \$1,079.13.

NORTH CAROLINA: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$29.66; Walter Durham, Treas., \$1,100. Total, \$1,129.66. Previously reported, \$71.22. Total since May, \$1,129.66.

OKLAHOMA: Freedmen ch., 75 chs; Baker ch., 75 chs; Collected by Rev. Stanley Ward, Udon, \$1.75. Total, \$32.25. Previously reported, \$15.66. Total since May, \$32.25.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Howey Camp B. ch., \$1.50; Parkville S. S., \$1.66; Cheraw ch., \$10; Sardis ch., \$2.83; Lexington Assn., \$1.18; Cannon St. ch., Charleston, \$5; Orangeburg Assn., \$12.50; Pleasant Valley ch., \$1; Fairforest B. ch., \$6.90; Sumter 1st B. ch., \$0.05; T. B. Bailey, Cor. Sec., \$22.80; Blackville B. ch., \$22.50; S. S. 1st B. ch., \$0.05; Newberry, \$3.50; Pine Pleasant B. ch., \$5; Wolf's Crk. B. ch., \$5; Good Hope, \$1; York Assn., \$7; Darlington B. ch., \$2.66; Blackstock ch., Chester Assn., \$2.95; Florence B. ch., \$4.14; Harmony B. ch., \$7; Bellevue B. ch., \$4.47; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$60.07; Lake Swamp ch., Welch Neck Assn., \$2.50; Ft. Lawn B. ch., \$10; Ridge ch., \$2.50; Lake Ridge ch., \$2.50; Cade B. ch., \$1; Central Cal. W. M. S., \$1; Mrs. Jno. Stott, \$60.16; Pee Dee Assn., \$11.75; Charleston Bap. Assn., \$29.11; Cool Branch, \$8.85; Hartsville B. ch., \$18.18; Hartsville B. S. S., \$2.47; Beaver Creek ch., \$5; Hopewell B. ch., \$5.50; Barnwell Assn., (for Cuban work), \$1; Ebenezer ch., for Cuban work, \$2.50; Blacksmith ch., in settlement of claim on estate of Miss M. Kane, \$25; Swift Crk. ch., \$24.75; Cowens ch., \$10; Sumter B. ch., \$2.95; Waccamaw Assn., \$9.33; Beech Island B. ch., \$1.60; Citadel Sq. ch., Charleston, \$10. Total, \$1,553.72. Previously reported, \$1,246.55. Total since May, \$1,553.72.

TENNESSEE: W. M. Woodcock, Treas., for Texas churches, \$16.16; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$121.00; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$17.42. Total, \$254.58. Previously reported, \$1,004.46. Total since May, \$1,004.46.

TEXAS: H. Gamble, Cor. Sec., \$121.87; Angelina Missionary Bap. Assn., \$1.12; J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$15.06; Baptist Missionary Assn., \$51.90. Total, \$230.95. Previously reported, \$1,820.05. Total since May, \$1,820.05.

VIRGINIA: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, \$22.50. Previously reported, \$4.025. Total since May, \$1,047.50.

MISCELLANEOUS: J. M. Frost, S. S. M. Day, (Oregon), \$1.65. Previously reported, \$5.66. Total since May, \$5.66.

AGGREGATE: \$10,728.27. Previously reported, \$22,630.70. Total since May, \$33,358.97.

Boxes of Merchandise Sent to Missionaries,

From October 15th to November 15th, 1901.

REPORTED BY MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, COR. SEC., W. M. U.

ALABAMA: W. M. S., 1st ch., Montgomery, \$295; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Selma, \$36; W. M. S., 3rd ch., W. M. S., LaFayette, \$40; W. M. S., North, \$10; Birmingham, \$10; Sunbeams No. Side ch., Birmingham, contribution, \$17.50; W. M. S., Cuba, \$36; W. M. S., Troy, \$71.50. Total, \$549.65.

ARKANSAS: W. M. S., Monticello, \$92.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Immanuel Circle 1st ch., Washington, \$125. Previously reported, \$45.44. Total since May, \$170.44.

GEOGRAPHIC: W. M. S., Omaha and Sumnerville chs., \$22.92; W. M. B., Valosta, \$61.01; W. M. S., Thomson, \$95.50; W. M. S., Covington, \$24.45; W. M. S., Richmond, \$1.88; W. M. S., 1st ch., Macon, \$122.95; W. M. S., Fort Valley, \$50. Total, \$529.82.

KENTUCKY: W. M. S., Lebanon Junction, \$25 additional valuation; W. M. S., Hopkinsville, \$23.15; W. M. S., Shelbyville, \$14.50; W. M. S., Murray, \$22.50; W. M. S., Louisville, \$10; W. M. S., Louisville, \$20; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Owensboro, \$106.40; W. M. S., Nicholasville, \$50; W. M. S., Mt. Pleasant, \$200. Total, \$670.90. Previously reported, \$24.45. Total since May, \$695.35.

MARYLAND: W. M. S., Waverly ch., Baltimore, \$60; W. M. S., of Maryland, contribution to German work, \$25.20; W. M. S., Hampden ch., Baltimore, \$1.18. Total, \$86.38. Previously reported, \$2.30. Total since May, \$88.68.

MISSISSIPPI: W. M. S., Clinton, \$66.67; W. M. S., Jackson, contribution, \$3.10; W. M. S., Raymond, contribution, \$1; W. M. S., Utica, contribution, \$2.60; W. M. S., Salem, contribution, \$7.50; W. M. S., Learned, contribution, \$2.65. Total, \$129.82. Previously reported, \$22.50. Total since May, \$152.32.

MISSOURI: W. M. S., Slater, \$50.71; W. M. S., Waukegan, \$4.50; W. M. S., Marshall, \$60; W. M. S., Hale, \$52.30. Total, \$158.51. Previously reported, \$45. Total since May, \$203.51.

NORTH CAROLINA: W. M. S., 1st ch., Asheville, \$130. Previously reported, \$236.50. Total since May, \$366.50.

SOUTH CAROLINA: W. M. S., Rockhill \$41.10; W. M. S., 1st B. ch., Laurens, \$65; W. M. S., Columbia, \$22.50; W. M. S., Portland, \$26. Total, \$155.10. Previously reported, \$13.50. Total since May, \$168.60.

TENNESSEE: W. M. S., Immanuel ch., Nashville, \$108.30; W. M. S., Newport, \$38.22; W. M. S., 2nd ch., Nashville, \$24.77. Total, \$244.

TEXAS: W. M. S., Santa Fe \$22; Previously reported, \$30.

VIRGINIA: W. M. S., Manassas ch., Potomac Assn., \$50; W. M. S., Fredericksburg ch., Goddard Assn., \$120; "Barker" Soc. Salem, \$10; Mid. Day, \$16; Y. L. A. S. Assn. ch., Goddard Assn., \$2; Mary Brooks Miss. Soc. Ashland ch., Dover Assn., \$2; W. M. S., Ephesus ch., Repp. Assn., \$2; W. M. S., Mt. Harmon ch., Roanoke Assn., \$50; W. M. S., Urbana ch., Papp. Assn., \$1; W. M. S., Clover ch., Dan River Assn., \$21.50; W. M. S., 1st ch., Roanoke, Valley Assn., \$20.50; W. M. S., Bluefield, \$22.75. Total, \$594.28. Previously reported, \$359.36. Total since May, \$953.64.

AGGREGATE: Total boxes 60. Total valuation, \$7,788.50. Previously reported, No. 28. Total valuation of boxes since May, \$1,020.36.

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