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## THE YEAR'S WORK.

The Divine favor has attended the efforts of the Home Board during the year just closed to a marked degree.

The Annual report of the Board made to the Convention at Asheville, shows the following:

## SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries.....	674
Weeks of labor.....	20,450
Churches and stations.....	1,757
Sermons and addresses.....	75,041
Prayer meetings.....	15,400
Religious visits.....	163,005
Baptisms.....	8,150
Received by letter.....	9,951
Total additions.....	17,201
Churches constituted.....	231
Houses of worship built and improved.....	398
Sunday Schools organized.....	674
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	27,499
Tracts distributed [pages].....	2,084,355

The State Board of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, are in co-operation with us in part or the whole of their work.

## ENLARGE THE WORK.

The instructions of the Convention at Asheville require the Home Mission Board to enlarge its work during the present year.

The report of the Committee which was unanimously adopted by the Convention is given below. Special attention is invited to the following statement contained in that report:

"Your Committee most cordially recommends that the Convention advise and adopt as its policy of the ensuing year the recommendation of the Board that the contributions be advanced beyond the amounts received last year by as much as twenty-five per cent."

The following is the report in full:

"Your Committee on Appeal of Home Board reports as follows: Both for the preservation of the old and the achievement of the new, the work of the kingdom must ever be progressive and aggressive. The demands for the offices of the Home Board have not diminished with the passing of the years, but such have been the industrial, civic, and social conditions of the sphere of this Board's activities that the demands have become increasingly large and urgent. It is therefore imperative that the work of the Board shall be projected upon such progressive lines as that there shall be an adequate efficient response to the recurring exigencies of the day and time. More than this, it must even anticipate conditions and demands, not yet to be seen and heard. On every account, therefore, enlargement and aggression must be the steadfast aim and policy of the Board.

"Your Committee most cordially recommends that the Convention advise and adopt as its policy of the ensuing year the recommendation of the Board that the contributions be advanced beyond the amounts received last year by as much as twenty-five per cent. Your Committee confidently anticipate a most cheerful response on the part of the churches to this conservative enlargement of the resources of the Board. Respectfully,

T. B. THAMES,

C. C. SLAUGHTER, J. T. BOTHWELL,  
A. K. SEAGO, J. L. BURNHAM,  
C. T. BAGBY, L. M. ROPER,  
A. B. HILL, A. N. COUCH.

## LETTER FROM INDIAN TERRITORY.

HARTSHORNE, May 19, 1902.

DEAR MISS ARMSTRONG:

Your kind letter of inquiry was received Saturday, and I hasten this Monday morning to comply with your request. Enclosed you will find the blank filled out.

The progress in my field is painfully slow, owing to two leading causes. The first and perhaps the greatest impediment to our progress is the unsettled condition of our people. About the time one thinks that everything is getting in good shape, the membership begins to move away. And it often occurs that the church is so weakened by removals, that she is left almost, if not entirely, powerless. Then we have to begin anew to gather in another membership, and not hardly one out of twenty will be found to be trained in church work, so the pastor and wife go through the process of training again and again.

In the second place, almost 99 per cent. of the people that come to this country, come for the sole purpose of making money, and so their whole time and thought is devoted to that end. The above conditions render the work exceedingly difficult.

Hartshorne is the center of the largest coal mining interest in the Indian Territory. The offices are here; has one of the largest R. R. yards, and it is from this point the Ardmore extension leaves the main line of the C. O. & G. Ry. and the Guthrie extension also leaves the main line at this place. These conditions bring together a mixed multitude of people. I suppose there are from ten to fifteen thousand people within an area of six miles. We have eight church organizations within the town limits; so it may be readily seen that this point is second to none in importance in this territory.

My salary is small, and but for the aid that is given through the W. M. U. we could not begin to do the work that we are doing. I am perfectly sure that the women of our Southland are due a large per cent. of the credit and honor of establishing our cause in Indian Territory. I receive much encouragement and strength from the kind words and prayers of these noble women. Sometimes when I grow faint and it seems that I will just have to give up, there comes to me direct or through OUR HOME FIELD, cheering words that the women are praying and working for the missionaries on the frontier. Then I "Thank God and take courage" and press on. Of course, frontier missionaries and their families must, of necessity, undergo many privations unknown to the people of the states. None of these things would ever move me if there were none but myself involved, but my wife and children must suffer all these

privations. It would indeed be hard to bear but for the fact that we have not time to study about our situation. Self is lost in the effort to advance the work.

I preach two sermons per week, teach the Bible Class in the Sunday School, conduct the mid-week prayer-meeting. Visit the B. Y. P. U. in their afternoon meetings and the Ladies' Aid Society. My wife is President of the latter, and my daughter is Secretary and Treasurer of the former. She is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School, also organist, and teaches an intermediate class of fourteen little girls. We are all working, and praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into this great, needy field. Will you continue to pray that we faint not, and that the blessings of our Father crown our efforts, by hastening the harvest time?

We begin our protracted effort the 28th. Pray that scores of souls may be gathered in.

May the good Lord continue his loving favor towards you is the prayer of

Your brother,

W. P. HILL.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE SOUTH, KNOXVILLE, TENN., JUNE 19-JULY 31, 1902.

### An Educational Party to Summer School of the South

An Educational party to the "Summer School of the South" at Knoxville, Tenn., June 19-July 31st, conducted by Profs. P. D. Pollock and P. W. H. Kilpatrick, of Mercer University, will leave Macon on special train over the Southern Railway on June 18th.

*Course of Study.* 47 different courses of study taught by specialist North and South. 23 courses in common school subjects and methods; 9 courses in psychology and pedagogy; 17 courses in high school and college work; and many lectures by men of national reputation on general topics.

*Cost.* Board and lodging \$3.50 to \$4.50 per week; registration fee for any or all the work, \$5.00; railroad fare, one fare for round trip—from Macon and return, \$8.94; similarly reduced rates from all other points on the Southern Railway.

*Suggestions.* Register your name for the special party with Pres. P. D. Pollock, Mercer University, in order that choice rooms and location may be reserved in advance.

*Additional Information.* Write Superintendent P. P. Claxton, Knoxville, Tenn., for complete circulars of information as to courses and cost and to the undersigned as to any details of the trip.

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F. P. A. Jacksonville, Fla.

JAMES FREEMAN,

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"Africa"—dark, degraded, despoiled, yet with tremendous opportunities and possibilities for good as well as for evil—forms the subject of many fascinating descriptions and stirring appeals in the June number of the *Missionary Review of the World*.

Other countries are not overlooked. There are articles on "Medical Missions in Mexico," on Mrs. Foster, the "Tomb Angel," on "Thirty Years in India," "The March of Events in Pekin," "Miss Stone's Capture and Release," etc., etc. The Editorials, Books, and General Intelligence are up to date and world-wide in scope and view point.

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## THE MOUNTAIN CONVENTION.

It had long been the cherished hope of many of us, who one way and another had special interest in the mountain section of the South, that the Southern Baptist Convention should meet at Asheville, in order that our people might have an opportunity of seeing that body in session. This was at last gratified, and on the 9th day of May the hosts of Baptists from the four corners of the South poured into the mountain City. The Battery Park Hotel was made the headquarters for the Convention, and was filled to its utmost capacity with messengers and visitors, while possibly seventy-five or one hundred other hotels and boarding houses had guests attendant upon the meeting. The superb scenery and many attractions of the city in the "Land of the Sky" diverted the messengers and visitors somewhat during at least the afternoons, but, notwithstanding, there never has been a Convention which throughout its sessions had so many listeners to the discussions and sermons that were had during the meeting.

The three Boards of the Convention made reports which sent glad joy throughout the brotherhood, and the meeting started off under exceedingly happy auspices. Possibly no year in all our history has the demonstration recorded such signal blessing of the Lord upon our work both as to the amount given by His people for the furtherance of the Gospel, and as to the results in church growth and accession to the membership of the churches. Our Home Mission Board made the handsome advance of \$12,000 in receipts above last year, and the reports of the missionaries showed even a larger increase in the results of their labors. Possibly a correction ought to be

made here. In some of the printed accounts that have appeared, it is stated that the Board begins the year with \$12,000 in the treasury. While there was an advance of \$12,000 in receipts, let it be remembered that we had advanced the appropriations covering almost all this amount. Some of them not requiring payment until after the meeting of the Convention, left about \$5,000 in the treasury at the time of the meeting, almost all of which will be paid out at once or in the near future, so we begin the year without any surplus on hand.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Home Board recommended to the Convention that there should be an increase in contributions this year to the amount of 10 per cent. in advance of last year's receipts, but the Convention on hearing the report, determined, by hearty unanimous vote, that the increase should be 25 per cent. So we are to have put in our hands for Home Mission work for the coming year at least \$125,000 in cash if the churches respond to the noble purpose of the messengers who represented them at Asheville.

It was a matter with many of absorbing interest to know what would be the result of the Convention at Asheville in regard to the action of the Board in receiving Dr. Diaz's resignation and declining an application for his re-appointment. The matter was referred to a special committee who investigated the subject thoroughly and reported to the Convention approving the course pursued by the Board, which report was adopted by the Convention very heartily. After the matter had been passed Dr. Diaz arrived at Asheville, and there was a desire expressed that he should be heard before the Convention and a resolution to that effect was offered by Brother J. A. Lee, one of our missionaries in the city of New Orleans. The resolution was referred to a special committee. When the special committee had assembled and taken the matter under consideration, Dr. Diaz was sent for and offered the opportunity of making any representations he might desire before the Committee. He declined to appear before the Committee and the Committee reported unfavorable to his appearing before the Convention, and this report was adopted almost unanimously.

It is not possible to estimate the value of a great meeting at any time and certainly it would not be possible to estimate the wonderful power of the Convention at Asheville, not only upon the community in which it met, but the section of country for hundreds of miles around. Thousands of people will have a new conception of the dignity and grandeur of the Baptist denomination from the influences of the meeting at Asheville, radiating from that center as rays of light will go out, influences whose results will be reaped for generations to come. There were literally hundreds of

Baptists who saw for the first time the great Convention, many of whom will experience an epoch in their lives from the hour they gazed on that noble body. The life of the promising youth of the mountains will have gained fresh inspiration and new courage for the upward toil in their effort to develop themselves for the Master's Kingdom. We may not tabulate the results of a Convention, but no doubt if it could be done, the Mountain Convention would show the largest results of any meeting ever held on this earth.

## A HANDSOME BOOK.

A neatly bound, well printed volume of 400 pages by Miss Mary Emily Wright, of Augusta, Ga., with introduction by Dr. Lansing Burrows, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, gives a history of the Southern Baptist Convention and its noble Auxiliary, the Woman's Missionary Union, of exceeding and helpful interest. Price, \$1.25 net, postpaid \$1.40.

## Cash Receipts from May 1st, to May 15, 1902.

ALABAMA: J. A. B. J. Hackneyville, \$1.70; Mt. Enon ch. \$2.75. Total, \$4.45.  
ARKANSAS: Ladies of 1st B. ch. Pine Bluff, self-denial, \$16.10.  
GEORGIA: Fayetteville B. ch. \$2.25; M. S. Trion ch. \$3.50; W. M. S. 1st B. ch. Macon, self-denial, 65 cts.; Total, \$10.20.  
KENTUCKY: Rev. H. A. S., Danville, for Jacksonville, Fla., B. ch. \$5; Y. L. of Danville ch. \$5.60; Cen. Com. by Mrs. B. G. Rees, as follows: Stamping Ground, \$5; Walton, \$2; Cincinnati, \$1; Walnut St. \$2.50; Pleasant Grove, self-denial, \$12.15; East Hickman, self-denial, \$5; Georgetown, self-denial, \$1.50. Total, \$25.00.  
LOUISIANA: Union of N. Sabine Asso. \$7.  
MARYLAND: Brantley B. ch. Baltimore, \$50.50; 1st ch. Hagerstown, \$6.48. Total, \$56.98.  
MISSISSIPPI: Standing Pine ch. \$7.  
NORTH CAROLINA: Collection at Sunday service, Battery Park Hotel, \$5.24; W. M. U. collection at Asheville for Church Building and Loan Fund, \$55.50. Total, \$60.74.  
SOUTH CAROLINA: Saluda Asso. \$20.31; Dudley ch. \$3; Lake Swamp ch. \$5.30; Walnut Grove ch. \$1.87; Citadel Bq. ch. Charleston, \$57.31; Bethesda ch. 30 cts.; Union and Div. Collection Asso. \$1; Sparrow Swamp ch. 50 cts.; Mt. Lebanon ch. \$1.70; Ghent's Branch ch. \$2.47; Aiken B. ch. \$30.50. Total, \$125.75.  
TENNESSEE: Young South, Nashville, \$54.29; Boyd's Crk. ch. \$2.70. Total, \$57.99.  
TEXAS: B. ch. Seaside, \$8; Mt. Pleasant ch. \$3.65. Total, \$11.65.  
AGGREGATE: \$635.70.

## Boxes from April 15, to May 15, 1902, reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong.

ALABAMA: W. M. S. \$208.10. Previously reported, \$2,508.73. Total since May, \$2,716.83.  
ARKANSAS: W. M. S. \$911.20. Previously reported, \$20. Total since May, \$1,003.20.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported, \$348.35. Total since May, \$1,003.20.  
FLORIDA: Previously reported, \$110.50.  
GEORGIA: Y. L. S. Second ch. Atlanta, \$65.45. Previously reported, \$2,459.13. Total since May, \$2,524.58.  
KENTUCKY: W. M. U. North Bend and Campbell Co. \$60.81; North Bend and Campbell Co. W. M. U. \$74.31; W. M. S. Shelbyville, \$17.34; W. M. S. Pleasant Grove \$20.70; W. M. S. David's Fork \$59; W. M. S. Union Grove \$37.65. Total, \$280.11. Previously reported, \$2,599.69. Total since May, \$2,879.80.  
LOUISIANA: Previously reported, \$86.  
MARYLAND: Contributions as follows: W. M. S. Brantley ch., Baltimore, \$5; Brantley 1st. 55 cts; W. M. S. 4th ch. Balt. 25 cts; W. M. S. 1st ch. Balt. 85 cts; Y. L. S. 1st ch. Balt. 50 cts; Y. L. S. Franklin Sq. \$2.78; W. M. S. Iermin ch. Balt. \$1.50; German Sewing Society \$5; W. M. S. Franklin Sq. \$1.43; W. M. S. Rutaw Pl. ch. \$2.40; Y. L. S. Fulton Ave. \$1; W. M. S. Hampden \$2.53; W. M. S. Immanuel \$7.50; W. M. S. Lee St. 45 cts; W. M. S. N. Ave. \$5.35; W. M. S. 7th ch. Balt. \$4; Myra Band, 7th ch. \$2; W. M. S. Scott St. ch. 65 cts; W. M. S. Immanuel \$137; Wide Awake, \$2.95; W. M. S. 7th ch. \$7. Total, \$307.37. Previously reported, \$2,626.29. Total since May, \$2,933.66.  
MISSISSIPPI: W. M. S. McComb, \$50; W. M. S. Oxford \$42.50. Total, \$192.50. Previously reported, \$885.70. Total since May, \$1,078.20.  
MISSOURI: W. M. S. Wyconda Asso., \$45; W. M. S. \$283.05. Total, \$328.05. Previously reported, \$1,434.52. Total since May, \$1,762.57.  
NORTH CAROLINA: W. M. S. Clinton, contribution, \$7; W. M. S. \$77.14. Total, \$84.14. Previously reported, \$2,513.42. Total since May, \$2,597.56.  
SOUTH CAROLINA: W. M. S. Barnwell, \$45.50. Previously reported, \$205.42. Total since May, \$250.92.  
TENNESSEE: W. M. S. \$227.76; W. M. S. Melesas \$26. Total, \$253.76. Previously reported, \$1,855.23. Total since May, \$2,109.99.  
TEXAS: W. M. S. \$750.43. Previously reported, \$380. Total since May, \$1,130.43.  
VIRGINIA: W. M. S. \$106.66. Previously reported, \$2,808.09. Total since May, \$2,914.75.  
AGGREGATE: Total number of boxes sent May, 364. Total valuation since May, \$44,459.47.



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Auxiliary to S. B. C.

233 North Howard Street, BALTIMORE, MD.

Motto: GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

## THE SURE HARVEST.

I cast a seed in earth  
In perfect faith and trust  
That life would spring to birth  
Beneath the sheltering dust.  
The tiny plant my waiting eyes  
Beheld at last without surprise.

A seed of truth I tried  
Within a heart to sow;  
To God in prayer I cried  
That he would make it grow.  
But when I saw the ripened fruit  
I stood and gazed with wonder mute.

O blind! to think that He  
Who careth for the less,  
Would still neglectful be  
The greater work to bless—  
The tiny floweret's life perfect,  
Yet His eternal truth neglect.

GLEANINGS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS,  
W. M. U.

It will not be possible to give a report from the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union at Asheville, as the preparation for this issue of the HOME FIELD has to be made before going to the meeting. Some items from the official reports are appended which will be of interest.

The results as far as they may be tabulated in a treasurer's report is of vital concern. The statistics are given below:

STATE	FOREIGN	HOME	S. SCHOOL
Alabama.....	\$ 2,632.35	\$ 3,097.69	\$ 14.90
Arkansas.....	457.00	313.13	2.00
Dst. of Columbia.	140.17	21.25	.....
Florida.....	598.08	914.04	13.26
Georgia.....	4,242.43	1,725.86	31.84
Indian Territory	25.89	11.35	.....
Kentucky.....	3,572.46	1,155.93	43.49
Louisiana.....	1,344.23	627.34	25.00
Maryland.....	1,273.34	1,139.13	8.75
Mississippi.....	1,279.47	541.52	9.00
Missouri.....	2,728.81	1,696.79	.....
North Carolina..	3,220.39	1,652.43	.....
Oklahoma.....	1.40	13.50	.....
South Carolina..	3,761.45	1,357.26	22.21
Tennessee.....	1,743.71	1,090.02	11.07
Texas.....	1,237.37	837.32	287.35
Virginia.....	6,524.66	3,315.92	10.00
Total.....	\$34,787.17	\$19,510.48	\$478.87

BOX CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOCIETIES  
AND BANDS.

STATE	HOME	S. SCHOOL
Alabama.....	\$ 2,616.83	\$ 295.00
Arkansas.....	1,003.20	56.00
District of Columbia	348.55	.....
Florida.....	170.50	.....
Georgia.....	2,534.58	1,350.89
Kentucky.....	2,561.09	1,579.94
Louisiana.....	286.00	327.90
Maryland.....	2,837.86	199.35
Mississippi.....	1,006.20	73.18
Missouri.....	1,812.98	325.50
North Carolina..	2,596.96	.....
South Carolina..	620.95	340.76
Tennessee.....	2,118.99	1,368.54
Texas.....	1,100.43	.....
Virginia.....	2,914.75	2,983.02
Total.....	\$24,259.47	\$8,894.08

## SUMMARY, 1901-1902.

Cash.....	\$ 54,776.52
Boxes.....	33,353.55

## BOX CONTRIBUTIONS.

369 boxes, valued at \$24,459.47, we sent to missionaries of the Home Board; 126 boxes valued at \$8,894.08, to Sunday School missionaries.

## RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1901-1902.

In studying the condition of foreign fields, we note that there has been steady growth, in some cases unusual and very inspiring progress. Wars, tumults, famines, sickness, all these trials have been endured, but missionaries and converts have stood the test, while those who are "holding the ropes" are becoming more and more interested in the work of their substitutes.

The history of other countries which once, to some extent, had the "light of truth," emphasizes the duty of being concerned regarding the drift of to-day and the issues that will determine the destiny of America in days to come. Laborers in the home-land are finding their work difficult because of the tendency on the part of many to drift away from God, the desecration of the Sabbath; influence of Roman Catholicism, growth of Mormonism and other false doctrines; but, God is given unusual opportunities of reaching the nations of the earth, and will abundantly bless the work of those who would save America, not for America's sake, but for the world's sake, for Christ's sake.

Towards work in Home and Foreign lands as prompted by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist women and children of the South have contributed in cash during the past year, \$54,776.52, an increase of \$1,803.25 over last year.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN  
MISSIONS.

China, "the greatest mission field in the world," was again selected by the Foreign Board as the object of work for which offerings should be made at the season of rejoicing because of the gift of a Savior. As usual, special literature was prepared consisting of two programs, one for the ingathering of the Christmas Offering, the other for the Week of Prayer. In connection with these, a narrative leaflet, "Mrs. Whittier's China," was distributed. The envelopes emphasized the sweet message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," were in themselves an appeal for those who had no part in our Christmas joy. Appeals were also made through the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field* and State papers, that the best offerings be given to Christ at Christmas-tide. 76,800 envelopes were distributed. Receipts, \$6,088.17. Accurate results can not be obtained as money is sometimes undesignated.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL  
FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The third week in March has for several years been set aside as the time for making special effort in behalf of the Home Mission Board. A program adapted to every day of the week, including both home and foreign fields, was prepared as an aid to meetings of prayer. Dr. C. F. McConnell, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, furnished two circular letters, one to pastors, the other to Woman's Mission Societies. At his suggestion, the request was made that Presidents of Societies would personally hand to their pastors the letter which was addressed to them. From reports received, it is believed that Dr. McConnell's letters were fruitful of more general observance than we would otherwise have had. The following leaflets bearing upon Home Mission work were distributed through Central Committees to Societies: "Mormonism in America," "A Need of Female Missionaries," "The Foreigner and the Home Board," "Oklahoma," "Experiences of Rev. A. J. Holt," "Gracie's Self-Denial." Through State papers and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the President of Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Chas. A. Skelley, made an earnest appeal for co-operation in securing successful observance of the Week of Self-Denial.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT, WOMAN'S  
MISSIONARY UNION.

At the suggestion of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, this new feature of W. M. U. work was embodied in the Executive Committee Recommendations which were adopted at the last Annual Meeting.

The purpose and plan of the Home Department W. M. U. are very simple and to those familiar with the Sunday School Home Department, the idea is readily grasped. Its purpose is to reach those who do not or cannot attend missionary meetings, or those who have no meetings to attend. Comparatively few in any community, city or country, are as yet identified with mission work. The plan is as simple and direct as the purpose. The missionary literature is carried to the individuals, the understanding being that each one receiving it promises to devote thirty minutes each week to reading and praying for missions. A booklet consisting of five leaflets and Mission (Prayer) Card is loaned each one who will make the required promise. An envelope for the collection (no stated amount but to be divided between home and foreign missions) accompanies the booklets. At the end of three months, the Visitor (person in charge of the Mission Home Department) collects envelopes and booklets previously loaned and transfers them.

It is believed that through the Home Department, many will become more interested in missionaries and will in time make it possible either to overcome obstacles and unite with missionary Societies or to form them where none now exists. Very gratifying therefore is the fact that this new plan is already meeting with much favor and though now in its infancy, the prospects for the future are very bright.

## COLORED PEOPLE. SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

In 1900, the Colored Baptist women of the U. S. formed a General Organization known as the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention. They began work with ten dollars and by systematic effort reported over \$2,000 at the end of the first year. Recognizing the good results which have attended the united efforts of Southern Baptist white women, the leaders wished the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Convention to be somewhat similar in methods of work to Woman's Missionary Union of S. B. C. Repeatedly help has been asked of the Corresponding Secretary W. M. U., and cheerfully given.

During a visit to Nashville, Tennessee, in September, 1901, we were present at a Union meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies [Colored] and later, by an invitation, attended the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Cincinnati. At this meeting, the President of the organization made a strong address, emphasizing the importance of Christian home-life among the Colored people, and the obligation of training them for missionary service, which beginning by the fire-side should extend in ever-widening circles until through efforts or their own in Africa, the Colored women of America shall become a power in answering the prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come." The marked ability not only of the President but of the Secretaries, the recognition of need for sympathetic effort, the desire of delegates to know and obey God's will concerning their race, deeply impressed us with the possibilities of this people and the opportunities which are being offered Southern Baptist women of helping in the work which the Colored women are now doing.

Near the close of the year, the Home Board of the National Baptist Convention appealed to the Home Mission Board S. B. C. for an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to aid in the employment of two Colored women to labor among Colored people. It is a pleasure to report that this amount is included in the contributions of Woman's Missionary Union, having been secured for this special purpose by the Corresponding Secretary W. M. U., from a lady in Maryland.



**JUST PUBLISHED**

See other Cash and Box Receipts on second page.