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#### ON TO HAVANA.

W. W. LANDRUM.

The Home Mission Board proposes great things for the Baptists of the capital of Cuba during the year of grace, 1904. The following quotation from the Index of last week offers opportunity to declare them:

"A Baptist paper for Porto Rico and Cuba has been announced. It will be under the auspices of the Home Mission Society of New York, and the American Baptist Publication Society will appropriate three hundred dollars for this purpose. The editorial staff will consist of Missionaries H. P. McCormick, San Juan; A. B. Rudd, Ponce, Porto Rico, and H. R. Mosely, Santiago."—Baptist Courier.

Touching the foregoing, let me say that these brethren are, all of them, Southerners, and once in the employ of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They kindly asked our Home Mission Board to unite with them in the proposed new paper. The Home Mission Board felt it must decline any joint work of that character without specific instructions from the Convention to that effect.

The Index is naturally pleased to say: "We have never yet ceased to lament the loss of these three men to our Southern Baptist work. How we did want them in Cuba."

In this opinion I most heartily concur. No one suffered more than I did when the great disaster came to the work of our Foreign Mission work in Mexico, resulting in the resignation of these honored men of God. At one time, during my membership on the Foreign Mission Board, I was chairman of the Committee on Mexico. I do not believe, however, the Foreign Mission Board or the Committee on Mexico ever treated these brethren in any way but most kindly, and I am sure that we always rejoice in their prosperity.

Just as the Foreign Mission Board suffered in Mexico, the Home Board has suffered in Cuba. But, just as the Mexican work survived the shock and is now enjoying the favor of the Lord, so the interests of Southern Baptists in Cuba are as bright as the promises of God.

If Brethren McCormick, Rudd and Mosely ever see proper to renew their allegiance to the Southern Baptist Convention, I agree with the Index in the opinion that they would find it most natural, and, perhaps, agreeable, to establish relations with the Home Board and give themselves to the evangelization of Cuba. Of course, the Home Board invokes upon them God's blessing wherever they toil for our Master.

Dr. Gray goes to Havana in January next. He will seek to carry out the instructions of the Board in regard to a theological school in our superb Jans building. This ediffice is admirably adapted for Baptist headquarters, having room for the Seminary, a Baptist book and Bible depository and all the necessaries of a Baptist paper. Now that our operations in Havana are more firmly established than ever before, the Board moves forward safely and confidently.

Years of service on the two great mission boards of the Convention enable me to see how often each parallels the other irrits trials and triumphs. As I never grew gloomy, a few years ago, when all seemed lost in Mexico, so I omitted no sleep more recently when things went badly in Cuba. I have heard it thunder several times in my life, and have come to think its detonating disturbance is a blessing. Missions are one. The field is the world. Mexico is only a part. So is Cuba. In these parts, as everywhere else, the outlook is inspiring. Now for collections for Home and-Foreign Missions.—The Christian Index.

## NEW ORLEANS' SECOND BIRTH—IS IT OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY?

REV. C. V. EDWARDS.

All the nations of the world are coming to share in our prosperity and must be used for God and righteousness or they will be used of Satan to break down our American customs, trample under foot our holy Sabbath and bring to ruin thousands of our American youth, who are rapidly finding their way to this city. We must save New Orleans from the mighty grasp of Satan or he will use it to lower the standard of righteousness in every city in the South. Her mighty influence will soon be felt in the moral and spiritual world, as well as in the commercial and financial.

The Roman Catholics, who for a long time held this field undisputed, realize this to be a strategic point for their conquest in America, and are preparing to hold it at all hazzards. They are building new schools, enlarging their asylums and convents, and are employing every conceivable device for holding the city in their grasp, both politically and socially.

But the tide of progress which is sweeping over the city is against them, and affords an unprecedented opportunity for evangelical denominations.

Other denominations are awaking to the opportunities and responsibilities before them.

The Episcopalians are equipped with four of the best church buildings in the city, and they are manned by some of our strongest and most progressive men. They have other buildings suitable for their location, and are just completing a \$5,000 chapel on Carrollton Avenue, a growing section of the city, the money being the gift of a friend in the North.

Our Presbyterian brethren have for a long time had a substantial hold on the city, through the long and successful ministries of Dr. Markham and Dr. Palmer and others. Their eleven churches are well equipped for work, one of them having erected a new \$75,000 stone building a few blocks from the First Baptist Church. Quite a number of the Presbyterian churches are endowed with as much as \$12,000 each, to be used as a poor fund. This is a great help to them.

The Methodists have seized about a dozen splendid locations and have church buildings erected suitable for their localities, and are more than ever before, mustering their forces for an onward move. They have purchased a \$10,000 home for Bishop Morrison, who is to locate in their midst this fall and assist Methodism in its campaign.

The Baptists, few in number, poor in this world's goods, and poorly equipped for work, are battling against great odds. They have only four churches, with a total membership of about nine

hundred. Only one of these churches is self-supporting and that is the one that has a good b ing, Coliseum Place.

Why so few Baptists? Echo answers, why? An unwritten and unwritable history of misfortunes and defeats at important crises, short pastorates, poose-equipment and hostility of all the other denominations. Sad, sad, is our history. We have missed our opportunities too many times, and at this, the second birth of New Orlerns, God will hold us responsible for the opportunities afforded us.

We realize that the calls upon our denomination are many and urgent, but we believe with all our hearts that the call of New Orleans is a call from God, which, if neglected now, may never be answered. Though past neglects will ever make our future work more difficult, to neglect the present opportunity is almost to forfeit hope that the Baptists will ever be a power for God in this great and growing metropolis of the South, and may be one day the metropolis of the United States.

New Orleans, La.

Likewise, with equal emphasis, comes the imperative demand for enlarged efforts in Baltimore, St. Louis, Memphis and many other important Southern cities Southern Baptists embrace this their opportunity, and rise to the measure of this their obligation, by furnishing their Home Mission Board with the necessary increased means to cope with the new situation thus pre-sented? How much will YOU and YOUR CHURCH do in helping to inaugurate and carry forward a decided advance movement in this work for the Lord? Let your answer be made to the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. It will help and encourage him to know what increase may be expected.

#### AN ESTIMATE OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD BY A DISTINGUISHED SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR.

LAURENS, S. C., Dec. 7, 1903. REV. B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary. ATLANTA, GA.

DEAR BROTHER: I believe, and have believed for years, that what our Southern Baptist People do for the world must in a large measure the dones through our Home Mission Board. We cannot afford to neglect our Home Board.

Many of the State Boards cannot support their own destitution. The conclusion, therefore, is inevitable that there is an appeal for an enlargement of the work of this Board. I do not underestimate any of our forces for the world's evangelization. Certainly we cannot afford to do less for State and Foreign Missions, nor for education, these need an increase of interest everywhere and by all. But I do believe with all my soul, that in what we do in moulding the character and destiny of the world for the next fifteen or twenty-five years one of the mightiest factors is the Home Mis sion Board. As never before in all our history as a people was the need so urgent as now to rally to the support of this Board. The opportunity o f tremendous responsibility and far reaching consequences is now upon us. Oh that God would by His Spirit give us a vision of the magnitude and importance of the work! Yours fraternally

J. D. PITTS.

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#### EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Dr. B. H. Carroll says the necessity for the Home Board and its work is ten times greater now than when the Board was organized.

An assistant to Miss Marie Buhlmaier in her work at the Pier in Baltimore has been authorized by the Board and the Secretary hopes soon to have her on that field.

Dr. R. H. Pitt of Virginia says the Home Board needs as much money for work in Baltimore and New Orleans alone as we now get for all the Home Mission work,

The Florida Baptist Convention meets January 13th at Bartow. It is the last of the State Conventions before the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Home Board is helping Florida Baptist quite liberally.

There has been great need for a woman missionary at Galveston. The Board has just engaged Mrs. Teakell of Texas for that work. She is most highly endorsed by Dr. J. B. Gambrell and others who know her. A good woman of Louisiana pays her salary.

The work of the Home Board is full of encouragement. We need more money and more men. Let the readers of the Home Field help by gifts and prayer. We are fearful of a debt, if we enlarge too much. But the fields are white for harvest! Send a New Year's offering for the work.

A good woman at the Goergia Convention gave us \$2.00 and the names and addresses of twenty new subscribers for the Home Field-paid for by herself. That was wise and thoughtful. It means twenty field.

new homes into which the paper goes and very likely a hundred new readers. What if a thousand people would do like this good woman!

The Corresponding Secretary goes soon to Cuba to thoroughly inspect the Board's work there. Judge Geo. Hillyer, Chairman of the Committee on Cuba, will also go. Gov. J. P. Eagle, President of the Sonthern Baptist Convention, writes that he wants to go to Cuba for a little rest and will join the Secretary. That is good news. No nobler man is to be found in all our ranks than Governor Eagle, and he will mix pleasure and an opportunity to see our Cuban work at first hand.

Our readers will observe that we have more than doubled the usual amount of reading matter in this issue of the Home Field. The pressure upon our columns was so great we had to enlarge for our first number of the New Year. We are considering the question of the permanent enlargement of the paper. Many of our readers are asking for this. To adequately present our work, we shall be forced to enlarge the paper. Just what is best we are not certain. In the meantime we need a large increase in our subscription list. The increase during the last four months has been very gratifying. By a little effort from our readers we could easily double our number of subscribers. Who will help us? Many a pastor could send us ten names and one dollar with very little effort. It would do vast good.

In the last fifteen years Texas has given in cash more than \$285,000 to Home and Foreign Missions, most of it to Foreign Missions, enough to the two Boards to run our Foreign Mission expenses for three average years of that time. But for the Home Board, Texas would not be the great Baptist State it is and possibly would not be saved to the Southern Baptist Convention. The Home Board makes a field for the support of Foreign Missions. Neglect the great West by withholding gifts from the Home Board, and you lose that great West to our Foreign Board. Our absolute dependence for both men and money for Foreign Missions is upon our developed home territory. Strengthen and develope these home people. Let Christ be enthroned in their lives and from them will go forth the men and money for the redemption of the whole world. Moreover, it must be remembered that foreigners are swarming into this country as into no other on the face of the globe. They threaten our very existence socially, politically and religiously. Great numbers of them are hostile to our religion and our civilization. They undermine the very foundation of the faith. The Church, the family, the Sabbath, the Bible are all imperiled by this foreign element. It is suicidal to close our eyes to the serious condition of our home

The noble instinct of self-help and selfpreservation and care for those about us cries out for concerted and strenuous effort on the part of Southern Baptists to make headway against those evils that beset us, and threaten to engulf us.

#### REV. M. P. HUNT, D. D., ACCEPTS THE FIELD SECRETARYSHIP OF THE WESTERN TERRITORY.

At Savannah the Southern Baptist Convention suggested the appointment of a Trans-Mississippi Secretary by the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards, who should represent the work of the Convention in the Western Territory. The suggestion has been adopted by the Boards and they have secured Rev. M. P. Hunt, D. D., of St. Joseph; Missouri. Dr. Hunt enters at once, Jan. 1st, 1904, upon his labors with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri. He is in the very zenith of his powers, of a generous heart and vigorous mind and strong body. His success in the pastorate has been marked, while his evangelistic gifts are known far and wide. He comes to his new work with a mighty conviction of its importance, with the enthusiastic confidence of the great brotherhood of Missouri and Kentucky where he has spent most of his labors and with the confident belief of our Boards that he is the man for the place. He is a platform speaker of surpassing power, a newspaper writer of real vigor, a man of affairs and a devotedly pious servant of Goo.

We shall expect great things to come of his work in that great growing section of our country, stretching from the fertile plains of Missouri to the rice fields of Louisina, and from the Mississippi towards the setting sun to the Pacific ocean. We commend him most highly to our brotherhood in all that territory and bespeak for him and his work the heartiest support.

#### FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

#### A NEW COUNTRY IN THE OLD.

Most of the time since my coming to the Secretaryship, four months ago, has been given to attendance upon State Conventions. This has given a broad view of the field, its imperative needs, its glorious op-. portunities and our tremendous responsibilities. Marvelous advancement in the commercial and industrial world is giving us a new country. Problems heretofore simple are rapidly becoming more complex and difficult. The tide of foreign immigration is setting in our direction, the movement from country to town is steady and strong. The older States of our Southland, in the mill and mining districts, are confronted with new conditions. People are moving from the old staid country communities to the new railroads and to the mines and mills, making two mission fields, where there was none before, the old from which they go and the new to which they come.

THE GREAT WEST AND GOD'S FAVOR.

The vast territory west of the Mississippi is the most fruitful mission field anywhere. That country is developing with wonderful strides. Our Baptist people are in the lead, both in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Work done there now will shape the destiny of that section for all time to come. But the needs are great. Forty churches in Oklahoma Territory just now need help to build houses of worship. It is about the same in Indian Territory. God is wonderfully blessing our missionaries out there. During the past year there were 2,448 baptisms in Oklahoma Territory, an increase of 25 per cent, of their membership, and nearly as many were added by letter-carrying them from 10,000 to 14,000 in one year or nearly 50 per cent, increase. Where is the like of that at home or abroad? Our hearts swell with gratitude to God for 1,700 baptisms on all our foreign fields combined, and here are 500 more baptisms in Oklahoma last year than in China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy and South America! Moreover, in Oklahoma and Indian Territory in Convention assembled, they resolved to double their contributions for missionary work.

#### CUBA.

We have had some trouble in Cuba, but our work there is prospering and the future is bright. Conversions and baptisms are frequent. A dozen chapels are needed for that 'work, and a half dozen men, and as many women. The Secretary goes there soon to inspect the entire field.

#### THE CRY OF THE CITIES.

In many respects the direst need is in our cities. They are the mighty centers of power, there the evil forces are entrenched, thence go forth streams of influence into all the land. The cities will be our ruin if we neglect thenr. Look at St. Louis and New Orleans. They command the Mississippi, Valley, one at its head, the other at its mouth. Baptists are pitiably weak in both cities. New Orleans has less than 1,000 members in white Baptist churches, and is about three times as large as Atlanta, with its 8,000 white Baptists. As 1 to 24 so is the Baptist strength in New Orleans to that of Atlanta. St. Louis is in crying need, and Baltimore's condition is almost as necsitous as that of New Orleans. Dr. Pitt, of the religious Herald, recently said: "Gray, Baltimore and New Orleans need as much money as is now raised for the entire Home Mission work."

#### OTHER IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTS.

Beloved brethren, I must reserve for another time a statement about our school work in the Mountain regions, where, among a population chiefly Baptistic, the Presbyterians are spending more money in school work than we are giving for all Home Missions! Shall we not take care of our own? I must likewise defer a discussion of our work among the Negroes, filled well as religious, existence. It must compel your heartiest support. Our Home Board in calling me to the Secretaryship stressed that work as they did no other as an argument for my acceptance. I am glad to know the Board's feeling concerning this work is shared so largely by our brethren of the South, as indicated in resolutions passed in the recent State Conventions of Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina.

SPECIAL NEED FOR IMMEDIATE CONTRIBU-TIONS.

We are to give the next four months specially to contributions for Home and Foreign Missions. This is my first appeal for money, really my first appeal of any sort, to the brethren. The change of Secretaries, the intervening vacancy, the work of attending Convention, the absence of appeals to brethren for contributions all combined to a make fearful strain upon our finances, especially in view of the enlargement ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention at Savannah. Even with all this we are at present several thousand dollars ahead of last year in direct contributions from the Churches. But we must have a great advance at once. will you help now? And may God, in this new year of grace. crown all our work with glorious success.

Yours most cordially,

B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary. Atlanta, New Year's 1904.

#### THE GEORGIA CONVENTION.

The attendance and spirit of the Georgia Convention at Athens was fine. The old Empire state of the South has led the hosts of the Southern Baptists in the general benevolence of the Southern Baptist Conven-

Gov. Northen presided with great grace and ability and with the assistance of the superb Secretary, Dr. Ragsdale, pushed the business with admirable dispatch. A great report was presented by Secretary Jameson on State Missions. Education and the Orphanage received due attention and the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention were accorded the heartiest favor. The key-note for the future was that of steady and strenuous advance. Of course it was gratifying to hear words of assurance from numbers of laymen and pastors that Home Missions will be pressed more than ever and the apportionment of \$25,000 for that noble cause was ordered with glorious unanimity. Now then, let Georgia, headquarters for the Home Board, lead all the States for Home Missions. Texas salutes her with an apportionment of \$25,000.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

The Baptists of the Palmetto State are among the pluckiest and most liberal of the land. They rounded up the greatest year with so much delicacy, so needy and so of their history when the Convention came Association (S. C.) at its last meet ng.

necessary for our very social and civic, as off at Sumter. Besides going far beyond any previous year for all missions and their orphanage, they had under the superb leadership of Rev. J. I. Allen added \$125,000 in good bonds to the endowment of Furman University! No state in the South has approached South Carolina this year in heroic giving. That educational campaign was an epoch making affair. A splendid layman, Bro. C. A. Smith, was given the gavel and greatly delighted the brethren by his courtesy and business like method of guiding affairs. Many pastors gave the Home Mission Secretary pledges of hearty support in our work. The gallant State goes down for \$13,000 for Home Missions. The great Mill population is becoming a serious matter with our people of South Carolina. May the Lord help them to meet the problem heroically. The best we have of gratitude for all their courtesies is hereby extended the saints there.

#### NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

At Charlotte the Baptists of the old North State gathered in great numbers. The hospitality of the beautiful city was abundant. Here, as in all the States, the greatest year of their history was closed by the North Carolina Baptists. President R. H. Mash, re-elected unanimously, presided with grace and dignity. He is a real nobleman. The Recording Secretaries, Broughton and Moore, are experts. Livingston Johnson made a great report on missions. They turn their eyes to the future with large purpose to hasten the coming of the kingdom. They have several papers in the State but they are all for the organized work and, lead by the Biblical Recorder and North Carolina Baptist, are doing great things has the cause. The warmest hand-grasp of all the Conventions, it did seem, was given by these North Carolinians. How cordial, and ferventi

The very best hour of the Convention was given for Home Missions and the largest list of subscribers received for Our Home Field at any Convention during the year. The future of North Carolina Baptists is bright with promise of great things. They are sound in the faith and filled with zeal for God. His favor must and will continue with them. One more Convention, the Florida, January 13th, then the Southern Baptist Convention! Only four months till we meet at Nashville. Let us get ready for it! How much there is for us to do.

#### A SIGNIFICANT PARAGRAPH.

Some reports on Home Missions adopted by District Associations in different States disclose a fine conception of the supreme importance of the work committed to the Home Mission Board by the Southern Baptist Convention.

There is before us this moment a model report submitted by Bro. B. J. Quattlebaum, and adopted by the Fairfield Baptist

We wish we might publish this report in full. We reproduce, however, the following significant paragraph from it:

In order to form a basis of home supply we cannot afford to neglect our frontier Nineteen church in North Carolina, helped by the Home Board in the past, contribute about onethird of all that is done for Foreign Missions in that State. The Home Board probably saved Texas to the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1935 there was only one baptist church in the state of Texas, and that had only fifty members. Now there are three hundred thousand Baptists in Texas. The Texas Baptists stand in the forefront in gathering funds for State, Home and Foreign Missions. Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Western Texas afford a fine opportunity to the Baptists to make a conquest similar to that wrought in Eastern Texas.

#### HOME MISSION WORK AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE.

The Report of Convention Committee on Home Mission Work among our own people, adopted at Savannah last May, contains the following, which is the voice of the Southern Baptist Conven ion:

LEGITIMATE FIELDS AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE.

It is claimed by some, that while the Board has given much needed and valuable assistance in the past, there is no further necessity for its work among the people. It is argued that the State Boards can supply the continuous in their respective States, and that he work of the Home Board is simply overlat ping that of the State Boards. While this may be true of some of the states, of others it is not.' So long as there is one state within the bounds of the convention which has mission territory that it cannot occupy, the Home Board, as an evangelizing agency, will have a legitiante and important field among our own people. Indeed, it appears to your committee that this work was never more important than at the present time. Recent events of national character, such as the Spanish War and the passage of the Isthmian Canal bill, have awakened a new interest in this section of of the country. The eyes of the commercial world are turning to the Southland: A gentleman who is high authority in commercial circles declared some time ago that the South, in his opinion, is to be the greatest manufacturing country on the face of the earth. Now, what has all this to do with Home Missions? "Much every way." Will the religious progress of the South keep pace with its material prosperity? That question faces the Baptists as it does no other people. The industrial development of any community is fraught with more or less danger to its religious interests. It is ours to see that the religious progress of the South keeps step with its advancement in material things, and that the former direct the latter into proper channels .-- We do not need any new religion. The old faith of our fathers is exactly adapted to the new South.

THE OLD GOSPEL FOR THE NEW SOUTH.

This is the work of the Home Board. We are sending men, under its direction, to preach the old gospel to the new South, that the religious and industrial development may go hand in hand. We must see to it, that the missionary of the King of kings is found in every community where the kings of commerce have gone.

MOUNTAIN MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

Your committee would call your attention, in the second place, to the educational work of the Home Board. The importance of this department of work is hard to overestimate.

crying need of our mountain country is education, Other denominations began years ago to establish schools in the mountains, and offer free tuition to those who would attend. Baptist children were gathered into these pedobaptist schools brought under Pedobaptist influence and, as a natural consequence, many of them joined Pedobaptist churches. The mountain people were not able to build schools and compete with the others which offered free tuition. this emergency the Home Board came to the relief of our mountain brethren. By making a small appropriation to these schools, the Board makes it possible for them to put their tuition down so as to secure the patronage of the Baptists.

The thousands of boys and girls who are now enjoying the advantage of these schools will be a complete and glorious vindication of the wisdom of the Board in extending its timely aid to the educational work in the mountains

#### WHAT OF THE CITY.

What are we doing in the city? Much, but not enough. The world has written failure across the face of our work. Look at the little band of Christian workers trying to bind our cities to the throne of God! Do they not remind you of a band of children armed with brooms trying to sweep back the incoming tides? What are our churches but tiny islands round which there thunders a sea lashed into fury by the winds which blow from the vast caverns of the primeval instincts of the heart. Oh, the city? What shall we do with it? In its atmos phere American ideals are disintegrating. In its rush and thunder American institutions are in process of decay. Under its wheel both the home and the church are in danger or being ground to powder. What shall we do with the city, that is the great problem of the century. No home missionary society can hold the confidence of thoughtful men which die not go to work first of all with the bulk of its resources on our cities. If the city is lost the nation is doomed. No country is safe with its city in the hands of the enemy. If Christianity fails in the city it fails everywhere. The world has no use for religion which fails at the point of supreme importance. The city must be cleansed, or like a mighty heart it will keep on pumping poison through every artery and vein of the body of our national life.

Christian men of wealth will some day see thia. They have their eyes on other things just now. They are buying up railroad systems and steamship lines and oil fields and steel plants. The world is astonished by the number of things these men can hold in their hands. But the day is coming when-they shall hear a voice snying: "Go into the city, and it shall be told you what you must do." And, obedient to the And, obedient to the heavenly vision, they will pick up our slums and wash them cleau. They will take up the poisoned houses along the alleys and crush them into dust and build in their places houses fit to be the houses of men. They will establish a system of religious education which will take in all the children of the unchurched masses. They will develop the city church into a magnificent institution with a score of ministers and a hundred deaconesses and a regiment of trained workers, so that we shall sing without blushing: "Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to War," for war it is, and we never can win the battle with forces now in the field .- C. E. J. in the Home Missionary.

Let Southern Baptists apply the above to New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, Galveston, Baltimore and other Cities. Our people have neglected the Cities too long. Now is our opportunity. May we fulfill the glorious prophesy above made. May our Christian business men, Baptist laymen of the South, help to save the Cities of our Southland and make them centers of righteousness, from which influences will go forth to bless the world.

Dr. John E. White in an address on Home Missions at recent meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia:

In a recent address I heard Bishop Galloway, of the Methodist Church say, after describing the defenselessness of our shores against foreign invasion and the dangers which were alleged on account of our insufficient coast defenses against the titanic man of war that could stand outside our harbors, six miles off, and demolish any one of our seaport cities, that great as was the modern man of war, the most powerful ship that was aiming its destruction at the liberty or welfare of Amarica, is a ferry boat named the "John G. Carlisle" that was plying every day between Ellis Island and the Battery at the port of New York. This ship last year landed at the port 857,000 immigrants, the great majority of whom came from the most dangerous section of modern civilization in Europe, 240,000 from southern Italy, 215,000 from Austria Hungary, 130,000 from Russia, and that over half of them, or in exact numbers, 470,000 were localized in the already congested centers of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A cheif in the Department of Statistics at Washington recently told Bishop Candler, of the Methodist Church, that a trememdous movement was organized and being accomplished in a degree remarkable for its proportions, to colonize the Roman Catholic immigrants in the Southern States. Since that statement was made sufficient investigation has taken place to vindicate its absolute accuracy. Whatever it may mean, Southern Baptists, as well as Southern Protestants generally have, in dealing with the Home Mission problem of the South, to take notice of this new, dangerous and powerful competitor who in resources of power and persistence and in ingenuities of organization can overmatch us every time.

There has never been submitted to the judgment of Southern Baptists a blinder, or more fatuous proposition than that the Home Mission Board is without a field of great opportunity and obligation in the South.

#### MOUNTAIN MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

Rev. J. H. Sharp of McMinnville, Tenn., speaking of Doyle Institute, says:

"Two hours each week will be devoted to Bible and Missions. Every effort will be made to make this department attractive and effective. In addition to this there will be conducted a two-weeks Bible Institute for the benefit of such ministers, and others as may desire to attend. All ministerial students will be given free tuition.

"As to information concerning the school I will say that it is located in White county, Tenwill say that it is located in White county, Tennessee, about mid way between the Kentucky and A. shama lines, in the section of land known as the Cumberland River. It is located on the Sparta branch of North Carolina and St. Louis Railroad, at the thriving little village of Doyle Station. This is about the center of Union Baptist Association, a body not generally noted for its missionary zeal. In all this section there is not a strong Baptist church, from Tullahoma to the Kentucky line, except a few country churches which need this school to develop them.

"The Campbellites are very strong in this section of the state, and their schools have made them.

"W. W. Baker, a graduate from Carson and Newman College, is principle, and with three as-sistants, the school is taking new life.

#### NOTES FROM HOME BOARD MISSION-ARIES.

Rev. Benj. Graf, German Missionary, Kansas City, Mo.: "We are still advancing, steadily sowing the good seed, hoping for great results."

Rev. T. V. Shoemaker, Big Stone Gap, Va.:
"My work here is very hard, but I am slowly but surely building on permanent foundation, and we are working and hoping for better things."

Rev. T. H. Thornton, Honaker, Va.: "Our work is in fairly good shape. We will soon have our church house completed and I believe that the Lord is opening the way for great things for us, and His glory in the most destitute country, if we will only embrace the opportunity.

Rev. A. B. Kennedy, Pocahontas, Va.: "The work is more hopeful than ever before, congregation much better, Sunday-school average attendance about 100 at the church, and two attendance of shout 50 and 35. Average collection in all the schools about \$3.00."

Rev. M. A. Wilson, Norton, Virginia: "We have nearly completed our new church at Norton. The house will cost us about \$2,600. We have ten male members and fifteen female. We have raised about \$1,500 on the ground, the balance we must get wherever we can, so I am visiting Virginia churches. Norton is a very important place; it is the center of the mining regions of Wise country, Virginia. Pray for us. May God bless you in your work."

Rev. J. B. Thomas, Clintwood, Va.: "The Lord has blessed us this year with 36 conversions.

"I have recently opened a mission in an old saw-mill within 200 yards of the largest hardshell church in the county, and am making arrangements to organize a Sunday-school there soon.

"Thank the Lord, though some oppose us, sinners everywhere receive us, and receiving us a great many of them receive our Christ. I do regret from the bottom of my heart that I can not occupy more than one place at a time. Oh, pray the Lord to send men into the harvest.

"All I am doing does not appear on this report, because I can not put on here the sound of the hammer and the rasp of the saw. I can't put blistered hands and tired muscle here. I have the building of our church house on my hands and the completion of another, and all the burden of my heart. But bless the Lord, my heart rests upon Him who sticketh closer than a brother. On the first Sunday in December I expect to dedicate the first Baptist church house in Dickerson county, Va. Pray for me."

Rev. H. Swyter, German Missionary, Baltimore: "I take pleasure in stating that we have a Sunday-school with an attendance of 40 pupils and 5 teachers. The work looks encouraging."

Rev. Wm. Pfeisfer says of Rev. Swyter: "Brother Swyter meets with great acceptance at the Mission. He is reaching out among strangers, and has very encouraging meetings Sunday evenings. The church is very thankful that the Board is supporting him in the Work."

Rev. Wm. Pfeiffer, German Missionary, writes of his work:

"Our work is bright and hopeful. Sunday evening attendance is especially good. Several men only recently from Germany atend regularly. We pray and labor for their conversion. Rev. J. M. HœTlin, German Missionary, California, Mo.: "The Master's work in this field is moving on slowly, but I trust steadily for good. Our meetings are well attended, and the attention at the services is good. The hope for the future on this field is the rising generation who attend our services in large numbers.

"Kindly remember us in your prayers."

Rev. John Miller, German Missionary, Bay, Mo.: "I have more strangers in my meetings than members. Rainy days the meetings are not so large. I am praying for a harvest. May the Holy Spirit convict sinners of their lost condition, that they cry out 'what shall I do to be saved.' We must not baptize them before they are born again by the Holy Spirit. Pray for me. This quarter we give \$30.55 for Home Missions (Atlanta Board) and the Ladies' Missionary Society \$5.00. Don't you think we have done well?

"Our Ladies' Missionary Society is doing a noble work. They have monthly meetings; first, they have prayer-meeting, and after that we have missionary reports from Home and Foreign Missions. May it please God to pour out His Holy Spirit over those who listen to the word of God from Sunday to Sunday."

Rev. D. N. Vassar, General Missionary among the Negroes in Virginia: "I have had a hard and pleasant time in 'Darkest Virginia.' I have visited 14 churches, and have had over a hundred conversions. This trip was of great benefit to the ministers. They said that it strengthened them in their work and in their churches. I rejoice because I was able to do work for the Master. Old and young came forward and gave their hearts to Christ. I called the ministers together and gave them instructions from God's word, thus helping both people and pastor to grow into the higher life in Christ Jesus. This is a great work that the white people are doing for the Negro. May God bless you."

Rev. T. K. Tyson, Oklahoma: "During the past month I have traveled six hundred miles, exploring much new territory, besides 'conferring with the churches," or at least several of them heretofore recognized."

Rev. J. W. Scott, Baltimore: "The field is in good condition, both spiritually and financially. We have had special meetings with good results; six have been baptized and two waiting baptism. Two of the six are from a strong Methodist church close by. We ask your prayers that God may use us to His own honor and glory."

Miss Hansen, South McAlester, I. T.: "We helped during this quarter in two protrated meetings, in one district. At both of those meetings, there was services both afternoons and nights, and we could not make many visits. Then we have two sewing schools now, with about eighty children enrolled, and nearly always a good attendance. We meet with each school once a week. We organized two Mission Bands among the children, and have had to meet with them so as to get them started in the work. And we have had a number of destitute families to look after, get and alter clothing for them so the children could come to Sunday-school and also to get provisions for them, etc.

"I think the Lord's work is progressing here and we are moving 'Onward' even though it often seems very slow. But I suppose we often desire the victory without so much trial and strife, I am afraid I de, and I often have to ask the Lord to make me and keep me always a patient, faithful worker, and leave the rest with Him.

"May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you day by day, and upon our Board and all of the work, is my earnest desire and prayer."

Miss Buhlmaier, Baltimore: "My Dear Broth-er, Please accept my report for the month: Weeks of labor, 41-2; visits and calls, 51; literature distributed in city, 1036 pages; services attended, 20; services conducted or talks made, 5; to steamer and pier, 7 times; material aid given, 13 times; persons thus aided, 38; amount used \$4.20; literature distributed at pier, 20,856 pages; Testaments and Gospels distributed, 733 copies. \* \* Then, too, there was a special in connection with our Immigrant work. One of our regular Baltimore steamers landed the passengers, instead of in Baltimore, over in Philadelphia where she had to go on account of freight. Most of our Baltimore officials had to go over too, and they urged that I go also. I have long been anxious to know how things were done in Philadelphia, and thus took the opportunity offered. I am real glad to know that some missionary work is being done there at the landing also, but and very sorry that those engaged there, while I believe them most sincere, cannot speak anything but English, thereby unable to speak a single word to a single soul. This certainly is unfornate. ' My work done in Philadelphia. I took also a hurried trip to New York, my former home, and spent the three days remaining of my two weeks time visiting my dear old father and others whom I had not seen in ten years, since coming to Baltimore. I came back to my work much encouraged and deeply grateful.

"Just two days ago one of our German pastors in Pittsburg sent a message by one of our own members saying that two men whom I had met when they landed here in Baltimore, and directed to the church in Pittsburg, came, heard, believed and were baptized a short time ago. They were both from Hungaria and both Catholic. Another proof that our work is not in vain in the Lord. Praise His holy name.

"May God's blessings rest richly upon you, my dear brother, as you try to lead His hosts on and up."

Rev. W. D. Moorer, Anadarko, Oklahoma: The teepee of the Indian, the settler's shack and the modern mansion have heretofore been hundreds of years, or as many miles apart, but we have them here side by side-a twentieth century civilization, pioneer days and the stone age all jumbled up together. It is interesting and exciting. Some times I do not know where I'm at', today I'm a city pastor in the twentieth entury; tomorrow I'm a pioneer missionary on foot out among the settlers and savages of a century ago. Talk about adaptability and come out here and learn lessons. Baptist affairs are in the same condition. I have Baptists from the hills of West Virginia. Primitives just emerging from the eighteenth century. But we have the opportunity of a life time to start in at the foundation and help shape things with hard, patient work against great odds and a dead wall of indifference, but with the Spirit of our God we are laying a foundation for great things in the future. Could all our workers realize the great importance of building wisely now while we have the opportunity how much trouble in future might be saved."

Rev. C. H. Carlton, Hartshorne, I. T.; "I first desire to give you some discription of my field of labor. We have here a town of perhaps 3.000 inhabitants, and among them almost every nationality is represented. The population consists mostly of miners, and the predominant religion among them is Catholic. We have here the Greek as well as the Roman Catholic, and rarely can we get one of them to attend our services. I have been pastor here one year the first of October. During the last year I have given the situation and the people a careful

study, and in order to preach and better the condition of our mining population we must reach their children with the Gospel, and I firmly believe that this must be accomplished with, and by lady missionaries. A lady missionary could be used to advantage in Hartshorne in two ways: She could establish industrial schools among miners' children, and then instruct them and attract their attention to our church and Sunday-school. We also need her in our church work on Sundays, and need her to instruct our lady members—we have a number who are willing to work in many ways for God's glory and honor if they only knew how. A lady missionary could meet this condition and render such assistance as a pastor truly needs and would heartily appreciate."

#### THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

J. G .Brendel Missionary to the Cherokee Nation

This Association met with Honey Creek Church. This is a full-blood Church, organized only one year. There were about 1,000 Indiana present. The Association lasted four days. The Indians came and camped on the ground, some in tents, some in wagons. The expense of entertaining was about \$250.00. The beeves and the hogs were butchered on the ground; and cooked in large iron kettles. Long tables were pro-vided to eat on; from 60 to 100 feet long. On Saturday there were 300 chickens dressed for Sunday dinner. All of the departments of our work were represented. The Sunday-school convention met in connection with the Association. Also the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The reports showed there had been an advance along all lines.

The Sunday-school Convention is doing good work. They have more Sunday-schools churches, and more Sunday-school pupils than church members. They employed a Sunday-school missionary, and put him in the field for full time.

There were about 225 accessions to the hurches during the year; most of them by baptism. Notwithstanding all this, we are not touching the large mass of the Cherokee Indians.

The following statistics will show the conditions of the work: Full-blood Cherokees 8,005; full-blood church members, 1,632; unconverted full-bloods, 6,373; mixed-blood Cherokees, 22,800; mixed-blood that are church members, 2,500; Cherokees that are not Christians, 28,673. Total Church members, Cherokees, 4,136; children of school age, 11,725; children in school.7.000; children of school age not in school, 4,725; other affiliating tribes in the Cherokee Nation: Delawares, 903; Shawnees, 946; Wyandottes, 354; Senecas, 315; Quapaws, 271; Peonies, 185; Miamies, 110; Ottawas, 167; Modocks, 47. Total, 3,334. A grand total of Indian in the Cherokee Nation, 34,139. Total Christians in all these tribes, 4,490; unconverted, 29,649.

. From these facts it is to be seen that our work among the Indians is not at an end by any means. It is now more important than ever, as the Indians are called on by the General Government to give up their tribal relations, a principal that has long bound them together, as a Nation, and is as sacred to them as home. They look upon the breaking up of this relation with the same feeling and dread that you would upon the breaking up of your home and family. Who can wonder at them throwing themseives at Uncle Sam's feet and pleading for mercy. The once proud race that inhabited Georgia and North Carolina and East Tennessee is now being led as a sheep to the slaughter. They have pleaded in vain to the general government for treaty rights; now they stand in their helpless condition, discouraged and heart-broken, trying use of money and presents to attract the peo-

to look out in the future to see what will become of them. But no man can cast a prophecy as to the future of this race. While they have called to Uncle Sam in vain, they now turn their eyes to the great Baptist brotherhood of the United States and call to us for sympathy and help. They look upon us as their only true friends. They stand at the feet of the White Baptists of America, looking up in our faces and say; "Won't you help us in our time of trouble, by giving us the Gospel of the Son of God, and help us to a home in Heaven where we will not be molested?" My brethren shall their groans go up before God and we not do our duty to them? If we do not do our duty 1 believe their blood will cry out against us, and I believe the Baptists of the South are under greater obligations to them than any other people on earth. Shall they look to us in vain until they become discouraged and turn helplessly away, and die in despair?

#### SOME OF THE WORK IN CUBA.

Rev. C. D. Danied in the Texas Baptist Standard.

Brethren and sisters of the Texas Baptist Convention, please do not forget that it was with your consent that I left my beloved Texas and came to Cuba, to do battle for the Master. I have tried to be faithful to the trust committed to me. I have not flinched nor awerved for one moment from the path of duty. Sometimes the way has seemed very dark, and fraught with trials, difficulties and dangers, but God has been my refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble, hence no bodily harm has befallen me, but the richest blessings of God, have crowned my efforts in this beautiful land. To Him be all the glory.

Every Cuban Raptist preacher in this island, with whom I have had any dealings, save one, is my friend. Every Baptist preacher in the entire island, save one, is in perfect harmony with all the others. I have never known a more harmonious band of Christian preachers than the following: P. J. Franqui, M. M. Calejo, G. Cardenas, J. V. Cova, E. V. Carbonel, J. R. O'Halloran, A. U. Cabrera, T. W. C. Neely and Y. E. Barredo, all in the employ of the Home Mission Board, with an equal number in the employ of the Northern Board. These brethren are all doing faithful work, and God is blessing them. Indeed our Cuban work has never been in so prosperous a condition as now.

I am aware of the sad and unjustifiable fact that the zeal of many good brethren cooled towards Cuban missions because of the difficulties in Havana. They imagine that the Havana farce is the main Baptist mission in Cuba. This is a great mistake. There are several well organized Baptist churches in the island, and a number of strong missions outside of Havana. The Havans farce has not effected the mission work in the island. The opposers have not even crippled our efforts in Havana, as they have tried to do. For instance a sermon was recently preached on the street, in this city, attacking American missionaries. In a most brutal manner, calling upon Cubans and Spaniards to unite to freeze out all American missionaries; that they are working for annexation, and to supplant the Spanish language with the English. The very method employed by the Romish priests.

The Lord is blessing us, saving souls and adding to the church the saved, almost every week. I am confident that within the next ten years we will have a strong, self-supporting church in Havana. All this opposition is unpleasant, but it will in the long run come to naught. The

ple will not succeed. With such methods American excursionists may for a while be deceived, and we will for a while have some great hornblowing, but such methods are doomed.

I have not in the least changed my mind in reference to Cuba as a mission field. The greatest results with the least money will be realized in Cuba. But what we do we should do now. Rome is rapidly reorganizing, and pressing her claims, and will in the course of a few years regair what she has lost by neglect. It will then be more difficult to sow gospel seed than now.

Brethren and sisters, pray for our work. How I do wish I could meet with you in the great convention, but I cannot leave my work. I am expecting a great excursion from the convention. Come. Come. Come.

Prado 67, Havana, Cuba.

#### GIVING WHILE RECEIVING.

The question is frequently asked, "Why should we give to missions when we are receiving help ourselves?" To one who has not studied the question it may seem to be trading dollars and nothing more. But you will find that the question is generally asked by one not at all interested in missions. The principal reason why churches receiving aid should give to missions is that a church while growing is forming a character. An individual is forming a character during the period of growth. If the boy is taught to be stingy and selfish up to the time he is grown he will be a stingy and selfish mau. The church which does nothing for missions during the period of its development, will not be likely to give when it is able to bear its own burdens.

Again, the money given to missions makes it easier, not harder, as some suppose to pay the local expenses of the church. Money given to missions is "bread cast upon the waters." Churches which receive aid are not likely to grow unless they give to missions.-Baptist Bulletin, Oklahoma.

The Georgia Baptists at their recent Convention moved forward the figures for Home Missions. Twenty-five thousand dollars is the figures they deliberately set for this year. These Georgia Baptists are very provoking, almost exasperating, indeed. Dr. B. D. Gray, the new secretary, is moving on finely with his work, and rejoices in the proofs of confidence and loyalty which Southern Baptists are offering him. Virginia, too, must do her full part in sustaining Dr. Gray and his great work.-Religious Herald

"No war ever yet was won by mere defence." says Captain Mahan the brilliant author and devout Christian, "least of all, a war of conquest, which that of Christianity is. Our mission prescribed to us by our Founder, who is our God, is to conquer the world. Warfare, therefore, aggressive warfare in the technical sense, has been our mission since the beginning; bringing to each generation special problems and special conditions."-Francis E. Clark, D.D.

It is very evident that Home Missions from this time onward is to be one of the most important objects before the Baptist of the Southland.

Its importance is seen in that it is to furnish men and money to do the Foreign Mission work. Foreign Missions must have its base of supplies in the cultivation and building of the Home fields.—North Carolina Baptist.

"The greatest heresy is opposition to giving the Gospel to the world. The man who will not help send the Gospel to some one else lacks the first evidence of regeneration. We ought to insist that those who become members of our churches do not violate the Church convenant. Why can't we have a rally in favor of Baptists being missionaries?"

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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Motto: GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

#### A NEW YEAR THOUGHT.

"I would the precious time redeem,
And longer live for this alone,
To spend and to be spent for them
Who have not yet my Saviour known;
Fully all these my mission prove,
And only breathe to breathe Thy love."

"Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart
With boundless charity divine!
So shall I all my strength exert,
And love them with a zeal like Thine;
And lead them to Thy open side,
The sheep for whom their Shepherd died."

#### FOR THE MASTER'S USE.

The writing desk lay open. Its owner had been called away in the act of beginning an important letter. On it were laid a sheet of note paper and an envelope; beside it stood the ink-bottle, and close by lay a pen, the blotting paper, and the pen-wiper.

The silence of the room was broken by the Note-paper speaking to his companions:

"You needn't look so consequential," it said scornfully; "it is on me the letter will be written."

"Yes," said the Pen ,"but you forget it is I who write it."

"And you forget," said the Ink, "that you couldn't write without me."

"You needn't boast," said the Inkbottle, "for where would you be but for me?"

"It is rediculous of all of you to be so conceited," interrupted the Blotting-paper; "only for me what a mess you would be in."

"And may I ask," said the Envelope, "what use would any of you be if I did not take the letter safely where it is to go?"

"But it is I who write the directions on you," snapped the Pen.

"Dear sirs, please stop quarreling," gently said the little Pen-wiper, who had not spoken

"What have you to say?" asked the Pen, contemptuously. "You are nothing but a door-mat," and he laughed at his own wit.

"Even if I am only a door-mat," said the Penwiper, humbly, "only for me you would be so rough with dried ink you couldn't be used. And that is all that any of us are good for—just to bused. We might all stay here for the rest of our lives' and not all of us put together could write that letter. Only the hand of our master can do that."

"I believe he's right," said the Envelope and Note-paper together.

"Yes," said the Ink. "It is foolish for us to forget that we can do nothing unless we are used."

"True enough," murmured the Inkhottle, "for what use would I be if you were not in me."

"Yes, to be sure," said the Blotting paper, "we ought to have thought of that."

"Indeed, yes, and I am sure I beg your pardon, Mr. Pen-wiper, for calling you door-mat," sa'l the Pen in an humble voice.

"Please don't me tion it." said the little Penwiper, "but I do think we would be happier if we would just do the best we can, without being jealous." As he spoke, their owner re-entered the room and silence fell. The Pen was taken up, dipped in the Ink, and passed to and fro on the Note-paper; the Blotting-paper pressed on It; the letter placed in the Envelope; the address written; the Pen wiped on the Pen-wiper.

"We have each done our part," murmured the

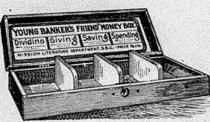
Ink.

"Yes," said the Pen, "and without our master we could have done nothing at all."—Selected.

#### WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD. .

O matchless honor, all unsought,
High privilege, surpassing thought,
That Thou should'st call us Lord to be
Linked in work fellowship with Thee!
To carry out thy wondrous plan
To bear thy messages to man;
"In trust" with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race.

## "YOUNG BANKER'S FRIEND MONEY BOX."



The above cut represents a new design in money boxes, with a new purpose. The ordinary money box is helpful; it is an education but in one direction only-saving for self. If the varied uses of money can be taught and a habit formed in early life of wisely disbursing it, the foundations of a noble character are laid. Neither a miser nor a spendthrift is admirable. The useful member of society is industrious, economical, generous and public spirited. It is claimed and has been proved by experience in two generations of one family that the above money box, "The Young Banker's Friend" is an all round education, promoting (1) Industry and thrift in earning money; (2) Generous and systematic Giving; (3) Prudent fore thought in Saving; (4) Careful economy in Spending.

The first department called "Dividing" is intended to receive all money in bulk to wait division into the three other compartments of "Giving," "Saving," "Spending."

This admirable plan of work will commend itself but it will not work itself. Parents must first be sufficiently interested in this really valuable aid to character-making to appreciate its worth and then to superintend and urge its use. A systematic division of the money into three parts is simple, convenient and wise. "Giving" in the first compartment emphasizes the Scripture rule that the first fruits are the Lord's.

The plan is heartily commended to Woman's Missionary Union workers of all ages and the boxes may be purchased for twelve cents each (this includes mailing) from the Missionary Literature Department, Southern Baptist Convention, 233 North Howard St., Baltimore Md.

Annie W. Armstrong, Cor. Sec., W. M. U.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOXES.

So many appreciative letters are being received at the Mission Robms in acknowledgment of boxes sent by Societies in different states that the Corresponding Secretary, W. M. U. desires to share the pleasure of reading them with others. Attention is therefore directed to the \$34,120,80.

following extracts from letters of missionaries in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas.

A. W. A.

OKLAHOMA.—"It was a large box, good at the top and got better the deeper down we dug. Truly they were a very thoughful and considerate people who packed the boxes unless they were inconsiderate of themselves in giving so liberally. You should have seen the unpacking, large and small heads bending over the box, the children with eager, expectant eyes looking for things which they could claim for themselves. There was nothing that was not useful and needed. We did not know what we should do this winter, but this rich, valuable box solves one of the hardest problems, and proves a blessing indeed. Our hearts are filled with gratitude."

TEXAS.—"I received a nice box from a little Society, composed of twelve girls. I wish to say for them it was a very fine box and is highly appreciated."

OKLAHOMA.—"We fail to find language to express the gratitude of our hearts. Our box contained so many nice and valuable things that it expelled the sadness and gloom which sometimes hover over us, and our home was lighted up again with that joy and inspiration that results from such expressions of kindness. I told the little boys that some good people sent the things and after a moment's study, one of them said, 'We may never get to see those good people here, but we will see them in Heaven, won't we, Grandpat'"

TEXAS.—"The young ladies who sent the box have exerted themselves to the utmost in order to please us and they have succeeded admirably. Each article they so lovingly sent was just as it ought to be. God bless them for their labor of love in our behalf."

OKLAHOMA.—"How my heart goes out in thankfulness to God for His mercy. I don't know why it is, but some how receiving those boxes from sisters I have never seen and never expect to see this side of eternity, makes me feel more humble than anything else. Our box was small but it contained many things very useful and of real worth."

TEXAS.—"We value every article in our box and find everything so useful. I must say we feel very unworthy of such blessings. That God may bless the dear ones that sent this help is the prayer of each member of our family."

INDIAN TERRITORY.—"I have just received a box. The gifts sent are nice and suit our needs. Praise God for so many women who serve Him and labor for the cause of His dear Son!"

INDIAN TERRITORY.—"We were expecting a helpful box, but were astonished to get such a great one. The Lord is certainly good to us, and the dear sisters who were His angels (messengers) surely could not be excelled. We find some new occasion of surprise and joy and thanksgiving and encouragement every time we shared in this work."

#### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF W. M. U.

Since the foundation of the General Organization in 1858, the entire contributions in cash and valuation of boxes sent to frontier missionaries have amounted to \$883,155.67. Contributions for 1992-03,

Cash contributions to Foreign Board \$36.852.57 Cash contributions to Home Board 19,295.38 Cash contributions to S. S. Board 255.85 439 boxes to Foreign Missionaries, valued at \$34,120,80.

Christmas offering to China, \$7,534.27. Week of self-denial for Home Missions, result

not tabulated.
Total in cash, \$56,403.80; in Boxes,

#### Cash Receipts from Nov. 15, to Dec. 15, 1903.

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ALABIMA: W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. as follows: Frontier Missions, 200; Ch. B. & L. Fund, \$10.00; Home Missions, 200; St. Total 803.07. Previously reported, \$2,176.08. Total since May, \$2,813.15.

ARKANSAS: J. F. Love, Cor. Sec. \$288.65. Previously reported, \$22.40; Total since May, \$2,813.15.

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FLORIDA: Previously reported, \$20.51.

GEORGIA: S. Y. Jameson, Cor. Sec. and Treas. \$4,376.83. Previously reported, \$10.60.

RENTUCKY: Sunbeams, Elkton for Miss Buhimaier, \$1.00; Nelson Asso., \$117.14; J. G. BOW, Cor. Sec. \$406.45; New Liberty (B. E. G.) \$100.00. Total \$658.62. Previously reported, \$45.44.17.

LOUISIANA: R. B. Huston, \$4.45. Previously reported, \$494.24. Total since May, \$408.00.

MARYLAND: W. B. H. M. S. of Maryland for Cuban work, \$190.75; Teachers and officers afterneon Bible school ist. B. Ch. Balt., \$6.00. Total \$204.75. Previously reported, \$476.85. Total since May, \$61.53.

MISSISSIPPI: Friendship, \$2.50; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec., \$225.00; Calboun Asso., \$27.50; Immanuel Ch., Merfalan, \$1.60. Total \$423.30. Previously reported, \$476.85. Total since May, \$61.30. Previously reported, \$476.85. Total since May, \$62.30. Previously reported, \$1.967.50. Total \$3.101.00. Previously reported, \$3.505.52. Total since May, \$83.00.75.

MISSOURI: A. W. Payne, Treas, as follows: Women of Mo. for Ch. B. & L. Fund, \$2.50; F. C. McC., Kansas City, \$25.90. Total \$3.101.00. Previously reported, \$3.505.52. Total since May, \$3.200.75.

NORTH CAROLINA: Sandy Plain, \$1.60; Walters Durham, Treas, \$8,100.00. Total \$3.101.00. Previously reported, \$70.64. Total since May, \$3.200.75.

NORTH CAROLINA: Taxaban, \$2.60; Pickens Asso., \$11.33; Moriah Asso., \$25.93; Bulling Spring, \$11.67; First Ch., Sumpter, \$3.400. Wooding Ch., £2.50; Kershaw, \$3.80; First Ch., Gaffney, \$7.08; W. T. Cane, Treas., S. S. C., \$6.40; Tucapan, \$2.50; Pickens Asso.

#### Boxes Sent to Frontier Missionaries-Reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong.

ALABAMA: Previously reported, \$301.02. ARKANSAS: W. M. E. Jonesbero, \$100. Previously reported, \$60.00. Total

BERGE Sent for Prastiter Missionaries—Reported by Miss Annie W. Armstrong.

ALBAMA: Previously reported, SOILOR.

ARRANSAS W. M. S. Jonesboro, \$100. Previously reported, \$60.00. Total DISTRICT OF COLLUMBIL: W. M. C. Second Ch., Washington, \$83.17; Immanuel Circle, First Ch., Washington, \$01.40. Total \$17.67. Immanuel Circle, First Ch., Washington, \$01.40. Total \$17.67. Immanuel Circle, First Ch., Washington, \$01.40. Total \$17.67. Immanuel Circle, First Ch., Olimbia, \$155.00. Previously reported, \$75.00. Total times May, \$155.00.

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