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HENRY McDONALD, D. D.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is again bereaved. Henry McDonald, a member of the Board and in other years its honored President, has gone home to his reward. Southern Baptists knew him well, admired, trusted, loved him. Always in our Conventions he was a recognized power for the promotion of all of its objects. His unsullied life, his loving spirit, his pathetic and eloquent speech, his calm, strong influence was widely persuasive. No preacher in all our Southern brotherhood held a warmer place in their affections. He was as tender as a woman, as gentle as a child, as brave as a lion. On all questions brought up for public discussion he was a safe, sane counsellor, bringing to their solution the wisdom that cometh from above—that is first pure and then peaceable. His presence in every assembly of his brethren suggested the beloved disciple on whose bosom our Lord leaned at the last supper and who received from Him the fullest revelations of his grace and glory.

Dr. McDonald died in the harness. On Sunday before his death he preached twice at Hogausville, Ga., where he had been pastor for a few weeks only. Two days later, in the full vigor of his ripened manhood, almost in a moment, he passed from earth to Heaven. He leaves behind him the precious legacy of a half century's devotion to the work of Christ, seldom equaled and never surpassed in the history of the Southern Baptist ministry. His example is an inspiration to all his brethren who survive him. While he will be remembered as a pastor in Kentucky, Virginia and Georgia, and mourned by thousands whom he led to Christ or edified in the Christian life, there is no place where his absence

will be more keenly felt than in the councils of the Home Mission Board. While he was deeply interested in giving the Gospel to the unsaved multitudes of the whole world he cherished for the people of the Southern States a peculiar and intense affection. It was in the South that he found the Lord and it was in this section that he passed his whole ministerial life and it was through the people of this section that he expected that the purest Gospel would be given to all America and to the world.

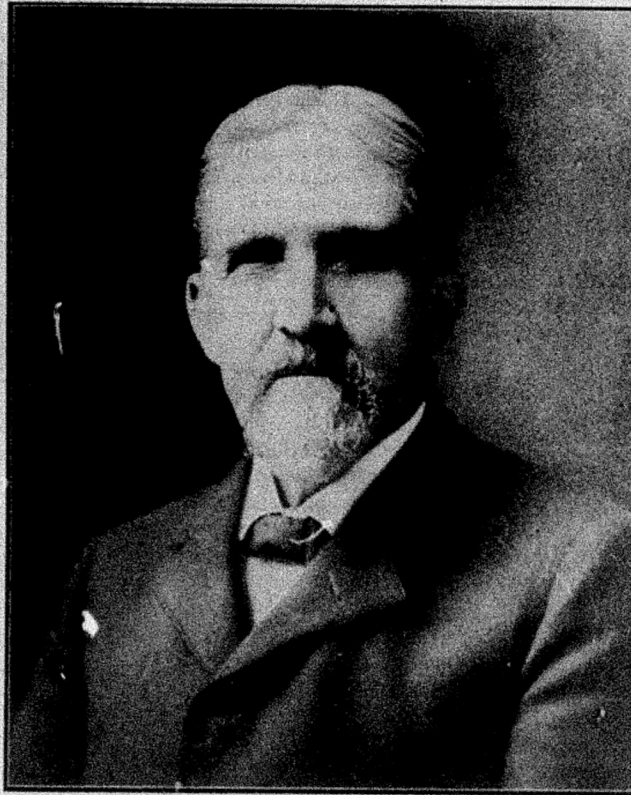
The Home Board takes occasion to put

FIELD NOTES.

BY FIELD SEC'Y M. P. HUNT.

The opportunity and responsibility of the Home Mission Board in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention west of the Mississippi is great beyond compare. This territory embraces the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma and Indian Territories. In the two months that I have given to my work I have not been able as yet to even touch Texas or Louisiana and for the most part

my time has been given to the two Territories, and Arkansas. The rapid development of the Territories, and especially Oklahoma, one has to see to realize. Immigration is pouring in rapidly and towns are growing and the country becoming thickly settled. I went around to the Post Office in Oklahoma City a few days ago to get my mail and found two hundred men waiting their turn for the general delivery. Shawnee, three years ago had a population of three thousand, to-day it has more than sixteen thousand. In order for our denominational work to keep progress with this rapid development all the forces at our command must be utilized. The Home Mission Society of New York joins with the Home Board and the Territorial Convention Board in trying to meet and supply the destitution, and yet with all three of these agencies doing their utmost, the appeals from many strategic points must, for want of funds, go unanswered. Baptists in this territory are to the



HENRY McDONALD, D. D.

on record. its sense of loss in the death of Dr. McDonald and to extend to the brotherhood at large, and especially to the family of our departed brother, their most fraternal sympathy and assurances of earnest prayers that the God of all consolation will sustain them in their present trial.

On behalf of the Board,

W. W. LANDRUM,
B. D. GRAY,
JNO. T. PENDLETON,
A. D. ADAIR,
GEO. HILLYER.

fore-front. Wisdom, grace and liberality will keep them there. In a few years the money now given to plant and build up the cause will come back to us for other needy points multiplied, in many instances, an hundred fold. In Oklahoma City which is already the metropolis of the territory our work is in fine shape. Pastor Anderson at the First Church is doing a truly great work. He has a great church and they are rallying to him in a way to inspire him to undertake great things, and they are planing now a new house to cost some

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Only one month and our Treasurer's books close! There must be large giving and many gifts in April if we come to the Southern Baptist Convention with all accounts settled.

The United States is the balance-wheel of the world to-day. It is important that her strength be righteousness. The Church of Christ is America's safeguard. The gospel is the power of God unto her salvation. Let us preach it.

Dr. J. F. Purser of West End Church, Atlanta, is happy. His noble Church furnishes the Home Board with the money for a Church lot in Cuba. Every Baptist Church on the Island needs a house of worship. The first thing is to get a good lot. Prices are rising rapidly. We must not wait.

The passage of the Panama Canal Bill by Congress has sent a thrill of enthusiasm through our great Southland, and especially our sea-coast cities. Not since the world began has there been anything so significant in the traffic and intercourse of the nations as will be the digging of the canal. And the very field occupied by the Home Board is to be the chief beneficiary of this gigantic undertaking.

The Home Mission Board has recently appointed Miss Sophia Ferber to labor with Miss Marie Buhlmaier in her work among the Foreigners at the Immigrant Pier in Baltimore. Her support is provided by girls and young women of Missouri. She comes most highly recommended by those who know her, as a godly consecrated, efficient worker and will be most heartily welcomed by Miss Buhlmaier to that great field in Baltimore.

By a strange slip in the article, on "Work in Cuba", of the March Home Field, Bro. C. D. Daniel was said to be pastor of Gethsemane Church. Of course Calvary Church was meant—and it was to the missions of this Church, and not of Gethsemane, that we preached. Ranchuelo was given thirty thousand population, which should have been three thousand, a difference of only one cipher, but quite significant in estimating number.

The Corresponding Secretary has been in great trouble over sickness in his family. His wife has for five weeks and more been very ill. She is slowly improving, but it will be weeks before she is well. This has necessarily kept him from the field, and he has not been able to push 'collections for Home Missions as he hoped to do. Will not the brethren make good this loss by extraordinary efforts for Home Missions during April? It will be appreciated most highly.

Turn to the "Home Field Honor Roll" on page 4 and see who belongs this month to the select company. Nearly a half hundred were on for February, and 43 for March. May we not enroll you with ninety-nine others during April? It would mean more than 1,000 additional subscribers and a vast amount of missionary information put before thousand of our people. Inform, inform, and then will come reform, and then a blessed conformity to the will of God on the great question of Home Missions.

One of the best young pastors in Georgia offers his services for Cuba. A noble brother at the Seminary, with his good wife is anxious to go also. Two or three young women are desirous of giving themselves to that work. Will the brethren furnish the money to send these and others who are needed in that beautiful but benighted land?

In essence mission work is the same the world over, it differs merely in degree and method. The distinction into Home, State, Associational, City and Foreign is merely for convenience and efficiency. The cause is one and no department of the work can say to an other department: "I have no need of you".

The ladies of the Greenville (S. C.) Association are supporting Miss Pura Cova, Matanzas, Mrs. Lugardo Dominguez Hernandez of Havana, and Miss Carmen Garcia Alvarez of Havana. Miss Cova is a bright consecrated, intelligent young woman, was educated in part at the famous Judson Institute, Marion, Ala., and is the daughter of Rev. J. V. Cova, our accomplished and capable Cuban pastor at Matanzas. Mrs. Hernandez was baptized some months ago by Bro. C. D. Daniel, is a woman of advanced years, was once in affluence, but lost her means and her husband during the war with Spain, he being

an ardent patriot. She is a woman of force of character and will be of great help to Bro. Daniel in working among the people of Havana. Miss Garcia is a consecrated member of calvary Church in Havana, and works with one of the missions under Bro. Daniel's supervision.

After all the arguments and all the reasons, and they are legion, why Christian people should give generously for the support of the gospel at home and abroad that which ought to, and indeed which does, appeal with most power to the heart and purse of every one who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, is found in the spirit of obedience to His command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Baptist brotherhood throughout the South will sympathize sincerely with our brother, Gov. Northen, in the death of his noble son, Thomas H. Northen, Wednesday morning March 23rd. No Baptist layman in all the South is more beloved by his brethren than is W. J. Northen, his son was his father's joy and a most noble and exemplary Christian citizen, a deacon of the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta. May God bless the bereaved widow, the fatherless children, the only sister, the venerable father and mother.

If we fail in our obligation to give the Gospel of salvation to the thousands of foreigners who, in the providence of God, are coming to our beautiful land we may well look forward with dreadful apprehension to the inheritance of our children. If these aliens to Christian ideas are not Christianized they will be as the enemies of God were to the Israelites in Canaan; "Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you."

It was Christian America who rescued downtrodden Cuba, liberated the people of Porto Rico and set free the prisoners of the Philippines. It was the "shirt sleeve diplomacy" of the United States of America that prevented the partition of China and saved the world from another spectacle of Russian Savage Civilization, and it is the United States which stands virtually umpire between the Russians and Japanese, and confines their fighting to disputed territory. It is the United States who shelters the refugees and feeds the starving and stands ready and waiting to carry the gospel of liberty and love to the waiting millions. Let us fill America with the spirit of Christian loyalty, God calls for her best in this crisis of the world. Let us make her completely Christian for the world's sake.

JUDSON ON MISSIONS.

Dr. Edward Judson, in a foreign missionary address full of eloquence and power, said: "We must be sure, however, that our Foreign Missionary spirit is genuine and not a mere fad. The sure test is whether we are interested in everything lying between the heathen and ourselves. To many of us distance seems to 'lend enchantment to the view.' We burn with enthusiasm over the miseries of people far away, but are limpt and nerveless as regards suffering close by. We find ourselves greatly interested in foreigners when they reside in their own land, so much so in fact that we send our best men as missionaries to them and pay their traveling expenses; but when the Lord puts it into the heart of these same foreigners to come to our shores, paying their own traveling expenses, instead of rejoicing over their advent we are sometimes inclined to turn away from them in despair. They do not look so picturesque near by. This is only the semblance of the true missionary spirit—a counterfeit, not the real coin."

INFORMATION.

The people need information, specific instruction regarding our Home Mission work is what the people need, and, a very encouraging idea, it is what many of them want. Only a few days since a good member of an excellent Church said: "Our pastor is interested in missions in general and now and then preaches about missions, but our people need the facts, as you told them this morning." The pastor's own heart will be inflamed largely in proportion as his own head is informed. The mission fields ought to stand out clearly before his mind, the needs, the opportunities. If he will fill his head with the facts and speak from a full mind, he will have less and less occasion to bemoan the indifference of his people about missions.

The finest missionary meeting is the one where the facts, fresh from the leader's mind and heart, are laid upon the minds and hearts of the people—yea, where the people themselves have the facts and come together to prayerfully consider them. People must have the facts told and retold. A perpetual appeal to the facts result in conviction, and conviction will find expression in acts. Send to the Home Mission Board for information, tracts, leaflets, Our Home Field. The tracts, leaflets and Home Mission collection envelopes are sent free. The Home Field is only ten cents a year, has recently been doubled in size, the price remaining the same for the present. Every lever of the cause ought to take and read Our Home Field. It is full of helpful information. "My people perish for a lack of knowledge", was a charge against God's ancient people. We shall have accomplished no little when we roll away that reproach from Baptists on the mission question.

The death of Dr. Henry McDonald, March 22nd 1904, came as a great shock to every one. The Home Mission Board into whose membership he had recently been elected, since his return to Atlanta, and of which for many years he was President, are sadly grieved over his departure. His ripe wisdom, his versatile knowledge, his lovely spirit and his great influence were all to be brought to the service of the Board.

He was made Chairman of the enlarged Committee on Work Among the Negroes and was entering into that work with great zeal. The fruits of his best thinking would have come forth in the report of his committee.

At the Atlanta Baptist Minister's Conference, just a week and a day before his death, Dr. McDonald made a talk of surpassing charm and pathos and beauty over his return to Atlanta, "where", said he, "If it pleases God I shall wind up my earthly career among those I love so well and be taken hence to rest under the sod of dear old Kentucky." And, so it pleased God. In the beautiful cemetery of Georgetown, Ky., in peaceful repose his body awaits the resurrection of the just.

The relationship of Bro. M. M. Welch, our office secretary, to Dr. McDonald as son-in-law, brings the sorrow very keenly home to all our office force. May God graciously sustain the bereaved family.

One of the noblest men ever given to the Baptists has passed to his reward. Let us emulate his shining virtues and his loyalty to the master. The resolutions of the Home Board in special session on the death of Dr. McDonald are found in this issue of Our Home Field. They are a fitting tribute to the worth of our beloved dead.

With increasing and menacing flow, Slavak, Croatian, Bulgarian, Greek, Italian and a vast horde of crowding populations of the baser sort, are taking up homes in American cities. Their coming creates problems of a serious character, the only solvent for which is the gospel of the Son of God. The Church of Christ has the heathen brought to her very doors. Woe unto her if she neglects their cry in the midst of the very people.—*American Home Missionary*.

One soul may not be more valuable than another, but ~~one~~ ^{our} life is more valuable than another. Paul's life was more valuable than a thousand ordinary lives. Who can compute the value of Spurgeon's life? Go study his Stockwell Orphanage with its glorious history, his Preachers College with its marvelous record, his voluminous writings and their prodigious circulation, his forty years of unparalleled preaching in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, and let these declare the worth of his life in comparison with the man whose soul is saved but who goes empty-handed into the presence of his Lord and Judge. This life, given to

us by God, it is to be used for His honor and glory and the good of mankind. Let us use it, and not abuse it.

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\$40,000.00. At Washington Ave. we have a splendid building, a church of near three hundred members and pastor Scott has accomplished a good work. Capital Hill Church located in a growing suburb, bearing that name, a memorial of the struggle for the location of the Capitol some years ago, under the leadership of Pastor Green has just finished a neat, commodious, house of worship. It was ours on the third Sunday in March at three P. M. to dedicate the same. A second Church is being planted in Shawnee. As an illustration of the needs in Commanche County, we have thirty churches and only two church houses. Take the Indian Territory, already this territory has a large white population, cities are springing up and with the coming of statehood, which cannot long be delayed, a new impetus will be given to Immigration. This is our day of opportunity, and like Oklahoma the three Boards in co-operation are unable to supply the destitution. The great need of both Territories is men, strong men, consecrated, common sense men. With these and the money to support them for a few years we will have in these territories a great Baptist stronghold. And what shall I say of Arkansas? It cannot be described in a word. I hope in a coming issue to have an article upon the resources and possibilities of this State. To my mind Arkansas will witness in the next two decades the greatest development of any State in the Union. It has the climate, the soil, timber, minerals and other natural resources for making it one of the great States of the Union. It is our day for aggressive work. I am to spend the next month in this State and as indicated above, hope to gather data for an article that will give the Home Field readers some adequate conception of the status resources and possibilities and of the day of baptist opportunity that now confronts us. The churches are answering the appeals for missions with largely increased offerings. Aggressive work along all lines is being done and in spite of many difficulties progress is being made.

The Baptists of the South ought to put \$10,000 into the hands of the Home Mission Board at once to be invested in church building lots in Cuba. Nothing will bring a greater return to the denomination than an investment of this character. I believe this with all my heart.—B. J. W. Graham.

I believe that rightly directed the Home Board is now entering upon its broadest and most useful work. One great line of its work is the development of our people along all lines of missionary work.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

America Christianized means the world Christianized.—Prof. Hopen, of Yale.

The following inquiry was submitted to a number of distinguished brethren in regard to the situation at certain Southern Cities. Their answers having been received, we give some of them below.

The inquiry submitted was:

"What additional missionary effort is necessary in order to adequately meet the immediate and future conditions? (a) How many missionary workers? (b) What annual financial expenditure?"

Dr. W. C. Lindsay answering this inquiry for Columbia, S. C. says:

"For the present two more women missionaries for the City at a cost of \$500.00 each, and four more women missionaries in the Mill district (a population of about 11,000,) at \$500.00 each."

Speaking for Kansas City in reply to the same inquiry Dr. F. C. McConnell says:

"The present missionary effort should be increased four fold. Ten additional missionaries at an annual expenditure of \$12,000."

Dr. Thos. S. Potts answering for Memphis says:

"Three additional missionaries and an additional expenditure of \$1,500 or \$2,500—One pastor for Trinity Church \$1,500., and one or two city missionaries, besides the above two new Churches should be built and the people need help to build such houses as the fields demand."

The population of Memphis is about 135,000 and the number of white Baptist communicants does not exceed 1,500.

New Orleans has a total population of 310,000 with not exceeding 1,000 white Baptist communicants. The growth of New Orleans in the immediate future is bound to be something unparalleled in the history of this phenomenal country, and the importance of New Orleans to the Baptist of America at this period of their history is no less than it was to General Jackson during the revolutionary period.

Rev. C. V. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church at New Orleans, does not overestimate the situation when, in reply to the above inquiry he says:

"New Orleans needs ten additional missionary workers at an annual expenditure for salaries of \$10,000, there should be expended for Missions and Church building \$200,000." He adds: "The above would accomplish some good work, but not adequately meet the needs."

St. Joseph, Mo., has a population of 107,000. During the last ten years the population has doubled. The foreign element is strong, all nations represented.

There are about 17,000 white Baptist communicants in St. Joseph. No missionary effort being made in that city except that of the local churches.

Mr. Minetry Jones, Moderator St. Joseph Baptist Association, referring to the needs in that city said:

"The most immediate and pressing need is a church house in the South St. Joseph packing house residence district, and one where 20,000 or 25,000 people have no church facilities except a small Methodist church house.

The Baptists have an organized Church, two years old, 80 members and are meeting in a hall. Adolph Vollmer is the pastor. This is the only vacant room in the district. They have a sinking fund started for building, have about \$900.00 in cash

and pledges. They have purchased and paid for a lot, \$1,300.00.

"The Home Mission Board can invest wisely and well in this enterprise, what needs doing in this City needs to be done quickly, and the Baptists of this City are not strong enough shouldered to do it. The two large Churches of this city are unable to do it, the one handicapped by a debt, and the other busy in building their plant."

Rev. W. James Robinson, in *The Baptist*:—God has put into our hearts great agencies for advancing his kingdom among men, and the least of these is not our Home Mission Board. Its success determines in a very large measure the success of our Foreign Mission work. To be sure its work is on the principle and largely of the character of our State Boards, except in Cuba, but it has a distinct feature we must not overlook. It looks over our southland as a whole and tries to even up the work, making the working force of equal efficiency in all parts of the country. To illustrate: In Louisiana Baptists are a feeble folk, but there is a great population, New Orleans having over 300,000 inhabitants with a little less than 1,000 Baptists, while in Georgia Baptists are strong compared with the population. Now the Home Board's purpose is to make the army of the Lord of equal efficiency in these two States and so over all the South. The population of the South is rapidly increasing and our gulf ports, with the assurance of canal, will soon make the South America's commercial battle field. Foreign immigrants are pouring in and will soon be coming as a mighty flood and we must by the grace of God, change their moral and religious complexion or they will change ours. Which shall it be? The Home Board is the agency to use if we would effectually meet the issue. Not less for foreign missions but more all along the line for God's glory.

HOME FIELD HONOR ROLL

We have discontinued all club rates. The price now for each paper is strictly

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We want a good list of subscribers from every Baptist Church in the South. It is our purpose to publish in this column each month an Honor Roll, giving the name of every one who sends ten or more subscriptions, either new or renewals.

Dear reader; may we not have the privilege of placing your name on this Roll?

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NOTE:—In last issue Mrs. R. W. Whitehurst, Norfolk, Va., was by error, accredited with having sent 10 subscriptions during February. The correct number was 17.

DON'T GRIND UP THE SEED CORN.

Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, in an editorial in the Baptist Argus said:

"The needs of the Home Mission Board are urgent. It must have means to carry on its business now. Delay sets its activity back. Ground already occupied but not fully possessed is endangered by delay. Retrenchment is a blow inflicted upon progress. We must remember that it may take ages to convert the world, but it will require very few years for Baptists to lose the South. Others are arriving to capture and lead into other denominations the fast growing populations of the South. If they succeed then we loose our base of operations and make it impossible for us to take the truth to others. The present effort of the Home Board to make the Southern people a Baptist people is the supreme struggle to fill the world with Baptists. Slight the Home Mission Board and you grind up the seed corn and destroy the hope of a missionary harvest in that field which is the world.

"Churches of the South, you must open your eyes and face the issues of the hour. This is an appeal from a member of the Foreign Mission Board, and made because the exigencies of the times loudly call for it. Who will heed the burning call?

Let every Baptist in the South spring into line and rally to the support of our Atlanta Board."

THE PRESENT QUESTION.

The following sensible editorial appeared in the Baptist Courier of March 24th. Read it:

What the Home Mission Board needs just now is not so much a discussion of its fields and its methods, but the cash to do the work it is called to do and to which it is at present committed. Obligations have been assumed under the general directions of the last Convention and these must be met by the last day of April. It is well enough to look out into the future, but the present needs of the Board demand immediate attention. There is danger that the Convention will be asked to provide for a debt if we consume the time in the discussion of what the Board ought to do, where it ought to work, and how spend its money; the question is, how will the work that is now being done be paid for? The Churches alone can answer the question, and that is the real issue now before us. Let us earnestly address ourselves to this, raise the full amount the Board will need before the Convention meets and afterwards discuss the policy and field of the Board.

Mrs. G. H. Mercer, Bowling Green, Ky.—It is with much pleasure that I enclose you the subscription money together with a list of 12 new subscriptions to your Journal. I attended the Circle meeting at Drakes Creek Church last Saturday, where I had been put on program for a paper on Home Missions. After I had read the paper I distributed the tracts you sent me and also the sample copies of *Our Home Field*, remarking that I should be glad to get as many as ten new subscribers for the paper, and in less than ten minutes I had secured twelve names.

PANAMA AS A MISSION FIELD.

DR. T. T. KATON.

The canal treaty gives the United States control of a strip ten miles wide across the Isthmus of Panama. This strip includes the capital of the Republic—Panama—the city of Colon and the towns along the route of the canal. The city of Panama is the oldest on the American continent, being founded A. D. 1519, or 101 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock; forty four years before St. Augustine, Fla., and 88 years before Jamestown, Va., was settled. The possession of this strip places the possession of the entire country under the practical control of the United States, and places a special responsibility upon the Christians of this land for the spiritual condition of those people.

In the city of Panama, with its thirty thousand population, there is no Baptist work at all. A Negro Wesleyan Missionary has charge of a good work among those he can reach. In the city of Colon, the American headquarters, with its six thousand inhabitants, there is no Baptist mission, though here also a Negro Wesleyan has a good congregation. At Culebra, one of the towns along the canal, there is a Baptist brother (Loveridge) who has recently begun work and who has gathered a small Church. In the other towns there is utter destitution. At Bocas del Toro, on the Caribbean coast, there is a Baptist mission some twelve years old, where there are four hundred Baptists including the out-stations, and where the work is flourishing under Bro. and Sister Notman.

The Indians also need to be reached. For example, the San Blas Indian, who inhabits a strip of land from the Columbian border to within 50 miles of Colon on the Atlantic side, have never been touched by missionaries. There are, as estimated, over 50,000 of these. Then there are many Chinese on the Isthmus, and more are coming, who sadly need the Gospel.

Our two Baptist missionaries in Panama are under the appointment of the Jamaica Baptist Union. But these Jamaica brethren, none of them wealthy, suffered so severely by the terrible cyclone last August—and a West Indian cyclone is the worst known—that they are unable to keep the missionaries at work in Panama. The brethren in Jamaica would be very glad for us in America to send missionaries to the Isthmus. I personally talked with leading brethren in Jamaica on this subject and they assured me that they and their brethren would be glad to have American Baptists send missionaries to Panama. The missionaries already on the Isthmus, Brethren Notman and Loveridge, also assured me of their earnest desire for the same thing. They see and feel the great and urgent need of this field.

Not only is there sad religious destitution in Panama, there is also a terrible state of morals. In one village, for example, with over a thousand population, men, women and children, there are only three married couples. Beastliness reigns and there is no public sentiment in favor of decency. There was a carnival of lust and vice under the DeLeaps' reign, and that continues. The fifteen hundred United States Marines on shore have no Chaplain. A state of greater need for mission work could scarcely be imagined.

Great and urgent as is this need now, it will soon be greater and more urgent. The work on the canal will attract many thousands of people who wish to make money and who need the Gospel. We cannot act too promptly in sending missionaries to the Isthmus. I believe we ought to open work at once in the cities of Panama and Colon, and let the work grow from these points.

Have been asked many questions in regard to the healthfulness of the climate. A physician of the Navy told me that of the 1,500 U. S. marines on shore only fifteen were on the sick list from any trouble occasioned by the climate and these cases

were light. The present death rate among the people is because of their vices far more than because of the climate. By their vices they become diseased and are unable to resist attacks of fever and other maladies. Hence it is a great mistake to lay the death rate to the climate. Americans, by the exercise of reasonable care, such as is needed in all torrid countries, can have health; many of them connected with the railroad and steamship lines do enjoy good health and have done so through many years of residence on the Isthmus. The United States Government will at once improve the sanitary conditions at Panama and Colon and thus improve the healthfulness of these places.

But even were it ever so unhealthy, while men of the world rush there to make money, shall Christian men and women hesitate to go to win immortal souls to Christ?

Louisville, Ky.

THE HOME BOARD AND FRONTIER MISSIONS.

DR. A. J. HOLT.

From the original organization of the Home Mission Board onward, Frontier missions has been especially prominent in its work. While yet the Board was called the Domestic and Indian Mission Board, there was a wisely planned and extensive work being carried forward in Arkansas, Texas and the Indian Territory. H. F. Buckner was commissioned in about 1845, and became the apostle to the Creek Indians, under the authority and support of this Board. He labored for thirty-five years most successfully and planted the cause of Christ firmly in the hearts of this great tribe.

R. J. Hogue, Willis Burns and J. S. Murrow were sent out later among the Choctaws. Willis Burns has long ago passed to his reward. The venerable R. J. Hogue still lingers as a benediction among the Choctaws. After serving for many years in connection with the Rohoboth Association in Georgia and the Home Mission Board, J. S. Murrow severed his connection with this Board and has since labored among the Indians in connection with the Home Mission Society. He is located at Atoka, I. T. A. J. Holt was commissioned by the Home Mission Board in 1877 as a missionary to the "Affiliated Bands" or Indians of the Plains. He was the first missionary of any denomination to reside among the wild Indians. Thus the Home Board has the honor of sending out the first missionary that ever was sent to the wild Indians. This missionary devoted himself to the acquisition of the Comanche language, the most extensive language of the plains. He built the first Church house ever erected among the wild Indians, and established the work through much suffering and persecution. The story of his banishment and restoration are among the early annals of the Board.

In Texas, the Home Board, through the efforts of the illustrious Jesse Mercer, sent three missionaries in the very infancy of this great State. Huckins, Tryon and Creath laid broad and deep the foundations of a mighty Baptist empire in Texas. During every step of the progress of this greatest of States the Home Mission Board has strengthened and supported a vigorous frontier work in Texas. When the City of Houston was a village, and when the frame work of the first frame structure was complete only as far as the foundation F. N. Morrel, a Frontier missionary, stood on the sill and preached in Houston the first sermon ever preached in that fair City.

The declaration of Texas Independence was written and signed in the house of one of our frontier missionaries, N. T. Byars. This same missionary afterwards organized the First Baptist Church of Waco, one of the most successful churches on this planet.

Had it not been for the liberal assistance extended to Texas by this Board, this broad and mighty State would not have been co-operative with the Southern Baptist Convention to-day and would not have had that broad Baptist foundation on which has been erected a State Convention that out numbers the constituent members of any one Southern Baptist Convention.

In Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Louisiana the work is being pushed just as rapidly and successfully as the means will allow.

Eternity can only estimate the mighty power for good the Home Mission Board has been on the frontier field alone.

GOOD TIDINGS.

REV. M. P. HUNT.

It was mine to be with pastor W. T. Amis and his people on yesterday. It was a bad rainy day and the congregation in consequence was greatly cut down. Many of the leading members were absent. Those present, however, gave a liberal response to the appeal for Home and Foreign Missions. In a few moments more than \$325 was pledged and the offering will go beyond \$400, thus making a hundred per cent gain and that in the face of the great building enterprise the Church has on hand. Pastor and people alike rejoice in this forward move. It argues well. It is a prophecy of great things in the future.

The New Building.

All will bear in mind that at the Convention in Savannah a resolution was introduced by Dr. B. H. Carroll recommending to the sympathy of the Home Board and the brethren at large the efforts of the First Church to provide a house commensurate with needs of the unique situation was unanimously adopted. One has only to know the situation here to appreciate the wisdom of this move. It is strategic point in many ways and much depends upon the promptness with which as a denomination we meet the situation. A great plant in a Church house is only a step toward other great denominational enterprises that shall make for our strength as a denomination, for the blessing of humanity and the glory of God.

Pastor Amis and his people are giving themselves courageously and enthusiastically to the enterprise. Some nine months since the Church was fortunate enough to secure the choicest lot in the city for a building site. A few days ago they were offered a profit of five thousand dollars for the same. But they have no thought of selling for there is not by any means another as choice a lot, for a Church house, in the city. Towards the enterprise the Church and their friends in the city will provide some twenty-five thousand dollars of the fifty thousand dollars needed.

Pastor Amis has given the past few months to going among the Churches of Arkansas and the response to his appeals have surpassed his most sanguine expectations. Many have made liberal subscriptions. He feels greatly encouraged. The pastor is to provide the means before commencing the building and if the denomination at large receives him, as has the Baptists of Arkansas, it is only a matter of months till the contracts shall be let. Let us one and all hasten the coming of that good day.

The Rev. I. G. Murray of Pulaski, Tenn., has been called as assistant pastor, to go forward with the work in the continued absence of the pastor. Everything is hopeful and aggressive and the outlook full of promise.

Only 10 Cents Per Year.

It will cost you only ten cents per year to keep yourself informed about Home Missions.

This is the subscription price of

Our Home Field,

COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLA.

C. W. BREWER, ACTING COR. SECY.

A visit to southwestern Oklahoma very much impressed me with the importance of that section as a mission field. No place in the west has greater needs or better prospects for immediate results than Comanche County. The county is eighty by sixty miles at the greatest distance and was opened to settlement in Aug. 1901. It is well supplied with Rail Roads and is destined to become one of the best agricultural sections of Oklahoma. With the exception of some government reserves the County is thickly populated. A little south of the center of the County is a vast pasture reserve of four hundred and eighty thousand acres of land which is soon to be opened to settlement. This means a home for three thousand families. At this time there are many sections where we need to begin active mission work and establish churches and mission stations. There are seven railroad towns without regular religious services. There are at least fifty places where we ought to take up the work at once. Now is the time for laying the foundations for the greatest possible missionary operations. We have under appointment one district missionary and two missionary pastors. We must put more missionaries in the field or lose one of the best opportunities the Baptist denomination ever had for future usefulness. There are several faithful ministers laboring in this field who are hampered and greatly hindered in their work for want of sufficient support. Under present conditions we need to increase many times the forces already in the field and what will it be when the reserves are opened to settlement? There are thirty Baptist Church organizations in the County and only two houses of worship. Backed by a few small churches and a few faithful helpers our District Missionary, Rev. D. P. Sanders, of Frederick, is planning an aggressive campaign for the spring and summer. Many places are calling for help to hold revival meetings that have no suitable place to hold such meetings as the school houses used on the Sabbath cannot be had for protracted meetings. The great need just now is at least two gospel tents. We could use five such tents but if we had two, a great work could be done.

Will not some of God's people whose means are consecrated to His service, furnish a suitable tent for use in this promising field? Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Norman, Okla. Feb. 20th, 1904.

HAVANA, CUBA.

To the Many Baptist Friends who are Interested in and Supporting the Work here in Cuba.

Dear Friends:—

No doubt it would interest you to hear from us what your generosity is accomplishing.

The work moves forward slowly but surely. Slowly because we had so many drawbacks and so much to contend with; surely, because we see some such satisfactory results.

The organization of our Church, Central Baptist Church of Havana, was affected two years ago in January, with a membership of 23, some of whom were, Bro. Carbonell and his family, Bro. Barredo and his family, our good Bro. Neely and wife who have lately left us, Misses Taylor and Branham and my niece.

Bro. Carbonell is preaching successfully in Colon, Bro. Barredo is doing a good work in Sagua la Grande, the Misses Taylor and Branham are working in the home land, Bro. Neely and wife who supported us so bravely are also in the home land and my niece married and settled in Cuba, not far from Havana, but still too far to get to the Church.

Of the young men of the army who joined us,

seven in all, four were educating themselves with the intention of entering the ministry. One of the seven died in Jan. last, the first of our members to be removed by death.

We have now but two of the original American members who meet with the Church regularly our beloved pastor and myself, but we have gained a Cuban membership of 87, two of them desirous of fitting themselves for the ministry and they are promising young men. Three of our Cuban members have already been ordained. We have a fine lot of young people coming on that we hope and believe will make valuable members for the future.

We need to remember that these people have not grown up in the atmosphere in which we have lived and we must make allowances for their mistakes, when they are mistakes and not premeditated mischief.

Although our Church people are poor they desire and like to give what they can, and take pride in trying to do something towards their own support. They are paying five dollars a month toward the rent of one of the houses in which they hold services.

We have done what we could towards charitable objects. Something for the Orphans' Home in Mariel, Cuba, a little to Miss Day of India, helped a poor man get back to his motherless children, and assisted a palsied man in the hospital. Remember, please, that I am not saying this in a spirit of boastfulness, but only to let you know that we are trying to work on right lines, that we are thoroughly united in our work and that we enjoy it.

We do take a pride in what our members are doing, both present and absent, but we are not puffed up. We know too well that the Holy Spirit will have nothing to do with a proud spirit and we want Him to work with us in the future as in the past.

We ask Heaven's richest blessings on those who are helping us in the work here and hope we may be able to show them some substantial results in the near future.

GERTRUDE JOERG.

March 19, 1904.

IF AMERICA BE LOST.

If America be lost to Christ and his cause, then the world is helpless and hopeless. In its capacity for good or evil work, in its proportionate influence, when compared to any other land, America is priceless.

The Jesuits, with a zeal worthy of a better cause, have penetrated wherever possible, but their work has not left an exalting or elevating influence. Mexico and the South American States need regenerating to-day as much as India or China, and to resist their influence in our own midst is most important work laid upon the Baptist churches of this country.

Unless this nation is saved from false religion, and no religion the mission cause will decline in all lands, for here is the great fountain-head of the God-supplied power of men and money. God does not need America or Jerusalem, but he chooses to use men for the work. India's millions can be redeemed, China's millions saved; but American Peters and Pauls and Johns must be apprehended for the work.—Hon. E. J. Blake.

Rev. Wm. Wistar Hamilton, In the Baptist Argus:—Those at home are lost if not in Christ as much as are those in foreign lands. It is not the continent, or country, or the city, or clothes, or culture that condemns or saves, but it is the attitude of the heart. "Unbelief is heart rebellion against God!" Heathenism is where God is not recognized, where Christ is not enthroned, where sin is not conquered, where man is not willing, where the soul is not saved.

Beginning at home with the gospel is the way to solve the many and the grave problems before

us. Shall the Republic live? It is now in agony over undigested emigration, commercial prosperity and social problems. * * * *

There is a balm in Gilead for them, and se preservation, if no other motive higher were available, should stir us anew to guard our native land.

In one day recently, nine ships brought into New York alone 12,784 foreigners, who came to make America their home, this is both a great peril and a great opportunity. What has become of the 730,798 people who landed in America in 1902 from Italy, Russia and Hungary? These people must be assimilated, civilized, Americanized, Christianized, or our land will be heathenized.

The Home Board needs to greatly enlarge its work. In Cuba, in New Orleans, in Texas, in St. Louis, among the Germans, in the mountains, in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and in other places the need is urgent and the opportunity great. We are in favor of the Home Board's sending missionaries to Panama. Now that the canal is to be pushed, many thousands of people will flock there. The moral and spiritual condition of the Isthmus is simply frightful, and it is liable to be worse soon, unless mission work is very vigorously pushed. We recently spoke of this and need not here repeat what we have already written.

We hope our Home Board will be able before summer to enter this needy field.

Western Recorder.

Rev. Hilko Swyter, one of the German Missionaries in Baltimore submits the following excellent report for the quarter ending March 15th, 1904.

Weeks of labor.....	13
Sermons and addresses.....	30
Prayer meetings held.....	12
Religious visits made.....	353
Number of Baptisms.....	9
Received by letter.....	1
Sunday School Pupils.....	45
Sunday School Teachers.....	6
Pages of tracts distributed.....	2255

Bro. Swyter says: Our work here among the Germans is moving forward and meeting with encouraging success. On Sunday night of Balto. great conflagration eight persons from the mission, five adults and three Sunday School scholars were baptized by Bro. Pfeiffer and received as members into the First German Baptist Church.

We have now 33 members all attending meetings in the mission, much interest is shown by them in our work. May God give us more, and lead us on to victory. Pray for us.

If I had fifty thousand dollars a year to spend in the South I do not believe I could put it in any place to greater advantage than employing the strongest men we have to train and develop our untrained masses for world-wide missions. Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

Mrs. Bates, Baltimore:—I was so pleased with the last issue of Our Home Field, it having been enlarged and so full of interest to me, I feel that I must subscribe to it again. Have also obtained three new subscribers.

Rev. J. F. Love, Cor. Sec., Ark:—I congratulate you upon the present number of Our Home Field, a bundle of which has just been forwarded to me.

It is decidedly the best issue of the paper since it was started, according to my thinking.

Rev. O. N. McBride, Riverland, Tex.,—Sends \$1. and a list of ten subscriptions. He says: "I want my people to give intelligently and heartily Our Home Field will help them to do this."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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Motto: GO FORWARD.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

NOT YOUR OWN.

"Not your own"! but His you are,
Who hath paid a price untold
For your life, exceeding far
All earth's store of gems and gold.
With the precious blood of Christ,
Ransom treasure all unpriced,
Full redemption is procured,
Full salvation is assured.

"Not your own"! To him ye owe
All your life and all your love;
Live, that ye His praise may show,
Who is yet all praise above.
Every day and every hour,
Every gift and every power,
Consecrate to Him alone,
Who hath claimed you for His own.

F. R. Havergal.

ANXIOUS DAYS IN BALTIMORE.

The great fire which destroyed the business section of Baltimore, February 7th and 8th, was followed by days of such suspense as must be experienced to be appreciated. Those of large means who had given support to many employees were appalled by the thought of possible results to themselves and others. Many who after years had accumulated a small amount for old age were in deep sorrow fearing they no longer had a dollar in the world. Others unable to find out if property had been destroyed were trying to wait patiently for a report which could be depended upon. Access to the burned territory was forbidden, cars were not running, telephone communication was cut off, and for some time, it was impossible to get any definite information regarding anything in the city.

Woman's Missionary Union work and that of the Mission Literature Department S. B. C. went on continuously. The Post Office having been saved, there was a delay of not more than one hour in receiving the mail on Monday morning. A casual visitor upon the upper floor of 233 N. Howard St., seeing the building untouched by fire, listening to the rapid clicking of the typewriters, noting the packages of "Monthly Literature" and other material upon the long table to be sent to W. M. U. workers throughout the South, would probably have thought there was at least one place free from the perplexities so apparent in other parts of the city.

Such was not the case. Those in charge of the work knew that much of the literature prepared for the Week of Special Effort of Home Missions, also the leaflet of Dr. Lansing Burrows written in the interest of the Tichenor Memorial, all of which was expected to be sent to State Central Committees within a few days, had not been delivered by the printers, and effort was being made to keep up the word in other directions while most anxiously waiting to learn something of this literature.

From the first, there was no doubt of one of the printing establishments being destroyed as it was situated near where the fire originated. Suspense regarding the other was at length relieved by the certainty of loss. We were facing the fact that reprints must be made of a number of leaflets, yet there was slight measure of comfort in thinking the envelopes for the offerings were safe. Not until the Saturday after the fire was it learned that these also were gone.

Looking back over the days that followed, one can hardly realize that under such conditions, it was impossible to replace the literature and have it sent from Baltimore to State Central Committees by the last of February in ample time—if promptly delivered by the Express Company—for them to distribute it to Societies prior to the week of March 20-26th, the date of special meetings. Yet, this was done. Obstacles were met at every point. Even the need of a ball of cord became a problem, as accustomed places of purchase had all been burned.

After hearing the literature had been destroyed, no time was lost in notifying Central Committees, and in sending articles to Editors of State papers, containing facts regarding the influence of the fire upon W. M. U. work, and appealed to Societies to "Go Forward in observance of the Week of Special Effort for Home Missions" whether the literature was received or not. Having thus given all W. M. U. workers an opportunity of sharing the burden of responsibility every effort was made to speedily replace that which was lost.

Those to whom we turned for assistance seemed to appreciate the importance of the work in which we are engaged, and spared themselves no trouble in any direction. "In some way or other, the Lord will provide" was indeed tested and proven during the days when our thoughts were so largely centered upon the needs of the Home Mission Board, and when we were meeting such unusual and unexpected conditions. Having done that we could and having been blessed in our efforts, there is sweet satisfaction in reflecting that God asks of each only *her part*. We trust that hundreds of W. M. U. workers are now glad because of co-operation recently given for the advancement of Christ's cause in our land. If there are Societies that failed to observe March 20-26 by prayer and special offerings for Home Missions, we would remind them that it isn't too late to do good.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

W. M. U. BRIEFLETS.

The *Conventional Year 1904-1904* will soon be numbered with the past.

The Aim of W. M. U. has been \$90,000 for missions. A Heart Question for each: Have we done our best?

Contributions to home and Foreign Missions to be included in this year's receipts should be sent without delay to State Officers.

April 20th is the date when reports of State Officers must be in Baltimore.

Societies are urged not to be "too late" in sending contributions to be included in State Reports.

The Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union begins Thursday, May 12th, a day earlier than the Convention. Sessions to be held Thursday morning and afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

The place of meeting is Nashville, Tennessee.

"An hour of prayer" will be held Wednesday afternoon as a preparation for the Annual Meeting W. M. U.

The preparation of program for the annual Meeting is in the hands of the President W. M. U., Mrs. J. A. Barker, assisted by State Vice Presidents, also the making of other arrangements.

"Pray, pray, pray" were the last words of John Eliot, the great apostle to the Indians. Let us remember them in connection with the need for God's blessing upon the Annual Meeting.

APPEAL FOR HELP IN CHURCH BUILDING.

In a peculiar manner God seems at special times to turn the current of Woman's Missionary Union thought in the direction of special phases of work.

Again and again in letters which come to the Corresponding Secretary from all points of our South land, evidence is given of His power in bringing about unity of action. To illustrate: at times from the numerous subscriptions to Monthly Literature which are received, it appears that the one aim is for missionary information; again, a desire for increase of contributions is manifest in the call from all directions for mite barrels; then, one after another requests come for help in organizing Societies at different places. There are days when most of the letters have foreign missions for their theme; other days home missions is prominent in the thought of nearly all correspondents. One would be blind indeed who failed to recognize God's influence in bringing about such conditions. Having repeatedly noticed how things are brought to pass in His own time and way, we are not surprised by the number of appeals recently received from those who feel the absolute necessity of help in church building. Unquestionably this is one way by which God would lay the needs of the Church Building Loan Fund upon the hearts of Southern Baptists, and so we ask W. M. U. workers and others to thoughtfully read the following letter from one who has counted the things of this world as naught that he might help to advance Christ's cause on the frontier. In the *Foreign Mission Journal* for April is another letter upon the same subject, and on file at W. M. U. Headquarters are numbers of others echoing and re-echoing the same sad story of need.

"MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

DEAR SISTER:—While I was a student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, and at the same time doing pastoral work, there came to my church a letter from you asking help for a frontier missionary. After graduation I gave up my work there and came to the frontier, (Ind. Tex.). I am fully prepared to endorse the contents of the above named letter which gave an outline of the frontiersman's life.

We are making an effort to build a church house at this point, and thought you might render us some assistance. We need a Baptist Church here very badly indeed, but must have some help from elsewhere. I am going to raise all that I can on the field. We want to build about a twelve hundred dollar house when finished, but we can complete part of our building for about seven hundred dollars, and if we can do no better, we can make this serve our present need. I can raise about five hundred dollars on the field. Is there any way you can help?

The figures which I have given would sound small in Kentucky but not so small here. I hope to get something from two or three Kentucky churches after awhile, but I desire to do all this in person. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and I pray that help may come from some source that we may see our present need supplied.

This a great work, and the one who undertakes it must not consider sacrifice, or count his life dear unto himself, but I need not tell you that."

WHAT SHALL THE ANSWER BE?

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TICHENOR MEMORIAL.

In sending contributions to the Tichenor Memorial of the Church Building Loan Fund, it is very important that the purpose for which they are intended should be designated. Otherwise, they will be included in the general receipts, and there will be no means of knowing what advance is being made towards the desired Memorial of \$20,000. In reference to this matter Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, has written to the Cor. Sec. W. M. U.:

"I know you are very, very busy, but it would so simplify matters if you could ask the ladies in various States when sending their remittances for Tichenor Memorial to their State Treasurers, or State Secretaries, to send notice thereof to me at this Office."

Cash Receipts from Feb. 15, to Mar. 15, 1904.

ALABAMA: McKinley Ch. \$3.00; Cuba, \$58.50; Oakman, \$3.00; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$207.72; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. for C. B. & L. Fund from Rhinoma, East Lake, \$15.00; Cuba from Jasper S. B., \$2.31; Mt. Zion \$1.00; Rock Spring, \$3.00; Total, \$254.70. Previously reported, \$5,333.40. Total since May, \$5,633.10.

ARKANSAS: Previously reported, \$481.40.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1st B. Ch. Washington, \$99.17; Temple Ch. Washington, \$12.00; L. M. C. Brookland Ch., \$5.00. Total, \$117.17. Previously reported, \$163.53. Total since May, \$280.75.

FLORIDA: "A Friend," Lake Helene, for Tichenor Mem., \$3.00; L. D. Geiger, Cor. Sec., \$250.00. Total \$253.00. Previously reported, \$707.47. Total since May, \$1003.47.

GEORGIA: Previously reported, \$6990.57.

INDIAN TERRITORY: W. M. U. McAlester, \$2.50; Checotah Ch., \$4.00; Dealwire Assn., \$2.00. Total, \$8.50. Previously reported, \$119.41. Total since May, \$128.91.

KENTUCKY: Warren Assn., \$102.35; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec., \$219.31. Total \$321.66. Previously reported, \$7792.94. Total since May, \$7792.00.

LOUISIANA: Pingah \$4.73; Dr. J. W. S., Columbus 50 cts; Tichenor Mem. from W. M. S. Jonesboro, \$5.00; Valence St. N. O., \$20.65; W. M. S. Valence St. Ch., \$5.35; Total, \$36.23. Previously reported, \$1171.25. Total since May, \$1207.50.

MARYLAND: Brantley Ch. Balt., \$24.00; Easton First Bap. Ch., \$10.00; W. B. H. M. S. of Md. for German work \$15.00; W. B. H. M. S. of Md., \$33.62; Huntington Ch. Balt., \$2.24; Wed. Eve. Mission Fund of Brantley Ch. Balt., \$25.00. Total, \$135.76. Previously reported, \$1696.84. Total since May, \$1732.60.

MISSISSIPPI: Friendship Ch., \$3.07; Tichenor Mem. from B. F. C., \$5.00; A. V. Howe, Cor. Sec. for C. B. L. F., \$23.50; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec., \$76.50; Immanuel Ch., Meridian, \$9.25. Total, \$117.32. Previously reported, \$2907.07. Total since May, \$3024.39.

MISSOURI: Women of Mo. for C. B. L. F., \$51.00; Pattee Park Ch. St. Joseph, \$30.00. Total, \$81.00. Previously reported, \$2104.03. Total since May \$2185.03.

NORTH CAROLINA: Revard Ch., \$1.23. Previously reported, \$2301.68. Total since May, \$2302.91.

OKLAHOMA: W. M. S. Lone Wolf, \$2.00; Washington Ave. Ch. Oklahoma City, \$2.00; Total, \$4.00. Previously reported, \$113.70. Total since May, \$117.70.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Blackville Ch., \$11.25; Hunter's Chapel, \$2.00; Conway, \$2.12; Sardia, \$4.40; Hebron, \$3.00; Longbranch, \$1.25; Cedar Shoal, \$3.50; 1st B. Ch. Sumter, \$11.50; Blackstock, \$3.00; Cornsaca, 75 cts; Doctor's Creek, \$3.63; Edgefield, \$17.50; Edgefield W. M. & A. S., \$5.50; Edgefield Sunbeam, \$3.00; W. T. Cave, Treas., B. S. U., \$10.00; Elbethel, \$4.15; Good Hope, \$2.00; Holly Springs, 50 cts; Woodward, \$10.00; Richland Springs, \$4.74; Philippi, \$6.85; Lanford, \$4.00; Bellview, \$11.61; Warrior Crk., \$3.35; Ebenezer, \$5.00; Locust Hill, \$1.55; Cent. Com. W. M. S. by Mrs. Jno. Stout, as follows: (Tichenor Mem., \$1.10; Soc. of Greenville Assn. for Lady Missionaries in Cuba, \$12.20; General fund, \$30.65); Springtown Ch., \$2.58; 1st Bhp. Ch. Camden, \$23.50; East Denmark S. S., \$3.50; Calvary Ch., \$5.50; Bethel, \$2.75; Sparrow Swamp, \$2.00; Mt. Moriah, \$7.15. Total, \$228.45. Previously reported, \$2663.13. Total since May, \$2891.58.

TENNESSEE: Cumberland Gap for Ch. Bldg. in Okla. or I. T., \$5.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$111.00. Total, \$116.00. Previously reported, \$3411.86. Total since May, \$3527.86.

TEXAS: J. B. Gambrell, Sept., \$52.20. Previously reported, \$1238.00. Total since May, \$1290.20.

VIRGINIA: Dr. E. H. L. Culpepper, \$5.00. Previously reported, \$6592.51. Total since May, \$6597.51.

MISCELLANEOUS: Previously reported, \$240.72.

AGGREGATE: \$1957.92. Previously reported, \$49,575.19. Total since May, \$50,733.20.

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

ALABAMA: W. M. S. Livingstone, \$23.85; W. M. S. Enley, \$64.25; W. M. S. Fountain Heights, \$20.25; Y. L. S. East Lake, \$152.00; W. M. S. Frances St. Mobile, \$200.00; W. M. S. 2nd Ch. Selma, \$57.50; W. M. S. Parker Mem. Anniston, \$181.50; W. M. S. Auburn, \$30.00. Total, \$867.35. Previously reported, \$1446.95. Total since May, \$2304.30.

ARKANSAS: Previously reported, \$244.45.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported, \$333.57.

FLORIDA: Previously reported, \$500.00.

GEORGIA: W. M. S. Duffy St. Savannah, \$172.00; W. M. S. Elberton, \$52.00. Total, \$224.00. Previously reported, \$4650.97. Total since May, \$4874.97.

KENTUCKY: W. M. S. Ludlow, \$52.23. Previously reported, \$5199.10. Total since May, \$5251.33.

LOUISIANA: Previously reported, \$781.70.

MARYLAND: Previously reported, \$2192.22.

MISSISSIPPI: Previously reported, \$2965.00.

MISSOURI: W. M. S. Columbia, \$75.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. St. Joseph, \$75.00; W. M. S. Booneville, \$45.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Springfield, \$55.00. Total \$245.00. Previously reported, \$1130.53. Total since May, \$1375.53.

NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported, \$2406.54.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Previously reported, \$1190.54.

TENNESSEE: W. M. S. Columbia Ch., \$125.50; W. M. S. 7th Ch. Nashville, \$64.07. Total, \$189.57. Previously reported, \$2427.50. Total since May, \$2617.07.


TEXAS: Previously reported, \$100.00.

VIRGINIA: W. M. S. Berkley, \$51.45; W. M. S. Olivet Ch., Little Plymouth, \$57.19. Total, \$108.64. Previously reported, \$4259.18. Total since May, \$4367.82.

AGGREGATE: No. boxes and Contributions, 19. Previously reported, 408. Total since May, 421. Value boxes and contributions \$1709.03. Previously reported \$6080.22. Total since May, \$7789.25.

Mrs. Mary B. Ethridge, Francis, I. T.—I received a copy of Our Home Field through a friend and sister in Christ, and I liked it so much I decided I would try and get up a few subscriptions, so I went out last evening and got sixteen subscriptions. Some of them are Methodist, some Presbyterian and some not religious at all. I believe four of the number beside myself are Missionary Baptists. There are a few Baptists here that are trying in their weak efforts to do something to advance the cause of Christ in our town.

We have no Church, we worship in the Methodist church, the only one in the town. We have a Baptist Ladies Aid Society with six members, and we have a great many discouragements but we are determined by the help of the Lord to do what we can to advance the cause in our town. Pray for us. I hope to get up another club. If I could I would put the Home Field in every home in our village.



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