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## OUR CONVENTION.

We take pleasure in presenting on this page the faces of three faithful and well beloved executive officers of the Southern Baptist Convention, together with other information of interest to delegates and visitors.



PRESIDENT JAMES P. EAGLE.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Forty-Ninth Session, Fifty-Ninth Year, of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in "The Gospel Tabernacle," Nashville, Tenn., beginning Friday, May 13, 1904, at 10 a. m.

The Annual Sermon will be preached by Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., of Georgia, or his alternate, Rev. W. H. Felix, D. D., of Kentucky.

The office of the Secretaries will be in room 5, Parlor Floor, Maxwell House. Delegates and Associational Representatives are earnestly requested to register there as soon as possible after arrival in Nashville. Do not wait for the opening of the Convention; come on Thursday, or between 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. Friday. This will greatly assist us and the State Secretaries in presenting at the opening of the session a correct roll of those actually present.

J. P. EAGLE, President.

LANSING BURROWS,  
OLIVER FULLER GREGORY,  
Secretaries.

NOTE. The Baptist Young People's Union, and the American Baptist Educational Society will meet on Thursday, May 12, in the First Baptist Church, Broad and Vine Streets.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to S. B. C.  
The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held

in the McKendree M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., beginning Thursday, May 12, 1904.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.  
MRS. J. A. BARKER, President.

## Railroad Rates.

The rates, rules and regulations herein published are the separate rates, rules and regulations of each of the following individual carriers and its connections from points on their respective initial lines to Nashville, Tenn., and return, account Southern Baptist Convention and its Auxiliary Societies, May 12-18, 1904.

Ala. Great Southern R. R.; Ala. & Vicksburg Ry.; Atlantic Coast Line R. R.; Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern Ry.; Atlantic & Birmingham R.

R.; B. & O. Southwestern R. R.; Blue Ridge Ry.; Brunswick & Birmingham R. R.; Central of Georgia Ry.; Charleston & Western Carolina Ry.; Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry.; Frisco System (K. C., M. & B. R. R.); Georgia R. R.; Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.; Illinois Central R. R.; Jacksonville & Southwestern R. R.; Louisville & Nashville R. R.; Macon & Birmingham Ry.; Macon, Dublin & Savannah R. R.; Mobile & Ohio R. R.; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.; New Orleans & Northwestern R. R.; Norfolk & Western Ry.; Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R.; Seaboard Air Line Ry.; Southern Ry.; Tennessee Central R. R.; Washington Southern Ry.; Western & Atlantic R. R.; West Point Route (A. & W. P. R. R. & W. Ry. of Alabama); Wrightsville & Tennesse R. R.; Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R. R.

## Rate.

One first-class fare plus twenty-five (25) cents for the round trip, (minimum rate 50 cents) from all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi Rivers, to Nashville, Tenn. and return.

This rate under the following rules and regulations, is respectfully tendered to connecting lines for basing purposes.

Tickets bearing contracts of the standard form C will be sold May 10-12, 1904 inclusive, with final limit ten days from date of sale.

Original purchasers of such tickets may secure, by payment of fee of fifty (50) cents per ticket at the time of deposit, an extension of the final limit by personally depositing their tickets with Joseph Richardson, Special Agent, Nashville, Tenn. between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., not later than two days from date of sale.

Special Validating Agencies will be located in the Railway Stations in Nashville and will be open one hour before the schedule time of departure of each train, May 10 to 22, inclusive. On these dates no other agents in Nashville will be authorized to validate return portions of round trip tickets.

Interline tickets will be on sale only at regular coupon ticket offices.

Other announcements will be published as received.



SECRETARY LANSING BURROWS.

Any further information regarding Railroad matters will be cheerfully given to those who send a stamped envelope for reply.

O. F. GREGORY,

Secretary in charge of Transportation.  
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## HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES AT NASHVILLE.

The following partial list of Hotels and Boarding Houses at Nashville has been furnished by the General Committee:—

Maxwell House, European Plan. Rooms at \$1.00 per day and upward. (No more single rooms available.)

Tulane Hotel, American plan. Rooms \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 per day.

Duncan Hotel, American Plan. Rooms \$2.50 and upward per day.

Commercial Hotel, American plan. Rooms \$1.00 for two in room, \$1.25 for single room per day.

Arlington Hotel, American plan. Rooms \$1.00 per day.

Mrs. Conditt, 160 North Cherry, board and lodging, 16, \$1.00, men and women.

Mr. L. White, 166 North Cherry street, lodging with board, 20, \$1.00, men and women.

Mrs. Holman, 148 North Cherry, lodging with board, 20, \$1.00, men.

Mrs. J. H. Overall, 142 North Cherry street, board and lodging, 16 men, \$1.00.

Mrs. K. M. Griffith, 146 North Cherry street, lodging with board, 16 men, 12 women, \$1.00.

W. H. Sherron, 140 North Cherry street, lodge 8 men, 25 cents each.

Miss Mary L. Conley, 134 North Summer, lodge 9 men, 25 cents each.

Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, 149 North Summer, board without lodging, 12, 25 cents a meal.

Mrs. E. Campbell, 130 North Summer street, board any number, 6 meals for 1.00.

Mrs. West, 120 North Summer, lodging with board, 11, \$1.00, 6 men, 5 ladies.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hazlehurst Church, Mississippi, comes to the front with a \$500 gift to Home Missions for a building lot in Cuba.

We are not able before going to press to say how the Home Board will come out financially this year, but we hope to come to Nashville out of debt.

The critics are numerous, the workers few. All the more need of prayer to the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into His harvest.

The first Church of Rome, Ga. comes up gloriously for Home Missions with a \$1,200 Contribution. All hail to Brother Headen and his noble Church.

The First Baptist Church of Macon, Ga. does things in a splendid way. They have just given \$1,200 for Home Missions after a great collection for Foreign Missions.

It is so easy to object, to obstruct, to tear down; but it is so Christlike to help, to build up, to go about doing good. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Glorious tidings come from all our fields. God is richly blessing the workers. Amid many trials and anxieties they are doing the Master's work and His favor is upon them.

Miss Sophia Ferber has entered upon her work in conjunction with Miss Buhlmaier at the immigrant Pier in Baltimore. Miss Annie Armstrong writes in highest praise of Miss Ferber.

The co-operative work of the Home Board with the various State Boards is done in

accordance with the explicit instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Let the brethren who criticize that work complain of the Convention and not of the Board.

We send greetings and thanks to all the faithful friends who have helped to increase the list of Home Field readers. We must have at least a thousand new subscribers every month of next year!

We are receiving many congratulations on the enlargement and improvement of Our Home Field and new subscriptions have come in at the rate of more than a thousand each month since the improvement.

We need at least a score of lots in Cuba on which to build mission Chapels and Churches. Now is the time to buy. Values are rising rapidly. These lots will cost from \$500 to \$2,000 each according to location and size of city.

The Week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions this year was a season of great blessing to our good women. It brought a closer sympathy and fellowship, a spiritual uplift, and enlarged offerings. God bless the sisters in their work!

For the past year the Home Board has been giving special study to our work among the Negroes. When Secretary Gray was elected last Summer, this great work was specially named as one of prime importance. The Board will make a report on this subject at Nashville that, we are sure, will command the enthusiastic endorsement of the Convention.

Secretary Gray and Dr. John F. Purser spent several days in New Orleans last month looking into the Board's work in that great city. The brethren there are working heroically and looking longingly for enlarged help from the Home Board. But the Board can help only as the brethren give the men and money for reinforcements. New Orleans is the great city of the South and is destined to be much larger in the future. Our Board ought to spend \$25,000 a year for ten years to come in that great center. Think of it, three hundred and twenty-five thousand people and only 30 members in the white Baptist churches! Ye Baptists of the South, shame on you for neglecting this strategic center! Rise up and do your duty yonder in New Orleans!

The work of the Home Mission Board for the year 1903-4 has closed. We have every reason to be grateful to God for His abundant blessings. The laborers have reaped a glorious harvest; many new Churches, soon to become sources of power, have been constituted; numbers of Church homes have been built; mission Churches

have come to self-support and aggressive work; the spirit of benevolence has made a marked advance; a juster conception of all-round missions at home and abroad has come to a large number of brethren and Churches and the *oneness* of our work as a denomination, each part helping the rest, has received generous and inspiring recognition.

The matter of money and collections for our work received less emphasis during the eight months from May to January than ever before for that period, due largely to a change of Secretaries, and yet our contributions are larger than for any previous year of our history. The work has been enlarged, but not half as much as the necessities of the field require.

The Board is grateful for the co-operation of the brethren. It faces the future with large hope and large plans and purposes. This great, glorious Southland, the canaan of Baptists, their fairest earthly possession, must become more and more a chosen field in which God shall display the wonders of His grace and furnish a base of supplies for the conquest of this and all lauds to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. To the consummation of this high and holy task, as God shall help them, and by the co-operation of our great hosts of the South, the Home Mission Board is committed with ardent conviction and pious devotion. May God's favor be upon us in this consecrated endeavor.

## ENLARGED WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

The Home Mission Board in its report to the Convention will present to Southern Baptists a plan of work among the Negroes of the South that will receive hearty endorsement and sympathy from the largest number of those who have been much aroused on the subject of work among the Negroes. It will also enlist enthusiasm among those who have been and still are engaged actually in the good work under the Fortress Monroe Plan. Best of all, it is a plan that will unify and develop the Negro Baptists in the South as no other proposition has succeeded in doing and will stimulate them to greater efforts on their own account than they have ~~yet~~ made.

The Board has moved wisely and quietly to this end. It has discounted its own and other people's theories by discussion and deliberation after thorough practical investigation of the conditions in the South. At the head of the Committee it has placed Dr. John E. White, who was for years engaged actually in the work of personal supervision and participation in the New Era work among the Negroes in North Carolina. It has drawn upon its own experience of half a century in the work and has entered into conference with a wisely selected Commission of Negro Baptist leaders. The plan agreed to, and to be fully



set forth in the Board's report to the Convention, lays out the work immediately to begin on a \$30,000 basis of operation, half of which is to be raised by Negro Baptists. It aims at several distinct ends:

First. To unify existing Negro Baptist bodies and bring them into harmonious working to a great end.

Second.—The plan and spirit of the co-operation is understood by both parties as not in conflict with all proper comity towards the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, whose great field of education among the Negroes of the South is gratefully recognized.

Third. To develop self-support and self-reliance among the Negroes and help them to help themselves in maintaining missionary agencies as far as possible under their own control for the support of Home Missionaries to their own people.

Fourth. To bring about a state of sympathy and Christian brotherliness among Baptists, white and black, in the South, and restore to the Negro the guiding sympathy of the Southern white people.

This work is launched in the name of Christ who lived and died for all.

Delay is wasteful. The Board has not delayed. Hasty and ill considered action would have abused a great opportunity.

The Board has moved under the restraint of its responsibility—to Southern Baptists—to an undertaking, comprehensive and far reaching in plan and purpose, with a clear eye to all the inherent difficulties to be met and overcome. We will not look in vain to the Baptists of the South in every State to stand generously behind the Board in the great enterprises among which the Negro work will be given a definite prominence.

"All those who have been talking and writing against the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should have heard the sound words of Secretary Gray as he spoke not long since to the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He showed that the policy of co-operation which has been attacked is true in the work of the Foreign Board, which all claim to support. For example, in Africa the Foreign Board carries on such work through the missionaries, say, Brethren Lumbley and Smith, until the Churches become self-supporting, and then continues to co-operate through these Churches in reaching the people around them."—*The Baptist Standard*.

#### DANGERS THAT THREATEN.

In a strong plea for support to the Home Mission Board recently made by Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, he said: "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."

The idea thus suggested by Dr. Hatcher is the germ thought developed in a strong chapter in "At Our Own Door" by Dr. S. L. Morris, Secretary of the Presbyterian

General Assembly Home Missions. The introduction of the chapter referred to contains the following carefully considered words of warning:

"Church history has impressed no lesson more forcibly than the fact, that it is easier to evangelize a nation than to maintain the purity of the truth. It is easier to conquer a country for Christ than to hold it for Christ. Where is Jerusalem, the Mother Church? Where is Antioch, that sent out Paul and Barnabas, the first distinctive foreign missionaries? Where is the Church of Asia Minor, that had its Ephesus, Smyrna, Philadelphia, etc.? Where is North Africa, with her great churches of Alexandria, Hippo, etc., that contained in the early days of Christianity a thousand (Presbyterian) bishops? In all the region around the Mediterranean, where Christianity had its earliest and grandest triumphs, in all Bible Lands, Mohammedanism has uprooted Christianity, and from hundreds of minarets and towers 200,000,000 followers of the 'false Prophet' hear the call: 'God is God and there is no God but God, and Mohammed is His prophet.' Geneva, the home of John Calvin, is now the home of Rationalism. The original Presbyterian Church of England is now Unitarian. Many of the largest sections of the once Christian Church are now apostate and anti-Christ."

#### FIELD NOTES.

BY

REV. M. P. HUNT, FIELD SEC.

I am writing these lines from Pawhuska, known as the capital of the Osage Nation. Here are located the Government schools and a number of Government Indian agency officials. It is a beautiful place of some one thousand souls, located on Bird Creek. The Indian schools have some hundred and fifty pupils. A Catholic Convent for Indian girls is also maintained. The girls' matron at the Government school is Catholic, and she succeeds in making Catholics of most of the girls entrusted to her care.

Sister Laura E. Tucker, a member of our Baptist Church, keeps a private school and is only able to admit about half of the applicants. Baptists here are very weak. The Church was organized some five years ago but has never had a settled pastor until a year ago last January, when Rev. C. W. Burnett settled among them. The Church has eighteen members, fourteen of whom are resident and five of whom are males.

When pastor Burnett began to talk building his people discouraged him. He wisely persevered and to-day we have a splendid house of worship costing some \$2,000 and all paid for. This was made possible by a gift of \$500 from the Home Board. It was mine on yesterday to preach the dedicatory sermon and to help them to provide the \$400 necessary to meet all obligations. It was indeed a bright day for pastor and people and they look hopefully to the future. State Evangelist, J. A. Scott, is now with the Church in a good meeting.

The M. K. T. R. R. have a survey for a line through Pawhuska and a town site bill now before Congress promises soon to become a law, both of which will greatly redound to the rapid development of the place. One member of our little Church, Ben Strika-Ope, is a full-blood Osage. There are some 1800 Osages about half of whom are full-bloods. One's opinion of the Indians is not enriched by close touch. Many that go off to Haskell and Carlisle schools and graduate come back, put on the blanket and lead a shiftless life. They are much given to gambling, dancing and drinking.

In our Sunday School we have some nine Indian boys from the Government school. Baptists have wisely erected their Church house with a view

to a school. It has three rooms, all of which can be thrown into one when required, and two of which are designed for school use. It is proposed to open a school next Fall and the patronage promises to be all that can be cared for. This will greatly serve to the advancement of baptist interests.

#### Indian Territory.

At South McAlester on March 29-31 was held a great workers' conference which had an attendance of from fifty to seventy five workers and pastors. The spirit of the conference was fine and the enthusiasm was at high tide. Among the visitors from a distance were Dr. E. E. Chivers of New York, Dr. N. B. Raiden of Omaha, Neb., Rev. J. H. Franklin of Muskogee, all of the Home Mission Society of New York; Dr. T. J. Walne of the Publication Society with his headquarters at Dallas, Texas, and Rev. R. M. Inlow of Nevada, Mo., Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville. A motion suggesting to the Churches that henceforth all offerings for Missions and Bible work be equally divided between the Boards of the Northern Ununiversaries and of the Southern Baptist Convention was unanimously adopted. This move, I am sure, means much for the advancement of the cause.

An all day session of the Territorial Mission Board on the 21st accomplished much work. Applications for help to the amount of more than \$5,000 were made, but alas, there was available for the appropriations less than half of this amount. Hence many were doomed to disappointment. Territorial Secretary J. C. Stalcup had a good report and is making a most efficient servant of the Board.

#### Oklahoma.

The Territorial Board held its quarterly meeting in the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, April 1st, and had a busy session of fifteen hours. C. W. Brewer, who was temporarily called from his law practice to succeed the lamented L. L. Smith, came up with a report in every way gratifying. He has pre-eminently proven himself the man for the place and was unanimously continued as Secretary. Here again applications for help to the amount of \$5,000 were in hand while only some \$3,000 was available for appropriation.

Rev. J. M. Newman was named as District Missionary for North-West Oklahoma. Rev. J. A. Scott of Washington Ave. Church, Oklahoma City, was elected State evangelist to labor under the direction of Secretary Brewer. The work in general is prosperous and the outlook hopeful.

#### Arkansas.

A Sunday at the Second Church, Little Rock, was greatly enjoyed. It was a bad, cold, rainy day and some thought it would be wise, owing to the small attendance and the absence of many of the large givers, not to attempt the annual offering for Home Missions. However, a start was made and in a little time some \$350 was pledged which will be increased to equal the offering of \$600 of last year.

Jonesboro, Dr. S. A. Smith, Pastor, gave us a large hearing and an offering of \$500 for Home and Foreign Missions, which is a hundred per cent gain. Deacon P. C. Barton, a brother of Dr. A. J. led in the spirit of liberal giving.

Pine Bluff—Rev. Ross Moore is the popular young pastor. This Church takes quarterly offerings for missions which is divided according to a plan of their own. The first Sunday in January the Church gave for the quarter \$115 and the pastor sets his stakes for \$500 for the April offering and he and his people were happy in the realization of his hopes. It has been a joy to meet and try to help the pastors in their work. Arkansas has many strong churches well supplied with strong aggressive pastors.



## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

By the courtesy of the Home Mission Board, space has been offered the Sunday School Board to set forth briefly its present status and work. It is not singular that such an interchange of courtesies should take place between these two Boards, for this but emphasizes the fact that each Board is but one part of a great work, the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, that which concerns one concerns all. Furthermore the interests of the Home Board and Sunday School Board are closely united on many of the fields. We do a common work and seek together to win co-operation.

Nor must it be forgotten that for a long period the periodicals which have been so profitable to the work of the Sunday School Board were developed and cared for by the Home Board. The immediate success of the Sunday School Board after its organization in 1891, was due to the fact that a well established and a profitable patronage was handed to by the Home Board. It is no wonder that from the first a cordial friendship and co-operation has existed.

### The Board's History.

The Sunday School Board has now been in existence for thirteen years. Its receipts the first year were \$19,574.83, its receipts this year will be about \$110,000.00. Its assets in 1891 were nothing; its assets now are about \$125,000.00. Then seven periodicals were published, now we issue twelve, and all of these in an enlarged form. In 1891 the Board had no abiding place; now we have a most beautiful and commanding building giving us one of the most imposing offices in the city. Then the publication of books was discouraged; now it is a generally recognized part of our work. Then no one was doing any general work for bettering the condition of our Sunday Schools; now we have four men giving their whole time as field workers. These will indicate some of the great gains made by the Board since its organization in 1891.

### The Board's Periodicals.

It was in 1886 that the Home Board to which the Kind Words paper had been committed, planned with the consent of the Convention to issue a graded series of periodicals using the International Lessons. A Teacher and three quarterlies, the Primary Intermediate and Advanced; with Kind Words as a weekly and also semi-monthly and monthly editions.

These were transferred to the Sunday School Board in 1891-2. Since then a new quarterly, the Bible Class Quarterly for adult classes, a B. Y. P. U. Quarterly for use in the Young people's meetings, the Child's Gem and Baptist Boys and Girls, two monthly papers have been added to the list, besides the Lesson Leaflets which are reprints of the quarterlies.

All of the periodicals have been enlarged and improved. Kind Words for example has been made an eight-page paper of much larger size and in every way up to date. This paper in 1891 required only one original contribution or story each week; now each issue will average nearly a dozen original stories and articles, many of them illustrated. The circulation of all these periodicals has been steadily increasing until now about six hundred thousand copies of the quarterlies alone are issued each quarter. It is commonly accepted that the Board's periodicals are equal to the best published and some are superior.

The sale of these periodicals furnishes the means for carrying on the Board's work. This is not unusual, for every denominational publishing interest in this country is dependent upon its sale of Sunday School literature for its strength and largely for its existence. This great power was nearly lost to Southern Baptists, but it was saved in time to

build a great denominational institution at Nashville. When all of the schools in the South shall use the Convention literature, the Board will be strengthened by that much, while the growing wealth and development of the South will bring a constantly increasing business.

This large sale of periodicals is at prices near cost, but the small margin of profit in the aggregate has been large. From the very first, the business of the Board has been profitable, and this is of course increasingly so with each gain in circulation. What has the profit from the business done for us?

### What are we Doing?

1. Of course these returns from the business have paid all the expense of conducting the Board's executive affairs.

2. Large appropriations have been made to enable State Boards to carry on Colportage and Sunday School work, and various enterprises of the Convention have been fostered by cash appropriations, and a lectureship established at the Seminary in Louisville.

3. Three Field Secretaries are maintained, whose services are freely given to hold institutes, Sunday School rallies, Conventions, etc.

4. A building costing \$60,000 in cash has been purchased and equipped, as the permanent headquarters for the business of the Board.

5. A Reserve Fund of some \$30,000 has been accumulated for the future protection and expansion of the work of the Board.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING.

This is but a beginning. Almost indefinite expansion is possible along every line, and now that the Board is firmly established, with ample resources for every emergency, there is no limit to the possibilities for good before the Board.

### Book Publishing & Bible Work.

The Board has two departments which in a sense sustain themselves, although each is of course dependent upon the larger business of publishing periodicals. We are enabled to publish such books as our people need. We have already a growing list of useful and permanently valuable books, some of which have formed a large circulation beyond our own constituency. We are at present engaged in the work of preparing a hymnal which we hope will be serviceable to the churches. It will be a compact, serviceable book, with both new and old hymns, and at a low cost. We are counting this as one of the greatest services the Board has undertaken to render, and we fully believe it will make one of the greatest successes in the Board's history.

The Board also makes donations of Bibles, not only supplying our mission Boards, but to mission points. This is done for both our home and foreign fields. The Home Board is supplied with all the Bibles needed, and the Foreign Board receives such funds as enable it to care for the Bible work abroad. This Bible work is sustained by contribu-

tions from the churches and Sunday Schools. A special Sunday in June is set apart as Bible Day, and all Sunday Schools are urged to send a contribution for this purpose.

### A Welcome to Nashville

The Sunday School Board welcomes the Southern Baptist Convention to Nashville. We recognize that we will be given special attention, and our work scrutinized as never before. We confidently await the coming of our constituency, for we are sure the convention will realize anew, as we have so often done ourselves, how valuable an agency the Sunday School Board is, and how great are its possibilities. We are sure the Convention of 1904 will be the crowning argument for the Sunday School Board, and when it is over all will be of one enthusiastic mind over its prospects and possibilities.

### A FIELD—A MISSIONARY.

**THE FIELD:** Secretary Garland of the State Mission Board of Virginia in an address delivered at Norfolk a few months ago said: "In Dickenson county there are 10,000 people, of whom 603 are professing Christians. This includes Christians of all denominations; Universalists, and Mormons. The Baptists have two Churches and one preacher in this county."

**THE MISSIONARY:** At Clintwood, the county site of Dickenson county, is located Rev. J. B. Thomas, a co-operative missionary of the Home

Mission Board and the States Board of Virginia. A letter from Brother Thomas written on April 22nd gives encouraging information in regard to the success of the work there. He writes:

"We are rejoicing over the greatest revival that has ever been in this county. Fifty-nine young men and women professed faith in Christ, and on last Sunday evening 1 baptized nine. Our Church at this place is greatly revived and strengthened. Brother J. B. Croft, one of the State Evangelists, was with us and did the preaching. The Lord was with us in great power and to Him be all the glory. I know you will rejoice with us."

Rev. J. G. Schlieman, Hennessey, Ohio: We have just closed our first year's work in Hennessey. Of our long and hard fight against sin we can hardly tell you in detail.

A year ago some of the older members had almost given up hope of ever seeing a strong Church here; to-day our hearts are full of gladness and hope. Our resident membership has more than doubled—about three-fourths of the increase being by baptism. During our special meetings lasting five weeks the pastor did most of the preaching. It is the better way. There were about sixty conversions, fifty-nine of these have united, or will unite with our Church.

We have a B. Y. P. U. of thirty-five members who are studying the book of Matthew under the pastor's lead. We have also a Junior Society of twenty-five members that is doing most excellent work.

Financially, the Church has done all that it agreed to do, and something over.

If the crops are good this year we hope to build a parsonage and so get rid of the expense of house rent. With that addition the Church will probably be self-supporting. That is their ambition.

As to the relation of Home Missions to the other Schemes of the Church, if space permitted, it would be an easy task to show that our home mission work is the basis of all other operations; and to develop it is to equip the Church more fully for every phase of her work.—At Our Own Door.



## TO THE HOME FIELD.

DEARLY BELOVED:—I learn that the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth Texas purposes to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its next meeting with them. This gives me occasion to say some things I have wished to say about the forward movements in this church.

The pastor seems to be not only much beloved and to hold his large congregation with ease, but in the Sunday-School a great forward movement for organization and increase of membership has been recently made.

Mr. W. J. O'Connor has taken hold of that work and is making it in every respect an ideal Sunday-School.

The church at Fort Worth seems more inclined than ever before to take the leading position due to it as the head and front in denominational work in North Texas. It bids fair to come as never before a denominational factor and power.

When I visited there recently in the interest of Home

Mission work I found that the collections for Home and Foreign Missions had already been taken but presented the work of the Home Board on Wednesday evening, and the next day in the course of a few hours secured some \$500.00 from some five or six men for the Mission cause. Not content with this the pastor preached a magnificent sermon on Missions again on the next Sunday and some \$400.00 more was given. The entire collection of this church will amount to something like \$1200.00 or \$1,500.00 for the Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is an amount far greater than has ever been given by it before.

The church at Fort Worth is a giant, but a giant that having long been unconscious of its power now awakes and is ready to show to the world the strength that it really has.

Fort Worth is a beautiful, hospitable, typical western city and I hope the brethren all over the field will consider its claims and vote that the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention be held at Fort Worth Texas.

Praternally yours,  
B. H. CARROLL JR.

## HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES AT NASHVILLE.

(Continued from first page.)

Mrs. M. Hudson, North High, No. 137, lodge 8, 50 cents each.

Mrs. L. Linck' 222 North High street, board and lodge 10 at \$1.00.

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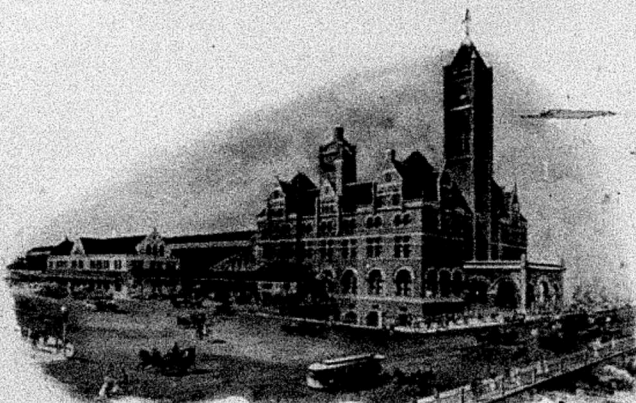
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Quite a number of other houses will be at our disposal later.

Correspondence should be made with the General Committee, 710 Church street, Nashville, Tenn., to avoid confusion of reduplication of engagements.

Boarding House and Hotel Committees will be found at First Baptist Church Chapel, from Wednesday May 11, three blocks from Terminal Station on Broad St. going East.



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ATLANTA, GA., April 26th, 1904.

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## OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. J. W. Rankin, Ralston, Okla: Had a good day yesterday (Sunday) baptized five; observed the Lord's Supper; Home Mission collection \$4.25; interest growing in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. We have a wicked town but the word of God will prevail. Have 34 members, all very poor. Am hoping to raise \$100.00 for Missions this year. Six months are gone and we have \$47.13 of the desired amount. Have put in most of my time here since coming in October. The Church has just about doubled in resident members. We have lathed and plastered meeting house; organized a B. Y. P. U., and the Church has voted that we would build a pastor's home. Eight of us in family. Have had a struggle here but the oil has never run entirely out. If we were not afraid of the great fish we might run away. We get very blue and cry, but there is so much to do, before we know it we are at work and, of course, you know the effect.

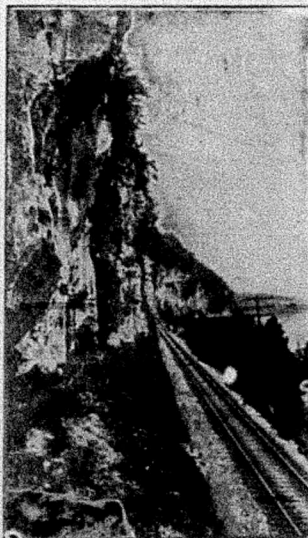
Rev. M. A. Wilson, Norton, Va.: Three years ago last July we organized a little Baptist Church at Norton, Va., with seven or eight members—I believe with four men and four women. In a few months my best brother was shot down in cold blood on the Street. His death was a great loss to us. He was a lawyer and one of the most influential men of the town. We had no house of our own, but the Presbyterians gave us the use of theirs one Sunday in the month, but our hands were tired, our growth was slow. I determined, the Lord helping, that we would build a house, but the little Church said we could not, that we never could pay for it, and two of our own sisters said that they would not help, that it was an undertaking beyond our ability that it was foolish to begin. But I left it all to the Lord and went to work. Every body was ready to help then; our sisters said that it can be done and we will go to work. To-day we have

a beautiful house of worship that has cost us nearly \$3000 and a membership of over 35, and 105 in our Sunday School. During the year we have raised over \$1,000 on our building; \$56.00 for Missions; and \$125 on pastor's salary. It is the most wide-awake Baptist Church in all this section. The town is growing fast. This is a very important point. In twelve months or two years this will be the strongest Church in all this country.

The first Sunday in May we will dedicate and pay out of debt. God has done great things for us, we are glad.

Now my brother let me say, that I must give up this field. It is too cold for me in winter. Just as soon as the house is paid for I want to give it up. This is the sixteenth house of worship I have built—fifteen

are paid for and this soon will be. We want a strong young man to take the field—it is of great promise. I have agreed to stay until July. I have been a missionary all of my ministerial life, can do as much preaching as ever in my life.



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## MATANZAS BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. J. V. COVA.

Established May 12, 1899, with five members, J. V. Cova, Mrs. J. V. Cova, Miss Pura E. Cova, Mr. J. M. Cova and Mrs. Nieves Perez, all of whom proceeded from the Cuban Baptist Mission of Tampa, Fla., where Mr. Cova had been working during the period of the war by appointment of the H. M. Board. On closing the first year of this work at Matanzas, the little church numbered 35 members, all of whom had come through baptism. On the following year the church moved from the small hall in which it was started to a larger house, with a capacity for 280 persons, where it has remained since then. During this time it has been growing in credit and interest with the people, specially due to the care with which candidates are received, because of not introducing unprincipled elements, and avoiding false conversions. In the last four years, the church has excluded from fellowship five members, on account of unchristian conduct, and has dismissed by letter seven persons who have gone to other places. Its actual membership being 81.

**Public Services:** They are held in the following way: Sunday School every Sabbath day at 9 a. m. Morning services on same days at 10 a. m. Evening services on same days at 7:30 p. m.

**Prayer-meeting** every Wednesday night at 7:30. B. Y. P. U. meeting Friday nights. Meeting at the Pio street station, Tuesday nights. Communion services, every first Sunday in the month.

Business meeting, every first Wednesday night in the month.

**Officers:** Pastor, J. V. Cova, and four deacons, a treasurer, a collector, a secretary, six S. S. teachers, officers of the B. Y. P. U. and President and Secretary of the Ladies Missionary Society. President and officers of the Temperance branch.

**Contributions:** Special care has been taken in not pressing too much money matters among this people, since the exacting demands of the Church of Rome has been the most conspicuous cause of disgust with her, and care has been taken to avoid any suspicion that the Baptist Mission came in the same grasping spirit. Notwithstanding this, a voluntary collection is made every month, amounting to some \$12.00, which is dedicated to pay lights, water service for church and school, Sunday School, premiums and periodicals-day-school supplies, cleaning of mission house, etc.

Besides this, the church has bought everything she has needed for comfort and embellishment in the house of worship. Carpets, some more seats, school desks, books, tracts, hymnals, etc.

**The Day School:** This is a true missionary school, where an elaborated Bible Class is given every day, being the Scriptures placed into the hands of every pupil. This mission school has produced the conversion of above a dozen young people, being some of them a real help for the work, not only by serving at church, choir, etc., but for the power and influence they have proven to be at their homes and at the community at large. The larger number of the members of this school are children of unconverted parents, who are reached by the gospel through the agency of their sons and daughters. The Day-School has 52 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of 45. The number is not larger on account of my inability to supply it with more teachers, and with more attractions than it has at present, to make it more popular and interesting.

## Actual Needs.

**For the Church:** A good suitable house of worship on a central location of the City, capable of holding 500 people at least, with proper furniture, bell, a good organ, etc. And (under suggestion of Dr. Gray and Judge Hilyer) two small wooden chapels in the large suburban districts of the city, where thousands of poor people are living.

**The Day School Needs:** Another teacher at the rate of at least \$15.00 a month, for being in condition of receiving more children and caring for them better, since a single teacher cannot possibly attend the three degrees of primary education, in which the Cuban School regulations have divided public instruction.

It needs besides, for a single time, an appropriation of some \$50.00, for acquiring better school material than it has now, and some which it is wanting, as more desks, maps, drawing material, etc.

## OUR CITIES.

BY F. C. MCCONNELL.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention is confronting a grave situation in several cities. Beginning with Baltimore in the East and ending with Kansas City in the West, the territory of the convention contains five cities—Baltimore, St. Louis, New Orleans, Memphis, Kansas City—that should become objects of immediate and deep concern to all our people. Richmond, Louisville, Atlanta, Nashville, Dallas are five other cities which have an average of twenty white Baptist churches each, while these five first mentioned cities have not more than an average of ten white Baptist churches each. When you put the population of the first five over against the population of the second the contrast becomes alarming. The cities named which have twenty churches each have an aggregate population of six hundred thousand, while the cities named which have only an

average of ten churches each have an aggregate population of 1,675,000. St. Louis has more people than all the five mentioned cities put together. Baltimore has nearly as many people as all these five combined. New Orleans has half as many as all of them, or, as many people as Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas all put together. It is asked, are not three of these greater cities Catholic strongholds? Indeed they are, and so are Cuba, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. Kansas City and St. Louis are emporiums of isms. What under the sun has originated in the brain of restless humanity or the sophistry of the wicked one, that has not found shelter in these young athletic cities. See how those greater cities are situated to the territory of the convention. Baltimore on the east, St. Louis and Kansas City on the west and Memphis and New Orleans in the center. If the enemy of Baptist supremacy in this south country hasn't planted his forces well for his purpose I should like to see the general who could do it better. Five hundred and twenty-five thousand in Baltimore head the army of the East. More than eight hundred thousand in St. Louis and Kansas City lead on the army of the West. Nearly three hundred thousand in Memphis and New Orleans make a bulwark in the center. How will this situation be changed? The man who thinks that these cities will handle the situation themselves is as wide of the mark as it is possible to get.

The only hope lies in the concentrated effort of the denomination. The few noble churches in the great centers are loaded to the water's edge already, and they are not half able to meet the demands upon them.

In every one of these cities there are struggling interests appealing to the stronger churches for help and they do not appeal in vain. For example. The City Mission Board of Kansas City has on hand at this writing four new interests besides the aid given to the German and the Swedish churches.

It requires money in large sums to plant churches in the cities and the surest hope we have is the intelligent co-operation of the denomination through the Home Mission Board. It will not do for us to neglect these great centers. They influence the country. The failure to evangelize and develop these cities would cripple our denomination in all the enterprises we foster. Our religious papers, our denominational colleges and our country churches (God bless them forever) are all alike immediately and deeply affected by the cities. These cities are not going to be mere spots on our denominational map. They are creative energies sending out to the remotest corners of the country the blighting influence of their Godlessness. Let prayer be made, without ceasing, to God for the power of the Holy spirit upon the men who are called to preach in these larger cities. If ever you have prayed for a foreign missionary, for as great reason pray for the men who are at the storm centers where so much else contends for the attention of the people. Pray God to snatch sinners as brands from the burning, for that is what the Gospel in these cities is doing. Then let liberal money be put into the treasury of the Home Board. Never since Cornwallis's surrender has there been such pressing immediate need for aggressive work as now, and it must not be niggardly. A little here and a little there mocks the crying demand for our day. A great work done now will go on multiplying in usefulness through all the years. Neglect now means lost ground that will be recovered with great difficulty if it ever is recovered.—*The Word and Way.*

Miss Pattie Powell, Hillville, Tenn.:—The paper is vastly improved and never fails to arouse fresh interest in Home Missions.

Mrs. R. W. Whitehurst, Norfolk, Va.:—Before closing let me congratulate you on the great improvement made in your paper. I have added six new names on account of it.



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MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

## A HOME MISSION PRAYER.

From thy broad Atlantic harbors,  
Where the thronging thousands wait,  
To the West, whose sunset glories  
Flood Pacific's "Golden Gate";  
O'er our blooming plains and prairies,  
O'er the mountain summits grand,  
Every breeze the message carries,  
"This shall be Immanuel's land!"

God of Nations! our Defender,  
In the paths of peril trod;  
Through the Centuries our Leader,  
Guide us still, our fathers' God!  
Lead the nation, Holy Spirit,  
Down the ages, strong and free!  
Lead till Shiloh lift His banner,  
And to Him the gathering be.

## THE KEY TO THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

The evangelism of the world is the mission committed to the church. The means by which this may be brought about is the problem to be solved. No single agency will avail.

The commanding officer in time of battle seeks the key to the situation. He masses his army, that with the least expenditure of force and the least loss of life, he may rout the enemy.

America leads in foreign missionary effort, her commercial supremacy is undoubted; her standing among the nations is high; her evangelization would mean the evangelization of the world.

This country will rise or fall as the spirit of evangelization rises or falls, while with the American people on fire with love for God, we can take the world for Christ.

It is Dr. Strong who says: "Both good and evil have a longer leverage in the United States than anywhere else in the world. He does the most to Christianize the world and to hasten the coming of the Kingdom who does the most to make thoroughly Christian the United States. I do not imagine that an Anglo-Saxon is any dearer to God than a Mongolian or an African. My plea is not 'Save America for America's sake,' but, 'Save America for the World's sake.'"—*Presbyterian Home Mission Monthly*.

## THE FOREIGNER IN AMERICA,

The conditions that prevail in this land to-day are without a parallel in history. Never since God started the human race in the earth has there been such a mixing of races or people. They have come from every nation under heaven, and they are coming in unprecedented numbers. All records are being broken. Last year 915,000 came, including those from Canada, more than 500,000 of the total were from Italy, Austria, Hungary and Russia. Large numbers of these are illiterate, and the vast majority of them utterly ignorant of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The incoming of these unchristianized hordes is a serious matter whether looked upon from the standpoint of patriotism or piety. They are a menace to our country. The stream of humanity that flowed down from Northern Europe and destroyed the Roman Empire was a rivulet compared with the stream that is flowing in upon us. The issue

is, evangelization or demoralization. If we do not save them, they will destroy us.

Their coming makes this the greatest mission field on earth, and imposes upon the Christians of this land immense obligations, I believe God is in this movement, and that He is saying to His people: "I am sending the heathen to your very doors. Give them the gospel of my grace."—*S. McBride*.

## ROMAN CATHOLICISM versus IMMIGRATION.

To show how favorable this land is for evangelization, let us remember that the great majority of those coming to us at the present time are professed Roman Catholics. Is the Roman Church keeping pace with this enormous influx of Roman adherents? Many Americans think that Rome is making rapid strides, sweeping all before her in fact. The very reverse is true. An American Catholic writing to the *Berlin Germania*, of the most influential Roman Catholic journals in Europe, laments the "enormous losses" sustained by the Catholic Church in the United States. He says that within the last century, fully 8,000,000 Roman Catholics have emigrated to America, and their descendants must number 24,000,000. And yet the number of Roman Catholics in the United States is only something over 10,000,000. What has become of these 14,000,000? "They are lost to Rome." Contact with American Protestant Christianity has increased their intelligence, and compelled them to leave the fables and superstitions of Romanism; and though multitudes have gone into infidelity or become indifferent, large numbers of them have found their way to God.

Lost to Rome, they ought not to be lost to Christ. He wants to save them. But how can they know, except some one tells them? I would make an earnest plea for the evangelization of these foreigners. I would plead that the petition "God save America" might be oftener heard in our prayer meetings and our homes. I would plead for larger and more liberal gifts to carry on this work, and ask that every disciple of Jesus Christ might through concentrated individual effort during this year lead at least one soul to Jesus Christ.—*S. McBride*.

## HOME MISSION NUGGETS.

Thirty years ago, we had only 63 cities of 3,000 or more in the South, now there are 263.

Nearly 40% of all our population in the South is Negroes. Does Ethiopia stretch forth her hands unto God? What of Ethiopia's sons and daughters on our soil? Is not the God whom they implore, saying to us: "Take ye their hands, lift them into the clear light of an intelligent Christianity; out of the thralldom of sin into the liberty of the Children of God?"

The Frontier Section of our country is characterized by a rapidly increasing population. A little over a decade ago, Oklahoma was known as "No Man's Country." It had then no white inhabitant. Now it has numerous cities, towns and villages, and any number of good railroads. Indian territory also affords great opportunities for mission work, and the churches in both these localities are nobly contributing to Home and Foreign Missions though many are without a house of worship.

A Vital question: How shall we christianize the foreigners before they demoralize our children?

Is there no import on the fact that of China's pagan millions more than a hundred thousand are in this country to-day? Probably a larger number have come, tarried awhile and returned to their native land. Praise God, some have returned bearing to their heathen countrymen the tidings of salvation, but with shame, be it confessed, they are comparatively few. The majority have gone back as they came, pagan idolaters, nothing better, often the worse, for having been among us. What are we now doing for those who remain?

The work of our Home Mission Board S. B. C. includes the mountain regions of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina, having a population of 800,000—a population with its own peculiar problems, crying to Heaven for the uplifting light of the pure gospel of Christ.

God offered Cuba to Southern Baptists. They were slow in possessing the land, and now other denominations are building houses of worship, going forward in every direction. Shall we not speedily rally to the support of the faithful missionaries now on the field, send others and provide the buildings so essential in different localities, outside of Havana?

"Baptists can afford to spend almost any amount upon the South in the next years. There is not a spot on the face of the earth where investment for Christ will yield such quick and such large returns for the world-wide spread of His kingdom. People of God, you have a glorious opportunity. Will you seize it?"—*Dr. Kerfoot*.

## "JESUS TALKS" BY CHRISTIAN INDIANS.

Different as day from night were two great meetings of Oklahoma Territory Indians held last summer—the sun dance, pagan and brutal, in August, and the orderly, elevating Indian Association held in June, when Christian Indians made "Jesus Talks." What manner of men these were is not a matter of doubt. We quote from a few of the Talks.

Toibow said: "Let us while we are here turn our hearts to God. Our Saviour made us this road; He knows it is a good road, but some people do not know that it is a good road. We know for we have taken it."

Chadleigh said: "We are full-blood Indians that meet here. I am not a boy, and I know what is right and wrong; the only way to be saved is to go in the Jesus road. On the Sabbath day we ought to go and hear this word. We like to have our missionaries teach us all we can out of the Bible. We all like what they teach us. The more we learn the more we like it. Let us try to save some souls in this meeting. The Lord knows what we have in our heart, and what we doing in this meeting. I do not have a very good time in this world, because I am almost blind. But I am glad to follow in the Jesus road. This is the only road to be saved."

Little Elk said: "I can't tell what's in my heart. This is the only way. I follow this Jesus road twenty-one years. I believe the Bible is true. I am happy every day."

Taupia said: "My heart feels very good that I stand up and work for Jesus. I have been in the Jesus road two years. I am very happy to see so many people who love Jesus, some Kiowa, Comanche, and Cheyenne. Some of my friends who came with me are not Christians. I want you to pray they may be Christians."

Deacon Bigtree said: "I am going to give my experience for the benefit of Cheyenne, Arapahoes and Comanches. All the Kiowas know how I had been all evil things, but now I am in the good road. Thirty years ago I was so bad I was taken up and put in the penitentiary. When the Bible came before my face I did not go around but I took it. In the first place my wife went in the road and was baptized. I think I go too. If any of you have a wife or husband in this road, you come too. It was just like I had an old garment and took it off, and threw it away. I never go back. I want you head men of these three tribes to come in this road, for it is a good road."

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**ARKANSAS**—W. M. S., Okark, S. D. \$5.00; Mrs. E. D. & Son, Fayetteville, \$10.00; L. A. of Heber, \$1.10; W. M. S., Fayetteville, \$10.00; J. F. Love, Sec., \$50.00. Total \$73.10. Previously reported \$481.43. Total since May, \$557.50.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—1st. B. Ch. Washington, \$5.20. Previously reported, \$250.73. Total since May, \$255.93.

**FLORIDA**—L. D. Geiger, Cor. Sec., \$446.94; Mrs. J. A. McD., Chumuckla, \$5.00; Jasper Ch., \$1.00; Jasper S. S., \$1.00; Jasper W. K. S., \$3.00. Total, \$456.94. Previously reported, \$1029.22. Total since May, \$1512.43.

**GEORGIA**—Mrs. M. H. H., Atlanta for support of missionary, \$500.00; Furrow Lawn Ch., \$14.33; Ellijah, \$4.25; W. M. S. Hiawasse, "special effort", \$6.25; M. S. Dublin, \$22.72; L. A. & M. S. Maryland Ch. week of prayer, 60c; Alley Ch., \$2.50; Salem, \$2.75; Bull Creek, \$1.15; W. M. S. 1st B. Ch. American self-denial, \$20.00; W. M. S. New Liberty, \$5.00; Mrs. M. S. R. McL., College Park for Tichenor Mem., \$20.00; Y. J. Jamerson, Cor. Sec. & Treas., \$1500.00; W. M. U. Poplar Spring, \$4.50; Miss P. S. S. Class, Capitol Ave., Atlanta, \$1.13. Total \$2409.25. Previously reported, \$6906.57. Total since May, \$9309.82.

**INDIAN TERRITORY**—Mrs. P. R., Red Oak, \$10.00; Red Oak Ch., \$2.15; A. C. Tate, \$2.00; Hickory Ch., \$2.00; W. M. S. Woodford, S. D., \$1.00; W. M. S. Caddo, \$5.00; W. M. S. Poteau, \$5.00; W. M. S. McAlester, \$2.00; W. M. S. Weleatka, 50c; Family of Rev. G. L. P., Wurtumka, 50c; W. M. S. Durant, \$8.00; W. M. S. Durant, week of prayer, \$4.00; W. M. S. Moore, week of prayer, \$2.00; Mrs. T. F. C., Claremore, \$1.50; Mrs. P. A. N., Claremore, \$1.00; Mrs. J. M., Claremore, 50c; Mrs. M. C., Choate, S. D., \$2.00; W. M. S., Elk City, S. D., \$5.00; W. M. S. Harshorn, S. D., \$4.10; W. M. S. Lindsay, S. D., \$1.00; 1st B. Ch. Enterprise, \$3.10; W. M. U., Paula Valley, \$2.35. Total \$263.61. Previously reported, \$122.91. Total since May, \$122.92.

**KENTUCKY**—1st. Ch., Henderson \$42.56; 1st B. Ch., Lexington, \$10.00; S. R. T. S., Louisville for lot in Cuba, \$25.00; Portland Ave., Ch., Louisville for Ch. Bld. in San Antonio, Texas, \$13.00; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec., \$27.60; L. A. & M. S., Carrollton, \$7.75. Total \$375.24. Previously reported \$7792.00. Total since May \$8167.24.

**LOUISIANA**—Tichenor Mem., Valence St. Ch. New Orleans, \$10.00; A. M. Hendon, Treas., \$689.12; Tichenor Mem. from L. A. S. of Minden, \$5.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Monroe, week of prayer, \$14.05; A. K. S. New Orleans, \$100.00; L. A. S. Pollock \$3.00; Hebron Ch. \$4.50; Emanuel Hill S. S. \$1.20; Mrs. F. M. B., Bordelonville, \$5.00. Total \$831.57. Previously reported \$1297.50. Total since May \$2039.37.

**MARYLAND**—Eutaw Pl. Ch. Balt., \$70.38; Grace Ch. Balt. \$30.00; 1st B. Ch. Hatgerstown, \$3.58; N. Ave. Ch. Balt., \$20.72; W. B. H. M. S. of Md. as follows: (Tichenor Mem. \$121.50; self-denial \$29.00; German work \$5.00; Cuban work \$1.00; General work \$56.25; German B. C. Balt., \$25.00); Total \$1047.56. Previously reported \$1762.00. Total since May \$2810.54.

**MISSISSIPPI**—Sarepta Ch. \$4.50; Y. L. & M. S. Meridian, week of prayer, \$5.50; W. M. S. Laurel, \$2.50; Immanuel Ch. Meridian, \$15.00; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec. \$612.00; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec. for Tichenor Mem. \$12.00; Elion B. Ch. \$15.30. Total \$694.80. Previously reported \$3114.30. Total since May \$3809.10.

**MISSOURI**—Women of Mo. for Miss Brauham 25 cents; A. W. Payne, Treas., \$261.64. Total \$261.64. Previously reported \$9155.08. Total since May \$9416.97.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Red Mountain Ch. \$10.00; Henrietta Ch. \$3.35; Total \$13.35. Previously reported \$252.94. Total since May \$4072.94.

**OKLAHOMA**—W. M. S. Brewster, \$1.00; Moore Ch. \$4.00; Salem \$6.50; W. M. S. New Ark \$1.00; W. M. S. Elk City, S. D., \$5.00; Baker Ch. \$2.13; Mrs. S. H. Sumter, \$1.00; Washington Ave. Ch. Oklahoma City, \$5.00; Bristol Ch. \$2.50; W. M. S. Rocky, S. D. \$7.25; W. M. S. Norman, \$1.30; Total \$45.23. Previously reported \$129.78. Total since May \$175.07.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—North B. Ch. \$4.13; Evergreen, \$1.50; Harmony, \$8.00; Bethel \$7.20; L. A. & M. S., Edgefield \$4.00; Edgefield Ch. \$18.65; Mt. Carmel \$2.65; Willington Sta., 50 cents; and B. Ch. Easley, \$1.36; Little River \$3.92; 1st B. Ch. Sumter, \$15.77; 1st B. Ch. Sumter, S. D. \$5.30; N. Greenville Asso. \$5.53; B. P. T., Dorn \$5.00; Piedmont Ch. \$30.50; 1st B. Ch. Camden 50c; White Plains \$1.00; Sardis \$2.72; Padgett's Crk. \$20.00; Mt. Zion, \$5.40; Backlings, \$5.00; Jonesville, \$3.35; Pine Forest, \$2.00; McCormick \$5.80; E. S. Bartlett \$5.00; S. S. Sander \$30.00; Lake City Ch. \$2.55; Double Branch \$2.51; Calvary, \$1.70; Richland Sprg., S. S. 50 cents; Leesville Ch. \$6.00; Bethel, \$7.65; Pine Grove, \$1.50; Bethel Ch. \$2.00; Black Swamp, \$20.00; Van-chuse, \$4.00; Ghent's Branch \$3.00; Darlington \$6.94; Crooked Run, \$2.65; Green St. Ch. Spartanburg, \$18.00; Enoree, \$4.00; Sally Ch. \$2.17; Mt. Carmel Ch. \$1.00; Mt. Carmel S. S. \$1.00; Mt. Olive Ch. 51 cents; Baboo Crk. \$7.51; Highland Home \$1.02; New Prospect \$2.28; 1st Ch. Laurens \$53.90; Boiling Spring \$23.31; Cent. Com. W. M. S. by Mrs. John Stout as follows: (Tichenor Mem. \$34.00; Special thanksgiving offering \$392.80; General fund, \$238.30); Antioch 60 cents; Mt. Tabor \$1.00; Mt. Zion \$1.12; Rose Hill \$2.43; Carterville \$2.00; Swansea \$6.00; New Brookland \$6.10; Edgefield, \$44.50; Bethany, \$5.00; Cross Hill, \$2.00; Conway \$12.48; Santee \$7.53; Doctor's Crk., \$2.16; Hebron, \$3.55; Brushy Fork, \$1.15; Lamar \$1.85; Freeborn \$1.70. Total \$1163.12. Previously reported \$3891.38. Total since May \$5054.78.

**TENNESSEE**—Union Ridge Ch. \$2.00; Estate of Mrs. M. McAllister, \$412.10; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., self-denial, \$14.35; W. M. Woodstock, Treas. for Tichenor Mem. \$20.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$202.41; Mt. Pella \$5.30; Tichenor Mem. from Mrs. W. H. S., Memphis, \$1.50. Total \$1156.06. Previously reported \$3330.52. Total since May \$4486.58.

**TEXAS**—Rev. R. D. H. and wife, Rising Star, \$5.00; Mexican Bap. Ch. Gonzales, \$4.00; Brandon Ch. \$5.35; Mrs. See A. Dollar, \$5.00; Bethel Ch. \$4.00; Friendship, \$2.75; L. A. & M. S. Gonzales, week of prayer and self-denial \$22.10; Bonanza, Gonzales, \$1.00; J. B. Gambrell, Supt. for Tichenor Mem. \$175.34; J. B. Gambrell, Supt. \$483.15. Total \$699.91. Previously reported \$1446.20. Total since May \$2045.20.

**VIRGINIA**—R. A. Jacob, Treas., \$1150.00. Previously reported \$6097.21. Total since May \$7247.21.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Previously reported \$240.72.

**AGGREGATE**—\$33,879.60. Previously reported \$50,705.05. Total since May \$84,584.65.

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**ALABAMA**—W. M. S. LaFayette, \$70.50; W. M. S. Demopolis, \$25.00; W. M. S. Newbern \$37.43; W. M. S. Adams St. Mont. \$50.00; Willing Workers, Adams St. Mont. Cont. \$10.00; W. M. S. Dothan, \$64.85; W. M. S. Jacksonville, \$75.00; W. M. S. Pratt City, \$130.00; W. M. S. Gadsden, \$14.10; W. M. S. Bessemer, \$20.75; W. M. S. Onyches, \$75.54; W. M. S. Elyse, \$51.00; Jackson Girls, Marion, \$121.75; W. M. S. Thomasville, \$12.00; W. M. S. Palmetto St. Ch. Mobile, \$50.00; W. M. S. Columbia, Cont., \$22.20. Total \$899.34. Previously reported, \$2326.35. Total since May \$3325.69.

**ARKANSAS**—W. M. S. Akadeplia, \$165.55; W. M. S. Hot Springs, \$68; W. M. S. Camden, \$73.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Little Rock, \$30; W. M. S. Immanuel Ch. Little Rock, \$64; Y. P. Pine Bluff, \$39; W. M. S. Pine Bluff, \$41.45; Band of Second Little Rock, \$28.33. Total \$606.63. Previously reported \$241.45. Total since May \$848.08.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—W. M. S. Brookland, \$50.00. Previously reported \$323.27. Total since May \$373.27.

**FLORIDA**—W. M. S. Lemon City, \$27.00. Previously reported \$390.00. Total since May, \$417.00.

**GEORGIA**—W. M. S. Louisville, \$200.00; Francis Chiles Soc. Madison, \$26.50; Y. L. S., Madison, \$70.00; W. M. S. Powelton, \$70.00; W. M. S. Plessa Ch. Atlanta, \$114.00; W. M. S. Pleasant Grove Ch. Union, \$20.00; W. M. S. Eatonton, \$21.50; W. M. S. Thomasville, \$115.00; W. M. S. Stillmore, \$133.00; W. M. S. Griffin, \$66.00; W. M. S. Guyton, \$90; W. M. S. Valdosta, \$38.35. Total \$982.35. Previously reported \$4819.97. Total since May \$5802.32.

**KENTUCKY**—W. M. S. Henderson, \$12.92. Previously reported \$5281.33. Total since May \$5294.25.

**LOUISIANA**—Previously reported \$761.70.

**MARYLAND**—W. M. S. 7th Ch. Balt., Cont., \$15.00; W. M. S. Waverly Ch. Baltimore, \$20. Total \$93.00. Previously reported \$1292.32. Total since May \$3287.32.

**MISSISSIPPI**—Sunbeam, Canton, \$40.00; W. M. S. Florence, \$25.00; Hermanville, \$25.00; Total \$90.00. Previously reported \$2095.00. Total since May \$2185.00.

**MISSOURI**—W. M. S. Mexico \$40.00; Junior Union, Paris, \$25.00; W. M. B. Grace Ch. Monroe City, \$85.00; W. M. S. Bales Ch. Kansas City \$37.65; W. M. S. Fulton, \$85.00; W. M. S. Mobley, \$40.00; Wm. Jewell W. M. S. Kansas City, \$20.00; W. M. S. Palmyra, \$20.00. Total \$302.65. Previously reported \$1387.33. Total since May \$1690.04.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—Previously reported \$2406.54.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—W. M. S. Cen. Ch. Greenville, \$50.00; Previously reported \$1180.54. Total since May \$1230.54.

**TENNESSEE**—W. M. S. Winchester \$22.00; W. M. S. Union Ch. Tenn. Asso. \$17.15; W. M. S. Central Ch. Memphis, \$50.00; W. M. S. Palestine Concord Asso. \$15.00; W. M. S. Bellevue Ave. Ch. Memphis, \$40.00. Total \$134.15. Previously reported \$2927.12. Total since May \$3061.27.

**TEXAS**—Previously reported \$100.

**VIRGINIA**—W. M. S. 1st Ch. Petersburg, \$3.80; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Richmond, \$150.00; W. M. S. Hickford Ch. Portsmouth Asso. \$50.00; W. M. S. Pocahontas \$40.75; W. M. S. Barnwell, W. V. \$62.00; W. M. S. Salem \$100; W. M. S. Dunnsville, \$36.75; Francis Russell M. S. Warrenton, \$60.00; W. M. S. Calvary Ch. Richmond, \$102.07. Total \$694.97. Previously reported \$4377.90. Total since May \$5072.87.

**AGGREGATE** No. boxes and cont. 67. Previously reported 421. Total since May 488. Value boxes and Cont. \$4050.06. Previously reported \$32,610.27. Total since May \$36,660.33.

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