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## BEGINNING AT HOME.

REV. WM. WISTAR HAMILTON, TH. D.

Foreign mission zeal has in it one danger, and we need to ask the question of ourselves constantly, "am I forgetting myself, my home, my church, my own land?" Some people are more kind to strangers than to their own loved ones. Missions is a necessity, for it grows out of the nature of God, of Christianity, of the Christian, of the world, but the light which shines farthest will shine brightest nearest home.

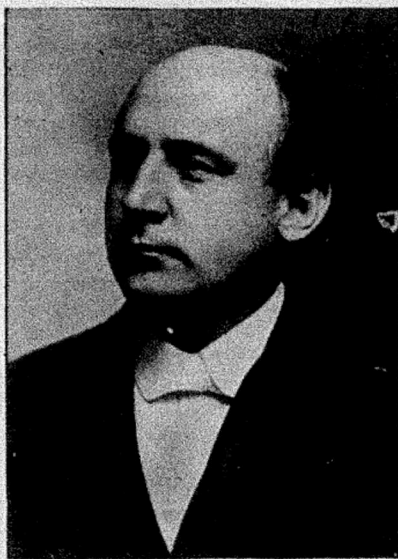
Beginning at home is the God ordained method. The disciples were to begin at Jerusalem, to begin with their own nation, and there is always an especial obligation upon us for those nearest to us. My own home, my own church, my own class, my own circle, my own city, and state and nation, these must not be neglected. If we build not the battlements around our own housetop, then are we guilty of the blood of those destroyed (Duet. 22:8). Beginning at home sweetens my own life, for it gives me the privilege of being helpful; and this is one of God's greatest blessings to man. A young man who was unusually happy at his conversion in my study, came to me the night he led a soul to Christ, and he said he did not know which was the greater joy, to be saved himself or to help another find Christ.

Those at home are lost if not in Christ as much as are those in foreign lands. It is not the continent, or the 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 grave problems before us. Shall the Redoubt live? It is now in an agony over undigested immigration, commercial prosperity, and social problems. The social problem, capital and labor, expansion, municipal rottenness, official fraud and dishonesty, are only a few of the diseases which need a gospel cure. There is a balm in Gilead for them, and self-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 1901 from Italy, Russia, and Hungary? These people must be assimilated, civilized, Americanized, Christianized, or our land will be heathenized. Beginning at home is also essential to continuing on the foreign field. Home Missions has one danger, and that is that we will neglect those far away.

We must not neglect the base of supplies, for from our own land is to come the means and the men for work in heathen lands. A little mountain church which was established a few years ago at Bluefield by the Virginia State Board is now leading the churches of the General Association in

its per capita gifts to missions. The Home Board is criticised for "not doing so much money in Texas" a few years ago, but Texas last year went ahead of every other State in foreign mission gifts, and seems destined to take the lead in the Convention's gifts to all other States. And then this does not include the greater gifts of men for the foreign work and for home work.

Yes, beginning at home is the way to help on the great final consummation of God's kingdom on earth. The older we grow the more anxious we become to do something permanent, but no structure can be abiding which rests upon a poor foundation. Our own hearts and homes and nation must be dedicated to God if our work for the world is to be helpful and abiding.



REV. A. J. BARTON, D. D.  
Recently appointed by the Home Mission Board  
Field Secretary and Superintendent of  
work among the Negroes.

What we do must be done quickly. Our day and our opportunity will soon have drifted by us. So let us not only begin at home, but begin now and here. Ours is no fool's errand. We are the subjects of no failing sovereign and are engaged in no uncertain conflict. We are set not simply for the emancipation of the Negro from commercial slavery, nor for the release of Cuba from national tyranny, nor for loosing the Philippines from intellectual bondage; but ours is a holy war for the redemption of our race from the thrallhold of sin. "We are laborers together with God."

The Baptist Argus.

## HOME FOR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN.

The Corresponding Secretary Womans Missionary Union, during the session of the annual meeting Friday, May 13th, reported a large gift made by unknown donor, who desired to be known only as a "Christian Mother". She gives the sum of \$10,000 for a Home for the children of missionaries (Home and Foreign), asking that between six and seven thousand (\$6,000 and \$7,000) dollars

be used for the purchase of property, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to put it in thorough repair and in sanitary condition, and the remainder for furnishing, if Woman's Missionary Union would take charge and support same. As a model for the Home the donor suggests that the one at Newton Center, Massachusetts, be considered.

The announcement was received with enthusiasm as only one other woman has ever made the Union so large a contribution and she gave eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) on the annuity plan to the three Boards, Home, Foreign and Sunday School. Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Texas offered a motion that the gift be gratefully accepted and that a committee be appointed to report on plans at the final session of the Union.

The Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of a gift to the Woman's Missionary Union, Aux. S. B. C., of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing and establishing a Home for the use of the children of the missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards, S. B. C., and for the temporary use, when desired, of missionaries when visiting the home-land recommend:

[1]. That the Woman's Missionary Union elect an advisory Board, consisting of one member from each state, territory and district represented in W. M. U.

[2]. That the Advisory Board be authorized to appoint a Local Board, who with the Advisory Board shall constitute a Board of Management; and while the Home shall always be under the ultimate control of W. M. U., yet the W. M. U. shall vest its power of authority for the management of the Home, in this Board of Management, which shall make full and complete annual reports of its workings, and the affairs of the Home, to the W. M. U. at the yearly meetings of the W. M. U.

[3]. Your Committee recommend the following names as an Advisory Board.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Baltimore, Md. Chairman.  
Mrs. Florence Harris, Montgomery, Ala.  
Mrs. E. Longley, Little Rock, Ark.  
Mrs. C. F. Wimbigler, Washington, D. C.  
Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Pensacola, Fla.  
Mrs. A. J. Orme, Sr., Atlanta, Ga.  
Mrs. T. C. Carleton, Muskogee, Ind. Ter.  
Mrs. B. F. Proctor, Bowling Green, Ky.  
Mrs. W. F. Dillon, Shreveport, La.  
Mrs. W. R. Woods, Meridian, Miss.  
Mrs. M. J. Breaker, St. Louis, Mo.  
Miss F. E. S. Heck, Raleigh, N. C.  
Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Mrs. J. H. Chapman, Anderson, S. C.  
Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, Nashville, Tenn.  
Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Dallas, Tex.  
Mrs. C. S. Gardner, Richmond, Va.  
Mrs. J. A. Barker, Clifton Forge, Va. Ex. Office.

[4]. That the power to fill all vacancies on the Advisory Board and the Local Board be given to a Committee of two consisting of the President W. M. U., Mrs. J. A. Barker, and the Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. W. Armstrong, for this year.

[5]. That the Advisory Board be empowered to take all necessary steps for, and receive this magnificent gift, to the W. M. U.; select name and location; purchase property; appoint Local Board; form Board of Management; furnish and prepare Home for reception of inmates; make rules and regulations for internal control; and take steps to secure means for support of this Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie W. Armstrong, Mrs. J. A. Barker,  
Mrs. J. H. Chapman, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell,  
Mrs. A. J. Orme, Sr. Mrs. W. D. Chipley.

The report was unanimously adopted.

In addition it was decided that the matter of location be referred to a Committee of three, who shall give notice in Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field that application for location of home will be received by this Committee till August 1st, when location will be decided by Committee.

Said Committee was made to consist of Miss A. W. Armstrong, Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Barker, and the donor of the gift.

Other decisions in reference to the home were made which will be given later, but it is desirable to emphasize the time for applications from any locality that may desire the home from now till August 1st. With the application will the parties state fully the advantages to be secured in the special choice and what offer can be made towards the maintenance of the home.

Annie W. Armstrong, Chairman.



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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Southern Baptist Convention was great. The brethren were there and the Lord was there. "Enlargement" was the watchword.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell called it the Emancipation Convention. We were emancipated from littleness, narrowness, oneness. We move out into the open sea of opportunity.

A great, serious purpose to hasten the coming of the kingdom was manifest at all the meetings. It was a business Convention with spiritual uplift and heavenly communion.

The Seminary had its greatest day in the history of the Convention. The Sunday School Board made its greatest report. The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board had their crowning day. A fresh stamp of divine approval seemed to be on all the work.

In our last issue we expressed the hope that we would close the year out of debt. The brethren came to our help gloriously. The balance is on the right side. Increase over the previous year was \$23,881.81—a gain of 23 per cent! We must have \$200,000 for our work this year.

We send greetings to all the brethren who have spoken so kindly to us about the great advance in our Home Mission work. Surely the Lord and the brethren are with us. We are to greatly enlarge our work this year. We shall need fresh hope and courage if we accomplish all that we contemplate.

The Woman's Missionary Union broke all records and addresses itself with renewed activity to the work of the future. God

bless our noble women. Every part of the work has felt the touch of their consecrated labors. May they reach the \$50,000 in cash for Home Missions this year.

Attention is called to the Communication from Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Cor. Sec'y W. M. U. in this issue, inviting proposals for the location of proposed Home for Missionaries' Children. This is an important enterprise, and it is gratifying to know of its nearness to realization.

A new impetus was given to our work in the cities during the Convention. New Orleans and Memphis piteously clamored for large help. The Home Board could wisely spend all we received last year in New Orleans and Memphis! Then there are Galveston, Pensacola, El Paso, St. Louis, Baltimore, and—scores of smaller cities where we must help!

Rev. C. C. Carroll of Calvert, Texas, son of Dr. B. H. Carroll, has been secured for our work in Cuba. He is one of the strong young men of our denomination—cultured, pious, consecrated. He will be located in Havana and will add great strength to our working force there. Bro. C. D. Daniel will hail his coming June 1st with sincere rejoicing. Others are applying for the work in Cuba. God seems just now to be answering the many prayers for men for the Cuban work. Now let us have the money for their support.

The Board will at once undertake work in Panama. That is to be a most important part of the globe. The commerce of the nations will go through the great Isthmian Canal. In comparison with it the Suez Canal pales into insignificance. We must hasten there with the Gospel. One of our noblest and most consecrated and cultured young pastors has offered himself for that work. We shall need others.

Rev. M. P. Hunt, Field Secretary of the three Boards for the Western Territory, is making things move. He has secured a firm grip on his work and the work has mightily gripped him. He is unable to answer half the calls for his services. Robust in body, vigorous in speech, devout of heart and filled with consuming zeal for the great cause, he comes to the kingdom for such a time as this. A few years hence and that great Western territory will loom up into mighty proportions. Now is our opportunity.

We wish we could accept all the urgent invitations we have to go and speak for brethren on Home Mission. It is utterly impossible. The brethren must consider the vastness of the field and be considerate in their judgment. We have now twenty-five importunate requests from pastors for an immediate visit. Dear brother Pastors,

we would if we could, but it is a physical impossibility. If you want information, write and we will send you tracts, leaflets, reports, etc. by return mail. Don't wait for the Secretary, though he will come every time he can. Evidently pastors, as never before, are stirred over Home Missions. And well they may be! If the pastors and laymen of our Southern Zion do not bestir themselves for Home Mission the opportunity of the ages will slip by. And how shall we escape the censure of God, of our Lord and Master, if we neglect this supreme opportunity?

The Home Board on May 19th unanimously and enthusiastically elected Dr. A. J. Barton of Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Secretary of the Board. It gives us no little pleasure to announce his acceptance and we are sure the action of the Board will meet the heartiest endorsement or our great Baptist brotherhood. Among other duties, he will have charge of the work among the Negroes.

Dr. Barton is widely known to our Baptist people. For a time he was associated with Dr. Willingham as Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. From that position he went to the State Mission Secretaryship of Arkansas, thence to the editorship of The Baptist Advance which he has made a power for good throughout Arkansas. Dr. Barton comes therefore, to his great work with most excellent training. We doubt if there is a man in all the South better furnished for his special work. He is a trenchant writer, an able debater, a platform speaker of surpassing power, a sound theologian, an instructive and stimulating preacher, a genial friend, and a man of sincere piety and consecration. His coming to the service of the Home Board is regarded by us as a signal manifestation of God's grace and guidance in the great forward movement we have launched for work among the Negroes.

In obedience to instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Board undertook, about five years ago, to enlarge its work in the Mountain Regions. It did not seem practicable at that time to take up this work in all the vast area in which it is so greatly needed, although the Board did seek to secure a suitable man as Superintendent, with the view of a general advance movement. Failing to secure the services of a suitable man, the Board turned its attention to the different States which contain this mountain population and has assisted the work in a limited way in five States. It appeared, however, that while the conditions and needs are practically the same in all the States, North Carolina was better prepared to meet the Board's requirements for a substantial advance movement. She agreed to appoint an assistant to the State Secretary who should have immediate supervision of the work, so the Home Board has been sustaining the work



in North Carolina with an appropriation of something over \$4,000 per year.

Some conception of the importance as well as the satisfactory results of this investment may be had by reading the article on North Carolina Mountains by Rev. A. E. Brown, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, published in this issue.

According to Bro. Brown's statement the mountain region of North Carolina has an area of 5,840 square miles with a population of 225,000 souls, 50,000 of whom are members of Baptist churches. When the Home Board took up this work there was one school operated by Baptists in this whole region, which, with most heroic efforts, could not be kept open regularly. Now there are nine with an enrollment of 2,000 pupils, and property aggregating \$40,000 in value.

These figures are a poor representation of the sacrifices of God's nobility—our brethren of the mountain region. No people on the face of the earth have been moved to more heroic and consecrated sacrifices in modern times. Read and consider all Bro. Brown says.

The same responsibilities and opportunities appeal to Southern Baptists in a number of States. It is the purpose of the Board to seize these opportunities without delay.

#### FACES TO THE FRONT.

BY REV. JNO. E. WHITE, D. D.

In the glow of our great Convention at Nashville which set the seal of its devotion to Home Missions on every action relating to the conduct of the Home Mission Board we face a future tremendous in its inspiration.

The Home Mission Board arises to go forward strengthened and commended by the consecrated loyalty of Southern Baptists as never before in its history. We send to every State and Church and Pastor the greeting of resolve and humble dedication. The field looms large before us, but thank God the power looms great above us and behind us. The men to whom the work is committed, the Secretary, his associates and all the members of the Board are re-covenanted to make greater sacrifices and work harder. We are in the onward sweep of God's will and purpose for our great Convention.

The note of aggression sounded in every throb of the Conventions heart is the music by which the Home Mission Board will march to its conflict of holy endeavor.

We raise these standards:

1. Our cities, swelling with opportunity imperative because we save to-day what may not be saved to-morrow. The principals of Baptists shall rescue them. The Gospel of Christ shall save them. What a task! Let us bend to it. New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Birmingham, Baltimore are calling.

2. The Work among the Negroes of the South.

The Home Mission Board has grappled here for a new epoch. Its plans were approved in the conscience and in the judgment of the Convention. They combine great principals with practical measures. In their hearts Southern Baptists recognize and realize their obligation to our brethren in black who are struggling to the light of a better, a happier and a peaceful day. There is not a man of thought among us who does not know that present and past conditions relating to the nine million Negroes in the South are not God's will for that race for which Christ died as He did for us all. Baptists are Christians. A better Negro Church and a purer morality, a finer conscience, a stronger self-reliance, a nobler trustfulness and a truer Christian sympathy are divine ends, divinely sanctioned to be sought in prayer for a divine guidance. It is not a small thing, it is historic; it is almost sublime that the greatest moral and religious power in the South, the truly representative conscience of the South is standing in the eye of the world to-day, amid clamors and confusions saying over again in solemn consecration "Christ is our King We are debtors both to the Greeks and Barbarians, the bond and the free." It is a good day for Jesus Christ.

3. Our Foreigners:

The policy of the Home Mission Board is an interpretation of the spirit of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention sounded no uncertain note. We must build Churches, found Christian schools and take firm hold upon our duty in Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. We must strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords.

Our work in the mountains appeals now to a sober judgment. Enough has been done since the Hot Springs Convention to show that much more ought to be undertaken at once. Thirty-five hundred Baptist boys and girls in our own schools as against five-hundred seven years ago is an unanswerable argument.

The outlook is most hopeful all along the line of the Home Mission field. The Board is the servant of Southern Baptists.

#### ENLARGED WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

The report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention contained an item of general interest in its dealing with the question of work among the Negroes. Much painstaking consideration had been given this subject, especially during the year which had just closed, and as a result of the experience and investigation of the Board a plan for enlarged work among the Negroes, which had been agreed to by the Board, as well as by the National Baptist Convention, was embodied in the following statement:

1. The National Baptist Convention to be recognized as the representative Negro Baptist organization in the South.

2. The plan and spirit of this co-operation must be understood by both parties as not in conflict with all proper comity toward the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, whose great field in the work of education among the negroes in the South is hereby gratefully recognized.

3. The Home Mission Board on its part is to have its own field secretary or superintendent to represent the Home Mission Board's interest in the work and before the white Baptists of the South, and to promote Southern sympathy and support in behalf of the work and workers in the field.

4. This plan of co-operation is to have no limit of time for its continuance, and is to take in two bodies—viz: the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

5. The adjustment of co-operation to the existing situations and conditions among the Negroes in different States shall be left to the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

6. This plan proposes an organization of the work which will touch four cardinal points of opportunity and need among the Negroes of the South. (1) The Negro Baptist State Conventions—as the point of coherency in the organization of Negro Baptists in each State; (2) the Negro Baptist District Association—with an executive committee of Negro Baptists in each; (3) the Negro Missionary Conference for local communities for the purpose of Bible and Missionary study; (4) the local Negro Baptist Church—it is proposed to secure the Christian interest and assistance of local white pastors.

7. To the end that a great forward movement of the Southern Baptist Convention in the discharge of its missionary and Christian obligation to the Negroes of the South shall be made and the great cause of Negro self-reliance and progress may be secured, it is proposed that the Home Mission Board will, for the year beginning May 15, 1904, appropriate dollar for dollar, or one-half the amount necessary to execute these propositions up to the amount of \$15,000 the first year, from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This part of the report of the Home Mission Board, together with communications from certain other brethren, was referred to a special Committee consisting of one from each State. That Committee, after having several meetings, and carefully considering the matter, as well as hearing from different brethren concerned, submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted by the Convention, and which, together with the above plans, constitutes the authority of the Convention to the Home Mission Board for inaugurating the work which it had laid out.

#### Work Among the Negroes.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the work of the Home Mission Board among the Negroes, and to whom was referred also the memorial from Virginia and North Carolina with reference to the appointment of a commission, etc., beg leave to submit the following report:

"Recommend (1) That the Home Mission Board's proposed plan of work be approved, with the understanding that in the States in which there are Baptist Negro bodies, other than the National Baptist Convention, the work shall be conducted in co-operation with the white Baptist State Boards and such General Negro Baptist bodies as those Boards shall approve.

"Recommend (2) That a commission of one brother from each State and Territory in this Convention be appointed by the Convention, to meet with the Home Mission Board and counsel with the Board in enlarging and perfecting our plans for discharging our Christian obligations to the Negro race, with a view to meeting the conditions in all parts of our territory.



"Recommend (3) That the details of this meeting or meetings be arranged by the Home Board."

A. C. DAVIDSON, Alabama;  
H. A. SUMRELL, Kentucky;  
J. P. LOVE, Arkansas;  
C. C. MEADOR, District of Columbia;  
L. B. WARREN, Florida;  
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A. J. S. THOMAS, South Carolina;  
G. W. TRUETT, Texas;  
LLOYD C. WILSON, Tennessee;  
B. C. HENNING, Virginia.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK.

The following summary of work is reproduced from the Annual Report of the Home Board submitted to the Convention at Nashville:

Missionaries	616
Weeks of labor	20,815
Churches and stations	2,244
Sermons and addresses	63,772
Prayer meetings	12,846
Religious visits	147,070
Baptisms	7,526
Received by letter	9,271
Total additions	16,797
Churches constituted	157
Houses of worship built and improved	179
Sunday schools organized	714
Bibles and Testaments distributed	18,275
Tracts distributed (pages)	2,094,140

#### FIELD NOTES.

BY FIELD SEC'Y, L. P. HUNT.

Hurrah! Hurrah! for Kansas City. She landed the Convention, for 1905, the semi-centennial year. Already preparations are in hand for making the occasion a notable one. Kansas City sentiment was in the atmosphere at Nashville. Most everybody wanted to come. We prophesy a great meeting. Let every Baptist in the South begin to plan to attend the semi-centennial meeting of the Convention next May, and incidentally to visit Kansas City, the great gateway to the West, and one of the liveliest cities on earth.

The Nashville Convention was a great one. Sec'y Gray's great report, and his equally great address will tell mightily for the great work of Home Missions. The Convention is coming West next year, and upon the Home Board the West is making large demands. Let us come up to Kansas City with a large increase in the number of contributing churches, and in the amount of our offering to this great work.

By the way, right now let us beseech you dear pastors and churches not to allow the claims of Home and Foreign Missions to pile up on you at the end of the year as they did this, oh, in so many instances. By all means, have some system, and then work your system. Think of it, \$42,000, and more, coming into the Treasury of the Home Board on the very last day of the convention year. This works an injustice upon the churches, the Board, and upon all concerned. Better thus to come than not at all, but oh, how much better to come along as needed. Regular, systematic giving is God's plan, and in the following thereof, there is not only a blessing for the churches, but for all the interests of the Kingdom.

#### Arkansas.

Arkadelphia: It was a great day we had with pastor Winburn and his great church, the 17th of April. Magnificent congregations greeted at three services. The offering of \$475 for Home and For-

eign Missions was a splendid advance. Pastor Winburn stands high as a man and as a preacher.

President Conger, of Ouachita College is doing a truly great work. He is a great man, and is giving his life to the Baptists of Arkansas. Ouachita must be endowed, and that right speedily. The time is ripening for this move. May God hasten its coming. Think of this great school with more than three hundred fifty pupils, struggling under the incubus of a \$30,000 debt. Baptists of Arkansas from every quarter of the state are saying this debt must give place to an endowment.

Paragould: Dr. A. B. Bohanan is the highly esteemed pastor, and his people greatly appreciate his very able ministry. Rain greatly interfered with our work. Only a small audience at 11:00 A. M., and rained out at night. The handful of the morning gave more than \$250 on Home and Foreign Missions. This is a great church, with a great and growing future.

#### Texas.

Temple, Texas, stands well to the center of the great state, and has a population of some 15,000 souls. The First Baptist, under the leadership of Bro. P. E. Burroughs, is doing a magnificent and ever growing work. How we did enjoy a day with them. God's favor was upon us, and in consequence the work will go forward. Many new names were taken for both the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field.

Baylor Female College: Brother Burroughs drove us over to Belton on Monday morning for a brief visit at this great school for the education of our daughters. President Wilson and his able assistants are doing a great work. Nearly four hundred girls enrolled, of these, one hundred and fifty from the Cottage Homes. From an humble beginning to provide for the education of poor girls, unable to pay their way in the college proper, Mrs. E. G. Townsend has seen this Cottage Home movement grow to its present large proportion and the end is not yet. She has in very truth been the chief of our Home Missionaries. Upon her and her Christ like work of making it possible for poor girls to get an education, may there ever rest God's favor, and may He give her the sympathy and co-operation needed for the work.

Pastor Townsend is doing good service as the Bishop at Bolton, the work is growing and is full of promise.

Baylor University: A visit to this great school has long been one of our cherished hopes. A great school with beautiful campus, spacious buildings, a great student body, and a greater faculty. As an humble representative of our great Convention we were shown every courtesy by President Brooks and his faculty. This was our first visit to Texas, and we are already planning to go again. Baptists plan and do great things in Texas, and a touch with them and the spirit that dominates them is blessedly uplifting.

#### Oklahoma.

Sumner: This is a station on the new line of the Frisco, twelve miles East of Perry. There are only a few houses in the place, and the Baptists are the first to erect a church house. A small band of less than fifty, under the leadership of Rev. L. L. Kyle, a Missionary of the Home Board, that had been worshipping in a school house, seeing the day of opportunity, determined to rise up and build. A good house, costing some \$1500 is the result, and on Sunday morning, May 8th, after a sermon by your scribe, the balance of \$50 needed to provide for all indebtedness was pledged, and the building dedicated to God. The church has just closed a good meeting in which Missionary W. F. Wilber, did splendid work.

#### Indian Territory.

A great educational conference at Bacone University on April 19th, was largely attended, and movements were set on foot that promise great things for our denomination in the territory. Of this more anon.

#### OUR 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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Mrs. A. I. McLemore, Mercatus, S. C.	10
Rev. J. M. Mizell, Naples, Tex.	10
Mrs. A. Cata, Gainesville, Tex.	10
Rev. C. A. Owens, Crawfordville, Ga.	10
Rev. T. J. Sandifer, Bamberg, S. C.	10
Mrs. W. C. Manuel, Tuten, S. C.	10
Mrs. S. A. Baggs, Johnston Station, Ga.	10
Mr. L. N. Holmes, Hico, La.	10
Mrs. W. E. Stanton, Miami, Fla.	10
Miss Lena Clark, Thomasville, Ga.	10
Mrs. Dr. J. L. Spruill, Columbia, N. C.	10

#### NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS.

REV. A. E. BROWN, ASST. COR. SEC'Y.

The mountain region of North Carolina lies between the Blue Ridge and the great Smokey Mountains and has an area of 5840 sq. miles. The Blue Ridge has offered such difficulties to Railroad construction that the people of this region have been cut off from the outside world until within the past few years, and even now, only a small portion of it is traversed by a R. R. The effect of this isolation upon the commercial and social conditions can be readily imagined.

The mountain region has not only been thus cut off from communication with the outside world but is itself divided into sections by transverse mountain ranges. This region has a population of about 125,000. Fifty thousand of whom are members of Baptist churches. The people are independent and respectful; most of them own small farms upon which they manage to make a support for their large families. There is very little money in circulation, the average amount handled by a family in a year is incredibly small. The business is carried on largely by barter.

The Churches are numerous and the preachers will compare favorably with any in piety and consecration. They receive very little for their services but depend on farming for a support.

Our people realize that their great need is Educational facilities, but have felt helpless in the presence of this great need because of the fact that they handle so little money. This feeling of helplessness has been increased by the failure of several Educational undertakings for lack of sufficient funds to keep them running.

Five years ago the Home Mission Board came to



us with a proposition to help sustain schools in this region. I gave up my postorate in Asheville and took the field to raise funds to erect suitable building.

At that time the only school operated by Baptists in this region was Mars Hill, which the most heroic efforts could not keep running continuously. We now have nine schools with property aggregating forty thousand dollars in value. The funds for these buildings have been contributed largely by our own people and is an expression of a desire on the part of the uneducated mountain parent that his children have better advantages than he himself had. Not so much of this was contributed in money for of that they had very little, but of such as they had they gave—and many times gave unto blood. It is doubtful if anywhere in the world greater sacrifices have been made to establish schools than by these people. They gave not of their surplus but of their very living.

There are now enrolled in these nine schools about two thousand students. The only source of income which these schools have is the appropriation from the Home Board and tuition fees which are of necessity small. They could not run a year without the aid of the Home Board.

The teachers are consecrated, godly men and women who wield an influence in the entire section where their respective schools are located. The schools have been located so as to reach the entire mountain region, and the number of them could not be decreased and in my judgment should not be increased.

While all of the school buildings are not finished we are using them and finishing as we are able. They are so planned as to be enlarged at the smallest possible cost and some of them already need enlarging. But we have been compelled to turn our attention to erecting dormitories so that board can be paid largely in the products of the farm. This is a larger undertaking than erecting the school buildings and will require longer to complete. The first dormitories being erected are for girls. We have already two of these in operation. In them the girls do the work under a competent matron and thus get additional valuable training to that received in the school room. Without dormitories these schools would be closed to the children of hundreds of families.

The people of these mountains are Baptist and while they are now poor and illiterate they will not always be poor nor always illiterate but as to whether or not they will be Baptists when they emerge from their present condition depends on whether Baptists educate them. The northern Presbyterians are spending from seventy to a hundred thousand dollars a year among them. Their school buildings are commodious and well furnished, their teachers are well paid and well housed, they charge little or no tuition. Last year they erected a ten-thousand dollars dormitory near one of our schools and put tuition at fifty cents per month. With the few hundreds we receive from the Home Board we cannot compete with them except in the character of work done in the school room. But in spite of all this we are not discouraged.

In addition to the school work the Home Board has enabled us to put in operation this year a long cherished plan of employing a competent man to conduct Bible Training schools for the preachers. Our preachers, while good men, are not what is termed trained men and trained men cannot be imported if such a thing were desirable and so the best thing for us to do is to train the men who have sacrificed so much to make the country what it is. This work was commenced a few weeks since and the attendance of the pastors has been quite encouraging.

We are a long way from being out of the woods but we are coming.  
Asheville, N. C.

Rev. J. R. Sharp, Carney, Okla. I have just closed a two weeks meeting with my home Church; 24 additions, 18 by baptism; 35 conversions.

Personally, and as President of the Home Mission Board, it has been a distinct pleasure to me to note the cordial reception tendered the report of the Home Mission Board at Nashville, as well as the warmth of fellowship accorded our new Corresponding Secretary. The identity of a Secretary is so indissolubly connected with the work of the Board that no adequate reference can be made to the later which leaves out the former. It is not a surprise, therefore, that in speaking of the great work of the Home Mission Board our denominational papers should make generous reference to our efficient and beloved Secretary, especially as it was his first official appearance before the Convention.

The following extracts are sent to the printer without the knowledge or consent of the Corresponding Secretary. Let their appearance in our Home Field be charged entirely to,

W. W. Landrum, President.

B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, the Corresponding secretary of the Home Board, launched out into the deep of the vast work of the Home Board. The opportunities of all the ages are upon us as Baptists. We have one work and many methods. The Home Board has a work, a field, an opportunity. All this is settled. His great speech invites with unanswerable argument whole-hearted appreciation and approval of the field and force of the Home Board.—*The Word and Way*.

The Home Board came into its true position. It happened just right. Secretary Gray came before the Convention officially for the first time and he brought a report in his hand, which certified the Convention that a man had come to the kingdom on schedule time, and for a purpose. He has already seized the situation, and won the confidence and co-operation of the Convention. The Negro problem is in hand and everybody happy. Every issue is settled. Some few men are not settled, and some of them make a specialty of not being settled. The dust is laid and this great arm of power enters a new era of constructive operations. Secretary Gray made the great constructive speech of the Convention.—*The Baptist Standard*.

There were five great speeches made during the meetings—Broughton, Robertson Geistweit before the B. Y. P. U. meetings, and Gray and McDaniel before the Convention; but the greatest of these was the speech by Gray. It was an epoch maker for the Home Board.

There were at last four "mountaintop" experiences—when Geistweit closed his address on "The Inner Life," when the Seminary closed its great collection, when Gray concluded his great speech on the work of the Home Mission Board, and when Dr. Willingham left us above the clouds, shaking hands in that wonderful missionary meeting Monday afternoon.—*The Baptist*.

The report was read by the secretary, Dr. B. D. Gray. "Despite many adverse circumstances the work has moved steadily onward." This was one of the opening sentences of the report. A few points: The new secretary has been in office a little over seven months; the Board has been assisting in the support of more than six hundred missionaries; the Board has engaged in co-operative work with the state boards wherever practicable and desirable; "Our Home Field" has been enlarged; one of the supreme needs is a large building and loan fund; appropriations for the year more

than \$100,000; receipts for the year increased 23 per cent; aggressive work now being undertaken among the Negroes; work in Cuba now in good condition. "We must conclude as we began with profound gratitude to God for his abundant blessings." A fine report, well read.—*The Baptist Argus*.

We gather just one thing, the Negro is on the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention. That Convention proposes at last to take hold. Its churches, its people, are closer to the Negro than any people on the earth. We propose to offer the civilized world a policy, and to take an attitude that will command the regard of all the earth. At last we come to grapple with our gravest task. We would restore good relations; we would unify purposes; we would bring about peace; we would enlarge all hearts in true brotherhood; and at length we would find God's way in this dark matter.—*Biblical Recorder*.

Dr. Gray spoke on the general work of the Board. He was limited in time and his audience was already weary with the almost continuous sessions, but it did not take him long to capture them. He made a noble speech, full of good sense and sober eloquence. "He will do," said an enthusiastic messenger in my hearing. And he will. A more genial, cordial, enthusiastic, whole-hearted man it would be hard to find. Nor is it at all to his discredit that he has a beaming face and a kindly humor which now and then relieves the tedium of long and prosaic discussion. Best of all, he has a simple faith and a wide horizon. Under his direction we may hope to see the Home Board's work enlarge.—*The Religious Herald*.

The report of the Committee on Finance was discussed by Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Gray gave an account of his seven months' work as Secretary of the Board.

He said: "I am convinced that the most propitious time that has ever come upon us has come at the present time. This is the greatest people and the greatest country on God's earth. The Baptist have greater opportunities, more advantages than they have ever known before. The opportunities of all ages are upon us at the present time. The supreme mission of Baptists is not in any one department of the church. All claims, all interests, all departments are of supreme importance. Great as is the Negro question, it is not the only great question of the hour. The incarnation of Christ in the lives of men is the supreme mission of the Baptists. The heavenly inheritance that God has given to us is being recognized at last by our people.

"Missions is one work in which we are engaged. I would plead for Japan, or Brazil, or China as quickly as I would plead for the home mission work. There is a oneness of our work. The Sunday School, our Seminary, foreign and domestic missions are one grand cause, all demanding attention, work and help. Missions are the same in spirit in Canton, China, they are in Canton, Ga. It is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. If I had a programme for a decade in which to conquer China for Christ I would strengthen our work at home, and send out from there missionaries to all the nations of the world.—*The Alabama Baptist*.

There are probably 800,000 Germans in Missouri and there are only eight German Baptist Churches in Missouri.

In forwarding a good list of subscribers for Our Home Field, Mrs. T. A. Mooring of Livingston, Ala., after giving the names of four of our leading denominational papers from different states, to which she is a subscriber says: "I got more information of our work from the Home Field than any of them."



## KEY WEST FLORIDA.

REV. EUGENE JACKSON.

Situated between the Florida peninsula and Cuba, the queen island of the South, lies Key West, a flat rock in mid ocean, being one of the populated keys of Florida, and is the county seat of Monroe County. The government estimate of the population is about 18000 representing quite a cosmopolitan citizenship, viz., English, American, Cuban, Italian, Greek, Jew, Negro, etc., the Americans (English descent from Bahama Islands), Cubans and Negroes, prevailing, there being about an equivalent number of each on the Island.

The government has a military post here and extensive fortifications part of which is under construction at present. There are some three or four hundred soldiers regularly stationed at the barracks. There is also a coaling station here and frequently Uncle Sam's war vessels lie at anchor in the harbor for several weeks, while the sailors constantly mingle with the restless throng of street loafers.

The chief source of income of Key West is derived from the merchandise of cigars, sponges, wreckage, turtles, fish, liquors (imported), gambling, and souls of men. Money can not be borrowed for less than 10% per annum, hence the single bank here pays very handsome dividends.

Like New Orleans, a foreign element, the Cuban, over-run the place, and greatly demoralize the young men of the Island with their gambling propensity. Suppress the evil at one place, like a contagious disease of the worst type, it breaks forth at another.

It is said that there are not two dozen young men on the Island members of the seven or eight protestant churches.

The white protestant churches are three. Methodists, two Episcopalians, one Baptist, one Congregational, and one Plymouth or United Brethren. The Catholics claim a membership of nearly 500, and have under erection a \$25000 or \$30000 cathedral. The Methodist are the strongest in numbers, their total membership being estimated from 1200 to 1500. The Catholics have a convent and the Methodist a seminary.

Among the negro population are four Methodist churches of memberships ranging from 100 to 450; one Primitive Baptist and one Missionary Baptist, the membership of the latter being only 25 or 30.

The Methodist sustain a Cuban church with an American pastor. The Baptists have a Mission Sunday School located among the Cuban population and a portion of the Cuban element is hereby reached though the majority of the pupils that attend are American children.

The weakest of all the white protestant churches is the Baptist. At one time it was a flourishing church of 400 members. Its decay was due to unstable pastors and wolves in sheep clothing creating strife and discord. The present membership is only about 75, many of whom are old and decrepid, and unable to take an active part in church affairs. The church building is a handsome structure with a seating capacity of over 400. The Baptist cause here has suffered very much from various adversities, and the finger of scorn is often pointed at the poor, old, struggling church; yet, like the legend of the city of Is, which was engulfed in the ocean, and when the boisterous winds would blow causing the waves of the mighty deep to be agitated, some chimes famous for their melody would still peal forth from one of the sunk city's church steeples filling the air with sweet music,—our church half sunk in obscurity has a few faithful, consecrated souls, who, by their prayers and godly lives are endeavoring to sing forth the sweet news of salvation.

The young people in the Sunday School and Mission School are the most encouraging feature of the work here. Last Sunday the lesson of the foolish hearer and wise doer who built their houses respectively on the sand and rock, seemed to make

some impression on many, for 18 or 20 expressed the desire to build on Christ, the Rock of Ages. We pray that they may be not only hearers but doers of the word. These young people have bright intelligent minds and are quick to learn. Their advantages are very poor. They are shut into a little narrow world to themselves. The majority have never been off the Island, and have never seen a train or even a stream of water. An effort is being made to procure a Sunday School library for one of the schools, a sufficient amount having already been obtained for the other school. The church building is also greatly in need of painting. Some of the ladies have just re-covered the screen doors at the entrance of the church with beautiful red tapestry, which gives an elegant, refined appearance upon entering.

The field here is of great importance not only because it is the gate-way to Cuba, but because of the vast number of young men which none of the churches seem to be reaching, that are daily going to destruction. Let us hope and pray that the poor old Baptist church, like the smashed violin glued back together that gave such perfect harmonies, may be an humble instrument in luring these periodicals into the fold. Key West is in the locality where many wrecks occur upon the deep. There are far more dismal wrecks that daily manifest themselves on her streets. Let not their blood be upon our souls.

## SIGNIFICANT PARAGRAPHS.

Read them: they are copied from different Associational reports, and are expressive of the thoughts of our wisest and best men.

## Ashe Association, (Va.)

The command of our Lord is imperative "to go and disciple all nations," and while there are different and important fields: there is no work of more importance than that done by our Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. Its field is the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. Its work is to give the bread of life to the Indians in the west, the colored man in the south and to meet the foreigner who comes to our shores with an open Bible and to lift the yoke and burden of Roman Catholicism from the people of Cuba. Brethren there has never been a time when we had grander opportunities than now to possess the land. God is blessing us, let us rise to the help of the Lord with our means and our prayers that those who "sit in darkness may see the light" Ref. Rom. 10:13-14, 15.

## Gulf Coast Baptist Association (Miss.)

Home Missions means more to us than the welfare of our own community. In considering the widening fields committed to our Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we should be somewhat alarmed for the welfare and safety of immortal souls, and hearty should be our response to the call of the board for contributions, accompanied by our prayer that every contribution may be the means of illuminating some darkened pathway and the alleviating of sorrows. Each year millions of our people are hastened away to their spiritual destinies, supplemented by foreigners from the four corners of the earth. All need to hear the invitation, "look unto me and be ye saved," and they can't look without an acquaintance with God, and their acquaintance with him depends upon our zeal quickened by the spirit of God who will guide into all truth, and found to be the ever abiding comforter. But that which claims our prayers and alms more is the commission to go into Judea as well as Jerusalem. Brethren, our Judea stands with open portals and is waiting for us to come in and possess the land. Past successes encourage us to attempt to gain better victories.

Our prayers and united contributions have blazed the way and made highways where once desolation abounded. We can be foreign missionaries by supporting Home Missions. In this way we

reach every class and touch every nation, and in this way the world is affected by what we do, and when much is done greater shall be the effect.

Home Missions is the mainspring of activity; if we are interested in those around us it is a proof that we are reminded of those who are thousands of miles away.

## FOREIGNERS IN MISSOURI.

The following paragraph is taken from the annual report of Rev. G. W. Hyde, D. D., Vice-President of the Home Mission Board in Missouri:

We have a large Negro population in Missouri; a considerable number of French and Swedes, besides other nationalities; and a German population of perhaps 800,000. We have only eight German Baptist Churches among all this multitude, three of which were organized through the good offices of Our Home Board. The Germans particularly need the fostering care of our Convention. In former years the Home Mission Board supported a General German missionary in Missouri, and he did a successful and hopeful work. We hope soon to appoint another General German Evangelist for this important field, to be supported by the Home Mission Board.

(The Home Mission Board has already decided to appoint a General missionary to labor among the German population of Missouri, and the appointment will be made so soon as a suitable man can be had—Ed.)

## CALIFORNIA KNIGHT TEMPLARS—ODD FELLOWS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY OF THE YEAR.

Beginning August 15th, and continuing daily to September 9th round trip tickets will be sold account of the above conventions from all points in the Southeast to either Los Angeles or San Francisco at extremely low rates, with final return limit October 23rd.

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S. L. PARROTT,

District Passenger Agent.  
Atlanta, Ga.

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S. L. PARROTT,

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Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Jno. Miller, Bay, Mo.: I have read that noble messenger of glad tidings, Our Home Field. No Railroad Company can afford to do what Our Home Field can—to take us for ten cents per year all around the Mission field of the Southern Board. God grant that Our Home Field may yet visit many thousands of the homes of our Baptist hosts.



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

"Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things."  
Joel 2:21.

The Lord hath done great things for thee!  
All through the fleeting days;  
Jehovah hath dealt wondrously;  
Lift up thy heart and praise!  
For greater things thine eyes shall cease,  
Child of his loving choice?  
The Lord will do great things through thee;  
Fear not, be glad, rejoice!

INTRODUCTION TO ANNUAL REPORT  
OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,  
W. M. U.

Progress is uplifting and inspiring. It cheers the tired worker to renewed endeavor and stirs the laggard into action. We want this sixteenth annual report to Woman's Missionary Union to be a refreshing breeze from the tops of the mountains, making us look up to the Source of our help, to the One who has crowned the year's labors with unusual success. To Him be the glory!

Two glimpses of progress on lines in which we are all much interested started waves of joy in our own heart—we pass them on that the sunlight in their shining crests may sparkle in the hearts of others. Forty-eight years ago, Dr. R. H. Graves, our venerated missionary to South China, took four months to reach his station; to-day the ocean trip is made in four weeks. The suburbs of Canton were the missionaries' limit; now eighteen Provinces or States, are open to their labors. The force at that station is increased from three to nineteen, with several new appointees. Owning no mission property at first, we have acquired since, four residences, three school houses, one hospital and several chapels, besides renting property for residence and school work. The Baptist Publication Society owns its lot and buildings. From one native convert have grown fifteen Baptist churches, with a present membership of nearly 3,000. What a retrospect of blessings from the labors of one group of missionaries alone, located in South China! Are we not glad to have a share in this truly apostolic work of fishing in the deep sea of heathendom for the souls of men?

Another glimpse: America's solution of the Indian problem has not been a distinguished success, some of the tribes still continue to defy the Government. Among one of these tribes, the Kiowas, the gospel of the Prince of Peace has accomplished, through its transforming power, what the restraint of fear never could secure. Lone Wolf, their chief, from taking delight in scalping men, is today an honored deacon in a Baptist church, with his wife the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Such are the triumphs of the gospel in the home lands.

Our own organized endeavor to help carry out Christ's last commission—what of that in sixteen years? Have we helped or hindered the cause we love? In contributions, as the easiest form of computation, we have advanced from reported gifts of \$17,000 before organization, to \$112,042 for this year; or a total in the sixteen years of \$995,198. Has this been taken from the gifts of the church, as such? If so, it were only a transfer and not a gain. The statistics of the Boards do not so indicate. From 1888, the date of W. M. U. organization, there has been a steady advance in general receipts, apart from the gifts of W. M. U. "Those women who labored in the gospel" have helped.

## EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT.

Cash Contributions to Foreign Board \$47,777.82;  
to Home Board \$24,869.70; to Sun. Sch. B'd \$443.24.

Total Cash \$73,090.76.

Box contributions to Home and Sun. Sch. missionaries \$38,952.02.

Total cash and Boxes \$112,042.78.

Increase over last year: Foreign Mission \$10,825; Home Missions \$5,574. Increase in boxes to Home Missionaries \$6,445.

Christmas Offerings for China. We have the rare pleasure of announcing an offering that has more than reached the \$10,000 mark, which has long been an ambition for this beautiful gift. The reports of the Societies and the Foreign Board gave a total of 10,957.32, which is \$2,423.05 beyond last year.

Week of Prayer and Special Offerings for Home Missions. Letters of unusual interest and earnestness have been received in regard to the observance of this work. Larger gifts have been made by individual societies than have been given before. From a society in Louisiana this cheering report comes: "Our week of prayer was a season of great joy. It grows better and better each year and seems now a necessity to our spiritual health and growth. Our offering was \$235, and we felt so grateful because it represented no gift over \$25, proving that many had given." This church is without a pastor; they must be truly led of the Spirit. The moneyed results of this week of special offerings for Home Missions are not tabulated.

The Hukka Home. At the annual meeting of W. M. U. at Savannah 1903, gifts and pledges were made amounting to 1,247.70 for the "Williams Memorial Home." So deep has been the interest that 2,306.30 have been raised.

Young People's and Children's Work. It is growing consciousness with W. M. U. workers that their best and strongest efforts, with the hope of largest results, must be directed toward interesting and enlisting the young people. "Now or never" is the time for some of us and some of them. We need them with all their youth and brightness and energy; they need us with our experience to help give purpose and point to their lives, lest they drift away on the social tide that flows swiftly away from the things of the kingdom. Here, too, we are greatly encouraged—more effort is making; more results are accruing.

Following the example of the girls of Virginia in paying the salary of Miss Hansen in Indian Territory, the girls of Missouri are aiming to pay the salary of Miss Ferber, an assistant for Miss Buhlmaier in Baltimore. We hope these two fine examples will be followed by the girls of other States in supporting other missionaries.

School Work is also proving a favorite object of interest. A day of larger giving is perceptibly dawning all along the line. A band at Freemason Street Church, Norfolk, Va., has pledged \$350 to buy land and build a school for Miss Moon in North China. Other organizations have done beautiful work for foreign missions. As yet however we have merely touched the outer rim of this vast sphere of influence. May our experienced workers be wisely guided to enter in and possess it fully.

School Work. A correspondence has been entered into with all the Foreign Missionaries to secure necessary data as to the number and character of schools, the pupils and cost per pupil. With this data carefully arranged, the Secretary W. M. U. will be prepared to supply Societies, or individuals, with needed information directly from the field and will forward copies of letters to those interested in the support of the various "desks."

Tichenor Memorial. To no work during the year has more earnest effort been directed than the preparations of literature and pushing the effort to secure \$20,000 for the Church Building Loan Fund.

Dr. Lansing Burrows, who knew Dr. Tichenor well and whose pen could do justice to his theme, was the writer of the leaflet to present the plan to the public. Two editions of this leaflet were destroyed, one by a printer's accident and another by the fire, before the third edition was ready for distribution. Societies, as such were not asked to contribute, but over a thousand letters were written to individuals seeking from them large gifts. Through Dr. J. S. Dill, \$1,000 was given and other gifts have followed. We cannot, at this time, make report of what has been accomplished, but we must not stop short of our aim, \$20,000.

Literature, Periodicals, Editorial Work etc. 42 different publications have been prepared by W. M. U. for State organizations during the year.

Besides W. M. U.'s own publications, the Home and Foreign Boards have made liberal grants of leaflets for general distribution.

Two W. M. U. Departments are conducted in the "Foreign Mission Journal," one in "Our Home Field," one in "Kind Words." Including programs in these publications and those issued for special occasions W. M. U. arranged for mission workers among Society Bands and Sunday Schools.

65 Programs During the Conventional Year. Officers of State Central Committees and others, are supplied monthly with clippings (monthly data) on the topic of study. W. M. U. has obtained permission to have a department for young peoples' work in the B. Y. P. U. quarterly.

W. M. U. expenses for the year have been \$5,674.16. For this, a draft was made on the Foreign Board for \$1,650.00, on the Home Board for \$1,650.00 and the S. S. Board paid \$400.00. In addition the Foreign Board paid for Christmas Offering literature and the Home Board for literature of Week of Special Offerings. The Secretary has not received a salary.

## SUMMARY OF YEAR'S WORK.

Places visited and revisited	78
Days of travel	111
Miles travelled	12,758
Addresses made	142
Letters and Manuscripts	22,800
Postals	317
Leaflets, Pamphlets, etc., distributed	347,087
Mission Topic Cards	24,129
Envelopes (collection)	208,396
Mite Barrels	6,019
Papers	2,800

Correspondence far ahead of last year 22,980 letters and manuscripts, versus 15,790—nearly 50%.

The Future is rich in promise of greater things in store. Let us start again upon another twelve-month with a quickened pace, a wider outlook, a higher aim, and a deepening faith in our Father's God.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, W. M. U.

(PARTIAL.)

Woman's Missionary Union, Cash Contributions—1903-1904.

STATE	Foreign	Home	S. School
Alabama	\$ 4,027.20	\$ 2,355.62	\$ 44.08
Arkansas	437.35	412.84	101.35
Dist. of Columbia	347.54	109.25	
Florida	631.01	1,002.14	16.80
Georgia	6,648.34	2,034.57	8.09
Indian Territory	152.65	119.94	
Kentucky	4,274.92	2,897.12	56.32
Louisiana	1,345.33	1,201.89	71.76
Maryland	1,388.80	1,224.58	13.87
Mississippi	1,823.74	4,105.21	23.39
Missouri	1,545.90	1,065.16	
North Carolina	4,703.11	2,049.07	
Oklahoma	164.60	50.96	
South Carolina	5,844.11	2,232.12	126.08
S. Carolina, Add'l	657.48		
Tennessee	3,832.88	1,285.21	1.00
Texas	1,228.57	902.50	
Virginia	9,422.60	3,821.53	
Total	\$ 47,777.82	\$ 24,869.70	\$ 443.24

\*In addition to the amount reported by the central Committee of South Carolina, the Secretary of the Foreign Board received for the Christmas Offering \$27.45.

## Cash and Box Contributions for 16 Years.

1889	\$ 30,775.69
1890	31,237.79
1891	38,880.14
1892	44,282.80
1893 (Centennial Year)	62,336.75
1894	45,129.59
1895	49,065.06
1896	56,342.19
1897	53,407.64
1898 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	58,295.51
1899 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	63,112.73
1900 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	81,466.73
1901 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	88,262.31
1902 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	88,130.67
1903 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	90,524.69
1904 (including contri'tns to S. S. B'd.)	112,042.78

\$995,198.45



## Cash Receipts from April 15th. to May 1st, 1904.

**ALABAMA:** W. M. S. Palmetto St. Mobile \$11.30; S. S. Mt. Andrew \$2.64; L. A. S. Mt. Andrew \$3.30; Sunbeams Pine Apple \$4.00; L. A. S. & M. S. New Bern \$3.55; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. for Tichenor Mem. \$153.55; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. for Ch. B. L. F. \$50.00; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. \$2,214.53; Sycamore Ch. \$13.78; Sycamore S. S. \$2.25; Sycamore L. A. S. \$3.00; Warrior Ch. \$5.65; Wyllam \$22.65; Wyllam L. A. S. \$4.00; Wyllam S. S. \$3.00; Wyllam B. T. P. U. \$7.71; Wyllam Sunbeams \$3 cts; Chaseta Ch. \$20.45; Chaseta W. M. U. \$20.54; Chaseta for Tichenor Mem. \$10.00; St. Francis St. Ch. Mobile \$125.40; Dothan Ch. \$101.61; L. A. S. Pineapple \$3.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$10,004.03.

**ARKANSAS:** Junction Ch. \$10.00; Spring Hill \$4.00; Jonesboro \$205.00; J. F. Love, Cor. Sec. \$2,334.52. Total since May 1, 1903, \$3,288.91.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** J. V. L. B. Washington \$1.00; W. M. C. 2nd Ch. Washington \$1.00; M. Taber S. S. Tenallytown \$2.00; L. M. C. 1st B. Ch. Washington special effort \$20.00; L. M. C. 1st B. Ch. Washington \$50.25; 5th B. Ch. Washington \$300.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$607.27.

**FLORIDA:** W. M. U. Bailey \$2.00; L. D. Gelger, Cor. Sec. \$680.57. Total since May 1, 1903, \$2,500.00.

**GEORGIA:** W. M. S. Davishore \$7.00; Hebron Ch. Odessdale \$10.48; W. M. S. Red Oak \$4.00; W. M. S. Henderson \$3.03; W. M. & A. S. Furlow Lawn, special effort \$159.00; W. M. S. R. R. \$1.80; A. friend, for work in New Orleans, \$100.00; 1st B. Ch. Macon, for lot in Cuba \$500.00; L. M. S. Shiloh \$2.90; Furlow Lawn \$6.37; Midway \$4.15; Franklin 20 cts; W. M. S. Shoal Creek \$1.00; S. Y. Jameson, Sec. & Treas. \$3,471.35; S. Y. Jameson, Sec. & Treas. for lot in Cuba \$144.21; L. M. S. Mt. Olive \$7.00; S. Y. Jameson, Sec. & Treas. for lot in Cuba \$144.21; L. M. S. Mt. Olive \$7.00; L. A. & M. S. Nolens \$0.39; Girls M. S. Jackson \$10.50; 1st Ch. Rome \$1,050.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$18,253.90.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** W. M. S. Tahlequah \$1.00; D. \$2.50; W. M. S. South Ardmore Ch. \$5.00; W. M. S. Kiowa \$1.00; Mead Ch. \$5.00; Atoka \$15.50; W. M. S. Reichert 50 cts; Claremore Ch. \$7.50; A. S. South McAlester \$1.17; Nobe Ch. \$1.40; Ravia \$1.00; A. S. Weverka \$2.00; Sunbeams, 1st Ch. Poteau \$3 cts; A. S. Duncan \$1.50; J. M. Frost \$1.00; S. M. Day \$1 cts; Rev. B. B. D. Eufaula, S. D. \$1.00; 1st Ch. Muskogee \$42.45; Refuge Ch. No. 5 Mine \$3.50; Harshorne S. S. \$2.79; Marie & Ruth Messer Sewing school 6 cts; Claremore Ch. \$8.00; Little Quasada Ch. \$1.50. Total since May 1, 1903, \$264.09.

**KENTUCKY:** Southgate Ch. Louisville \$33.33; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec. \$3,022.50; L. C. 2nd Ch. Owensboro \$20.00; Nelson Asso. \$200.00; New Liberty Ch. \$37.50; J. M. Frost, S. M. Day \$3.94; Lyon Asso. \$47.00; Long Ridge Ch. \$50.00; S. B. T. S. Louisville, for lot in Cuba \$5.00; Cent. Com. of Ky. by Miss Willie Lamb, Sec. follows: Tichenor Mem. \$227.49; self-denial \$531.94; general fund \$246.72. Total since May 1, 1903, \$12,703.71.

**LOUISIANA:** Sunday parties, Mt. Lebanon \$5.00; L. A. S. Amite City special effort \$3.00; Sunbeams Amite City special effort \$2.00; A. M. Hendon, Treas., \$206.30; A. M. Hendon, Treas. for Tichenor Mem. \$17.50; A. M. Hendon, Treas. for Miss Buhlmaier \$2.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Monroe week of prayer \$1.75; W. M. S. 1st Ch. New Orleans for Tichenor Mem. \$12.50; Y. G. M. S. 1st Ch. New Orleans for Tichenor Mem. \$5.00; Caney Crk. Ch. \$2.00; New Bethel \$8.00; C. L. T. Clio, \$1.00; Homer Ch. \$2.00; W. M. S. 1st Ch. New Orleans for Tichenor Mem. 50 cts; E. O. Ware, Sec. \$101.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$4,112.52.

**MARYLAND:** Immanuel Ch. Balt. \$48.02; 1st B. Ch. Balt. \$464.50; W. B. H. M. S. of Md. as follows (self-denial \$225.58; general work \$155.39; Tichenor Mem. \$67.00; German work \$200.00); Rider Fund \$19.75; Franklin Sq. Ch. Balt. \$125.00; Fataw Pl. Ch. Balt. \$445.00; Grace Ch. Balt. \$25.00; Grace S. S. Balt. \$12.50. Total since May 1, 1903, \$4,080.27.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Serepta Ch. \$2.45; Earnest Workers, Natchez, \$5.00; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec. \$4,025.00; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec. for Tichenor Mem. \$21.40; Hazlehurst Ch. for lot in Cuba \$50.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$3,209.04.

**MISSOURI:** W. M. S. East Sedalia \$3.75; Calvary Ch. Kansas City \$200.00; A. W. Payne, Treas. \$1,203.43; A. W. Payne, Treas. for women of Mo. \$238.34. Total since May 1, 1903, \$7,282.40.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Walters Durham, Treas. \$1,100.00; Henietta Ch. \$8.72; J. M. Frost, S. M. Day \$1.04; W. M. S. Pritchard Ch. Charlotte, \$24.50; Livingston Johnson, Cor. Sec. \$2,536.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$7,715.44.

**OKLAHOMA:** W. M. S. \$2.00; 1st Ch. Oklahoma City \$2.00; W. M. S. S. Wollman \$2.70; Noble Ch. \$2.00; Wallston \$3.00; Hendrick \$4.00; L. A. S. Parkland \$1.00; D. 71 cts; Pawnee Ch. \$2.50. Total since May 1, 1903, \$224.83. An error in May issue of Home Field gave \$2 credit to W. M. S. Moore, Ind. Ter., when it should have been M. M. S. Moore, Oklahoma.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Ebenezer Ch. \$4.00; Mrs. F. A. T. Ninety Six \$1.00; Rolling Spring \$3.00; Donalds \$0.25; Padgett Creek \$5.00; Walterboro \$20.17; Horeb Ch. \$6.50; Horeb S. S. \$2.20; Bartlett St. Ch. Sumter \$5.75; S. S. 1st B. Ch. Darlington \$2.64; Tubernacle Ch. \$4.00; Norway \$1.00; Hebron \$5.00; Bethlehem \$6.00; Pine Grove \$5.34; Peniel \$5.00; Shiloh \$2.00; W. M. S. Bethlehem \$3.00; W. M. S. Pine Grove \$2.67; Olar Ch. \$5.00; Friendship \$10.00; Mt. Olivet \$1.50; Cobton \$1.50; W. M. S. Friendship \$2.00; W. M. S. Olar \$1.00; Gibson Ch. \$2.50; Mechanicsville \$1.00; Cheraw \$7.50; Batesburg \$75.00; Lyndeville \$5.42; Beniah \$4.00; Dry Creek \$10.00; 1st Ch. Gaffney \$10.00; Townville \$7.00; Summerton \$5.00; Stevens Creek \$5.00; Peniel \$1.00; Lane \$2.00; Green Pond \$1.48; Plum Branch \$5.00; Pendleton \$11.00; Chestnut Hill \$0.38; Swift Creek \$25.00; 1st B. Ch. Sumter for Tichenor Mem. \$4.00; Mt. Zion Ch. \$10.25; Oak Dale \$2.00; Whitnair 50 cts; Prosperity 71 cts; Catawba \$3.46; Big Creek \$30.00; Heath Springs \$5.00; White Bluff \$2.00; Union \$2.50; Antioch \$1.50; Prospect \$10.00; Blacksburg \$4.00; Cohod \$8 cts; Wassamass \$1.00; St. Johns \$2.00; Men's M. S. Buffalo \$5.00; New Providence \$4.25; Mt. Arnon \$5.00; Greenville \$5.00; South Side Ch. Columbia \$12.00; Healing Spring \$4.10; Judson \$30.00; Beaver Dam \$22.50; Tatum \$8.75; Due West \$17.00; 1st B. Ch. Greens \$14.15; Buffalo Ch. \$5.00; L. M. S. Beaufort \$7.33; Bold Springs \$30.00; Dudley \$4.00; Spring Hill \$3.77; Chesterfield \$4.36; White Pond \$7.50; 1st B. Ch. Sumter for Tichenor Mem. 25 cts; Modoc Ch. \$3.00; Parkville \$25.00; Troy \$10.00; Salem \$2.50; Dudley \$5.12; Foreston \$1.00; Damascus \$5.19; Bethel \$1.55; Mt. Zion \$1.45; Beaverdam Asso. \$44.57; Greenville Asso. \$2.04; Green Mill Ch. \$1.50; Spartanburg \$125.00; Fairview \$4.25; East Side \$5.00; Wood End \$18.35; S. S. Bridge Spring \$5.00; High Hill Ch. \$5.85; High Hill S. S. \$5.45; 2nd Ch. Darlington \$5.55; 1st Ch. Anderson \$22.50; Williston \$5.70; Cent. Com. W. M. S. by Mrs. John Stout as follows: (Tichenor Mem. \$22.50; Aocs. of Greenville Asso. for Cuban missionaries \$101.49; special offering Greenville Asso. \$25.00; Special offering \$225.50; General fund \$225.24; Saluda Asso. \$225.22; Mt. Moriah Ch. \$4.05; Bennettsville \$50.00; Florence \$15.00; Antioch \$1.00; Fair View 75 cts; Holy Springs \$5.00; New Pisgah \$7.23; Poplar Springs \$2.47; Bethlehem \$2.75; New Pisgah \$3.00; Sulphur Springs \$2.00; Cross Roads \$2.45; Thompson Creek \$2.00; Hopewell \$2.00; Norchester \$1.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$7,208.00.

**TENNESSEE:** Cherokee Ch. \$2.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. \$2,457.24; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. for Tichenor Mem. \$73.55; W. M. Woodcock, Treas. for self-denial \$58.75; Arrat Ch. \$4.00; L. A. S. Trinity Ch. Memphis, for Tichenor Mem. \$5.00; French Broad Ch. \$5.20; Emanuel \$5.00; Young South of Tenn. \$57.00; Willsington Ch. \$15.51; Salem \$2.07; New Prospect 50 cts; Little Valley \$2.10. Total since May 1, 1903, \$7,404.30.

**Texas:** Mrs. L. G. R. Conier, \$2.00; Ida Ch. \$2.00; Piney Grove \$1.55; Antioch Ch. Garland \$18.00; Mexia \$4.30; Balansa \$1.25; L. A. S. 1st Ch. Marlin for C. B. L. F. \$5.50; Kirk Ch. \$5.42; Miss E. P. Wyllam \$5.00; D. M. S. of Texas \$25.00; Royce Ch. \$65.00; Collins \$22.00; Ladonia \$10.00; J. D. Gambrell, Sec. \$18,980.00; J. B. Gambrell, Supt. for Tichenor Mem. \$2.50; Myrtle Springs \$5.50; Dodd City \$3.50; Arnon \$10.00; L. A. S. Mabank \$5.00; Pinedale Ch. \$7.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$20,537.00.

**VIRGINIA:** Mrs. S. F. F. Alexandria, \$5.00; J. M. Frost, S. M. Day \$48.18; E. A. Jacob, Treas. \$490.00. Total since May 1, 1903, \$1,092.02.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** D. H. Le S. Toluca, Mexico, \$3.50. Total since May \$23.50. AGGREGATE: \$61,964.94. Total since May \$127,560.58.

## Cash Receipts from May 1st to May 15th, 1904.

**FLORIDA:** New Zion Ch. \$1.47; New Zion W. M. U. \$1.19. Total \$2.67.

**GEORGIA:** Sunbeams \$4 cts; Hellenian Crk. \$4.50; Millford Ch. \$1.00; Mrs. W. W. R. Albany, for Ch. building \$2.00; Total \$20.54. Total since May \$127,581.12.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** Durant Ch. \$80.50; W. M. S. Weverka \$1.25; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Muskogee \$2.52; W. M. S. 1st Ch. Muskogee, self-denial \$5.10. Total \$225.57.

**KENTUCKY:** Simpson Ch. Asso. \$35.00.

**LOUISIANA:** W. M. S. Mt. Lebanon for Tichenor Mem. \$5.50; W. M. S. Kentwood \$1.50. Total \$44.57.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Mt. Pisgah \$2.00; Gibson \$9.41. Total \$22.41.

**OKLAHOMA:** Legat Ch. \$1.20.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** 1st Ch. Pelzer \$4.00; Mt. Creek \$1.82; Brunson \$10.00; 1st Ch. Newberry \$6.70; S. S. 1st Ch. Newberry \$2.97; Lake Swamp Ch. \$3.53; Flat Creek \$3.72; Summerville \$5.37; Cedar Creek 50 cts; Utland Spr. Ch. Charleston \$50.00; Phillips Ch. \$2.25; Mt. Elom \$1.20; Clinton \$2.00; Whitney \$4.00; Salem \$2.00; Mills Mill Ch. 55 cts; Mills Mill W. M. S. \$2.00; Pelham Ch. \$1.05; Willow Swamp \$1.57; 1st Ch. Sumter \$3.15; Beniah \$4.18; Beaverdam \$3.10; Pisgah \$2.89; Mt. Olivet \$2.00; Pendleton Sq. Ch. Greenville \$57.38; Clover Ch. \$3.53. Total \$174.15.

**TEXAS:** Rev. M. O. G. Manchaca, self-denial \$1.00; Bois D'Arc Ch. \$3.75; L. A. S. Kerens \$14.00. Total \$19.25.

**AGGREGATE:** \$259.39.

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

**ALABAMA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 41. Total valuation \$3,242.64.

**ARKANSAS:** Total no. boxes and cents. 11; total valuation \$851.10.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 6. Total valuation \$388.57.

**FLORIDA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 10. Total valuation \$507.00.

**GEORGIA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 64. Total valuation \$5,809.05.

**KENTUCKY:** Total no. boxes and cents. 69. Total valuation \$5,875.30.

**LOUISIANA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 8. Total valuation \$761.70.

**MARYLAND:** Total no. boxes and cents. 34. Total valuation \$3,287.22.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Total no. boxes and cents. 25. Total valuation \$2,312.23.

**MISSOURI:** Total no. boxes and cents. 31. Total valuation \$1,734.04.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 41. Total valuation \$2,731.88.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 18. Total valuation \$1,239.54.

**TENNESSEE:** Total no. boxes and cents. 40. Total valuation \$3,810.30.

**TEXAS:** Total no. boxes and cents. 17. Total valuation \$1,708.00.

**VIRGINIA:** Total no. boxes and cents. 45. Total valuation \$5,072.77.

**AGGREGATE:** Total no. boxes and contributions 478. Total valuation \$38,204.04.

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