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COST OF SECRETARIES.

It is quite the fashion to discuss the per cent of cost attached to our missionary work. "Out of every dollar it costs thus and so to get the remainder to its destination." Into this cost the salary of the secretary is figured. This overlooks the fundamental fact that of all the missionaries connected with any Board the secretary is the most effective of them all. If he isn't, he ought to be. Why should the salaries of Willingham, Gray and Crumpton be charged to the "expense account" any more than the salaries of the missionaries on the field? None do greater service and none work harder. They are the greatest mission forces in our church life today. They are in the highest, truest sense missionaries, and may God bless them!

On the other hand, it is sad beyond expression to hear good brethren quibbling about the Secretaries' salaries. Not one gets what he really deserves. We cannot pay for such service. As for that matter, the vast majority of our preachers, the Secretaries included, are working with the certainty of poverty in their old age. In other callings of life salaries are adjusted according to ability, service, and especially responsibility. These men are carrying burdens and responsibilities enough to stagger the strongest. They are practically exiles from home and strangers to children that need most sorely the constant care of their fathers. It is a thousand pities that pitiless people should add to their difficulties by making them special targets of criticism, and that some with less of care and more of income should wish to reduce their support. Some good brethren wish to do this because they really do not know all the facts involved. Some do it out of pure vindictiveness. We may forgive the first and ignore the last, but what shall we say of those who ought to know better and yet quibble at salaries that never will be what they would be were such services rendered in other lines of endeavor? And what we say of the three men mentioned, might be said of all our secretaries and assistants. When we go to count "expenses" let us in the name of common honesty, quit including their salaries in the list. When we think to complain at the amount of their compensation, let us think again and, instead of grumbling, pray God to help us some day to do more for them. To begrudge their support injures the cause, wounds the worker and does the "kicker" no good.—*The Alabama Baptist*.

Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D., accepts the position of superintendent of the Home Board's work among the negroes. He is a man of ability and energy with experience in secretarial work both in Foreign Missions and now for several years past in State Missions in Arkansas. He has many admirable gifts and we trust he may lead us into large things in this relatively new and notably difficult enterprise. Let us all pray for him and hold up his hands.—*Religious Herald*.

A TRIP OUT WEST.

Under the above caption Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Editor of The Alabama Baptist, furnishes his paper of June 22nd a most interesting Editorial letter, from which we reproduce the following:

New Orleans.

This gay city is not far on the way to the west, but here one finds the farther of waters, the dividing line, and soon I will be hurrying through Louisiana enroute to the Empire of Texas. It is always with a feeling of sadness that I walk the streets of New Orleans, for it is hard to forget the fact that it is a city given over to pleasure and that the great majority of its people are out of sympathy with the belief for which I stand, for Baptist play only a small part in the religious life of the greatest city on the Gulf. How my heart goes out to the Baptist preachers and their faithful followers as they stand surrounded by Roman Catholicism and almost engulfed in worldliness. The Home Board certainly has a work here to do and if our Southern Baptists could spend just one Sunday in this city, with its continental Sabbath there would be a great increase in gifts to help spread our Baptist faith among the careless mass.

I cross the Mississippi with a prayer to God to put it into the hearts of Southern Baptists to give and pray for the work in New Orleans. Every dollar planted in New Orleans now means that our cause will be in a position to grow with the growth of the city when the Panama Canal is opened to the commerce of the world.

Dr. Gray in his report at Nashville said: "Louisiana has the unique distinction of being on both sides of the Mississippi River. New Orleans has more destitution, so far as Baptists are concerned, than all the States besides. It is a great place already and destined soon to be vastly greater. Baptists there are a feeble folk—only 900 or 1,000 members in the white Baptist Churches. They are harmonious now as never before. The opportunity is at hand for Baptists. We must press our work there. Hundreds and thousands of people are moving there from the up-country and many of them are Baptists. Shall we by neglect lose them to our cause, as has been the case for fifty years past? Surely not. The Home Board has its heart set on the Crescent City. Let the brotherhood of the South come to its support in a supreme effort to plant our standard in that metropolis of the lower Mississippi Valley."

The ninety-seventh meridian divides the United States almost exactly into halves. East of that line dwell sixty-four million people. Here are overgrown cities and over-crowded industries. Here is surplus capital, as idle and burdensome as the population. West of that line dwell four or five millions—less than the population of Pennsylvania and scarcely more than that of Greater New York. And yet the vast territory to the West—so little known, so lightly esteemed, so sparsely peopled—is distinctly the better half of the United States if we are to believe the western enthusiasts, but the St. Louis Fair is going to bring the West into such prominence that it will be a revelation to the East.

"Its Journey ends not, and the Sun never yet." Has seemed to forget
Each Day of His Travels
A new Thought is met,
For the West is the Promise, the East, the Regret."—*The Maestro*.

BRO. CARROLL IN CUBA.

The gratifying intelligence reaches us that Bro. C. C. Carroll, our newly appointed mission worker, has arrived in Cuba. In a letter written by him from Havana on June 15th he says:

At last, after many numerous trials and difficulties as to packing, etc., we are in Cuba. Mrs. Carroll decided to come on with me and she and the baby stood the trip well. Her sister also came for the pleasure of the trip, so all in all, we are sufficient unto ourselves to prevent loneliness. We have already met a number of people, however, and friendliness toward us seems to be the order of the day.

Bro. Daniel is here and has shown us every kindness and attention. I knew him personally before I came here and liked him. I am sure we shall get along together very pleasantly indeed.

The work among the Cubans seems to be progressing nicely. Last night I preached at one of the missions, Bro. Daniel interpreting. All present showed a great fondness for Bro. Daniel.

The work among the Americans is a fair field and no favors, so far as Baptists are concerned. Sunday will be the initial service.

Rev. C. D. Daniel in letter June 13th: I am inexpressibly happy. I find myself constantly praising God, that my prayer has been answered, in the sending of another Missionary to this Island. Bro. C. C. Carroll arrived from New Orleans today, bringing with him his wife and sister-in-law. Please express to the Home Mission Board my appreciation of the missionary sent us, and ask them to send us another one just as soon as possible. May God bless you in the great work of leading our people to greater things along the line of Home Mission work.

Dr. J. S. Dill, Bowling Green, Ky.:—I see that Barton is your choice for this special work—a wise choice, I hope he will accept.

Rev. J. H. Gambrell, Dallas, Tex.:—Editor Baptist Standard—The appointment is a capital one and will give us nearly universal satisfaction as any that could have been made.

Dr. H. P. Sproles, Wicksburg, Miss.:—Your election of Dr. Barton is eminently wise and timely. I do not know a better man for the position. He is strong physically, educated and refined, sincere and devout. He is a man of common sense, or good judgement in common things in large lines; loves such work as that to which he has been called, is hopeful of the Negro, and especially of Negro Baptists, has their utmost confidence is Arkansas, and has been very helpful to them.

The Home Board has chosen A. E. Brown, North Carolina, to look after the mountain school work. We certainly need supervision and business judgement and help in our mountain mission school work. Bro. Brown has special fitness for this important field. Come often to Eastern Kentucky, Brother Brown, for we need you there.—*The Baptist Argus*.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South has appropriated \$15,000. for work among the Negroes.

We will gladly send copy of minutes of the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to any address upon receipt of 5 cents stamps to cover postage.

Three State Conventions meet in July: the Mississippi at Hattiesburg, July 6th, the Louisiana at Natchitoches, July 13th, and the Alabama at Anniston July 20th.

Money comes in slowly since the Southern Baptist Convention, but our Home Board needs it more than ever. We have greatly enlarged our work for the new year.

Rev. Jas. I. Vance: I believe that in the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be found the only salvation of America, and we must save America if we would save the world.

It is gratifying to see how heartily the brethren commend brethren A. J. Barton and A. E. Brown for their new work. They are men of superb qualifications. Let us pray for God's favor upon them.

Rev. C. C. Carroll has been in Havana several weeks and is throwing himself with great zeal into his work. His appointment to Cuba has given satisfaction to the denomination. He will meet the expectations of the brotherhood.

It was perfectly apparent at the Convention in Nashville that the purpose of standing by the Home Board in its efforts to grapple with the important problems of world wide evangelization was never more firmly fixed in the minds of the great baptist brotherhood.

News comes from our workers in the field of many conversions, the organization of new Churches and Sunday schools, the building of new houses of worship. Surely the Lord is leading our forces. We are sorely in need of money to enlarge the work.

Our Home Field grows more popular. From many brethren come assurances of its helpfulness. It is full of facts and information about our work. We want 20,000 new subscribers this year. The price is kept, for the present, at ten cents a year, barely enough to pay for printing, but we want readers. Send on the subscriptions.

We are preparing new tracts and leaflets on Home Missions and shall be glad to supply all who wish them. We also have envelopes (free) for Home Mission collections. Before taking your collections send for tracts and leaflets and envelopes and distribute them among the people. A good collection follows a good preparation for it.

The editors of our denominational weeklies, as a rule, are doing noble service in pressing our mission work upon the brethren. We cannot estimate the far-reaching influence of this weekly presentation of information (facts and figures) about the work! May our editors have grace and wisdom. Let them press all departments of the work.

Bro. C. D. Daniel is to spend a short time in the States. He greatly needs a rest. His rest will consist largely in a change of work. He is all aglow with interest for Cuba. He must not be overtaxed. But he will attend some Conventions and can visit some Churches. All who want a visit from Bro. Daniel should write Secretary B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.

The great protracted meeting season is now on in the South, especially in the country and smaller towns. Hundreds and thousands will be led to accept Christ as their Saviour. The missionaries of our Home Board will be engaged in the blessed work. Let our people pray for them. Through their agency hosts of the future leaders in our ZION will be brought to Christ. May the Lord give us the greatest year in all our history.

There is nothing about Home Missions that needs defense. The aggressive campaign is the need of the home.

The home mission field is the all-important field. America is the richest soil for gospel-sowing in all the wide world. The people of America are thrifty, because they have lived under the blessings of the gospel always. Here in America are the means and the men. If we can consecrate these to the service of Christ Jesus our Lord, the conquest of the world is reduced to a computation of time.

The Home Board is carefully considering the unusually large number of applications for increased appropriation in every direction for the Conventional year upon which we are just entering. Not only the spirit of the Convention but its express instruction to the Board directs enlargement in every department of the work. Applications coming to the Board with the endorsement of different State Boards also call earnestly for enlargement. The Board, therefore, while enlarging its work, finds it necessary to consider with care and deliberation the great number of applications in order that the greatest good may be accomplished by the most considerate disbursement of the resources at its disposal.

We had the pleasure of attending the Georgia B. Y. P. U. Convention at Washington, June 22-24. It was a great meeting, composed chiefly of young people, of the great middle class of Georgia Baptists, upon whom our future success as a people so much depends. The meeting was one of spiritual power, intellectual and moral uplift, and was pronounced the strongest meeting the young people of the State have had. There were over four hundred delegates and they were there for a serious purpose.

The program was well conceived and splendidly executed. President R. Vandeventer said: "This is the best and greatest of all our B. Y. P. U. Conventions in Georgia." Dr. E. J. Forrester and his people furnished a lavish hospitality and everybody left singing the praises of Washington and her hospitable homes. The Convention meets next year at Moultrie in South-West Georgia, where Baptists are numerous and a great time is anticipated. May God bless our Georgia B. Y. P. U. They are a great host.

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The General Association of Kentucky Baptists met at Campbellsville, June 15th. The attendance was good, the spirit of the meeting fine, the hospitality great. On all hands it was pronounced the best meeting of that body in recent years. A spirit of seriousness prevailed all the meetings. The discussions were of a high order. State Missions received a fine treatment and a decided advance was ordered for that work. Education was ably discussed. Home and Foreign Missions and Sunday School work and Temperance were given due consideration. Old Kentucky came up over \$2,000 last year for Home Missions above the previous year and they promised a great advance this year. They put the figures at \$20,000.

The spiritual atmosphere of the meeting was strong. Being the first of our State gatherings since the Southern Baptist Convention, the Kentucky Association sets a high standard. May all the others be

equally fine. What a mighty power for good these annual gatherings are, when dominated by high ideals and spiritual fervor!

The General Association meets next year at Russellville. May the Lord lead our Kentucky Baptists during the year into the largest work of their history.

"The Home Mission Board, with devout thankfulness to God for his blessings upon our work, presents its Fifty-ninth Annual Report. Despite many adverse circumstances the work has moved steadily onward."

"Receipts.—The total amount of cash received for work of the Board from all states last year was \$103,969.05, and from miscellaneous sources \$5,514.24. Our receipts from all the States this year have been \$127,850.56, and from legacies and other miscellaneous receipts \$5,707.44, a gain from all the states of \$23,881.51, being an increase over the preceding year of 23 per cent."

The above are extracts from the Annual Report of the Home Board for May, 1904. The Report shows also, that there has been received during the year for the Tichenor Memorial \$3047.79, and for the Church Building Loan Fund proper \$717.47, making the total receipts for this fund \$3,765.26. Including \$4,221.82 cash in hand and \$1,637.50 invested in loans, the Building Loan Fund May 1, 1904 aggregates \$5,859.32. The Convention at Nashville gave its cordial and unanimous commendation to this department of the Board's work, and especially to the effort being made by the W. M. U. to raise the sum of \$20,000.00 as a memorial to the beloved Dr. Tichenor.

We are doing foreign mission work on our own soil and under our own flag. We have sent missionaries at great expense to many foreign lands; now God is sending the representatives of these lands to our own shores. We must Americanize them, or they will, to some degree, foreignize us; we must Christianize them, or some of them—those from heathen lands—will, to some degree, heathenize us. Every instinct of self-preservation, of American patriotism, of liberal education, and of religious inspiration, should lead us loyally, lovingly, financially and prayerfully to support the American Baptist Home Mission Society—Robert Stuart MacArthur.

The motives which appeal to our Baptist brethren of the North appeal with even stronger force to Southern Baptists, in these times of great material development, to "loyally, lovingly, financially and prayerfully support" our own Home Mission Board.

MEN ARE READY—WE NEED MONEY.

The men and women are ready to work in our great destitute Home Field, in Memphis, New Orleans, Baltimore, among the Negroes, among the Indians, in Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama. And they are capable, consecrated men and women. We must have the money for their support. We have greatly enlarged our work, in accordance with the instructions of the Convention. The call for at least 20 new women missionaries is imperative and we

could supply that demand in as many days, if we had the means. The Home Board cannot withstand the pressure of this call from the cities, the Indians and Cuba. We shall follow what seems so clearly to be the will of God and send forth a number of new women missionaries. Our brethren in the Churches will surely furnish the money for the support of these noble women. On every hand the brethren are saying a new era has come for Home Mission!

Now then, give us the sinews of war that these soldiers of the cross may go forth to do battle for God! Brother Pastor, take a great collection for Home Mission at once!

JULY AND THE HOME BOARD.

July is a hot month, but the missionaries of the Home Board will do more work this month than during any month of the year. They will preach in revival meetings from Maryland to Texas and great will be the results. The poor wives of the missionaries will have the heavy burdens to bear at home. They need our sympathy and prayers.

Our workers in the Mountain schools will be gathering the bright boys and girls for the Fall opening. The school people are hard workers. They have a great reward awaiting them. They are training the leaders of the future.

Midsummer is a hard time on the city missionaries, but in Baltimore, St. Louis, New Orleans, Galveston and other crowded centers our toilers will be at their work. The strain of their work is great.

Among the Negroes, about whom many care so little, we shall be pressing the work with all diligence in July, and down in Cuba the laborers will not be deterred by the Summer's heat from unceasing toil. July, then, the Mid-summer month, will be a time of activity for our missionaries. It is appropriate that our people should have the Home Mission work on their hearts. We, therefore, give below the most excellent Mission Card Topic of the Woman's Missionary Union for July:

Mission Card Topic for July, 1904, Fields and Forces of Home Board.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Co-operative work, or State missions, missions east and west of Mississippi river. Mountain missions and schools. Mills and mines, Negroes, Cuba, Panama. For "Forces," see September. Receipts, \$133,954.

STUDY TOPICS—Immense and varied territory. Proportionate and systematic giving. America for Christ, or for Romanism and infidelity. Stealthy growth of Mormonism. Cities and rural districts.

Program for July, 1904. Subject: Fields and Forces of the Home Board.

1. Nuggets of Thought for Leader from Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. B. D. Gray: "The immediate sphere of our activity is our own dear home land, but our ultimate aim is the world for Christ and Christ for the world." "Immigration during the past year nearly reached a million—and still they come." "The Board considers

none of its obligations as superior to the negro work." "Thirteen mountain schools with an enrollment of 2,675 students were aided last year." "At least 40 churches in Oklahoma alone asked help in church building last year." "At every place in Cuba our great need is a house of worship."

2. The Individual Life a Force: Matt. 5: 13-16; Luke 9: 23; Phil. 3: 13-14; Gal. 6: 14; I Cor. 2: 2.

3. Sentence prayers of petition that the new Conventional year may be the best in the history of the Home Board.

4. Missionary Camps. Divide the Society into groups called the Frontier Camp, the Colored Camp, the Cuban Camp, the Foreign Camp. Group the chairs together in circles if possible, each camp to fire guns, "guns" being "items" in "Catechism on Home Mission Work."

5. Financial and other forces of Home Board, 1903-1904. Total receipts, \$133,954. W. M. U. contributed in cash \$24,869, an increase of \$5,574 over last year. Box valuation \$38,362, increase of \$6,445. Much of Home Missionaries' work cannot be tabulated but 7,526 were baptized. "Our Home Field" a force, carrying information to 10,000 subscribers and others.

6. Open Parliament, bringing forth special lines of work through which W. M. U. is a force of the Home Board. (See Recommendations H.B.)

7. Prayer that the \$20,000 for the Tichenor Memorial of the Church Building Loan Fund may be speedily raised and become a mighty force for permanency of work.

8. Business, collection, etc.

9. Narrative Leaflet: "He That Povideth Not For His Own"—a Home Mission story, by Rev. J. K. Wilson, D. D.

Members of the Home Mission Board were gratified, and grateful to God for the cordial and enthusiastic reception accorded the report of the work committed to them when it was presented to the Convention at Nashville. They rejoice in the part they are permitted to take in a work, the purpose and scope of which is to hasten the time when it may be said: "the Kingdoms of this world" are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and His Christ."

It would be pleasing to us to publish in full the report of the Home Mission Board submitted to the Convention at Nashville if space would admit, and it is our purpose to publish extracts from that report from time to time. We take occasion at this time to publish the last paragraph, or conclusion of the report as read before the Convention by the Corresponding Secretary. It is as follows:

From many sources have come assurances that the work of the Home Board was never more entrenched in the affections of our people and that the hour of supreme opportunity for service now confronts the Board. Indeed, the constant favor of God upon our workers and their great success in every field we occupy constitutes the chief glory of our year's work and furnishes the reason for our own conviction that the greatest work ever opened to the Board has been outlined in this report. Like charity, and with charity, the Board desires to furnish the bond of perfectness that shall bind together all our denominational forces for the testimony of Jesus Christ to the uttermost ends of the earth. Every department of our work is important, but concerning no one department do we say, "This is the great work of our Board." With even a partial grasp of the work in the two territories and its immense possibilities some say that is the first task before the Board; Texas is immense, and to win her is to win an empire, but even Texas is not the supreme thing; to seize the cities and shape the

destiny of the incoming foreigners, that of itself is a task for which all the present resources of the Board are inadequate, but that is not the great work of the Board; to lift the dark cloud and assume the burden of the Negro problem by giving the 9,000,000 of the race the gospel of our Lord, that, many good brethren regard the supreme task of our Board. They are mistaken, we have a mission greater than any of these things, important as they all are, greater, indeed, than all of them combined, namely, witness-bearing for Christ. The agencies may be many, the methods multifarious, but our aim is one, the enthronement of Christ in the hearts and lives of men. The immediate sphere of our activity is our own dear homeland, but our ultimate aim is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. Let this Convention, let our Baptist people become imbued with this high and holy purpose of making Christ regnant on earth, then we will spend our best thought and noblest effort on the accomplishment of this great end and not in the mere methods of its attainment. And may He, whose is the right to reign, hasten the coming of His kingdom throughout the whole earth.

The following report was unanimously adopted by the Convention; it was submitted by the Committee appointed by the Convention for the purpose of considering and reporting on the

Finance and Conclusion of Report of the Home Board

Your Committee believes that Home Missions occupy a position of peculiar and transcendent importance in our missionary work. When Adamson Johnson had the vision, beautiful of evangelization to the ends of the earth, he found its realization impossible until the activities of Luther Rice had, in the inauguration of Home Missions, given him a source of supplies and a base of operations.

In conception, Foreign Missions is the mother of Home Missions. In realization, Home Missions is the mother of Foreign Missions. This relation can never be changed. Texas, for example, has been for long years the favorite field of the Home Board. Not a church in Waco, not a church in Dallas, since a church in Texas that is not the child or grand child of the Home Board. The result is not alone that this great Texas, so a developed field, leads all the South in her contributions to the Home Board, but that in the past fifteen years it has given a third more to Foreign Missions than to Home. Because the eye of the faith never loses sight of the ends of the earth, we must develop the Home Field to the utmost, else whence shall the contributions and labors come? The chief activity of the Home Board has, therefore, been and must ever be, the organization of new churches until they become capable of co-operation.

Your Committee rejoices that notwithstanding the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, with a consequent interruption of six weeks, notwithstanding the serious illness of the Office Secretary, with a resultant loss of valuable time, there has been an increase of 25 per cent in the contributions for the year. We rejoice that this increase has been, not through special agency, but by an increase in almost every State.

Your Committee recommends that during the coming year every effort shall tend to an increased advancement in every department of the Board, looking forward to the time when the Board shall advance year by year in contribution and witness to the coming of His kingdom and the glory of His name.

Respectfully submitted by the committee:

L. F. WARREN,
TREASURER.
M. H. WOLFE.

Our Home Field is only 20 cents per year.

FIELD NOTES.

BY FIELD SECRETARY, REV. M. P. HUNT.

Patee Park, St. Joseph, Mo. Sunday following our great Convention was spent with Patee Park, where for four years it was mine to serve as pastor, and which work I reluctantly relinquished to undertake the work now in hand. It is a great people's Church, and happy the good man whose lot it shall be to fall in with them as pastor. God gave us a great day, and our Mission cause was put on higher ground. It was to me a holy day. This great Church, whose Mission spirit has steadily grown for the last four years, mourns her failure to secure Dr. A. J. Barton as pastor. They feel that the Home Board is responsible for their disappointment. By the way, St. Joseph is the third city of Missouri, with a population of 100,000 and growing. Baptists have only five Churches, and one of these without a house of worship. This is King Hill Church, located in the Packing house district of some 15,000 souls. They are trying to build and I hope our Board shall be able to lend a helping hand. Rev. Adolph Volmer is the pastor and is doing a fine work. The little struggling Church of day laborers is making a phenomenal record as a missionary people.

Omaquia Commencement: As before noted this Institution, located at Arkadelphia, is doing a magnificent work. Dr. Conger and his faculty are hard and efficient workers. The recent commencement was an interesting occasion, and the exercises were of high order. Dr. A. B. Bohannon of Pangloss, presiding the annual Commencement sermon, to the delight of the great audience. It was ours to preach the sermon before the Ministerial students. Dr. W. J. Williamson was the popular Commencement orator. Plans looking to Omaha's enlargement are under way, and by all means ought to be brought to a successful consummation.

The Home Board Meeting: The meeting of June 1st, was the first that the Field Secretary has been privileged to attend. My impressions were most favorable. A body of God's noble and true servants, seeking to plan and do to the utmost of their ability for the extension and upbuilding of the Kingdom. The Committee on Frontier Missions gave me a patient hearing and granted my every request.

Brinson, Mo.: This is a Station on the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City R. R., and is located in one of the finest agricultural districts of Northwest Missouri. The Station bears the name of the General manager, who, by the way, is an active Baptist, the Superintendent of one of the largest Sunday Schools in Illinois. A little more than a year ago Brinson had no place of worship. Bro. Joel P. Jacobs went there with the Chapel Car "Messenger of Peace." A fine meeting, a Baptist Church organized, a neat house of worship, and a patronage are the results. Sunday June 13th was dedication day. Gen. Manager Robinson, with his private car, his daughter and three of her friends were present. Bro. Jacobs was also present. Pastor J. Frank Moore was happy. Rev. J. E. Beeson, pastor at Trenton, presided at eleven A. M. at three P. M. addresses were made by W. G. Imeson, J. P. Jacobs and M. P. Hunt. At eight P. M. a sermon by our speaker concluded a bright day for this little village.

Pawnee, Oklahoma: This is a good County Seat town of some 7,500 souls. Our cause has been in the back ground. Under the leadership of L. L. Kyle a little more than a year ago a building enterprise was inaugurated. In the near time he accepted another work and under pastoral leadership of Rev. S. R. Williams the house was finished. Sunday June 27th was dedication day. After trying to preach I asked for Bro. Williams to dedicate the house without debt and it was soon pledged and pastor Williams led the

dedicatory prayer. We have a good house and the outlook is more promising. Some 700 of the Pawnee Indians live near this place, and no religious work is being done among them. A good and needy field and they should have attention at once.

Guthrie, Okla.: This is the Capital City, and has a population of some 15,000 souls. Our cause for one reason and another has not kept pace with the growth of this City. A splendid house of worship was erected some years ago under the ministry of Rev. L. H. Holt. Recently Rev. J. W. McAttee, of Missouri, has come to the work. He is taking strong hold and the outlook is full of promise.

At Haid, Okla.: Rev. G. L. Hale is gloriously leading his people from victory to victory. This is a City of some 10,000, and he is pleading for a lady missionary to help him occupy the City for Christ and the Baptists.

Oklahoma City: Pastor Anderson of the First Church is back from his vacation, and the matter of a new building will be pressed.

At Washington Avenue the outlook is indeed most hopeful. Rev. J. W. T. Givens of Kentucky, has just settled as pastor. He is one of the most godly and efficient men among us. Hitherto he has been greatly blessed, and knowing the man and the field I expect this to prove the work of his life. He took the work in the full conviction that it was of God's leading, and turned down, from the worldly point of view, other and more inviting fields.

Hot Springs, Ark.: Pastor W. T. Amis and wife have recently been called to mourn the home going of her father, whose summons came suddenly. While she tarries with her widowed mother in the old Kentucky home, brother Amis is working that State in the interest of the great building his people are planning to erect. He is meeting with much encouragement. Assistant pastor I. G. Murray is vigorously pushing the work in the pastor's absence, and is making for himself a large place in the life of the Church and community. He is, indeed, a good man of God.

A LESSON FROM THE ORIENT.

There is no question of the ultimate triumph of the kingdom of God in the Orient. The war clouds and the fierce battles will be clear the atmosphere, and open new currents for the inflow of the gospel. Within the next five years men and money will be needed in China, Japan, Manchuria, Siberia and Thibet, as they have never been needed in any field of foreign missionary labor. America will be called upon to furnish the largest number of the men and the largest amount of money for the preaching of the gospel—welcomed then as never before. Unless our home field is thoroughly prepared for this great work, the evangelization of the world will be delayed. The evangelization of America to-day means the winning of the world to-morrow.—*American Home Missions.*

There are many important questions before the church to-day, but that of Home Missions is of paramount importance. To neglect it is to invite decay and death; to be loyal to it is to insure health and life. When Home Missions goes to the front, every other good thing goes with it.—*American Home Missions.*

Think of Buchanan county alone, with a population of 10,000, and less than 100 members of any church in the entire county. Think of the untold souls of the lost in our growing mining towns and in the mountain regions. Let us take Virginia for Christ, and it will help wonderfully to save the world.—*The Gospel Worker.*

But if any preach only for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.—*Timothy 5:8.*

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NEW ORLEANS.

REV. A. E. REIMER.

Few realize the enormous obstacles which we have to contend with in New Orleans, not the least of which is occasioned by the vast extent of territory covered by the city. New Orleans is laid out in the form of a Crescent, caused by a bend of the river. The town may be divided by Canal St. All the region below being known as "downtown" and containing about 135,000 people, all above Canal St., as "uptown" and having about 175,000 people. All our Baptist churches are "uptown" and follow the bend of the river at a distance of about ten blocks, leaving all the balance of the city without a Baptist church, and 225,000 people outside of reasonable walking distance from one. The following table of population and extent of territory covered by the large cities of our country will prove of great interest, the figures being taken from Bulletin No. 7 of the Census. Detroit 369,000 population covering 17,565 acres; Milwaukee 313,000 population, 14,327 acres; Cincinnati 329,000 population, 26,880 acres; Pittsburgh 345,000 population, 18,108 acres; San Francisco 355,000 population, 29,760 acres; Buffalo 371,000 population, 26,884 acres; Cleveland 415,000 population, 22,423 acres. Baltimore 531,000 population, 19,303 acres; St. Louis 612,000 population, 39,273 acres; Philadelphia 1,368,000 population, 82,923 acres; Chicago 1,874,000 population, 122,008 acres; New Orleans 310,000 population, (estimated); covering one hundred and twenty-nine (129,000) thousand acres. Thus New Orleans covers seven times as large an extent of territory as Detroit; nine times as large as Milwaukee; four and one-half times as large as Cincinnati; seven times as large as Pittsburgh; four times as large as San Francisco; four and one-half times as large as Buffalo; five and one-half times as large as Cleveland; six

and one-half times as large as Baltimore; three and one-half times as large as St. Louis, one and one-half times as large as Philadelphia; exceeding even Chicago by seven thousand acres, and being exceeded only by greater New York. And yet, to cover all this vast extent of territory, there are but five Baptist preachers, having four churches and one Mission. Still the brethren ask, "why isn't more being done in New Orleans?" Grasp these figures and you will understand the difficulties of striving to build up a church and congregation, where miles separate you from those you desire to reach. They will not attend a church so far away, and we must bring the Mission first to their doors to interest and to save them. Brethren how much longer will you permit us to labor ere giving us the help we so much need, and for which the time is opportune.

Miss Hansen of South McAlester writes as follows:

I am at Gowen now to help Brother Lucas, our missionary for Short Mountain Association, in a meeting.

The population of Gowen is about 1500. There has been no church here as yet of any denomination, but we find a number of Baptists here who have been aroused by the Spirit of God to their responsibility, and next Sunday afternoon, by the Grace of God, a church will be organized here. A great interest is manifested in the meeting, souls are being saved. All say this is such a wicked place. A few Baptists here have been loyal and faithful to their Lord, but the majority have been going off with the world. But the Spirit of God has got hold of them. Men and women broke down yesterday, some wept on each other's neck making open confession and asking each other's forgiveness. May the Lord grant a most glorious success over the power of Satan!

Rev. Tuell, Ind. Ter: I wish to say further in regard to our full-blood brethren, I am lending them a helping hand and doing what I can to encourage them. I am glad to say that the excitement of a few months past, created by the report of a threatened uprising, has vanished and all is moving smoothly. I sympathize greatly with this element of our population. Their having to give up their old government and the traditions of their fathers is a sore trial, yet they are displaying a wonderful moral courage in submitting to the inevitable.

Rev. Hilko Swyter, Baltimore, Md.: We are still progressing. During this quarter we have improved our Chapel by putting in a baptistry, which is now completed. A new convert (adult) is now waiting for baptism.

The members of the Mission have undertaken to pay for the putting in of this baptistry without the aid of the Church of which they are members. \$100.00 has already been collected among them and their friends. They are united in the Master's work, and are looking for great things from the Lord.

From a personal letter from Rev. C. D. Daniel: The saddest night that I ever spent in all my life was the night that I had that terrible hemorrhage, for I then felt that I would never be able to preach again. But God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, heard prayer, and has restored me to perfect health. It seems incredible, and yet it is true, that since having the hemorrhage, some three months ago, my weight has increased from 140 to 169 pounds. It is simply wonderful, almost miraculous.

R. W. Sanders in S. C. Baptist:—Let me say here that I regard Home Missions, as conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention as one of the greatest keys of modern Christendom for unlocking the gates of the world's evangelization.

WORK OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

BY B. D. GRAY.

(An address delivered before the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., Saturday evening May 14, 1904, by Secretary B. D. Gray and stenographically reported to The Baptist Argus.)

Brother President and Brethren: I speak with extreme diffidence tonight. I should much prefer hearing others speak. I have been in the work something more than seven months, during four-fifths of which time I have been out of my office, in order that I might secure, as rapidly as possible, an exact and comprehensive grasp of the situation. It is a most difficult task. It is easier to deal in the large than it is to deal in detail. It is very easy to block out great things and to say general things. It is a very difficult thing to go into matters of particular and to dare say the wise thing.

I am profoundly convinced that the most serious time, the most propitious time, that we have ever come upon, has come to us just now. I believe that this country of ours is the greatest country on God's earth. I believe that the supreme opportunities of the present day are here on this American continent. I believe that more is involved in the existence of the American people than of any people under the sun.

Moreover, I believe that now Baptists have, as they never have had before, their day and their opportunity. I believe that, in the providence of God, the Baptists have now the greatest opportunity that Baptists have ever had. I believe that in our Southland, here where untoward circumstances hitherto have kept us from coming into the Kingdom, I believe that in our Southland the difficulties have been giving away. Waves of opposition and of difficulty are subsiding, and the opportunities of all the ages are upon us at the present time.

I should like to tell you what I believe to be the supreme mission of Baptists. It was contained in a part of our report. It is not in any one feature of our work. I disclaim for our Board, here tonight, the idea that any department of our labor can be put up, in the estimation of the Board, as the great thing for our Board to do.

Vast as the Negro problem is, and beautiful as was the solution of the question before us this afternoon—great as that problem is, it is not the chief thing with us. The cities, that thrilled the gallery and this floor here below, as they were mentioned tonight—they are not the supreme problem of the Home Mission Board. I believe that all of them together present the supreme problem of American Baptists—Southern Baptists—because in them is involved our very existence and progress as a denomination, at home and abroad.

Our mission is one of giving testimony—testimony to Jesus Christ here on earth, incarnating Him among men. The greatest condescension that God ever made to earth, was when He incarnated Himself in Jesus Christ; and that was the greatest manifestation of His grace, the supreme manifestation of our gratitude will be in the incarnation of Jesus Christ in our own lives. When we have taken the truth as He took it from the tablets of stone and put it into living pulsing flesh—when we have done that for Him, we have done the supreme task before us, in this land of ours and in all lands.

I say that we have the supreme opportunity of doing this in America, and peculiarly here in the South. We have the supreme opportunity of all the ages for Baptists. We have freedom. We have the right to worship God according to the dictates of our consciences. A hundred years ago, that privilege was not accorded to us in its fullness. We have come through stripes and imprisonments and fines into this great day of opportunity—of God-given possession of ourselves.

No wonder the theologian Dwight was lost in the patriotic poet, two hundred years ago, when he thought of America, and burst out, away from thoughts of theology, "Columbia, Columbia, to glory arise, The queen of the earth, and the child of the skies." He believed it two hundred years ago and the heavenly inheritance that God has given to us is coming into full recognition by us. And we had a beautiful manifestation of our gratitude to God this morning in the superb and unparalleled performance in giving more than \$50,000 to our Seminary. I said in Louisville, six weeks ago, that my conviction is so profound that we have one of the greatest opportunities possible in the Seminary and our obligations as a people are so great with reference to it, that we might well, if we could, step aside for a moment and stay the gifts for Foreign and Home Missions, and give that Seminary \$500,000 immediately. If we could, in justice to our work, do such a thing, I should be willing to put that amount down on that School of the Prophets. I feel that way towards our Seminary. My love for our Sunday School Board antedated its formal birth. My heart is with the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and I thank God for our eloquent, big-bearded, well-informed Willingham. I should be glad to plead for China and Japan and Africa and Mexico and Italy and Argentina and Brazil with all the energy of my soul. It is one work that we are engaged in. Missions is one. This wide, sin-cursed world is one and that commission of our Lord, in its three departments of geography is one in essence. Into Jerusalem and all Judea, into Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth, is the witness bearer to go. It is not the territory but the witnessing that is to have the emphasis. It is the witnessing for Christ that eliminates distances and climes and peoples and countries and makes all work one in Jesus Christ. Christ's mission was one and ours is one.

Modern progress, too, is fast dissipating the differences that heretofore were held in our own minds regarding missions. The Philippines are 10,000 miles from the Golden Gate and Manila is as far from Richmond as Hong Kong and Shanghai and Tokyo. Some of our foreign fields are nearer to our own home land, to the United States than some of our home fields. Thus distance ceases to be a great factor in the great mission problem. Missions in essence and spirit are the same in Canton, China, that they are in Canton, Georgia. It is the world for Christ and Christ for this world, and I say that the fairest expression of Christ, or the Spirit of Christianity, is here in our Southern country, and our Home Board is set, not for its own aggrandizement, but is like a good mother that spends herself and her life in her children and is proudest when they are best, when they are most useful; and, if I had a program of a millennium—I will put it shorter—if I had a program of a decade or twenty years with which and through which to reach China and Japan and all the regions of our foreign fields, I do not know how I should go about it with greater wisdom than to begin here at home by strengthening this base of supplies.

By building up Texas, which, in the last fifteen years, has given \$127,887.31 to Home Missions, and turned into the Foreign Mission treasury \$207,097.58 cash and, in the next fifteen years, will put \$500,000 into the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board, we have been doing the most effective Foreign Mission work that could be done. I would go into Arkansas and Oklahoma and the Indian Territory and the unparalleled empire of Texas, and I would there plant the standard of Jesus Christ; and, from these great home centers, I would send out heavenly messengers of peace; holy argosies, to all the shores of the world, to storm the citadels of sin in heathen lands. I would show the people what ships are for—that they are for holy commerce to all the nations of the earth. I would equip sons and daughters to stop the cry of Will-

ingham and Bonar for men and women to go to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Our cause is one. Let us bear in mind always that one suffers at the expense of all. One is honored, then all are honored. Bear in mind that there are methods and methods of missions, and that methods and administrations may be many, but that there is one spirit and one Lord, and that there is no difference in the winning of souls and transforming them into the image of Jesus Christ, whether it is done in the unknown regions of these western territories or in the jungles of Africa.

I wish it were possible for me with a goodly company of Frontier Missionaries, to join Brother Willingham when he brings before you these returned missionaries of Christ's cross from beyond the seas. I wish I could bring a goodly array of those less conspicuous but none the less faithful servants that are out yonder in those dugouts, and show to you the trophies, that they, by the help of God's spirit, are winning for our cause in this western country.

I tell you the supreme hour is upon us. It required only a few moments of discussion to call forth from representatives here of various cities requests for help. Other cities could have uttered their cry. Many cities are calling to us to come over and help them. There are as many Baptists, with seven hundred over, in Brother Eaton's church in Louisville, as there are in all the white Baptist churches of New Orleans. The Baptist cause, numerically, relatively speaking, in Atlanta, is twenty-four times as strong as in New Orleans, and fifty times—a hundred times—as strong in moral power and money as the Baptists in New Orleans.

I tell you, a most serious time has come to us, and our co-operative work. That work has been criticised by some. It is not above criticism. Fortunately, I have not been in the Board long enough to get much criticism. We have here a great opportunity. We can turn the stream on the fire at the place where it is raging most fiercely, until the grip of the flames is weakened, and then we can turn the stream in another direction. That is what I want us to do at New Orleans, and then we can turn to other places.

I tell you, you do not know the situation, if you have not realized that, in a hundred places, the co-operative work has saved the day for Baptists. The older states as well as the younger states are coming to need co-operative work in instances where heretofore they have not needed it. Take for instance, the Palmetto state, true and noble as she can be. She is now struggling with the mill population. There are more than 400,000 of these people, a number equal to five cities the size of Nashville, if they were crowded together. Columbia, South Carolina, has been absolutely overcome by the influx of 75,000 mill people into her midst. In sheer desperation they have asked the Home Board to give them \$10,000. We were not able to give them so much, but we did grant them \$5,000.

Charleston, herself, is becoming a mission field. So it is all through the East. So it is even in Mississippi and in Georgia and in Alabama. The secretary of state missions in old Virginia, the home of Baptists as well as the mother of presidents, recently said that there were more than 800,000 unconverted adults in Virginia, nearly as many people as there are inhabitants in all Oklahoma and Indian Territory combined. Thus we see that this co-operative work that is being done by the Home Board is more and more needed even in the older states. I plead tonight for that conception of our oneness that shall make us as one great army going forth to conquer for Christ. These state boards doing their work heroically and our Home Board working with them, we shall together honor God and lift up our country and enthroned Christ.

I wish I had time to speak on righteous citizenship. The greatest need of our entire country is

righteous citizens. The supreme question of this day this hour, for Southern Baptists, is righteous Christian citizenship—a citizenship that first of all honors and fears God, and, in this reverential fear of God, goes forth to magnify him and to establish Christ in the world, and a citizenship that knows no difference of race or color or previous condition, but that comes down to the holy and heavenly task of subjecting this country of ours to Jesus Christ and of putting it in line with our Baptist people. It is through our co-operative work that this great task is to be accomplished. It is here that we have the supreme opportunity of Baptists for expressing their oneness and their solidarity. Theologically speaking, we find the expression of our unity in the Seminary. In action, we find it in the work of our Home Mission Board. In its world wide sweep we find it the work of our Foreign Mission Board. Yet, in essence and substance all are the same. This is what I conceive our work to be. Every part of the work is dependent upon every other part of it. When the great Kentucky High Bridge was built, they put together one section after another. Day after day, long before it was completed, people prophesied that the last sections would not fit together. It was the highest bridge in the world at that time. When the day came for completing the bridge great throngs of people gathered to witness the wonderful event. Announcement had been made and the people came from far and near to see if the prophecies of evil would be fulfilled, or if the sections would meet and thus complete the span. When the last two sections were put up they failed to meet, and the evil prophets turned to one another and said, "Didn't we say so?" Those in charge telegraphed to the chief engineer at Cincinnati, who could not be present: "The bridge will not come together. What shall we do?" The answer came back: "Wait until twelve o'clock to-morrow." The next day the sun rose in all his glory, and, as the rays of light and warmth came down upon the great steel structure, it slowly expanded, and, at high noon, the two sections came together. They were clasped. The people shouted! I have thought that, if somehow these boards, the Home Board and the State Boards, could be expanded by divine love and could be brought together by divine power and clasped at high noon, we would have on this earth a glorious highway for the Prince of Peace.

I wish I could talk to you in detail about the work in the cities. The cry is coming to us with crushing force. We stand ready to do as you desire. We are Christ's servants. We want to do the work in the best way. We want you to give us your support, your sympathy, your prayers, your means, your ideas.

I wish I could speak at length of the Negro problem. We want to make intelligent Christian citizens of all these Negroes. In our Southern states, they are Baptists. They were not born so. Some one has said that you can be born a Methodist, a Presbyterian, or an Episcopalian, but that you must be born again to be a Baptist. The Negro problem is a great problem, but I want to say to you, in all seriousness, that I believe that we ourselves are a greater problem than the Negroes. If we will handle ourselves, if we will address ourselves to holy living, to righteous citizenship, to some apprehension of the claims of Christianity upon us, then we will, in large measure, have settled the Negro problem—and every other problem.

Oh, let us, by some method—methods are multi-form—let us, with a holy zeal, with the fire in a prophet's bones, go forward, here in our own land, to make this the paradise of God and to bring the nations of the earth to the feet of Jesus Christ. Here in this land, in this country where we live, is the supreme theater for the next few years, for the majority of the Baptists of the earth.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Editor.

WANTED—WITHOUT DELAY.

Before stating what is wanted, may we not bring to the attention of Southern Baptists a few facts regarding destitution of church buildings. Speaking in round numbers, there are in Texas, 3,000 Baptist churches of which only one half have meeting houses; in Arkansas, 1,300 churches about one half having houses of worship; in Indian Territory and Oklahoma 725 churches with 425 of these without any church home and holding services in school-houses, dug-outs, groves, under brush arbores, or in any available spot. Of Comanche Co., Oklahoma, Dr. B. D. Gray in the Annual Report of the Home Mission Board said: "It is sixty miles wide by seventy miles in length, and has thirty Baptist churches, only two of which have church buildings. Facing such conditions in these places, without looking to other needy fields including Florida, where missionaries write of services held in sheds covered with palmetto fans, with bed quilts at the sides as protection from the wind, can we not hear the voice of Christ saying: 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' Paul's words also have peculiar force at this time: 'We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak.'"

It is appreciated that noble, self denying effort is being made along many lines for the upbuilding of Christ's cause at home and abroad, but a supreme need of the hour is undoubtedly a sufficiently large Church Building Loan Fund through which the Home Mission Board, as the agent of Southern Baptists, may enable these homeless churches to become permanent factors in effective and far reaching work for God. The Presbyterians say "Every congregation stands in peril till it finds its spiritual home in a house of worship." The Congregationalists report not more than five per cent of their churches with meeting houses have become extinct. Methodists are building churches at the rate of two a day; Northern Baptists also believe in rapid building as illustrated in Cuba and elsewhere, and shall we fail in compassion for our homeless churches? That the situation of those without buildings or means may be better understood let us imagine the difficulties of our own church, our personal loss if placed in similar circumstances.

Reflection upon the needs of homeless churches, of Southern Baptists responsibility in this matter, will surely lead to the conclusion that there is—

—Wanted—Without Delay.

The Remainder of the Twenty Thousand Dollars which was asked of Woman's Missionary Union last year for the Tichenor Memorial of the Church Building Loan Fund, and for which a special appeal is made in the Recommendations for this year.

As seen from the report of the Home Mission Board \$5,047.70 was the amount given last year for the Tichenor Memorial. The amount is smaller than was expected because the fire in Baltimore and other circumstances prevented efforts being made to secure contributions until quite late, and as this is a matter of such vital importance, we trust there will be no delay in taking steps towards raising the remainder of the \$20,000. As a help in doing this, the following suggestion is made:

That as many Societies as possible aim to secure the definite sum of \$50, this amount not to be taken from the regular receipts, but to be obtained

by making personal appeals to those interested in having our land become in reality what it now is only in name—A Christian land.

If Southern Baptist women will heartily engage to carry out this plan, we believe those who have the money will give and the full amount be speedily raised. The Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, 233 North Howard St., Baltimore, Md., will be much pleased to hear from those who will co-operate in this work, and as aids in stimulating interest, will gladly furnish copies of two excellent leaflets, one prepared by Dr. Lansing Burrows on "The Tichenor Memorial," the other, a narrative "He That Provideth Not For His Own," by Dr. J. K. Wilson.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The following Recommendations from the Home Mission Board to Woman's Missionary Union were adopted at the annual meeting in Nashville, May 1904, thus become the basis of W. M. U. Home Mission effort. We ask for them a careful reading and hearty co-operation in carrying them out.

A. W. A.

First. That the dissemination of literature be given special emphasis. Our people need information. Books, tracts and leaflets ought to be put into the hands of our people. Our Home Field has been doubled in size, though the price remains the same, only ten cents a year. We ask your help in extending the circulation. For three months we have averaged over one thousand new subscribers a month. Help us to continue that rate for the entire year.

Second. The Completion of the Tichenor Memorial. Gratifying results have attended your efforts in behalf of this beautiful memorial and we beg that the work be continued until the \$20,000 is secured. Nothing is more needed by our Board than a great Building and Loan Fund, of which the Tichenor Memorial is a part. What a home is to a family, a house of worship is to a Church. It is not strange that our good women are peculiarly interested in this great work.

Third. The Boxes to Missionaries. Possibly no service rendered by our sisters is prompted by nobler sentiments than the gift of boxes to our poorly paid frontier missionaries. The benefactors and the beneficiaries alike share the blessings of the gracious work. But for these boxes, in many instances, our missionaries would have to leave their fields of labor. Let the good work continue. It is understood, of course, that these boxes are love's offering from our good women, and supplementary to the meagre salaries of our missionaries, and are not to interfere with the regular cash contributions to Home Missions.

Fourth. The Need of More Women Missionaries. The demand for additional female missionaries is great. In the mines, the mills and the cities, the call for such workers is imperative. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send them and give us the money to support them. During the present year the Board has twenty women missionaries in Cuba and the United States. Let us increase that number materially.

Fifth. The week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions has been a benediction indeed. From every quarter have come glorious tidings of its unifying, uplifting power in the spiritual life of our women. A new vision of better things has come into the lives of hundreds and thousands and the gifts to our Home Board have been most gratifying. By all means let our women share the blessings of this gracious season and lay their special gifts on the Lord's altar.

Sixth. We recommend to you most earnestly and affectionately the training of our children and young people in the great work of Missions. They are our hope for the future. From them must come

in the next generation the workers and their support for our own land and other lands. We recommend that their energies be turned to the raising of money for the support of our schools in the mountains and in Cuba.

Seventh. Following the above recommendations and to meet the increased demands of our great work, we beg that you will raise fifty thousand dollars for Home Missions during the year 1904-5. The need for distinct and immediate enlargement of our gifts is painfully urgent. If this amount can be apportioned among the different States and in turn among the District Associations and the local Societies and its claims put upon each individual member we are confident, under the blessing of God, of your raising the amount requested.

We have every reason to thank God for His remarkable favor upon our Home Mission Board. On every hand the work has been prospered and for much of this prosperity large credit is due the Woman's Missionary Union. May the blessings of God and the guidance of His Spirit be given you for the larger plans for the coming year.

THE ANNUAL LETTER OF GREETING.

Following the custom of previous years, a letter of greeting was sent from the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to women missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards, and the wives of frontier missionaries. Replies have been received from some in the home-land, and thinking many will be interested in them, the following extracts are given:

"For years I have received those annual greetings from the front, and to the missionary laborer, they bring such glad news of a sturdy advance. It has been a joy to me through all the hardships of frontier life to be an humble participant in so great a work. My husband though among the first to proclaim the glad tidings in the Territories is yet actively engaged in the work. For this cause dear to my heart, I have given almost the strength of my life and while I can not meet you in person, or grasp the hands of the many so earnestly engaged in the work, I am looking forward to that eternal convocation in Heaven where we can rejoice together forevermore."—*Mrs. James Edmondson.*

"We thank you for your kind greeting and encouraging words. Our pathway often seems long and rugged, but it is indeed a consolation to know that there are those interested in us, willing to sacrifice for our sakes."—*Mrs. F. W. Adams.*

"Your letter of greeting and reports of the papers on the great Convention fill my heart with joy. I am so glad to know of the enlargement of our work. Our own territory is quite extensive, six large counties, and certainly my husband has his hands full, being the only missionary. We feel that he is accomplishing a great deal, but with such a field, we need a dozen missionaries and a Bible woman! My heart is in the work and at times I feel that I just can't stay at home and leave the work undone, but have three delicate children, so can only work in my home town and church. I hope and pray this new year may prove the greatest in His work."—*Mrs. J. J. Baird.*

"We received your very encouraging letter and rejoice over the work being done by the Baptist army of the South. We are specially glad that our own people are becoming more awake to the great need of sending the gospel to all parts of the world. Our collections during this year (since January 1st) are more than one hundred and fifty per cent better than ever before."—*Mrs. T. Estell.*

"The 'letter of greeting' came as a message of love to my household. These rays of sunlight dispel the gloom of many a day that would otherwise be dreary for us on this Western field. Only those who have left friends and homes and are laboring among strangers—ah! strangers to God—can fully know how to appreciate the prayers of our sisters. But for these, we would at times become discouraged; then, God whispers soft and low: 'Go forward and preach and teach in my name,' and we know that He has heard us."—*Mrs. D. W. Matthews.*

Maryland Baptist Union Association: The history of our work in Cuba reads like a chapter from the Book of Acts. In spite of difficulties external and internal, the work has grown and continues to grow in a most gratifying way and now another island of this group is knocking at our doors and we dare not refuse to hear.

The American people love their country. And, indeed, they love a land beyond compare. A land rich with mineral and flowing with milk and honey.

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Rev. W. A. Roberson, Ind. Ter.: My work here is doing well under the circumstances. We have had so much rain the people are very much bothered. We have dismissed our Sunday school until we can get in our house. I thought we would be able to use our house next Sunday. I will take a collection for missions Sunday. We have had three additions by letter, three by baptism, and

have licensed one preacher. He was a Methodist and came to us, and we baptized him and have now licensed him to preach and he is doing some good work here in our sawmills.

Rev. J. M. Freeman, Ind. Ter.: Our ladies are doing nobly in raising money to seat our house, which will be a great help to us. This is an important field. Our city is building up all the time and unless we are able to keep pace with the town and other Churches we will lose out. I shall take collection for Home and Foreign Missions later on.

Rev. R. A. Mayes, Ind. Ter.: I have a hard field of labor, no Church at either place in which to worship. We have organized a Ladies' Aid Society at Bokchita and have raised \$72 as a building fund, so, you see, we are doing what we can. My field of labor is growing in interest.

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FLORIDA: Previously reported, \$3.57.
GEORGIA: Miss M. L. J. Jackson, 60 cents; N. Augusta Ch. \$4.70; Temple Ch. Atlanta, for San Domingo, Cuba, \$31.83; S. S. Crawfordville 24 cents. Total \$37.37. Previously reported \$20.84. Total since May, \$58.21.
INDIAN TERRITORY: Previously reported, \$28.87.
KENTUCKY: J. G. Bow, Cot. Sec. \$251.53. Previously reported \$35.00. Total since May \$286.53.
LOUISIANA: Mt. Herman Ch. \$20.00. Previously reported \$4.00. Total since May \$24.00.
MARYLAND: A Maryland woman for Pinar del Rio chapel \$5.00; Brantley S. S., Baltimore, \$11.71; Seventh Ch. Baltimore \$27.05. Total \$43.76.
MISSISSIPPI: New Hope Ch. \$2.05; Sunbeams, Clinton, for Miss Buhlmaier, \$3.25; Earnest Workers, Wall St. Ch., Natchez, for Tichenor Memorial \$5.00. Total \$10.30.
NORTH CAROLINA: Previously reported \$9.41.
OKLAHOMA: Yukon Ch. \$17.25; Mountain Park Ch. \$3.00. Total \$20.25. Previously reported \$1.20. Total since May \$21.45.
SOUTH CAROLINA: Mountain View, 95 cts; Great Saltkatchee, \$2.00; Oak Grove S. S. \$3.00; Midway Ch. \$2.40; Prosperity Ch. 84 cents; Whitmire Ch. 66 cts; Central Ch. Greenville, for frontier missions, \$5.75; Lewisville Ch. for frontier missions \$7.00; Mispah ch. \$3.00; Mt. Pleasant \$1.84; Four Holes \$7.84; Cowpens Ch. \$7.50; Cowpens S. S. \$2.50; Rosemary Ch. \$6.00; Mt. Pleasant 80 cts; Langston \$3.40; Poplar Springs 86 cts; Chestnut Ridge \$6.85; Mill Creek \$7.45; Union Ch. \$2.00; Bethel \$7.05; Dudley \$1.65; Cent. Com. W. M. S., by Mrs. John Stout, as follows: (Special thank offering \$5.90; Tichenor Mem. 50 cts; Miss Buhlmaier \$2.00; general fund \$31.44; Soc. of Greenville Association for Cuban Missionaries—of which \$10.41 is special thank offering—\$27.47; Upper Marion Union \$57.33; Mt. Pisgah Ch. 50 cents; Horeb \$1.45; Buck Swamp 20 cts; 2nd Ch. Belton, \$1.03; Providence Ch. \$6.24; Lower Section Marion Union \$13.15; Taylors Ch. \$1.70; Sender unknown, Cameron, for frontier missions, \$9.60. Total \$269.85. Previously reported \$174.15. Total since May \$444.00.
TENNESSEE: W. M. U. Convention for Cuban chapels \$2.38; W. M. U. Trenton St. Ch. Harriman, for Tichenor Mem. \$5.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., \$109.18. Total \$116.56.
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AGGREGATE: \$771.62. Previously reported \$298.39. Total since May \$1,070.00.

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