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## HOME MISSIONS.

W. R. L. SMITH, D. D., IN RELIGIOUS HEARDED.

I am trying to accustom myself to the thought that a home missionary deserves just as much recognition and honor as a foreign missionary. Is it any more creditable to preach to poor in Brazil than it is to preach to the same class in Louisiana? Not a man of us dare affirm it. Yet is it not true that we tend more to lionize the man and wife just returned from the work in Rome and Canton than the equally laborious toilers from New Orleans and Oklahoma? That any of us are guilty of intentional partiality in this matter is not to be insinuated, even in the remotest way; but that a little more delicate thoughtfulness needs to be exercised, very few will call in question. There is no doubt about it, we do show more interest in the man who comes from far than in him who labors at the doors. Our tender enthusiasms are more readily responsive to the mission stories from the Niger than to its eloquent parallel from the Brazos.

I am proposing to stand by the equal dignity and merit of the men and women who preach our gospel to the destitute, whether in St. Louis and on the Texas frontier or in Shanghai and the jungles of Africa. Now, we never bestow one whit too much consideration on our foreign missionaries. They richly deserve all the complimentary attention that they receive. Yet I am positively sure that not one of them would dissent from the view that their fellow-workers in the home fields are just as worthy as themselves to receive hearty welcomes and generous commendation.

The home mission is just as honorable and sacred as the foreign. It is just as much needed; it demands the same devotion, exacts as much labor, involves as much hardship, demands an equal degree of sacrifice, and yields larger results in conversion. Is our foreign work hallowed by noble names and memories of awful sorrows? It is true. And it is equally true that our home work is illustrious with precious names and sanctified with unwritten and unsung tragedies of sacrifice. I can find instances of splendid heroism and suffering for Christ in Virginia, Arkansas and the Indian Territory, as pathetic as any that have made glorious and tearful the mission history of Mexico and Burma.

Let us hold in equal honor the two departments of our great missionary task.

Rev. W. H. Fields, Quay, Okla.:—I have just closed a meeting at Olive Church, we had 45 conversions, 37 baptized and one more received for baptism, I had to do all the preaching, but the Lord gave me strength and blessed the work.

## CITY MISSIONS.

BY MISS GEORGIA BARNETTE,  
CITY MISSIONARY AT NEW ORLEANS.

Would that it could be said of every young man who comes to our cities, and falls by the wayside, the same, as of Jack, in the story recently published in Our Home Field, entitled, "He that provided not for his own" but alas! how few are found and rescued. The world is ready to offer them every pleasure, "which doth so easily beset them" and they seek not the Godly for their associates nor the church for their home. How many young men and women coming to our cities from christian homes even, get lost as it were in the great seething mass of humanity, consisting as in New Orleans, of nearly every tribe and tongue in the land. With many a mother, not until her own boy has sought to cast his lot in a great city, does it dawn upon her what the temptations may be for a young man in City life. It is then she becomes interested, and seeks to know of the morals of

ches. This conveyance is fully equipped, with seats, organ, pulpit stand, awnings, etc., and we hope that such words may fall from the lips of those who go out on it from time to time as shall cause many a prodigal boy to return to his Father's love, as well as to bring into the fold those who have never known what the saving power of our Lord can do for the sinner.

## LETTER FROM BRO. BROWN.

Superintendent Mountain Missions and Schools.

Dear Bro. Gray: I have time for a few lines only. I am on my way from the Tuckasegee Association to the Tennessee River Association. These Associations comprise the territory of the Sylva Institute. The discussion of the subject of education was the principle feature of the Tuckasegee Asso. The whole of Saturday morning was given up to the discussion of Home Missions and education. I have been visiting this Association for years but I have never seen them wrought up to such a pitch as they were during the discussion of these subjects.

At the close of the discussion I raised in good subscriptions about five hundred dollars, which sum will relieve the school of present embarrassments. The school opened last week with more than twice the enrollment of last year. The Girls Home is finished and I hope to have it partly furnished by the first of Sept. Already a number of girls are waiting for the Home to open. As I look into the faces of these girls and see their hunger for education I am moved to involve myself deeper in order that they may have the opportunity. Oh how a little money would relieve the situation here just now. A young lady came in last night to take advantage of the opportunity the Home offers to poor girls. She had heard of the school and that a house was being built to accommodate poor girls by allowing

them to work their way, she did not know that the Home was not ready and her disappointment was great but she is a brave girl and kind friends will care for her until the Home is opened. The property at Murphy has been secured and we hope to open the school there in October, but as yet we have not secured a principal for the school and much remains to be done before the opening, but Bro. Cade is working bravely on the difficult situation. So far as they have reported to me, all of the schools have opened well, most of them in advance of last year.

A. E. BROWN,

Asheville, Aug 23 1904.

The notable address of Dr. Augustus H. Strong, delivered at Cleveland on "Our Denominational Outlook," can be had in moderate quantities for circulation upon application either to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 312 Fourth Avenue N. Y. City, or the American Baptist Missionary Union, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., or to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Stamps to cover postage should be included in the order.



"The Gospel Messenger"—New gospel wagon of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, as it appeared when being dedicated in front of the City Hall.

that city, inquires about the churches and the pastors, and at once writes to some pastor that "my boy is in your town."

But who is looking after the boy whose mother has gone home, or those from ungodly parents? "Love thy neighbor as thyself" is the great command. The responsibility of doing nothing short of OUR BEST rests upon every saved man and woman, to see that our Cities are christianized not for the safe keeping only of our boys and girls, but because the command, "Go teach all nations" is applicable to our Cities, as well as across the waters.

On the streets of New Orleans are thousands of people who seldom ever darken a church door, where they can learn of him or receive that help which comes from mingling with God's people. For several years we have been praying that God would give the First Baptist church a more suitable house of worship, and we believe it is coming. In the meantime, while under numerous disadvantages, we are trying to do what we may in the present building to get the Gospel into the hearts and lives of all who may come to us. Our church has recently had built, and sent out on the streets a wagon, or "Gospel Messenger" with the idea of reaching those who remain away from our church.



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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The cause of Home Missions is the cause of the weak presented to the strong. "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

We greatly appreciate the steady flow of subscribers. The Home Field is the great agency of our Board for reaching the brotherhood. Let the subscriptions come.

The priest and the Levite were condemned by the Christ because they neglected the present opportunity—the here and now—the home field, as it might be called.—*American Home Missionary*.

Read what is said in another column about enlarging the size of the Home Field. We shall be bound to enlarge, it seems, by January. Roll up the list in your church, brother, sister. Help us add 15000 subscribers while the price is only 10 cents.

By accident a copy of the Home Field fell into the hands of a good sister. She read it through, was fired with enthusiasm and at once sent us a list of subscribers. No, it was not by accident but providence. May not hundreds of our excellent women find here a good example to follow? How much good would result?

Our state papers, as a rule, are giving noble support to our Home Mission Board and its work. Thank you brethren. Dr. J. H. Gambrell of the Baptist Standard says: "Every Baptist interested in the work of the Home Mission Board ought to subscribe for and read 'Our Home Field,' published in Atlanta, Ga. It is a three-column eight page monthly, full of information, at 10 cents per annum. Send for it at once!" That good piece of advice will be read by 50,000 people, more or less. If it is needed! Well, it will mean \$10,000 extra from Texas to Home Missions. Other editors

East and West have assured us of their readiness to do all in their power for Home Missions. Thanks again, brother.

A noble friend and a brother recently said "Well, Gray, how do you like the Secretaryship?" Reply: "Well, I like it because I am in it. I am not in it because I like it. It is my duty and therefore my pleasure." When men true and tried all over the land say, "We are with you and are going to stand by the Board as never before," the pleasure of this God-appointed and onerous work is greatly enhanced.

"I see Home Missions is the foundation of world-wide missions." All right, brother, then tell it far and near and send us the largest contribution to Home Missions your church has ever made. "The taking of this great southland for the Baptists is the supreme obligation and opportunity for us at this time." So said a Baptist of wide observation. Well, brother, the Home Board is our supreme agency for this mighty work. Help the Board and help it now.

The Association season is on in full force. What opportunities for good our hosts of people will have. The pessimist, the croaker, his kinsman, and others will be on hand. But a few noble optimists set on larger and better things in each association can make the season one of tremendous blessing. Missions and education ought to be given their rightful place at the head. May the Holy Spirit lead our people out into a larger work and may these countless gatherings become radiating centers from which will go forth the influences that shall speedily make us immeasurably greater and better as a people.

Many time, have we thought of the great Convention at Nashville and its unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement of our Home Board's work. Almost daily has that been kept before us by the assurance of brethren, either in letters or in person, of their purpose to bring up Home Missions as never before. In Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, where their state bodies have recently convened Home Missions was put distinctly forward. All hail to Secretaries Bow and Rowe, and Ware and Crumpton! The pastors and people, beloved secretaries, are ready for the larger movements for Home Missions. Wheel them into line and let the columns advance.

## "APOLOGETIC"

Under this caption there was introduced to the readers of August Home Field that excellent Mission narrative entitled, "He that Provideth not for his Own," written by Rev. J. K. Wilson, D. D.

It was far from our purpose to create the impression that this story was our own,

and we had supposed that the language of our introductory paragraph was sufficient to acquit us of such claim. Our attention, however, is called by the editor of the Baptist Home Mission Monthly to the fact that we failed to give credit to either that Journal or to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for originating this excellent story. While we did not reproduce the story directly from that source, we regret that we failed to mention the fact that it was first brought out by the Home Mission Society of New York, and published in their splendid Mission journal, which is so ably edited by Rev. Howard B. Grose, D. D., Editorial Secretary. We cheerfully make this acknowledgement.

We have some good brethren and sisters among us who, sad to say, do not grasp the great mission doctrine in all its depth of meaning and breadth of scope. Some believe in Home Missions and not in Foreign; others in Foreign but not in Home. No one can be a real missionary in the Bible sense without believing fervently in every department of the work. We have women who will weep over the condition of the heathen women in India, China and Africa, and will give tens and hundreds, or maybe thousands of dollars for their evangelization, but will act like heathen toward their servants and would feel disgraced to be seen talking to a plain Negro woman here at home about Christ. We have men who respond readily to the call of Foreign Missions and give with enthusiastic willingness for preaching the gospel to the man beyond the seas, including the Africans, but at the same time hardly believe the African in America has a soul or is the object of God's grace and love. The glamour of romance that naturally attaches to the Foreign Mission enterprise charms them but the plain homely task of winning the lost at home has no attraction for them. Home Missions is the drudgery of missions. It is here that we are tested most of all. The man who only gives is working by proxy. The man who is not willing to enter the real hand to hand, heart to heart struggle is not a good disciple however much he may give. The man who is not willing for the salvation of the man next door is not a good missionary however much he may give for the heathen abroad. And after all every department of the work is full of romance and full of drudgery; how we see it depends upon our view point. Foreign Missions have just as much drudgery to those closely connected with them as Home. Home Missions are just as romantic and sublime as Foreign. What could have more of drudgery than the bearing and forbearing effort to lead a human soul, with all of its weakness and wickedness and sin-made deformity, to Christ and to righteousness in Him. Yet what is more romantic and sublime than this heroic struggle and heavenly warfare!

A. J. B.



# ANOTHER ENLARGEMENT OF THE HOME FIELD.

We doubled the size of our paper last January and it met with wide-spread approval. Every issue since that time has met with hearty congratulations from our rapidly growing constituency. The subscription list has been increasing at the rate of about 1000 each month. The paper is steadily growing in usefulness. The demands upon our columns are pressing, the enlargement of our Home Board work calling for more space. It now seems certain that we shall be forced to enlarge the paper very soon! With all the pressure of the Fall campaign of Convention attendance it will hardly be possible for us to enlarge the paper's size before January.

As is known to many, the present subscription price, 10 cents per year, is barely sufficient to defray the matter of printing. So, if the paper is enlarged to sixteen pages next January we shall be forced to raise the price to 25 cents. We shall, however, continue all present subscriptions and those secured between now and January for a full year at the 10 cents rate. We hope this will be an inducement to our many friends to send us large lists of subscribers at once and that the good work will be pressed with vigor till next January. Our ambition is to secure 20,000 new subscribers this conventional year. A hundred pastors in the South, which would be fewer than 10 from each state by sending us 100 subscribers each, can secure 10,000 new subscribers in ten days. We earnestly call for volunteers. Beloved Pastors, come to our help. Rev. H. F. Aulick of Temple, Texas sent us more than 100 new names by one mail. He heads the Honor Roll for this month. Twenty thousand new subscribers would mean nearly 100,000 new readers of the Home Field. And that would mean an increase to Home Missions of probably \$25,000.00. The freshest news from our great army of workers will fill the paper. Dr. Barton will regularly furnish information about the Negro work. Bro. Brown will bring tidings from the great Mountain region. Brethren Daniel and Carroll will keep us posted about Cuba. Panama will become better known and the great Western Territory will glow under the treatment of Field Secretary, Hunt. New, then, "Forward March" for the 20,000 new subscribers!

## NOTICE.

To the Readers of the Mountain Missionary.

Lack of time to make the Mountain Missionary what it ought to be both in the quality of the paper and in the subscription list necessitates the winding up of its business. I have agreed with *Our Home Field* to finish up its work to those who have paid in advance, and trust they will renew with the *Home Field* when their time expires.

J. V. DICKINSON.

Our distinguished friend and brother, Prof. S. C. Mitchell of Richmond, Va., who is much interested in the enlarged work among the Negroes, has an able article in the *Missionary Review of the World*, on "What the South is Doing for the Negro." He has the following kind word which we greatly appreciate.

"To give only one example, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, during the year ending April 30, 1904, spent for work among the colored people the sum of \$2,150. But for the current year \$15,000 has already been appropriated for the enlargement of this work—too small an amount still, I grant you, but it is nearly seven times what was expended the previous year. That ratio of increase is significant of awakened consciences as the necessity and opportunity of the Christian people of the South to evangelize the nine millions of Negroes living among us and affecting our every vital interest. Not only has a larger sum of money been appropriated by this particular Board, but a special Secretary for work among the Negroes has been employed to supervise these growing plans. To this important office Rev. A. J. Barton, D.D., of Arkansas, has been called, one of the esteemed men in the Southern ministry—a fact which speaks more than volumes as to the determination of the white people of the South to do all in their power for the religious betterment of the blacks committed by Providence, in a peculiar sense, to their care."

The following letter from our esteemed Bro. Edward T. Snuggs, missionary to China, is greatly appreciated, and we give place to it in order to emphasize the importance placed upon the work of Home Missions by another who has given himself entirely to the foreign field. He writes as follows:

Herewith find postal order for \$5.00 as payment for the subscription pledged by me while a student in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

May God's blessing ever be with you; the Board and the work. May many souls be won to Christ and righteousness established in this highly favored land.

We are expecting to sail from New York per "S. S. Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse" August 16th for England, on our way to South China.

The field is the world and we shall be each in our distinct part of it. We shall pray for you and am sure you will pray for us. The day cometh when we shall both rejoice together.

## SWEDISH BAPTISTS IN MISSOURI.

At the Annual meeting of the Swedish Baptist of Missouri, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas the General Baptist Association of Missouri and the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. have been led by God to give the Gospel to our people in this State, supporting a missionary whose labor has been richly blessed to the salvation of many souls and the upbuilding of Baptist Churches.

Resolved, that we, as Swedish Baptist, express to these missionary agencies a heartfelt gratitude and high appreciation for the work they have done, and pledge ourselves to do all we can to help on the work with our earnest prayers and liberal contributions.

Work among the Swedes appeals to the Home Mission Board with peculiar interest. In fact it is gratifying to the Board to know that the Baptist cause was planted in Sweden through the instrumentality of the the Home Mission Board and by a con-

vert of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans many years ago when it was a mission station of this Board. Referring to the matter, [Rev. Aug. Westbury, an honored Swedish Baptist in Missouri, some few years ago furnished the following interesting facts:

I have been asked to give a short sketch of the Baptist work among the Swedes in Missouri. I will first give the age of the Baptists in Sweden.

A sea captain Named Schroder was converted in New Orleans, and Baptized in New York in 1845. He came home to Sweden, and found there another sailor who worked as a colporteur. Capt. Schroder instructed him concerning baptism. This was P. O. Nilson who went to Hamburg, and was baptized there by Dr. Oncken, in 1848 Brother Nilson became the first Baptist preacher in Sweden and organized the first Baptist Church in 1848, of seven members. Brother Nilson, after a great deal of persecution and arrests of the State Church (Lutheran), was banished from the country in 1856 and settled in Houston County Minn.

The first Swedish Baptist Church organized in America was organized in Rock Island, Ill., 1852, and New Year 1900 the Swedish Baptists numbered a membership of 20,621; churches 306; preachers and pastors all told, 275; baptized that year 1014. The Sunday School, old and young, numbered 19,480. Money collected and expended for the year \$250,807.77, making \$12.11 per member.

## MAY OTHERS DO LIKEWISE.

The following letter from a brother in Arkansas speaks for itself in the splendid work this brother took occasion to do incidentally. If under such circumstances he could make an opportunity, what may not scores of pastors and other christian workers in every state do, where the opportunity is already inviting. Read what our brother writes:

Please find inclosed money order to pay for subscription to *Our Home Field*, which please send to the following addresses. I have been out here holding a meeting and have just used a little spare time and have presented the claims of *Our Home Field*. There is great prejudice against the Board in this part of the state and I thought the *Home Field* would do a good work, so please do not fail to send it to every subscriber enlisted.

## A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.

Dear Home Field:—I am a little girl seven years old. I wanted to do something for Home Missions. So I decided to get up a club of subscribers to the *Home Field*. I enclose you the names of 14 subscribers, and the P. O. order for the amount, \$1.40.

I hope to get others yet to take the paper. With much love and good wishes,

Your little friend,

KARIE MIDDLETON,

Cary, N. C., Aug. 24, 1904.

Here is a dear little girl, who prompted by love for Jesus desired to do something for missions. Her first effort puts into circulation 1,344 pages of excellent mission literature. What inspiration for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in our own beloved land and throughout the world by this service of love may never be known short of eternity.

We hope the publication of this letter may inspire others to take up the good work. And with thanks to our little friend we shall expect to hear from her again.



## AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Greenville, S. C. Aug. 2, 1904.

Dear Dr. Gray:

The annual Meeting of Woman's Mission Union of Greenville Association is now a thing of the past. It was better than we hoped for. The weather was favorable and our program was improved and some changes made in it. Bro. Entzinger so lately from Brazil gave a goodly address and his presence and personal magnetism was an inspiration to our delegates. The church was well represented by delegates and reports, most of which were very good. I enclose you a copy of the Supt's. annual report, which gives you the whole work of the Association for the year from a financial standpoint, but the real good in the development of our women and young people cannot be tabulated. Mrs. Chapman, our Pres., was with us and presented the work for the girls viz: the support of a woman to carry the gospel among the Osage Indians. Of course our girls will do this part gladly. It was also decided to continue to raise \$500 for the support of the workers in Cuba. Miss Cova wrote a very nice letter to the meeting, and sent a beautiful little silk Cuban flag, which was worn by the young lady that read her letter. Miss Cova has written us three nice letters and they are passing from one society to another. You will see from enclosed report that W. M. U. of Greenville Association gave from July 1903 to July 1904 \$289.41 for State Missions, nearly \$40.00 more than we promised; and for Home Missions, \* \$514.22 which is a little more than we promised in cash besides \$273.92 as the value of boxes sent to Home Missionaries.

Our Home Mission program rendered by the young people was varied and interesting. It was the aim to show the great importance of the United States as a Christian nation and the many branches of the work embracing all the nations of the earth, and the many divisions of our own people. It was beautiful to hear young lips speaking such profound truths. Our decorations were the flags of all nations where we have missionaries mounted by two large U. S. flags and in front of all a white banner with Love in large red letters on it. The Christian's Emblem under which all nations may assemble around one common Mercy Seat.

We had two of our State Missionaries present to speak for our State work. We are to meet with the First Church next year and will hope for someone to represent Home Missions at that meeting.

Mrs. Chapman gave us many encouraging words. Said as far as she knew this was the second largest Association report in our Southern States. Roanoke, Va. being first. We are so thankful for a measure of success but it is not near what might or ought to be done.

I think there will be a number of subscribers to Our Home Field for our Association. The extra copies so kindly sent are a great help to me.

With great interest in your work, I am sincerely,

Your Co-worker,

MRS. C. E. WATSON.

\*We make this marginal reference in order to give a word of our appreciation of the valuable service the excellent sisters of the Greenville, S. C. Association are rendering, and to commend their zeal and fidelity as worthy of emulation. In behalf of the Home Board and in the name of the Master we thank them and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them.—Editor.

## MISSION WORK IN YBOR CITY.

BY MISS E. E. N.

One has but to ride through Ybor City in order to realize the need of the Gospel among its Catholic and non-religious people. On every hand we see Cubans and Italians, with hardened faces, and children who know nothing of the love of Christ or the sacredness of the Sabbath. And we cannot help pitying these thousands and wishing that these little ones knew something of the light and peace of Christian homes. Scattered like oases in

a desert are several missions of different denominations. Our own Baptist Mission seems to be growing slowly but surely, for the Catholic prejudices are strong and the progress must needs be gradual. The work is being done mostly among the children, and as they will make the citizens and homes of the future, is very important. The children that make up our school are bright, and interesting to work among. Most of them speak English and one thirteen year old girl has gathered about her the children in the neighborhood of the mission and is teaching them English. Another girl twelve years of age acts as organist at some of our services. There have been some conversions and we feel hopeful of others. Will you not pray that God will abundantly bless His work here so that our Mission may be as a light brightening all parts of Ybor City.

## KEY WEST.

REV. M. A. CLOUTS, MISSIONARY PASTOR.

The work here is encouraging in some respects; there are more of the members in attendance at the services Sunday morning and evening than we have ever had together at one time before, and I am hopeful that many of them are feeling deeper interest.

We have been for some time and are yet holding two cottage prayer meetings each week in addition to the regular service. At the close of each Sunday evening service I have the members remain for consultation; call attention to each member that was absent from both services of the day, and have some volunteer to visit them through the week and ascertain the cause of absence. I find the plan works admirably; in addition to increasing the membership attendance and making members feel that they are at work, it is bringing the membership closer together, and making them more fraternal.

Just now I am laboring under serious difficulties; my little girl has just recovered from a siege of dengue fever, and my wife and baby are both in bed with it now. However, our trust is in the Lord, and we are sure that he will not put more upon us than we can bear. Pray for us and the work.

## CUBAN INTEREST AT TAMPA.

BY REV. W. HARRY CLARK, MISSIONARY.

Now dear brother, I wish to lay before you this work here and its outlook as best I can.

Since you and the brethren were here, there has been a great improvement made in the appearance of our surroundings, a block of handsome brick buildings have been erected across the street, and a cement sidewalk for the Mission, and other changes that are very gratifying. As these improvements develop around the Mission, it has been my pleasure to beautify and enhance the appearance within, I have sent to New York for quite a number of pot plants that, with those I now have, will look very pretty in the Mission. I have always been a lover of flowers, it gives me so much pleasure to have them about me.

Now as to the work of the Mission: there is much that I wish to speak of, our attendance now averages about 20 to the most of these being children, but a great many stand outside and listen. Many of these I am glad to report, are men and women, hitherto this number has consisted of those who come to annoy us, but we now have good order, and the outlook is more encouraging. We still have very much to contend with. Since the opposition has found that we could not be forced from the field by storming the Missions with stones and sand, and general disorder, they have resorted to their old tricks of frightening the children by telling them that they must not go near that Baptist Mission because they have devils there. I did not learn of this until this morning, I had been

wondering what had come over some of the children going to school. When they would pass the Mission they would act as though they were passing haunted houses. The two who have professed conversion and have been baptized are doing well but I have to keep admonishing them on the sacredness of the Sabbath, the Cubans have never been taught this. Sunday to them is a day to buy, sell and indulge in worldly pleasures. I have with me a hand bill announcing a Grand Ball Sunday evening in honor of the Virgin Mary.

One of the boys that was baptized is a very bright young fellow, and his mother who is especially well read, has taken quite an interest in the Mission, she was very much opposed to her son becoming a Baptist, but a little talk now and then with some good tracts had the desired effect. I hope and pray that her daughter who has been one of our most faithful attendants and who is a brilliant and beautiful girl, will decide definitely for Christ. The Catholic Sisters have been doing their utmost to win this brother and sister for their church, but God has been with us and has helped us to keep them out of their power.

In our attendance at last Thursday evening meeting, there were four Cuban Ministers who came to see our work. One who is Pastor of the Methodist Church told me that I should not be discouraged because no more of the older ones come. He said "I have that same trouble," they go to the theatre, the dance, and other amusements Sunday evenings, and the influence of these is hurtful to their Spiritual nature, and lessens their interest in religion.

## CUBA AN OPEN DOOR.

BY REV. C. C. CARROLL.

The greatest evidence of God's continued love toward a people or an individual is manifested in the presentation of opportunities to do some work for Him that will hasten the progress of His Kingdom on earth. The realization of this principle made Paul the most active missionary of the ages. From the time Christ gave him his chance, until the day he finished his course, the Heavenly vision found his obedience. There is an infinite pride in that statement "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ Called to be an Apostle, Separated unto the gospel of God." and the dying testimony rings with the triumph of victory. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is a catalogue of men who had God-given opportunities and used them. When Christ sent word to the churches "Behold I stand at the door and knock" the significance of his message might have found expression in one word, Opportunity. The triumph of the church of Christ was when he said to it, "Ye shall be my witnesses". All prophecies held the promise of opportunity and angels desire to look into their fulfillment.

God has given Southern Baptists and opening to a mighty work in Cuba. The land is ours for the asking. There is no bar unlowered to us. The drawbridge is down and its chains have been broken, there is nothing to do but cross. There is no reason why Havana in the years to come should not be a base of supplies for the Mission forces in other lands. "Whoever sows with the seed shall also reap" and "Whoever sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully." What Cuba needs is bountiful sowing. This is an age of mighty achievements in short spaces time.

The same decade can give birth to the X ray, the wireless telegraph, the N ray, and the discovery of radium. Hours are as pregnant of possibilities now as years in the past. One day can be unto the Lord's work as a thousand years.

If Southern Baptist are going to evangelize Cuba, let's not be satisfied with anything short of a decisive victory. Conditions here are plastic and with sufficient pressure can be moulded to take such a Baptist shape as to cause future



generations to tell how "The living stone of beauty grew" under the wise management of God's people. What Cuba needs are great undertakings for Christ. The Baptists should no longer resemble the conies except in the one item of having their home in the Rock. It is time for us to occupy the land to the coming in of Hamath.

My hearts' desire and prayer to God is to see a modern building, well equipped as to seats, organ and other necessities for a house of worship, to see good substantial chapels in the different parts of the city, and to see a Baptist University, not a school or college but a university. The omniscience of God alone can know the ultimate benefit of such an institution. Something that from the beginning would command the respect and challenge the admiration of the people. In such time, from such people, with such an opportunity in such a cause of such a God it ought to burst forth like another Minerva from the brain of Jove. If I could speak with the tongue of men and angels and had love I would ask for this thing. With it dedicated to the advancement of Christly intellectuality, I could say to this mountain of ignorance superstition and darkness, be cast into the middle of the sea and it would go. Some day the christian world will become thoroughly aroused on this point and then permanency will be given to every iota of christian work in foreign lands. If the Baptists don't occupy this point of advantage some body else will. To my personal knowledge state schools are sending agents here summer after summer to get students. Cuba wants American education and would fill a genuine university to overflowing. But time fails to tell all. There are lands here rich as Croesus that will never be as cheap again during the life of the Island. Pasture land upon whose broad acres my soul would delight, where they covered with cattle belonging to Baptist owners. Cuba is going to have a boom in the next few years and the Baptists ought to be in on the ground floor. Lift up your eyes and see, the field is white to the harvest. In another article I will try to show further the needs of this country and their needs are our opportunities. God has shown us an open door.

### THE NEGRO WORK.

DR. A. J. BARTON, FIELD SECRETARY

So far I have had nothing to say to the readers of the HOME FIELD concerning our Negro work. I want to have such a word with them now.

First let it be said that the readers of the HOME FIELD may be regarded as the best friends of the great Home Mission Enterprise, and as such, you, my brethren and sisters, have special responsibility resting upon you. We who love the work must think of it and talk of it and pray over it till we shall succeed in enlisting all of our brethren.

The general features of the plan of work have become familiar to the reader. One point ought to be emphasized. Some have raised the question whether or not the Board will give to the work sufficient supervision. Let it be said that the Board gives careful and prayerful supervision to all of its work. If it supervises the work among our own people, to be sure it will also the work among the Negroes. The fullest investigation will be made as to the character of every missionary to whose support money is appropriated. And every missionary will make full and regular reports to the Board through the Field Secretary, and only after such report has been received will the salary be paid. And yet it ought to be said that the work will be supervised on the Baptist principle; there will be no effort to do the work on the Presbyterian or Episcopal principle. We will deal with Negroes as Christ's freemen and as our brethren in him. If the shackles of sin have been smitten from their hearts by the Holy Spirit as the shackles of slavery have been by the sword they are our

brethren and as such, have all the individual rights that we have and their rights must be respected. Paul was careful of the rights of, and was respectful and brotherly in his bearing towards a brother who was yet a slave. Onesimus was a slave but to Paul he was also "my son" and "a brother beloved." These Negro servants of Christ who are laboring for the redemption of their race are our brethren and we want to help them as such.

This work is great and has its difficulties, but all of the work of winning this world has the same. There is nothing here to discourage or to cause us to falter any more than there is connected with other features of the Lord's work; and we will move right forward. We shall have great occasion one day to thank God that he Honored us and permitted us, weak and undeserving as we are, to have some humble part in so glorious a work.

Let every one of us lay himself on the altar with a new sense of what it really means to give ourselves to His service. Let us think more about Home Missions, and pray more, and give more, and talk to our brethren more than ever.

### FIELD NOTES.

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

Sunday, July 17th I had planned to spend with the Church at Harrisonville, Mo., but a special message on Saturday called me to Liberty Sunday morning to preach the funeral of Mrs. O. P. Moss, who died at her home at St. Joseph, Mo. on the 15th ult. This good woman was in her eighty second year, and came to her grave like a shock of corn in its season. For sixty one years she had been a devoted Christian. For many years she was a leader among the Baptist women of Missouri. She gave some fifteen of her most active years to the promotion of the work of the Richmond Board. Dr. S. H. Ford, long a friend of the good woman, came all the way from St. Louis, though almost ninety years of age, to take part in the services. His address was truly a marvel for one of his age.

Cushing, Okla.: This is an important place of about 1,500 souls; some forty miles out from Oklahoma City, on the M. K. & T. R. R. Some two years since, under the leadership of Rev. S. W. Fuson, a Church was organized and a building project set on foot. However, discouraging conditions arose, and for a good while the building stood incomplete. Recently Rev. Wm. Wilber, the District Missionary, went among them and began a meeting, resulting in the finishing of the building, and some eleven additions to the membership, and the settling of Rev. J. O. Guthrie as pastor and the formal dedication of the house of worship, without debt, to God. It was ours to be with them Sunday, July 24th, the day of the dedication. After a sermon the \$279.50 needed to free the house from debt was asked for, and not till some \$300 was pledged did the stream of liberty cease to flow. Thus another of our Churches is brought to the fore front, and a future luminous with hope opens before it.

The Harmony Association of Missouri held its Fifth Sunday meeting with Bethel Church, some five miles out from Sedalia, Mo. It was ours to be in attendance and to preach a number of times. The Churches were well represented and much good was accomplished. Most of the Sunday Schools in this Association use our Nashville literature. Bro. Logan Thomas, our Nashville Agent at Sedalia, knows how to get business. The late circular sent out from St. Louis indirectly attacking our Sunday School Board and which raised the sectional cry, is helping, rather than hindering.

Grant City, Mo.: A Sabbath with pastor R. K. Kelly brings an uplift to our cause and promises an increased interest, and enlarged offerings for our Mission work.

San Antonio, Texas: Everybody knows of this fair City, the mecca of many health seekers, situated some one hundred and fifty miles from the

Mexican border. It is a beautiful and fast growing City. Here is the home of Sid Williams of evangelistic fame. He is now away in a good meeting. J. B. Gambrell, the great Missionary Secretary for Texas, says when he finds a particularly hard and stumpy job he gets Sid to go, and things come to pass. The First Baptist Church is a strong aggressive body, with Dr. A. J. Harris as pastor. Eight years he has served them and it was a joy to listen to the good things his people have to say of him. A new \$30,000 Church house is going up, and it is expected to be ready for the worshippers by the first of the new year. It was ours on August 15th to preach morning and evening to two fine congregations, and to address a large gathering at the B. V. P. U. hour. We have in San Antonio a City of 60,000 souls, three other Baptist Churches but they are not strong, and two of them are without pastors. If our Home Board had the means, some \$4,000 or \$5,000 might be spent annually in this growing City to great advantage, and with the promises of large returns.

A day in Dallas found Secretary Gambrell busy at his desk. He was just back from a great meeting in the Mountains of Texas among the cow boys. Pastor G. W. Truett was with him and did most of the preaching. Mighty the holy influences set in motion, and great was the blessing of our God upon the work. Many were gloriously saved and others, many others, strengthened and girded for service. Invitations are pressing these strong men of God for other such meetings. Pastor Truett is a mighty evangel for God. He never wearies and is always giving himself for service, where alone the glory of God in the upbuilding of His cause and the salvation of men can be his reward. He finds joy in answering the cry of the needy and destitute field in preference to the calls from the wealthy Churches. If his marvelous pulpit power is a fervent exhortation to renewed consecration, his more marvelous life is a far more touching appeal.

Uvalde: This is a point on the Southern Pacific line, one hundred miles West of San Antonio, and some fifty miles from the Mexican border. It is a place of some 2,000 souls. Our Church here is not strong and only has half time preaching. Rev. R. F. Stokes is the efficient pastor. Up to last year the Board had helped the Church to all time preaching, but could not see its way to do so this year, hence the cause is suffering. Here again my heart is made to ache that our Home Board is not able to come to the rescue.

Uvalde Association, of which this church is a member, has a territory of 100 miles wide by 300 miles long, and is composed of ten Churches, with a total membership of less than 500. It is, by the aid of the State Board, keeping two missionaries in the field. However, the destitution is great, and coming tide of immigration but adds to the seriousness of the problem.

Irrigation is destined to make of much of this country a veritable garden spot. Baptists ought to be awake to this day of opportunity.

Visitors from twenty six States have registered in the Baptist Missionary Headquarters at the World's Fair. When in St. Louis, it is hoped you will avail yourselves of the privilege of these rooms for rest, correspondence, or for the perusal of the religious papers and missionary literature.

Daily prayer services are held at 10:00 in the afternoon, and a Sunday afternoon service is conducted for the people who live on the grounds.

Our C. C. Carroll is in Cuba, to give his life to the people there. Our W. T. Rouse has been appointed by the Foreign Board to go far hence herald of the Gospel. They are our own, going to swell the number from Texas to be our messengers of peace to the lost world. We expect Texas to have a hundred missionaries in foreign fields in a few years and give enough to support them all.—*Missionary Worker.*



## THE NEGRO BAPTIST QUESTION

The Baptist Argus of August 11th. contained "An Interesting Interview" by its Editor under the above caption from which we make the following generous extracts:

In view of the questions now being discussed regarding the Home Board's co-operative work with the National Baptist Convention of our Negro brethren, the editor of The Baptist Argus made a visit the other day to Nashville, one of the main headquarters of the work of Negro Baptist, seeking information from their side of the matter.

## Over a \$100,000 Plant.

We were surprised at what we saw and heard! Secretary R. H. Boyd, D. D., of their publishing department, received me most heartily and gave half a day to my investigations and questions. I tried to see it all, from the itemized blotter to the ledger, and from the type setting to the shipping. I believe I have never seen an office run so formally and exactly as to small details. A strongly bound book, made and ruled for the purpose recorded the number of letters received in each of four daily mails, the number which contained orders and funds and the character of the funds, whether cash, stamps, checks or money orders. Another great specially made ledger had an open account with each missionary and agent, upon which was entered with neatness and much minuteness of detail all of the items in the representatives' work whether of books and tracts sold, visits made, miles traveled, and on to the end. The book was so ruled that quarterly all of these items came to a footing line and space was left to tell of the check remitted for his services. And again at the end of the year another space was ruled off to tell the footings of payments of the year. Everywhere we went from room to room and from floor to floor and from building to building, we found the same care taken of the details of the business.

I saw over \$75,000 worth of the most approved printing and binding machinery, including four large presses, two linotypes, folders, stitchers, etc., filling room, after room. Another \$6,000 press is to be added in a few weeks, as well as etching and half-tone making department.

## The Books and Periodicals.

They make 13 song and hymn books! Of two of these recent orders for 10,000 copies each have been filled and another order is in sight for a 5,000 lot. Of the 65 books and booklets printed over 120,000 each of two small books have been disposed of, one of which is "What Baptists Believe and Practice," by R. H. Boyd, D. D., L. L. D., and the other a Sunday School Primer. It is needless to say that these publications, so far as I can see, are loyal to our common help.

Of the Sunday School periodicals their presses put out one and a half million copies a quarter, six million a year. The secretary said: "We sell more Sunday school literature in New York City than in Richmond, and more in Philadelphia than in Nashville." Last quarter the high water mark was passed with 2,500 additional orders.

## Other Figures.

One large building was bought several years ago upon which a last payment has not yet been made, property which is now worth more than \$15,000; and another lot, two lots have been paid for, the foundation laid and plans approved for a four story additional building, into which all of the machinery is to be moved. This "Memorial Building" is sadly needed and will greatly add to the output of the establishment. Insurance is carried for \$75,000 on machinery and stock, and I thought more ought to be taken out.

## Some Items of History.

Only seven years ago this publishing business was set up, and "I had" said Secretary Boyd, "not enough capital to buy a postage stamp". Only a hundred or two dollars have come from gifts and all of the balance has been earned. Yes,

we have had our problems and yet have them, but we have had no serious matters of any kind to come up. We have had but one or two changes in officers and management in the whole National Baptist Convention.

## Schools.

"Yes", said Secretary Boyd, "Booker Washington is a Baptist and he is in working accord with our National Convention. We have 40 schools under our control, 27 of which receive help from the Home Mission Society of the North and the Home Mission Society has nine schools, other than these which they own and control and support. The income of these 40 schools is \$164,907.50, and the value of their buildings, etc., is \$2,156,290. Of the 8,000,000 Negroes in the South it is published in the census that 3,800,000 are members of churches, of these 2,071,000 are members of churches in co-operation with the National Convention. Think of it, out of 3,800,000 members 2,071,000 are Baptists, more than that for those figures do not take in the Lot, Carey Convention. You see, our convention pretty solidly takes in the Negro Baptists of the whole country and they are a mighty host".

## Politics.

Continuing to answer questions the Secretary said:

"I deplore even the very reference to politics in our religious affairs. There is no politics whatever in our National Convention. Occasionally some man who misrepresents our spirit gets off something which humiliates us and upon which some reporter seizes and makes out of it yellow matter for his empty columns. Our friends need to help us protect our work from such men and such reporters. We conspire and delight to turn down the political crank, and we do so pretty unanimously. Yes I was at Richmond in 1900 when Miss Jewett came from Boston and tried to get in to our convention, but she failed. No motion for her could be made and when she sprang up in the gallery and began speaking anyhow we started a song to drown out her voice, and when she went out and started to speak outside our president rapped and rapped his gavel and ruled that all true messengers would keep their seats and only some visitors left us. Our folks stood by their work. I thought the president would surely smash the table with his gavel in ruling her out."

## Relations With the Home Board.

"The agreement we have entered into with your Home Board does not look new to us. It is an enlargement of the plan we worked with under Dr. Kerfoot. I have no idea we can come up to the agreement for all of the \$13,000 involved, for we cannot at once get that much money.

"The co-operation will continue on the old lines increasing some each year until we grow to the \$13,000. Already several of our state bodies have met and everywhere the plan gives satisfaction. As we drifted to a form of work like the Southern Convention so have we drifted toward co-operation with it. The Fortress Monroe agreement did not please our people, for an agreement was had about us and our work in which we were not consulted. This displeasure causes serious divisions at places.

"We are trying to be self-sustaining as fast as we can and to teach our people self-respect and self-control. You see we run our own plant here and do not contract out our work like your Publishing Board, and that is because we wish to train our people and to fit them to serve nobly and well.

Every people need to work out their own destiny, of course accepting the hand of advice and help when kindly offered, and I am sure our white brethren will appreciate our motive and spirit in all of this as they come to understand us. We are glad to co-operate with them, and to listen to their words of helpful advice. They may count upon us to do the best we can.

"Of course you know that your Home Board has the power to approve and reject every man who gets any part of their help, and that is as it should be. They found out better than we did about two of our nominated men and we set them aside so easily and quickly that the men never knew what was the matter with them. We did not know before that one of these men had a divorced wife, and the other one was otherwise unworthy".

The secretary is a man of large build and copper color, who talks slowly and directly, until he kindles with his subject and then he leans forward and his language begins to flow in an even, smooth stream. Quick in repartee, quick to see through a statement and to say yes or no on the spot. He has to be to control his force, according to the season from 75 to 130 men and women, and to transact, as he did last year, a publishing business of \$77,770.95. Along with him was the Field Secretary, Rev. Wm. Beckham, who is a tall, quick little, black man, whose tongue was ready to give exact dates and figures, and whose enthusiasm was evident in every word. I was impressed with these earnest men of business and I could easily understand when conferring with them the great work which was evidenced before my eyes.

One word I am constrained to say. Let us not forget that when we discuss the problem now confronting our Home Board, that we fail not to look at it from the standpoint of our Negro brethren also. They are a mighty host, and they claim our Savior and our name. Of course they have made mistakes and will yet make mistakes. Let us be sure that we make no mistake in dealing with them.

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## Only.

Only a seed! but it chanced to fall  
In a little cleft in a city wall,  
And, taking root, grew bravely up,  
Till a tiny blossom covered its top.  
Only a thought! but the work is wrought  
Can never by tongue or pen be taught,  
For it ran thro' a life like a thread of gold,  
And the life bore fruit a hundredfold.  
Only a word! but 'twas spoken in love,  
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above,  
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,  
For a new-born soul entered through "the Door".

## "WHY DON'T YOU HURRY".

A Missionary was asked why he labored so unweariedly, and replied:

"One night I was going home across a field, and I saw my little boy coming to meet me. Suddenly he disappeared. Then the thought flashed across my mind, 'There's an old well there, and he has fallen in'. I hurried up to him, and reached down into the well, and lifted him out; and as he looked into my face, what do you thing he said? 'Oh, papa, why didn't you hurry?'"

"These words never lift me. They kept ringing in my ears until God put a new and deep meaning into them, and made me think of others who are lost without God and without hope in this world; and a message came to me as a message from the Heavenly Father, 'Go and work in my name; and then from that vast throng a pitiful, pleading cry rolled into my soul as I accepted God's call, 'O, who don't you hurry?'"—*Lookout*.

## IMMIGRATION AT BALTIMORE.

### 23,864 ALIENS IN SIX MONTHS.

Since the first day of January there have been landed at Locust Point by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company 23,864 aliens, representing the various races of North and Central Europe. A small percentage of these remained in Baltimore, the greatest portion went into the West; others were enroute for the mines of the East and the factories of the South. During the month of June the number of immigrants landed has been unusually heavy, the total of 6112 being made by the arrival yesterday morning of the steamer Brandenburg with 1100 immigrants.

Regarding the general make up of the immigrants that come into Baltimore, Inspector Correl, who has charge of the statistics of the local Immigration Bureau, gives the following data,

"Although the North German Lloyd Company is a German line, I have found by careful computation that only 3 per cent of the immigrants that come to Baltimore come from Germany. Russia has always furnished the majority of the immigrants that come here. Since the war, however, the percentage has increased to such an extent that more than half of the total number coming here have been from the various races that come under the sceptre of the Czar. Of the 1100 immigrants that came over yesterday on the Brandenburg, 650 are Russians. This is just about the average lately. As a rule, they bring money with them in sufficient quantity to give them a start in this country. Ten per cent of the Russians are Jews. The total percentage of Jews at present

landing in Baltimore is about 25. They come in families, rarely coming alone.

"The uninitiated will be surprised to here how many races are represented in the immigrants coming to Baltimore. There is the red-checked lassie and the fair-haired laddie from the Fatherland; the gaunt, fur-capped Russians; the chattering Poles; the restless, gaily dressed Bohemians; the burden-bearing Slovaks and Lithuanians; the Croats, sometime called the 'birds of passage' of the immigration lines; the Dalmatians; the Macedonians; the Magyars, with a sprinkling of Turks, Bulgarians and Servians."

In speaking of the past six months in the immigration service of Baltimore, Commissioner Weiss said:

"I desire to state that, of all ports in the United States where immigrants are received, Baltimore is considered without question as lauding the best and in every way most desirable class of aliens. We have been most fortunate in this respect, and I only hope that the good fortune may continue. We do not have to cope with the trouble and disease here that confront the officials at Ellis Island and Philadelphia. The opening of our new pier recently has made it possible to greatly better our service, and the head of the Department at Washington has been kind enough to state, after an interest investigation, that there is not such a complete receiving station for immigrants in the entire country, if in the world."—*Baltimore Sun*.

## NUGGETS OF THOUGHT.

Living, like reading, is largely a matter of emphasis. As, in reading a sentence, a strong voice or a distinct articulation counts nothing if the emphasis is placed on the wrong word; so, in one's daily life, a strong vitality or a distinct purpose is of no value if the emphasis is laid on the wrong thing. To learn where to place the emphasis in a sentence, one must first learn the meaning of the sentence, to learn where to place the emphasis in life, one must first learn the meaning of life.—*S. S. Times*.

Not what we are, but what we would be, is our measure in God's sight. We may not be responsible for our failure to reach a high attainment, but we are responsible if we fail to strive toward that attainment. One who takes as his pattern the Perfect Life, is likely to do better than the one who only wants to be as good as the average.

It is in view of this truth that Lowell says, "Not failure, but low aim is a crime."—*S. S. Times*.

Faith must make an actual venture if we expect to see accomplishment. Action alone turns the possible into the real. The priests had to wet their feet in Jordan; and Elisha his mantle, before the way opened. "If I but touch the hem of his garment" heals no disease, but a hand stretched far enough to touch,—that is health. "Faith without works is dead."

Our burdens may be weighty and our sorrows most humiliating, but it is our duty to live on for the glory of God and the good of men. At the surrender at Appomattox General Hampton, turned to General Lee and said, "Ab! General, this is painful and hard to bear. We could end the shame of defeat so easily by just taking off our hats and dashing along that blue line yonder."

"Yes" answered General Lee, "that is true, but it is our duty to live and teach our men how to be brave and true in defeat and to care for their helpless wives and children."—*Dr. Broadus*.

Giving is better than keeping, for it enlarges the heart. It is a potential grace. It never comes alone, but brings a company of graces with it.

Cheerfulness, Sympathy, gratitude, helpfulness, love, all follow in the train of this cardinal grace. Like every grace; its greatest reward is the increased power to exercise it.—*Isaac W. Gerren*.

Difficulties are God's Errands.—In times of war

whom does the general select for some hazardous enterprise? He chooses the soldier who he known will not flinch at danger, but will go bravely through whatever is allotted him. Difficulties are God's errands, and when we are sent upon them we should esteem it proof of God's confidence.—*T. Loughurst*.

If you are not loyal to the church of God, you are not loyal to the God of the church.

Fan into a flame the Spirit of God within you. Don't cover it over with the ashes of worldliness.

"The key-note of all true intercession is the will of God."

"It is the Spirit's ministry to attune our will to the Divine."—*A. J. Gordon*.

A Christian is not a refrigerator, but a radiator.

## FAITH MEASURED BY GIVING.

FROM ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DR. AUGUSTUS H. STRONG.

Our faith, moreover, is measured by our giving. Judged by our numbers and by our wealth, our Baptist gifts, however large they may seem, are pitifully small. Our total gifts to home and foreign missions are not one cent a week for each member. The church is like Dives in the parable, clothed in fine linen and faring sumptuously every day, while the sick and hungry world at its doors, like Lazarus, receives only the crumbs from the bountifully provided table. In the time of the great Indian famine there were relief agents to whom were intrusted great sums of money with which to feed the hungry, but who kept that money for themselves, while hundreds of starving creatures died under their very eyes. God has given us wealth, that we may relieve the spiritual famine of the world. He has made us stewards of his bounty; and for every dollar intrusted to us he will require us to give account. Shall we keep for ourselves, or spend upon our own pleasures, what belongs to the perishing? What should we think of the professed Christian who, when the bread was passed to him at the Lord's Supper, should keep it all for himself, and refuse to pass it on? When the Lord multiplies the loaves to feed the five thousand, shall the apostles keep the loaves to themselves, and pile them up till they form such a barricade that the five thousand are hid from sight? And shall John be excused from distributing simply because Peter will not do his part? Ah, my brethren, this is a matter between each one of us and Christ! Each one of us is charged with maintaining and extending a spiritual church, by our giving, as well as by our witnessing and teaching. And not our brethren, but only Christ, is our Example, our Lawgiver, and our Judge.

He cometh, for he cometh, to judge the earth! The judgment of nations takes place in time; for nations belong only to the present order of things, and have no eternal existence. Denominations also are judged in this world, and the divisions between them are incidents of our present imperfect knowledge, and when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be away. Meantime, we are held individually responsible for the forward march of the denomination which to us most fully embodies and represents the truth of Christ. A retrograde movement of that denomination may be the consequence of our illiberality, our laxity, our indifference. We cannot say with the heedless French monarch: "After me the deluge!" The judgment which comes to a denomination in time comes to the members of that denomination in eternity. If we confess Christ and his truth before men, Christ will confess us before his Father and before the holy angels. If we deny him, he also will deny us.

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## Cash Receipts from July 15th to August 15th, 1904.

**ALABAMA:** Mooreville Ch. \$13.54; Repton Ch. \$2.73; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. \$160.97. Total \$477.24. Previously reported \$205.51. Total since May \$482.75.

**ARKANSAS:** J. F. Love, Cor. Sec. \$75.00. Previously reported \$50.86. Total since May \$125.86.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** V. P. S. 1st Ch. Washington for work among the immigrants \$14.00. Previously reported \$71.18. Total since May \$85.18.

**FLORIDA:** L. D. Geiger, Cor. Sec. \$30.29. Previously reported \$180.48. Total since May \$210.77.

**GEORGIA:** Flat Rock Ch. \$5.10; B. V. P. U. Furlow Lawn Ch. \$1.00; B. V. P. U. Furlow Lawn Ch. for Tichenor Mem. \$1.00. Total \$3.00. Previously reported \$74.36. Total since May \$82.36.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** Rev. A. W. P. Atoka, \$1.00; 1st B. Ch. Hartshorne \$8.30. Total \$9.30. Previously reported \$36.32. Total since May \$45.62.

**KENTUCKY:** Simpson Asso. \$10.79; Sunbeam Band, Irvington, \$2.50; Cent. Com. as follows: (Miss Ruhlmaier \$5.25; Tichenor Mem. \$10.00; Ch. in Cuba by Bowling Green \$25.00; Ch. in Cuba on Ky. pledge \$8.53; self-denial \$11.25; General fund \$133.53); J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec. \$326.98; S. B. T. S. Louisville for Cuban lot \$5.00. Total \$584.86. Previously reported \$472.06. Total since May \$1,056.92.

**LOUISIANA:** A. M. Herndon, Treas. \$206.04; W. M. S. Pleasant Hill for Tichenor Mem. \$50. Total \$256.04. Previously reported \$24.00. Total since May \$280.04.

**MARYLAND:** Rider Fund \$105.42; Easton Ch. \$8.43; Brantley Ch. Baltimore \$8.34. Total \$132.19. Previously reported \$370.08. Total since May \$502.27.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Immanuel Ch. Meridian, \$5.60; Wall St. Ch. Natchez \$109.00; A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec. \$200.00; Earnest Workers, Natchez, for Chapel at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, \$5.00. Total \$319.60. Previously reported \$13.30. Total since May \$332.90.

**MISSOURI:** Women of Mo. as follows: (Tent in Northern Texas \$5.00; St. Louis work \$6.00; Miss Sophia Ferber \$13.35; Tichenor Mem. \$13.12; Week of special effort \$38.55; General fund \$40.45); A. W. Payne, Treas. \$254.07. Total \$300.54. Previously reported \$346.71. Total since May \$737.25.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Oakdale Ch. \$2.00; Brevard \$5.81; Walters Durham, Treas. \$500.00. Total \$507.81. Previously reported \$9.41. Total since May \$517.22.

**OKLAHOMA:** Rev. F. W. Hagan, \$5.00; Lincoln Co. Ch. \$2.65; total \$7.65. Previously reported \$32.27. Total since May \$40.32.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Wedgefield \$2.25; Clover S. S. \$2.50; Darlington, 19.20; Simpsonville \$5.20; Friendship No. 1 \$1.30; Honest Path \$5.00; Bartlett St. Ch. Sumter \$9.10; Limestone Ch. 2.61; Campobello Ch. and S. S. \$5.95; Flint Ridge \$1.25; Unity \$3.18; Central Ch. Greenville \$4.48; Bishopville Ch. \$3.25; Canaan S. S. \$1.65; Locust Hill Ch. \$1.32; Fairfield \$9.70; Warrior Crk. Ch. \$5.86; Mullins \$3.42; Cheraw \$8.75; Pendleton St. Ch. Greenville \$10.05; Bethel S. S. \$3.28; Standing Spring \$6.57; 1st B. Ch. Belton, \$5.00; 1st B. S. S. Belton \$2.87; 1st B. Ch.asley \$1.60; Wedgefield \$1.77; Lower Sec. Marion Union \$8.40; Providence S. S. \$1.00; Bacon Ch. \$1.27; Hickory Grove \$3.00; Escalot No. 1 \$1.50; Winnabow \$11.05; Cedar Grove \$1.33; Abner's Crk. \$1.28; Cent. Com. W. M. S. as foll. wa: (Frontier missions \$13.27; Soc. of Greenville Asso. for Cuban lady missionaries \$18.09; Tichenor Mem. \$9.40; Chapel at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, \$5.00; Missionary to Osage Indians \$2.15; Thank offering \$5 cts; general work \$55.14); Beulah Ch. \$3.00; Barnwell Ch. \$3.45; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec. \$9.14; Big Crk. \$6.50. Total \$222.91. Previously reported \$80.52. Total since May \$313.43.

**TENNESSEE:** W. M. Woodcock, Treas. as follows: (Chapel at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, \$10.00; Tichenor Mem. \$12.75; general fund \$225.21); L. A. S. 1st Ch. Morristown for Tichenor Mem. \$8.00. Total \$265.96. Previously reported \$128.41. Total since May \$489.37.

**TEXAS:** Knand Grove Ch. \$1.00. Previously reported \$25.35; Total since May \$27.35.

**VIRGINIA:** B. A. Jacob, Treas. \$60.00.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Request from Estate of Mrs. Emily G. Bodwell, S. C. \$100.00; Apulia S. S., New York, for Mt. Missions \$2.10. Total \$102.10. Previously reported \$951.00. Total since May \$1,053.10.

**AGGREGATE:** \$4,084.48. Previously reported \$3,035.82. Total since May \$5,120.30.

Boxes Sent to Frontier Missions - Received: Alma Annie W. Armstrong

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Previously reported since May \$10.00.

**GEORGIA:** Previously reported since May \$21.97.

**MISSOURI:** Previously reported since May \$160.00.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Previously reported since May \$217.20.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Previously reported since May \$27.40.

**VIRGINIA:** Previously reported since May \$149.00.

**AGGREGATE:** \$4,084.48. Previously reported \$3,035.82. Total since May \$5,120.30.

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