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## FROM "HOME MISSION WORK AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE."

By Rev. Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board of N. C.



It is perfectly clear therefore, that if we would save our own people from being submerged by the incoming stream, the Gospel must be given them through some general agency. This is just what the Home Board is endeavoring to do.

Do you say that the argument of self-protection is putting the work of the Home Board down on a low plane, and appealing to a selfish motive? If so, I answer that it is a sort of divine selfishness, if such a thing can be conceived of.

Christ wept over Jerusalem, and Paul prayed passionately for his people, the Jews. It was for them that he used the impassioned language which has baffled the skill of the exegetes in all ages. "I could wish myself accursed from God for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." God has formed the ties that bind human hearts together, and while he desires us to be interested in the salvation of all men, I do not believe he is displeased when we are especially anxious about the salvation of those who are "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh."

But there is a phase of this subject which hasn't about it the first semblance of selfishness. The South is to be used of God as an important factor in the world's evangelization. Israel was kept in training for centuries in order that they might be grounded in the faith. But "when the fulness of time had come," the walls were broken down, and Christian Jews were sent with the Gospel to the nations of the earth. Christ tore away the veil and showed the world a larger view in the words he spoke to the woman by Jacob's well. "Not in this place nor in Jerusalem, but the hour cometh and now is, when they that worship God shall worship Him in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him." Who does not believe, that through the years ago, God has had the Baptists of the South in training for the evangelization of the world? It is no arrant boast to say that the purest type of religion on the earth today, is that held by the Baptists of the South. This is not because of any inherent virtue in the Southern Baptists, but because of their peculiar surroundings. Their exclusive relation to the rest of the world has kept out dangerous doctrinal error which has crept into other sections, honey-combing the faith, weakening men's reverence for the Bible, and lessening their faith in its divine authority. But Southern Baptists still believe in the word of God. They have the kind of religion which, we believe, God wants given to the world. Now if the breaking down of these walls and bringing the South in vital

touch with the living, pulsing world, means an opportunity for carrying the truth, as we hold it, out and on to the ends of the earth, a mighty responsibility is laid upon us. As the Foreign Mission Board is seeking to lengthen its cords till it reaches the furthest corner of heathenism, the Home Board should strengthen its stakes to support these lengthened cords.

## NEW ORLEANS.

With pardonable pride our readers will appreciate the excellent picture of the proposed new First Baptist Church Building in New Orleans.

The importance of the present substantial forward movement of our cause in that great city appeals to the brotherhood with such interest that we gladly give our best space to the following sketches: first, description of the building by the architect, Mr. Andrew J. Bryan, and second an intimation of what it means to the Baptist cause, by Rev. C. V. Edwards, pastor.

Mr. Andrew J. Bryan: The building is designed in modified Romanesque and is to be built of buff pressed brick and terra cotta, trimmed in stone and the roof to be covered with terra cotta tiles, in such color as to harmonize with the structure.

The main entrance to the auditorium proper will be through the tower located on the corner of St. Charles Avenue and Delachaise Street. There is also an entrance on Delachaise Street to both the main auditorium and Sunday school

as the Sunday school room, will be amphitheater style, the seats radiating in such a manner as to give every person a full view of the speaker. When necessity demands it, both the main auditorium and Sunday school room can be thrown together by means of rolling partitions, making it appear as one large auditorium.

The pulpit and baptistry are so arranged as to give every person occupying the various Sunday school rooms and other rooms a full view of the speaker and choir, as well as the baptistry.

It is estimated that the main auditorium will seat approximately 500 people and the main Sunday school room 250. The other rooms combined will seat approximately 450. The rooms referred to are on the first and second floors, those on the first floor being that for the B. Y. P. U., with a seating capacity of approximately 100. There is also located adjoining the Sunday school room on this floor, the library, primary department and five class rooms, together with the Philetia class room and ladies parlor. Also a room for the Secretary of the Sunday school. In the rear of the baptistry are dressing rooms for both ladies and gentlemen with a stairway leading up to the pastor's study and organ loft.

Above the class rooms, on what is termed the second floor, are located eight class rooms, a kindergarten class room, Baraca class room, pastor's study and choir library. In the front of the building, just above the B. Y. P. U. room, is located a mother's gallery, which will be used when occasion demands, as a dining room; adjoining this room is a small kitchen and also a bedroom for children, as well as a nursery and cloak room. This mother's gallery is so arranged as to give full view of the auditorium.

There are located in convenient places six stairways, giving easy access from one floor to the other.

It is intended that the interior be finished in oak and the ceiling will be open timber work. Especial care and study has been given to the acoustics of the main auditorium as well as the Sunday school room.

Pastor C. V. Edwards: The above brief description by our architect, Andrew J. Bryan and the accompanying picture of the perspective of the proposed new Church building of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans will give you some idea of what is being planned for by the First Baptist Church in connection with the Home Mission Board.

This building, when completed, will supply a long felt need in our Baptist work in New Orleans, and will be hailed with joy by all Baptist pastors and laymen in the city.

All agree that this is one of the necessities for the permanent advancement of the Baptist cause in this city.

It will be located on St. Charles Avenue and Delachaise Street on what is acknowledged by all to be the best lot for a church building in that section of the city. This lot which was purchased last year by the Home Mission Board at a cost of \$15,000 is in the midst of the best

residence section of New Orleans. More car lines pass by or near to this point than any other point in the city, except Canal Street, which is the commercial center of the city. It is located at a distance of twenty blocks from Valence Street Baptist Church and twenty-two blocks from Coliseum Place Baptist Church, the other two Baptist



PROPOSED NEW MEETING HOUSE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, REV. C. V. EDWARDS, PASTOR.

room, together with several other minor entrances.

In the rear of the building is planned a basement for the heating and ventilating apparatus, which will be installed in such a manner as to both heat and ventilate all parts of the building in a most thorough manner, and in summer the ventilating system will be used in place of fans. The floor of the main auditorium, as well

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Let it be repeated till its force has been felt by all our people that the speediest and surest way to reach China and Japan is by the development of this great home field in America.

The renewals for the Home Field are coming nicely. Let the good work go on. Please renew and save us the trouble and expense of reminding you. Look at your label; see when the time expires, then renew; then get others to do likewise.

Our Northern Baptists give about dollar for dollar to Home and Foreign Missions. They are putting their money into the great West and are reaping a great harvest. The most profitable dollar spent by Southern Baptists now is that one which helps build up the great Southwest.

The convenient season for Mission collections does not just come itself. There is always something to interfere. The pastor must see to it that nothing shall interfere. A few good laymen are needed to back up the pastor by the lead themselves. Then go straight for the whole Church. Prayer and persistence will work wonders.

If all our subscribers will renew and one-third of them will send each a new subscriber during February we shall have 40,000 at the end of the month. That would leave two months for securing the 10,000 necessary to reach 50,000 by May the first. What a mighty power the paper would be! Who will help to put the paper into 50,000 homes?

Just three months, and the books of our Home Board close for the year ending April 30th, 1906! There must be heroic giving if we come to the Convention free from debt.

The salvation of our Southland and its development in Christian life and work is the supreme task before Southern Baptists. It conditions, as nothing else under the heavens does, our success in giving the Gospel to all lands.

Many, very many Baptists of the South have been wonderfully prospered this year. Thousands who read these words are

among the number. Are you, reader? What will you render to the Lord for all His benefits towards you? How it would swell the treasury of the Home Board if all our readers would send us a special contribution as an expression of gratitude to God for His mercies.

Almost daily urgent requests come from pastors begging us to go and talk Home Missions to their people. We cannot respond to one request in a dozen. Beloved pastors, take hold and do it—you can. Write for tracts and we will send them free by next mail. Get full of the subject. Tell it to your people with all the ardor of your souls. Ask the Lord's help and call upon your people for large things. They will respond, especially if liberal gifts are made by the pastors themselves.

There can be no permanent advancement in work unless our pastors instruct the people. Emotionalism is temporary. Information, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, is the key to success. The Bible authority, the facts about the work, the success of the work, all these things must be pressed home upon the people. Ignorance, prejudice and indifference are to give place to enthusiastic support through soulful instructions from the pastors to the people.

A touching incident on the cars: We were tired from talking and got aboard the train for home. A brother who heard us speak at the Church the night before, said: "Is that Dr. Gray?" "Yes." "Well, I didn't know there were so many Southern Baptists and there was so much to do. I want to do more. We read the Home Field." The little girl stepped up with her renewal card in her hand: "I will send the dime when we get back to our Florida Home." May the paper continue its missions of help and inspiration to these homes where our children live and labor.

### THE FLORIDA CONVENTION.

"The last shall be first." So it is with the Florida Convention. Last with reference to the Southern Baptist Convention year, she is first in the Calendar year. Her regular time is Wednesday before the third Sunday in January.

The excessive rains of the season held up during the Convention, and the weather was without fault. The breezes were soft, the sunshine warm, the trees were beginning to bloom, the gardens were a delight.

The body convened at Bartow, a lovely town in South Florida. The hospitality was abundant and the attendance good.

President Rogers was unanimously re-elected, as was Secretary Reynolds. The Ministers' meeting and the Woman's Missionary Union met the day before the Convention. Helpful discussions characterized the former, and the Woman's Union heard great reports of the year's work, and projected larger things for next year. Along with other things they promised the support of Mrs. Dora Teakell, at the Immigrant Pier, Galveston, Texas, and two young Missionaries in Cuba. Miss J. L. Spalding, the Secretary, is doing a great work, and the noble women of the state are standing by her royally.

In his report to the Convention, Dr. L. D. Geiger was very happy over the splendid advance made. Everything had gone forward. We were, of course, specially glad to see the distinct advance on Home Missions.

Florida is a Great Home Mission Field. Our Home Board is spending about \$10,000.00 there this year.

We have helped save the very life of the Baptists in most of the towns in the state, notably in Pensacola, Tampa, Jacksonville, while hundreds of other Churches have received the timely aid of the Board. The Brethren were hearty in their assurance that Florida will step out for Home Missions as never before. Our long faithful sowing is beginning to yield a glorious harvest. State Missions must be mightily pressed in the peninsular state. It is of prime importance. Already Foreign Missions is feeling the impulse of this foundation work done all these years by the Home and State Boards.

Education, and Stetson University, in particular, received due emphasis. Dr. Mullins and Dr. J. H. Eager, represented the Seminary at Louisville, and the Convention gave hearty sympathy to the great school of the prophets. Drs. Frost and Willingham were to the front for their respective Boards, and received every consideration. Indeed, the religious tourist was strongly in evidence. Besides the above named visitors, there were Editors Prestridge, Eaton and Graham. Field Secretary B. M. Spillman, Secretary Crumpton, of Alabama, and others. Brother Edwards, of the Witness, is forging to the front with his paper.

The Convention adjourned early to visit the orphanage at Arcadia, and so pushed its business rapidly.

Florida Baptists face the future with bright hopes. The distinct advance of the past year, bringing their benevolence above \$40,000.00, emboldened them to lay out their work for the new year on a \$50,000.00 basis. Florida is yet to become a mighty factor in Baptist progress throughout the South, and the world.

After spending a week in Florida, attending the Baptist State Convention and meeting other important engagements, the Corresponding Secretary sailed from Tampa on the night of January 21st for Havana. While in Cuba he will make a tour of the Island, inspecting our different mission stations and giving necessary attention to various matters in connection with our regular work. He is not expected to return home until about the 15th of February. On the trip from Tampa Dr. Gray was accompanied by Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Governor Terrell and Mrs. Porter King.

With the large subscription list which our Superintendent of Mailing Department has in charge, and is responsible for keeping correct, Our Home Field has comparatively a very limited number of complaints from subscribers on account of papers not reaching them regularly and promptly. We are always glad to have any such failure or omission reported to us, and every such complaint receives our immediate and careful attention. We are far more anxious than any one else that papers should reach subscribers promptly and regularly. We

have found, however, that in more than nine cases out of every ten to which our attention has been called, when thoroughly investigated, the fault has not been in this office. It has some times been occasioned by inefficient postal service; at other times by the wrong address having been given at the time subscriptions were sent in to us, or by change of post office address without notice having been given to us. We have found, also, in some instances that papers have remained in the post office without having been claimed, and in one instance where we were severely blamed, we traced the matter up and found that the paper addressed to a lady had been delivered regularly each month by the postmaster to her husband. We have also found in a number of instances that parties sending us a large list of subscribers have omitted some single name. We have before us now a letter from an honored pastor in Alabama who had made complaint to us that one of the subscribers contained in a list which he had sent us some months previous had never received her paper. By reference to the list we found that by some chance he had omitted to include her name. We returned his list to him and have just received from him the letter referred to, in which he says:

"I most sincerely beg your pardon for card written you in reference to Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and Our Home Field. I did not keep a copy of the list sent you" \* \* \* "I see how the editor can be accused wrongfully by the people when they do not get the paper."

Correspondence from another worthy pastor in Mississippi contained the following: "I am sure you received their subscriptions because, fortunately, I have the list yet and their names are checked on the list, and the stub of the Express Money Order which I sent you corresponds with the number of names checked." When we first read this letter we thought this is one instance where we will doubtless be found at fault. But upon investigation we discovered that one of the subscribers about whom complaint was made had been entered on our mailing list correctly, and papers had been mailed from this office to him regularly each month. The other one, specifically mentioned by the brother, had not been included in the list which he had sent to us. We returned the list to the brother, and by way of explanation he wrote us in reply as follows: "I took subscriptions for the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal at the same time, and in drafting the lists for the two papers I presume I got some names mixed. I enclose you 10c to cover the subscription of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_."

Another good brother held us responsible for the charge that had been made against him of collecting for a subscription and not sending it to us. A reference to his former letter disclosed the fact that he had in reality, though of course not intentionally, omitted to include in his list the name of, or send the cash for, one of the subscriptions he had taken. He promptly exonerated us from blame when his original list was returned to him.

So we have learned the need of patience in all work. And we welcome complaints when subscribers fail to receive their papers, and give each one prompt and careful attention.

Bennie Strike-Axe, the interpreter for our Missionaries to the Osage Indians at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, is dead. His name had become a familiar name, and to those who had kept in closer touch with the Home Board workers that name stood as a synonym of Christian fidelity. The life and labors of Bennie Strike-Axe after his conversion exemplified the Christian graces to a notable degree. He was intelligent, pious and zealous in his life and in his efforts to bring his people to a saving-knowledge of Jesus Christ. He still lives in the memory of his people and his works do follow him.

The Mission to the Osage Indians, of such a recent origin, has been one of peculiar interest. It is an interesting fact that they are the wealthiest people on the American continent. That is, they possess more wealth per capita than the people of any other community. It has been only within the last few years that their attention has been called to Christianity, or "The Jesus way," as they express it.

In another column will be found a letter from our Missionary, Rev. C. W. Burnett, giving an interesting description of their Christmas entertainment, and we give below extracts from letters received from Miss

since Bennie was disabled by disease, has experienced a change of heart, and also his wife and several others who have expressed so much interest in our work, and been so helpful and friendly towards us. But they are so doubtful and timid about joining the Church, because they say they do not know much yet about the Bible and "The Jesus road," and they can not read or understand the Bible very well without help. Pray with us that their doubts may be removed, and they may find sweet peace in believing in the Son of God who ever liveth to intercede for us, who can be touched with a feeling for our infirmities, who knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust. I hope it will not be long before several will put on Christ by Baptism, and be good examples to the other Osages. We have not thought it would be wise to urge them too much to take this step until they had time to consider what it meant, and were willing to give up card-playing, and other practices common among them.

Also in another letter written January 18th Miss Cottrell says:

We commenced a series of night meetings at the Osage settlement near Pawhuska, January 10, and the Lord is graciously blessing our efforts to give His Word to this tribe. A number have expressed their faith and trust in Jesus, and others have said they feel their need of a Saviour, and asked our prayers.

Pray for us and the Osages; that we may have precious evidences of the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, as we continue the work in His name, until many of the Osages shall look to Him and be saved, and follow Him all the way in "the Jesus road," until they shall be called to their reward.

Several of the older members of the tribe have said they were loving and trusting Jesus.

Brother Hamilton, the missionary to the Cheyennes has come to help us, and is preaching the sweet Gospel truth with earnestness and power.

He tells the Osages that the Cheyennes bid him come and say to the Osages, that they would pray to the good Father to grant that soon many Osages would be walking with them "in the Jesus road" to Heaven. May the Lord give us such a blessing, and to Him be the praise forever.

#### SOME MARYLAND ITEMS.

DR. E. B. HATCHER.

The Baptist forces in this part of the field are undoubtedly on the move. Advancement seems to be the motto written on our banners. And for this we are largely indebted to the Home Mission Board. It is this Board that stimulated Maryland Baptists to a forward movement by making them two conditional offers of help. The efforts of our people to meet these conditional offers have waked them into new life and revealed powers that had hardly been suspected. During the past year we have secured several new men, all of whose salaries the Board is helping us to pay. We are seeking to advance along two paths; first in the way of strengthening the churches which we already have, and secondly of entering new fields and establishing missions.

On the last Sunday in September we had the pleasure of taking part in the Corner Stone laying of the new Baptist Church in the city of Frederick. Less than two years ago we had nothing at Frederick except two or three Baptists of one kind and another and mountains of obstacles. We secured a bright, consecrated young minister, Rev. W. H. Parker, and put him there and told him to go to work and our people would stand by him. What discouragements blew their cold winds in his face! But he had driven down his stakes deep, and month by month he stood his ground and tugged away and the result is that now he has a Sunday school of about 85, a church of about 25 members and a congregation averaging about 75, and all of this in a second story room in a small building "around the corner." But in a few months this vallant band expects to walk into their new church building and no one doubts but that the work will take a decided leap forward when they enter their new quarters. The Home Board is paying one-half of the salary of this fine young man and is putting one-third of the total sum into the new building. For all of this we are profoundly grateful. This is but one illustration of the manner in which the Home Mission Board is helping us in Maryland.



Emily R. Cottrell, another of our Mission workers, which will be read with interest. Under date of January 1st Miss Cottrell writes:

Bennie Strike Axe is dead. He breathed his last about 5:30 p. m., December 28th, after a protracted and distressing illness, during which he suffered much, until he became entirely unconscious to everything, about a week before he died. He bore his sufferings manfully and without a murmur, and his faith and trust in God never wavered in the least. Even after his mind became so affected that he could not answer any question intelligently, he sung one verse of "Jesus, Lover of My soul," through correctly, and then remarked "that is so good." We feel satisfied that his spirit is now in the bosom of his Savior, whom he loved, and wished to live to serve, though he said, "nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done." His funeral services were held in the White Baptist Church of Pawhuska, and many of the Osages and white people attended; he was generally liked by all who knew him. We feel that we have suffered a great loss in his death, but believe God is able and will soon turn the hearts of others to help us in His work among the Osages.

I believe that Mr. Emery Gibson, a full blood Osage, who has been interpreting for Mr. Burnett

OUR HOME FIELD HONOR ROLL.

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

TEN-CENTS A YEAR.

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

Dear reader, may we not have the privilege of placing your name on this list of honor?

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THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIES.

REV. J. F. PURSER.

If a doctor is called in to treat a very sick patient, suffering from a malignant disease which endangers life unless speedily relieved, he would not think of poulticing the patient's toe, or rubbing a little liniment on his hand, or bathing his arm with milk or water. The wise physician diagnoses the case, and then strikes at the root of the disease. He administers the proper medicine, which the stomach receives and assimilates, by the assistance of the digestive organs; and then, it is taken up by the circulatory system, and carried through the whole body.

Let us use this illustration to throw light on the subject under discussion. The quickest and shortest way of reaching the masses and doing the greatest good to the greatest number, in religious work, is to begin with the crowded cities; the largest centers of population through which the ceaseless tides of humanity ebb and flow. Honest, faithful preaching and teaching,

in the country and village Churches, is good and wholesome, and is blessed of God; but it will never evangelize the world. It is too slow. Men are dying; souls are hastening to the judgment; we are pressed for time; the King's work requires haste. We need to go where people congregate. We must work where ignorance and disease and crime are greatest. The shifting throngs move like bits of colored glass in a kaleidoscope; they are here today and gone tomorrow; some here, some there, to the uttermost parts of the earth. Men come and go, but the haunts of iniquity are always crowded. The dance-halls and bar-rooms teem with men and women who, for the lust of the eye and the lust of the flesh, imperil their immortal souls. The jails and prisons hourly open their doors to receive the transgressors of the law; the police courts never clear their dockets. In the higher walks of life the crush and rush is just as great.

The young man with business or commercial ambition hastens to the city to seek his fortune. The young woman, with no capital, save abounding health and youth and hope, hurries away to the city, that, at the desk or in the shop or factory, she may earn a livelihood for herself, and, oftentimes for helpless parents or little ones dependent on her. The aspiring lawyer and doctor see in the metropolis the place to begin their careers, and win the emoluments and plaudits they crave.

Our schools and universities, that erstwhile throve in the sylvan shades of sequestered retreats, "Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife," are moving cityward. Soon there will be a great university in every large Southern city. An immense foreign element is pouring annually into all our seaport cities, to go out into the inland towns and rural districts, bringing the heresies of the old world to our very doors and under our own roof trees. These are all self-evident facts. They require no proof. Strong, aggressive, united, prompt efforts should be inaugurated and pushed energetically forward to take the cities of the South for Christ. It might almost be said that if we will take care of the cities the country will take care of itself.

Heretofore Baptists have not always shown as much worldly wisdom as some of the other denominations. We have stuck to the Book; we have held to the Truth; we have contended so earnestly for the Faith once delivered to the saints that our increase in strength and numbers has been a survival of the fittest, rather than the growth which comes from intelligent, well-directed efforts and policy. While our Methodist and Presbyterian brethren, with rare foresight and wisdom, have planted Churches, shepherded by strong pastors, in the centers of our cities, we have often contented ourselves with locating in the outskirts, on the bank of the creek or close to a pool, when we should have sought a foothold in the heart of the town, on one of the thoroughfares. Getting hearers is the great thing. Water can always be brought to us. If, to the purity of our faith and doctrine, we would add more consecrated common sense, what might the Baptists of our country not do for Christ!

Paul, the greatest evangelist the world has ever known, recognized the strategic importance of such work. He saw and seized his opportunity. If we follow him through his three missionary journeys, we will see him passing from city to city, establishing Churches and returning to strengthen and direct them. From the hour when he answered the Macedonian cry and set sail for Philippi, to the fruition of his heart's desire that he might preach the gospel in Rome, he directed his major efforts to the cities. His epistles to the Philippians, Corinthians, Colossians, Ephesians and Romans were addressed to Churches planted at the nerve centers of the civilized world; and from these distributing points the masterly teachings of the inspired evangelist have gone to the four quarters of the globe, and are more potent in moulding the creeds and directing the conduct of men today than when they poured from the impassioned heart of the great apostle to the Gentiles. Shall the Home Mission Board be less wise in its generation?

The few workers at the docks in Baltimore, with their Bibles and their tracts, their warm hearts and willing hands, are good as far as a few consecrated Christian workers go; but can they meet and grapple with the increasing tide of ignorance and atheism and anarchy which call

for an army of toilers? Can the faithful few in St. Louis, that city almost as much German as American, hold the fort against the opposing force? Mobile, Savannah, Charleston and Galveston, standing on our outposts, are the open doorways to the growing mineral, agricultural and manufacturing wealth of the New South.

The Negroes in large numbers have left the tobacco patches and cotton-fields and sugar plantations, and hang, as a dirty, unkempt fringe, around every Southern town and city. We owe a duty to these also, which we dare not shirk.

I have not mentioned New Orleans yet. It is the greatest, the most needy, the slowest to reach and hardest to hold of all our Southern cities. A city of the old world set down at the portal of the new. It is inhabited by a cosmopolitan population, where the Romanists flourish, where Protestantism has never gained a strong foothold, where the Baptists are few in number except among the colored population. There are from seventy-five to a hundred thousand people with no Church affiliation whatever, who seldom, if ever, enter a Church or hear a sermon. This is a picture of the New Orleans of the past, of New Orleans of five years ago, the city in which much missionary money has been spent, much work has been done and some faithful lives have been laid down for the cause. A city of whose needs and cries the Southern Baptists have grown weary, and they have said: "Enough! Enough!" They have declared that the people of the Latin races, with their love for splendid ritual, perfumed incense and gorgeous spectacular, could not be reached and held by the severe simplicity of our faith and ordinances.

Granted that religion is colored by geographical and climatic environments, yet we know that Paul preached to the Romans and Athenians, and shall we cull and choose when Christ has commanded that the gospel be carried to every nation? If we need missionaries in Italy, why not in New Orleans? I declare with a conviction born of six years' experience in resident work and a life-long acquaintance with its peculiarities and needs, that New Orleans is as fine a field for foreign mission work as Brazil, or Turkey, or Persia, or China, and that the work in the past has not been fruitless.

But what of New Orleans of today? Now that we are assured of the Panama canal, New Orleans, by virtue of its location, will be the greatest city of the South, in a few years the rival of New York. I do not believe it will be too optimistic to say that a hundred thousand will be added to its population in the next ten years, and the majority of these new-comers will be our own people, going from the inland territory. Many of them will be Baptists, and provision should be made to house and hold them. We need good Church buildings; we need missions all over the city, which may grow into self-supporting Churches with the incoming of Baptists from other sections. We need to buy additional desirable property before values unduly enhance. We need to encourage the vallant band who have been faithful through evil as well as through good report. We need scores of missionaries on the ground now. If we do not enter into our inheritance, it will pass to others. We need money and men. Would that God would lay it on the hearts of some of our pious laymen to give generously now to the greatest and most urgent need that has ever confronted the Home Board in its efforts for expansion. Such benefactions would indeed be bread cast on the waters, yielding a thousand-fold to the givers and the cause.

Rev. Robt. H. Oury, Anadarko, Okla.: I am having fine meetings here in the new country. The work along all lines is growing here. It certainly is an opportune time for Baptist to go forward and possess the field. This country is filling up with people from all over the world. It just seems to me that Christ is sending this great flood of foreign birth in here for us to convert them and turn them to God. You understand that the people here are a cosmopolitan people, and most of them of a roving disposition and this is about the only hindrance we have in building up strong churches here. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year.

Rev. Henry Alford Porter, Oklahoma City, Okla.: No other ten cent investment brings me such large returns as a subscription to Our Home Field.

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churches being about two and a half and five miles away.

What most concerns us now is that this proposed building may be begun and completed at the earliest possible date. To quote Dr. Gray, during his last visit to New Orleans, "If the Baptists of the South realized your needs as I do, within thirty days, they would put sufficient money into the hands of the Home Mission Board to complete this church building." When will our Baptist people awake to the demands which are upon us in the Metropolis of the South?

The architect estimates that this building complete will cost from \$40,000 to \$45,000. The membership of the First Baptist Church, in which there is no wealth, can be depended upon to sacrifice in their giving towards this proposed new church building as few churches have ever been known to do. We also believe we have many good friends in the city, Baptists and others, who will do nobly by this work.

The Home Mission Board and its constituency, the Baptists of the South, can depend upon it that they will be called upon to do that and only that, which we lack when our best has been done. The time for action is upon us and delay is perilous.

New Orleans, La.

### NEW PASTORS FOR NEW ORLEANS.

REV. C. V. EDWARDS.

Rev. W. H. Brengle, who has just closed a long and most successful pastorate at Elizabethtown, Ky., entered up his work as Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church the first Sunday in January. The time is ripe at that church for just such a pastor and we look with bright anticipation for the growth and development of that work.

Rev. W. M. Lee, Th. D., arrived in the city about the 1st of January to take up the work of Missionary Pastor under the Home and State Mission Boards. It is agreed that his first work will be to establish a Mission out on Canal Street, in a most hopeful residence section of the city, and as soon as possible, organize a Baptist Church at that point. It is also hoped that the Boards will be able to give us another Missionary Pastor for Algiers, the great residence section across the river.

Pastors Merrill and Crain, of Valence Street Church and Grace Church, respectively, are at their posts doing faithful and efficient work.

Colliseum Place Church is now being supplied by Brother Lee, while they are in search for the right man for that Church. We are lining up for a forward move in Baptist ranks in New Orleans.

### LOUISIANA AS AN INVESTMENT.

REV. WILLIAM T. TANDY.

The investor seeks primarily two things when he is negotiating a loan or placing trust funds: viz: permanency and security. The rate of interest is of third importance. I have an abiding conviction, that many givers to missions are of the opinion that their money is gone forever. They have the satisfaction of doing their duty and they cherish the hope that some one will be blessed by their sacrifice, so far as seeing any permanent results or income, they dismiss the thought and apply themselves to new duties.

To be sure a knowledge of the facts and even a slight acquaintance with the history of the Home Board would correct such ideas and would commend its work to the sound business sense of practical Christians. For this purpose, I write. Few of our brethren at large understand the conditions in this southern commonwealth. All have knowledge of its vast material resources, the richness of its lands, their prodigality in the production of cotton, sugar and rice. Really here we have but "to tickle the earth and it laughs with the harvest." Added to agriculture, there are big figures about lumber, oil, sulphur, fish, oysters, waterways, shipping, etc.

I do not wonder that the brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention, often ask if Louisiana will never cease calling for help. With patience exhausted, and heart sick with hope long deferred, they look at New Orleans and ask if the city is not beyond redemption. In fact, many good brethren thought the state was getting more than the needs justified.

Louisiana is so radically different from the other Southern States that she cannot possibly be understood from a distance. Until of late, she could not be called a Southern State, save in a governmental sense. There was scarcely a genuine American element in her life. Her soil was long ago pre-empted and her laws, manners, customs and religion were cast by alien people from nations whose glory faded in the 16th century. In the past she has not been the chief beneficiary of the westward streams of immigration. Just now are the desirable people turning their steps this way. The brotherhood at large did not become aroused about us until it was almost too late. Now the destitution is so appalling as to stagger belief.

Baptists are now in the first steps of a new life. Every enterprise fostered by us has just passed the period of birth pangs. The serious problems of living and growing are upon us. Our colleges are beginning anew, the orphanage is put on its feet and the mission ordered to advance one hundred per cent. It will pay to invest in Louisiana now, because of the permanency of the good such investment will accomplish. Not a city or town in the state is stationary. The towns and smaller cities are growing by leaps and bounds. There is no earthly danger of any place getting smaller; values cannot shrink. The districts most sorely stricken by yellow fever, witness a steady advance of values of property. Every dollar Southern Baptists spend here will be put in a place of permanent prosperity.

Then it is secure. Baptized believers, established and trained Churches are the result.

And the third demand of the investor is not wanting. Interest will be paid. Dividends, larger as the years go by, will be declared. But to attain this there must be larger outlays. The day of small things has forever passed if we expect any returns.

To even enter a town takes much money. We are supplementing some missionary pastors as much as one thousand dollars a year. The cost of living is enormously high. Then we have to buy lots and help to erect Houses of Worship. We could spend wisely and religiously one hundred thousand dollars here a year for many years. We need at least twenty-five more evangelist and missionaries. There is no needier field for the investment of an able and devout life.

Wealthy brethren and sisters in the older states could certainly make no gift more pleasing to God than erect memorial chapels in some of these strategic points. What more fitting memorial of the loved one gone?

In New Orleans, there are two Methodist and two Presbyterian Memorial Churches; but the visitor seeks in vain for the Memorial Baptist Church.

From far New York, Dr. and Mrs. Simmons built and endowed Simmons College in Texas. Why will not wealthy Southern Baptist advance large amounts to the Lord in Louisiana?

The interest in many places will begin immediately. The building of the First Church, Monroe, was the gift of a noble woman. A truly great church is greatest in its works.

Emmanuel Church at Alexandria, is one of the strong churches of the country. It was established by the Board. This may be reproduced in dozens of places. Secretary Gray and the Board are willing. May God's people furnish the means.

### OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. T. F. Coe, Fort Gibson, I. T.; Sin is congested along up and down the Arkansas River, which makes the field one of great need.

Rev. T. M. S. Kinney, Excelsior Springs, Mo.: God has graciously blessed the new Church, and the end is not yet. May God bless the work of the Board, and those who represent the Board and may this year be one of abundant blessings.

Rev. G. R. Naylor, Okmulgee, I. T.: Our Church is taking on new life. We have paid all our debt, and more than paid my salary. We are getting our Church organized. We take our offering for Home and Foreign Missions February 19th. God is here and blessing us.

Rev. William Crawford, Ardmore, I. T.: As a result of my meeting held at Tulsa, a parsonage consisting of six rooms, bath room and cellar, was built at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Rev. W. L. Nash, Maplewood, Mo.: I rejoice to be able to report that after January 1st, Maplewood will be able to raise all funds necessary for the work on its own field. Our people are grateful to the Board for assistance and hope to be in a condition in the near future to pass on the work to other growing and needy fields.

Rev. C. H. Hands, St. Louis, Mo.: Past quarter has been one of seed sowing and persistent endeavor to rally the Church to the work of the hour. In a revival effort of nearly three weeks, I doing my own preaching, the result in conversions was rather discouraging, but a deep feeling of conviction was manifest, which gives promise of a large increase in the future.

Rev. Richard A. Tuell: The field in which I am laboring is white unto the harvest. Our people, though poor financially, are growing more and more consecrated and while we have many hindering causes, yet the outlook for the Master's cause is very hopeful. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year. We need more laborers in the field, who are willing to sacrifice for the Master.

Rev. B. C. Perez, Martindale, Tex.: Thank God for your interest of the Home Board in our Mexican works. We, all the Mexicans, are glad for the coming of our Brother C. D. Daniel. The Mexican people love him dearly. I hope with his return to our work the Mexican work may be awake and be a great progress with his help. God's richest blessings be upon our Home Board, so that our foreign population may be reached with the bread of Life. Remember our Southwest Texas in your prayers.

Rev. W. Harry Clark, Tampa, Fla.: The work at this place is progressing well. We have better order and more interest than heretofore. The brother that was baptized is as faithful and devout a brother as I have seen among the Cubans. We have opened up work in West Tampa, and ere long hope to hold regular meetings at that place. I go over there quite often to do personal work, and the people are becoming interested. We were surprised to see so many come over to attend our Christmas entertainment at Ybor City.

B. F. King, Marlow, I. T.: I greatly enjoy reading Our Home Field, and have placed it in forty-four homes last year. Now, that we have entered into a new year, we hope to place the paper in at least one hundred homes. I am glad to report that our work is taking on new life. Already, our new church building at Tuttle will not accommodate the congregations that greet us at all of our services. Often many have to be turned away for the lack of room. At Minco, the work is moving, and God is blessing our labors there. May God bless our Home Mission work.

Rev. John Miller, German Missionary, Bay, Mo.: I am thankful to the Lord that I was able to be at my post during this last quarter. I was not so well in October, as I had malarial fever. We had a fine Christmas entertainment for our Sunday-School. We also had a watch night at the end of the year. Our chapel was packed full, and a great many heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope that some of them may become converted. May God help us to be faithful that we may uphold the glorious banner. One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism.

Rev. J. L. Walker, Hedrick, Oklahoma: The Lord's people are grateful, and are using their surplus in advancing the Kingdom of our Redeemer. The county Associational Board recently voted \$2,100.00 for the support of Co-operative Missionaries. A big tent has been purchased and two Missionaries are kept in the field. A new meeting house is being built. The outlook is bright. We are praying for 1,000 baptisms in Greer county this year. Join us. (The above illustrates the quick and rich returns for investments made through the Home Mission Board, during the last few years.)

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## LEAFLETS.

LEAFLETS bearing on different phases of Home Mission work, as well as sample copies of Our Home Field, will be sent without cost to those desiring them. We only ask that they be carefully read and their contents prayerfully considered. It would greatly aid Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and other Christian workers in their efforts if they could secure a general reading of mission literature, especially by the most intelligent and consecrated among their people.

Kindly advise when ordering whether leaflets are wanted for personal use or for distribution. If for distribution please state the number that can be profitably used.

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## CASH RECEIPTS DECEMBER 15, 1905, TO JANUARY 15, 1906.

**ALABAMA:** Dadeville S. S., \$1.12; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, \$5.62; Clayton St. S. S., \$6; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$311.08. Total, \$318.68 previously reported, \$3,859.80. Total since May, \$4,169.48.

**ARKANSAS:** Mrs. S. Forbes Gum Springs, \$5.00; Bethabara Ch., \$5.00. Total, \$10.00. Previously reported, \$327.93. Total since May, \$337.93.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** 1st B. Ch., \$6.04. Previously reported, \$218.19. Total since May, \$224.23.

**FLORIDA:** Webster's Society, Tichenor Memorial, by Mrs. J. C. Rodgers, \$2.95; L. D. Geiger \$50.00; L. D. Geiger, Cor. Sec., General Work, \$114.16; Bible Work, .60; Cuban Missions, \$6.90; Pawnee Indians \$32.28; Mountain Schools, \$1.00; Tichenor Memorial, \$78.40; Eaton St. B. Ch., \$64.25. Total, \$350.54. Previously reported, \$1,115.66. Total since May, \$1,466.20.

**GEORGIA:** C. A. Bell, \$2.50; W. M. S., Enon, Tichenor Memorial \$1.30; 2nd B. Ch., Atlanta, \$517.55; Griffin B. Ch., Mountain Schools, \$25; Airline S. S., \$1.00. S. Y. Jameson Cor. Sec., as follows: Tichenor Memorial, \$31.80; Mountain Schools, \$20.00; Rev. W. N. McCall, \$4.25; Regular Work, \$826.68. Total, \$1,430.08. Previously reported, \$6,769.37. Total since May, \$8,199.45.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** J. C. Stalcup, Cor. Sec., \$32.88; W. M. S., Muscogee, \$2.25. Total, \$35.13. Previously reported, \$162.20. Total since May, \$197.33.

**KENTUCKY:** Seminary Society \$91.85; Y. L. M. B. 1st Ch., Bowling Green, \$30.00. Total, \$121.85. Previously reported, \$6,035.74. Total since May, \$6,157.59.

**LOUISIANA:** Miss Ellen R. Bulloch, Treas., Tichenor Memorial \$5.00. Previously reported, \$860.52. Total since May, \$865.52.

**MARYLAND:** Grace B. Ch., Baltimore, \$15.00; Huntingdon B. Ch. Home Missions, \$6.23; Sallsbury D. S. St. Ch., \$3.70; Eutaw Place Ch. Baltimore, \$268.00; No. Ave. B. Ch. Baltimore, Home Missions, \$115.33. Total, \$408.26. Previously reported, \$1,527.13. Total since May, \$1,935.39.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Mrs. W. A. Hicks Tichenor Memorial, \$5.00; Immanuel B. Ch., Meridian, \$5.40; Armstrong Society, Tichenor Memorial, \$5.00. Total, \$15.40. Previously reported \$4,369.93. Total since May, \$4,385.33.

**MISSOURI:** W. M. S., Jefferson City, Tichenor Memorial, \$2.50; Grant St. B. Ch., Springfield, \$10.00; W. M. S., as follows: General Work, \$47.19; Tichenor Memorial, \$2.50; Mountain Schools, \$5.25; Junior's Columbia \$2.00; Junior's Columbia, Margaret Home, \$2.00. Total, \$71.44. Previously reported, \$3,817.34. Total since May, \$3,888.78.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Beulah Ch. Robeson Assn., \$1.05; 1st B. Ch., W., \$114.00. Total, \$115.05. Previously reported, \$3,743.29. Total since May, \$3,858.34.

**OKLAHOMA:** W. M. S., Anadarko, \$1.00; Davidson B. Ch., \$2.50; Burrows Bros., Shawnee, \$10.00. Total, \$13.50. Previously reported \$204.85. Total since May, \$218.35.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** 2nd B. Ch. Anderson, \$10.00; 1st B. Ch., Edgefield, \$29.14; 1st B. Ch., L. M. S. Edgefield, \$10.86; Doctor's Creek Ch. Colleton Assn., \$2.68; Washington Ch. N. G. Assn., \$20.00; Fork Hill Ch. Monish Assn., \$10.00; W. M. S. Welsh Neck Ch., \$5.00; White Plains Ch., \$5.00; Chesterfield Assn., \$1.25;

Springtown S. S., Barnwell Assn., \$2.00; 1st B. Ch., Sumter, \$12.05; Marion B. Ch., \$4.79; Lake City B. Ch., \$2.37; 1st B. Ch. S. S., Darlington, \$6.70; L. M. S., Inman B. Ch. Tichenor Memorial, \$1.30; W. M. U. of S. C., Miss Buhlmaier, \$1.00; Osage Indians, \$9.25; Tichenor Memorial, \$126.00; General Work, \$57.56; Flint Hill Ch., York Assn., \$31.87; Campobello B. Ch., \$1.50; Pendleton St. Ch., Greenville, \$17.00; Fairfield B. Ch., \$2.13; Ladies' Society, Betnet B. Ch., \$2.98; Bowling Springs Ch., Spartanburg Assn., \$9.50; North Day Spartanburg Assn., \$30.00; Simpsonville S. S., Mountain Schools, \$1.70; Salem Ch., Woodruff, Home Missions, \$1.06; Pickens B. Ch., Home Missions, \$5.00; Crooked Run Ch., Wallaceville, \$2.10; Bartlett, St. B. Ch., Sumter, \$10.54; Enone B. Ch. Spartanburg Assn., \$2.11; Switzer B. Ch., \$4.81; Lowndesville B. Ch., \$3.42; Due West B. Ch., \$15.00; Bishopville B. Ch., \$5.00; Beaver Dam B. Assn., Laurens, Mountain Schools \$1.00; W. M. S., 2nd B. Ch., Laurens Tichenor Memorial, \$2.50; Sunbeans 2nd B. Ch., Laurens, Osage Indians, \$2.00; 1st B. Ch., \$96.15; Upper Marion Union, Pee Dee Assn., \$6.73; Antioch B. Ch., Orangeburg Assn., \$5.45; South Side B. Ch., \$5.86; Norway Ch., Orangeburg Assn., \$1.61; Liberty Ch., Piedmont Assn., \$4.26; Flat Rock Ch., Piedmont Assn., .62; Williston B. Ch., \$14.06. Total, \$572.91. Previously reported, \$5,289.22. Total since May, \$5,862.13.

**TENNESSEE:** W. L. Anthony \$10.00; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., as follows: Tichenor Memorial, \$12.15; Miss Moody's Salary, \$25.00; Mountain Schools, \$4.00; General Work, \$280.99; 1st B. Ch., Nashville, \$50.00. Total, \$382.14. Previously reported, \$2,994.49. Total since May, \$3,376.63.

**TEXAS:** Rev. Manuel Gutierrez, Gonzales, Tichenor Memorial, \$2.00; Daughter of Rev. D. B. Waite, Shiner, Tichenor Memorial, \$1.10; Rev. J. D. Overton, Junction, Tichenor Memorial, \$5.00. Total, \$8.10. Previously reported, \$3,123.07. Total since May, \$3,131.17.

**VIRGINIA:** V. A. Lipscomb, Fredericksburg, Tichenor Memorial, \$1.00; Previously reported, \$5,798.11. Total since May, \$5,799.11.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Dividend, A. & W. P. Railway, Stock, \$51.00. Ladies' Aid Soc., Pasadena B. Ch., Texas, Int. on note, \$9.00; Cr. on Acct. of Principal, \$50.00; B. S. S. Board by J. M. Frost, Sec. and Treas., Nash., \$500.00. Total, \$610.00. Previously reported, \$1,459.83. Total since May, \$2,069.83.

**AGGREGATE:** \$4,415.12. Previously reported, \$51,667.67. Total since May, \$56,142.79.

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## CHRISTMAS AMONG THE OSAGES

Rev. C. W. Burnet, Pawhuska, O. T.

On Saturday night, December 23rd, we had our Christmas with the Osages.

About two weeks before Christmas, we began our public preparation by calling a meeting of the Indians, to consider the matter. We set the date one week later than we liked on account of the regular quarterly payment, but unexpectedly, the payment was postponed from day to day until the day set for the consideration of the Christmas subject. The number out was not sufficient to work up enthusiasm, so we continued to meet for four nights. We were then rewarded by having a good crowd, all the seats full.

I told them I was ready to help them give their children as good a time at the camp Christmas as they had ever had with the white people



in town in school. There were a number of talks made, then they appointed their committees, decided on the night to have the tree and the best place to have it: I made suggestions but left it with them to do the business.

They raised \$20.25 before adjournment to buy the treat. With the amount, the committee bought 100 pounds of candy, 1½ boxes of oranges and enough pop-corn for 250 sacks.

The Indian women helped the Missionary women make the sacks and the trimmings for the house and for the tree.

The day of the 23rd was a sad day at the camps. In the morning, I preached the funeral of the 19-months old daughter of the interpreter we have used this year. About the time of the services, a middle aged woman died just a few rods from there. She was buried soon after noon. It did not seem possible that we could get ready but with the promise of all the help needed, we began at 3 p. m. just where we left off the evening before. The help was all that could have been asked for and everything was ready by the time the people began coming.

The tree, a large evergreen, fully 14 feet high was placed in the center of the new round house. The building would easily hold 1,000 people. We had 225 Indians present. They were in a large circle around the tree. The tree, though large, would not hold all the presents, some were placed on a platform around the tree. Through the kindness of churches and societies, both north and south, we were able to have a little present for nearly all that were at the home camp. They were not expecting anything from us but we were glad to surprise them by putting something on the tree for them in the name of the Baptist that were interested in them and that had remembered them. Old and young alike enjoyed the evening and some are already looking one year ahead and talking of next year's Christmas tree.

We wish to thank each one that helped to make our Christmas a success.

Of interest to the Housewife.

In the February delineator there is much of housewifely interest. Isabel Gordon Curtis' helpful household serial called "The Progress of a Housewife" touches upon the kitchen and its utensils. Delicious recipes for onions and cakes and desserts are supplemented by an interesting and instructive article on "Meat and Its Uses," and the pages of Illustrated Cookery are extremely suggestive. Gardening and house furnishing are other topics of particular interest in the home.

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## ABUNDANT LIFE—

How shall I get it?

"Our Saviour hath told us that seed that would grow into earth's dark bosom must fall, Must pass from the view and die away, And then will the fruit appear; The grain that seemed lost in the earth below Will return many-fold in the ear. By death comes life, by loss comes gain, The joy for the tear, the-peace for the pain."

"He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

**ABUNDANT LIFE—**

How shall I use it?  
 "Scatter thy life as the summer showers pouring.  
 What if no blossoms look upward adoring?  
 Look to the life that was lavished for thee!  
 Give, as the heart gives whose fetters are breaking,  
 Life, love, and hope, all thy dreams and thy working.  
 Soon, heaven's river thy soul fever slaking,  
 Thou shalt know God and the gift that He gave."

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye so to them."

**HOME MISSION HEROES.**

A short time ago the subject of missionary study was "Home Mission Heroes," a rather difficult subject in some respects, because from the nature of their work, comparatively few of the many faithful, self-sacrificing, consecrated "heroes" on home fields have become widely known. It is generally recognized, however, that on the great battle field of life, some of the noblest heroes are those who die "unwept, unsung." So, in our mission work, there are countless numbers among the early pioneers, and those who have succeeded them, who in the hope of making this a land Christian in truth as in name, endure great hardness and suffer untold privations for Christ's sake. The following extract from letter of a missionary in Texas is but one of hundreds which might be given as illustrating not only this fact, but also the way in which such work is being blessed.

"I am on the extreme N. W. border of the Panhandle, away out on the plains, the largest section of country in the United States without a railroad. I have spent ten years of my life here. At first, I preached to the cow-boy, then as the country changed I began to organize little Churches and preach to the small stock man. Now the country is changing to that of a farming country. Through it all, I have had to endure many hardships and privations; have almost ruined my health once or twice in winter time by the long drives and exposure to the cold when only poorly clad. I divide my time among a number of places, some of them as far from home as thirty-seven miles. It is hard, but, oh, how anxious these people are for the gospel! I have had the joy of baptizing a number of people recently at three different points. I have had to borrow a change of clothing as I had but one coat and vest to my name. In one of our meetings, it rained for nine services, but the people came, and one night several were converted and a large number asked for prayer. Some of those nearly grown in attendance on this meeting had never before heard a gospel sermon. Oh, that the people of the East might realize how great is the destitution and make larger provision for meeting the needs of this rapidly developing country. It is very hard sometimes for us poor missionaries to stay here, but the people must have the gospel though we fall by the way in giving it to them."

**GOOD NEWS OF WOMAN'S WORK IN INDIAN TERRITORY.**

A letter has been received from Miss Kate Perry, who is supported by the women of Georgia and who is among the most faithful and enthusiastic missionaries of the Home Mis-

sion Board, containing some interesting items. She tells of a Woman's Conference which is designated as a "glorious meeting" that was held in November at South McAlester, Indian Territory. At the Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City in September at which the Corresponding Secretary W. M. U. was present, it was decided to hold this conference as it was thought necessary to have more time for careful consideration of various lines of work. It was also decided to re-appoint Miss Edwards who for some time had been engaged in efforts towards stimulating interest and bringing about the organization of Woman's Mission Societies. As woman's work in Indian Territory and Oklahoma is yet in its infancy, and as conditions in these sections are very different from those in older States this action seemed desirable. Contributions towards payment of salary were asked as follows: From the women of Indian Territory \$200; State Board \$100; Woman's Mission Societies of the North (Home and Foreign) \$100; Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary S. B. C. through the Home Mission Board \$100. The last mentioned amount—\$100 from W. M. U. aux. S. B. C.—has been sent for this purpose to the Home Mission Board by the Woman's Home Mission Society of Maryland. Miss Perry states regarding action taken by Indian Territory workers at the recent Conference: "More than what was asked, towards Miss Edwards' salary was pledged." She also says: "Encouraging amounts were raised for other purposes. Eighteen Societies were represented; the attendance on every session was large and the interest fine."

**BOXES TO MISSIONARIES.**

Owing to expected absence from Baltimore on a missionary trip which will begin (D. V.) January 2, the box report as given below is closed earlier than usual. It includes only such as were reported from December 8th to 29th. Valuations received after the 29th will appear in the March edition.

**GEORGIA:** Eastman, \$96.84; County Line Ch., Philomath, \$21.50; Marshallville, \$50; Duffy St. Ch., Savannah, \$153.29; King's Helpers & Philthea class, Statesboro, \$80; Richland, \$73.24.

**KENTUCKY:** Salem, \$139.42; Juniors, Russellville, \$60; Newport \$98.87; South Union, \$66; Mayslick \$60.40; Winchester, \$25; W. M. S. 22nd & Walnut St., Louisville, \$145.50; Boston, \$70.

**MARYLAND:** Seventh Ch., Baltimore, \$165.17; Y. L. Aux. Franklin Sq. Ch., Baltimore, \$128; Brantly Ch., Baltimore, \$205.50; First Ch., Baltimore, \$320.79; Pastor's Aid & Miss. Soc. First Ch., Baltimore, \$241.39; Philagatheia Soc. Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, \$225; Y. W. S. 7th Ch., Baltimore, (contribution) \$45; Fulton Ave. Ch., Baltimore, \$130.30; Capcorma Circle, Eutaw Pl. Ch., Baltimore, \$240.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Columbus, \$90; Shuquah, \$114.50; Tupelo, \$146; Lexington, \$130.80.

**MISSOURI:** Fayette, \$43.95; Third St. Louis, \$200.20; Compton Heights, St. Louis, \$55; Treanton, \$59; Mollino, \$15.85; Windsor, \$40.96.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Sunbeam Band, Johnston, \$3.61; Mullins \$45.80.

**TENNESSEE:** N. Edgefield, Nashville Assoc., \$75.50; Immanuel, Nashville Assoc., \$104.15; 1st Ch., Chattanooga, \$235; Dyersburg Union, \$140.31; Bellevue Ave., Memphis, \$73; Jefferson City, \$75; Whitesburg,

\$8.51; Oakwood, \$32.45; Union, (contribution) \$23; Smithwood, (contribution) \$12.25; Glenwood, (contribution) \$9.05; Third Creek, (contribution) \$11.95; Sharon, (contribution) \$5.75; Grove City, (contribution) \$4.95; North Nashville, \$75.

**VIRGINIA:** 4th St. Ch., Portsmouth, Portsmouth Assoc., \$163; Chase City, Concord Assoc., \$50; Houston, Dan River Assoc., \$62.77; Hebron Ch., Goshen Assoc., \$25; Spurgeon Memorial, Norfolk, Portsmouth Assoc., \$83.25; Court St. Ch. Portsmouth, \$137.98; 1st Ch., Bluefield, W. Va., New Lebanon Assoc., \$90.25; Girls' Mission Soc., Bluefield, W. Va., (contribution) \$4.75; Little Helpers, Bluefield, W. Va., (contribution) \$4; Charleston Ch., W. Va., Shenandoah Assoc., \$38; Newport News, Peninsular Assoc., \$90.75.

Total, \$5,647.50. Previously reported, \$13,183.39. Grand total, \$18,830.89.

**BOXES TO MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.**

Since December 8th the following boxes have been sent from Societies to Mountain Schools:

**KENTUCKY:** Bowling Green, \$86; Paducah, \$33.75; Carlisle, \$27.50.

**MARYLAND:** Brantly Ch., Baltimore, \$10.85; Philagatheia Soc. Eutaw Pl. Ch., Baltimore, \$5.

**TENNESSEE:** Earnest Workers, 3rd Ch., Nashville, \$8.

Total, \$171.10. Previously reported, \$494.44. Grand total, \$665.54.

Annie W. Armstrong.

**MISSIONARY FLASH-LIGHTS.**

The following extracts from letters of missionaries, throwing light on different phases of Home Missions, will we trust be of interest to W. M. U. workers and others:

**A Blessed Box.**—"In the sending of this box my prayers have been answered, and I realize for myself that God has not forgotten nor forsaken His people. Wife asked me how the Societies knew so well the needs of the frontier, missionary. I told her God was directing them. So many valuable things came in the box, I can scarcely tell what we value most highly. The overcoat is just in time. I was called to a funeral service yesterday, drove ten miles through the cold, but was so comfortable in my new overcoat and gloves. The dress goods are all so nice. Shoes and socks are appreciated. Tablecloth, spreads and toweling were just our needs. Needles, thread, buttons, etc., surely come from the hands of thoughtful, loving Christians. The books are of special value to me. I feel that I can preach better since reading just a few pages of the 'New Life in Christ.' We write on tablet sent us. We appreciate every smallest item and pray God's richest blessings on the givers and all the people with whom and for whom they labor."

**Destitution and Need for Church Buildings.**—"I am glad to know you have visited Oklahoma and Indian Territory, but, oh, you can get no idea of the great destitution unless you could visit some portions of Texas. To give you some idea, our Association covers over twelve counties, 30 miles square or in other words about 10,800 square miles. There are about 26 Churches in it. Of course much of the land is owned by non-residents, but there is a great influx of people coming to us from the older, settled parts of Texas, from Oklahoma, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and elsewhere.

"There are but four Church houses within our bounds. At all the other

places we have to worship in school houses, court houses and anywhere we can. I am told that there are a number of settlements that have never had a sermon preached within their bounds and these people are really looking to our association for the gospel. There are but six active preachers within our bounds; all of us making a great sacrifice, very poorly paid, and wearing our lives out, trying to hold this field. There is now fair prospect for three or four railroads to cross our country and this of course will add greatly to the number of people."

**How Many are Equally Willing?**—"I can not tell you how I long to make a Christmas Offering for the work in China. I feel sometimes that I would gladly coin my heart's blood were it possible, for the cause of missions, but I feel that He has some purpose to work out in keeping us so poor."

**Pray for Us.**—"One of our pioneer missionaries who has given many years to the cause, suffering all manner of deprivation, at the same time winning hundreds for Christ, who with his aged wife, is nearing the end of life's journey, sends this message:

"With sorrow, I must tell you that my wife has been undergoing severe treatment for cancer. My heart is almost broken to see her suffer so. Will you not pray that the blessed Lord will be with us in an especial way at this trying time?"

**LABORS AMONG THE INDIANS.**

The following interesting letter is from the wife of one who labors largely among the Indians of Indian Territory:

"I am writing on Thanksgiving Day, and I can not but think of when we were back in the States among home folk and friends. Now we are away from all and do not have the pleasure of the family re-union. The little girls and I are at home by ourselves. Husband is away about sixty miles in a meeting. But, the last clause of that sentence is what brings us Thanksgiving joy. 'In a meeting,' yes far better than a feast for it has been a great one. Twenty-five or thirty have already been saved. It is being held in a very wicked part of Indian Territory, where many of the Indians are fairly well to do, but not given to religion. Think what a great thanksgiving for these people.

"We have many other blessings for which to praise God. Since our Convention in September, we have dedicated our new meeting house, raised \$50, for Foreign Missions bought a bell for our house and raised about \$40 for other improvements. (In all this the Woman's Society figured largely). We have also baptized several, assisted one Indian and one white boy to go to school that they may become ministers of the gospel. After all, these are but a few of the things that have been done. I have not counted in all the visits, heart to heart talks, letters written and advice given. Perhaps you think it rather odd to refer to "advice given," but our Indians come to us for advice in everything, even in their love affairs. We have some very amusing experiences and some very sad ones. One Indian came to husband and wanted him to make a girl marry him. Will you not pray for us that we may have grace and wisdom for the many and varied experiences of a missionary's life?"

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