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## EDITORIAL

October is the great association month. Let the Baptist clans gather with serious purpose to plan larger things for the kingdom.

Never before were Southern Baptists more united in their purpose to take this Southland for Christ and they were never so well equipped for the holy task.

In the new form we shall be able to give more space to the various departments of our work. Besides the papers can be easily kept on file and in this way be greatly more useful.

We have yielded to the demand upon our columns, the requirements of our great field, and the endorsement of many brethren in changing to magazine form. For the increased size and style 25 cents is not as much as 10 cents was for the paper in the old form.

What does all this prosperity in the South mean? To Baptists it ought to mean a call from God for greater giving for His Kingdom. Oh! that a thousand thankful souls would send us a thank offering for Home Missions. A thousand places are calling for help.

One hundred and fifty thousand immigrants arrive at the port of New York in a single month. The greatest increase is from Russia. Tell us what that means for the Nation if the gospel of Christ is not effectually preached to these men and women who have the spirit of the Great Bear?

Our hearts rejoice continually over the blessings of God upon the great host of missionaries. Revivals of great power are reported in many places. Weak places are becoming strong and self-supporting and in turn centers of great usefulness. No where on earth is seed sowing so blessed for Baptists as is that in the great Southwest.

All present subscriptions to the Home Field will be completed to the time of expiration on the 10-cent basis, but all new subscriptions will be 25 cents. The cost in making the change to magazine form is considerable and we shall run the present subscriptions at a heavy loss. In order to partially make up for this we beg every subscriber to send 25 cents at once and let us move forward the subscription a year from the time the old subscription expires.

We are in great need of money to meet some heavy obligations that mature just now. If even 100 brethren in each state would send us a contribution ranging from \$100 down to \$5.00 or \$10.00 it would vastly relieve us just now. Do help us, brethren and sisters. You can do it now as well as later. Don't wait, send your gifts now.

We do not know what a day may bring forth in Cuba. The situation as we go to press, seems to be quite serious. President Palma seems confident, however, of suppressing the insurrection. So far no damage is reported to our workers or property on the island. We are hopeful that out of it all God will bring good to our cause and additional light to Cuba.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton entered upon his duties as General Evangelist September 1st. Our Southern Baptists are profoundly interested in this great work. Their prayers, we are confident, will ascend daily for God's favor upon this effort to evangelize our dear Southland. No other people are so favorably blessed of God with all the forces and resources for great evangelism as are Southern Baptists. In this sacred, united effort we expect God to crown our labors with glorious success.

Bro. E. C. Falkner, of Dardennelle, Ark., writes: "Arkansas owes a debt to the Home Board that should make every church in the State a warm friend of the Board and its work." We suggest that the pastors of some of the leading churches

of the State investigate the beginnings of their churches. But that suggestion may be made to the pastors of half the leading churches of the South. For these churches to fail to give to the Home Mission Board its portion of their benevolence is a confession that they have forgotten the hand that helped them.

The ladies are redeeming their pledges to the Colon Chapel in a most gratifying manner. A good woman who pledged \$25.00 at Chattanooga for the Arkansas sisters has already sent in more than \$30.00. This came from only a few societies. She is working with others and will doubtless soon make it \$100. Will not others follow her example? Pastor Paez and his faithful band at Colon are greatly delighted over the prospects of soon having a neat chapel.

We find it interesting to study the cosmopolitan character of the West. At the Indian and Oklahoma Territories Baptist Encampment in July we took notes of the birth-places of the speakers and found that the following states were represented on the program: Mississippi, Connecticut, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio; South Carolina, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina; Indian Territory, Indiana, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, New York, Kansas, Illinois, West Virginia and Canada.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to project its work on a basis of \$250,000

this year. In addition to this the Convention instructed the Board to raise \$25,000 for evangelistic work. Up to September 15th we had received only \$23,368.19. Below we give the contributions since May from the various states. Is your state doing her duty?

Alabama .....	\$1,141.04
Arkansas .....	297.62
District of Columbia .....	145.57
Florida .....	925.88
Georgia .....	1,612.67
Indian Territory .....	00.30
Kentucky .....	1,938.50
Louisiana .....	426.95
Maryland .....	1,039.00
Mississippi .....	539.95
Missouri .....	2,299.74
North Carolina .....	43.64
Oklahoma Territory .....	85.06
South Carolina .....	2,362.28
Tennessee .....	1,474.89
Texas .....	4,263.03
Virginia .....	3,501.00

**To the Brotherhood:**

As representative of the Home Mission Board, it gives me great pleasure to announce to the Baptist brotherhood of the South that our Secretary, Dr. B. D. Gray, has been led to decline the call of the First Baptist Church at Waco, Texas, of which our Baptist papers had some account.

The invitation came to Dr. Gray as a surprise. It was highly appreciated because of the noble history, high character, large field and great possibilities of the Waco Church. An acceptance by Dr. Gray would have afforded in some respects easier conditions of work than that which environ him in his present office.

On the other hand, the unanimous protest of the Home Mission Board against his removal, his success in his work, the cordial co-operation of the brotherhood, the ever-widening outlook for Home Missions and his own complete consecration to the evangelization of his native section, were among the reasons that induced Dr. Gray to regard it the will of God to abide in this work.

The Board congratulates Southern Baptists on Dr. Gray's decision and ask their renewed interest in him and in his vast enterprise for promoting the coming of the Kingdom of Christ.

On behalf of the Board.

W. W. Landrum,  
President.

**Keeping Files of Our Home Field.**

The new form of Our Home Field is convenient for reference and adapted to the file. We urge all subscribers to begin a file with the first number, and preserve each succeeding copy. We shall now have room for more matter and fuller information concerning the several departments of the work and the files will be valuable for reference. This ought, too, to be a strong argument in soliciting new subscribers. We earnestly request our friends to get up a club at once. Make it as large as you can and send it along without delay, and as long as they last we will mail copies of this first number to the new subscribers so that their files may be complete. If you like your copy show it to others and commend it to them. We feel that we can rely upon the

friends who have so faithfully helped us in the past to extend the circulation now that the paper is so much improved.

Twenty-five cent subscriptions have already begun to come in. Bro. J. W. Crowden, of Waco, Texas, was the first name enrolled and Bro. J. L. Allen, of Commerce, Texas, was the second. Good for Texas! Who next?

#### The South and the Baptists.

The South is the paradise of Baptists. They thrive here as they do nowhere else on the earth. It is said that more than three-fifths of the Baptists of the world live in the South. They number more than 1,750,000 whites and 1,800,000 Negroes, a total in membership reaching near the 4,000,000 mark. These figures are massive. They put the Baptists of the South, in point of numbers, distinctly ahead of all denominations.

Nor are they poor and insignificant. They possess a large share of the South's wealth. In recent years Baptists have come to the front in affairs of state. It has been but a short time since simultaneously Baptists occupied the gubernatorial chair in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. We furnish legislators to make the laws, judges to interpret them and executives to enforce them. In no other section of our country are Baptists so potent a factor in political and civic affairs as they are in the South.

In view of these facts, Southern Baptists are in the very gateway of

opportunity. Their highest duty as well as their grandest opportunity consists in the religious development of this Southland. Religiously our people are no better developed than are the material resources of our wonderful land.

With such resources of men and money as Southern Baptists now possess they ought to double their gifts to Home Missions every year for the next three or four years. This would enable us to grapple in a measure with the needs of the present and put us in shape to meet the vastly greater opportunities and responsibilities of the immediate future.

In less than five years we ought to have a Million Dollar Building and Loan Fund. We really are in crying need of it now. Methodists have as much. The Campbellites have half a million. We Southern Baptists have less than \$20,000!

We must go into the coming cities of the South and take them for Christ.

A great tide of foreign immigration is setting this way. We must meet it with the Gospel of Christ. We believe our people will rise up and seize the opportunity.

#### The Second Sunday in October.— Sunday-School Home Mission. Day.

The second Sunday in October of each year has been set apart as Home Mission Day. Until three years ago it was known as Sunday-School Missionary Day, and was arranged for by our Sunday-school Board at Nashville: the contribu-



tions being sent half and half to the Home Board and Foreign Board respectively. At that time it was changed and a separate day was assigned each one of the three boards: A day in October to the Home Board, one in January to the Foreign Board and in June to the Sunday School Board.

For two successive years our Home Board has observed the second Sunday in October and programs were prepared by the W. M. U. of Baltimore and sent to every Baptist Sunday-school in the South. Gratifying results were realized. For various reasons we have been hindered from sending out a program to the superintendents of the schools this year. We, therefore, appeal to the superintendents to bring our great Home Mission work before their schools and secure from every class and, as far as possible, from every individual a gift for Home Missions. With a united effort we ought to do something worthy of our great cause.

We offer some suggestions to the superintendents for the occasion:

1. Let each superintendent send to us at once for tracts and leaflets on Home Missions, and be ready to make a brief, telling speech before the school takes its collection.
2. Let the pastors help the superintendent. They can put in a strong word and do great good.
3. Let the teachers join heartily in the effort and see that their classes have a part in the work.
4. Let the general collection for that day, as well as the special gifts, go for Home Missions.
5. Announce the Sunday before

about the Home Mission day. Tell the school that all the Baptist Sunday-schools in the South are to join in this blessed work.

6. In some cases it may be inconvenient or impossible to use the second Sunday. Then use the next best day as soon thereafter as possible.

We ought to have thousands of dollars to come from these various sources. Last year we received as much as \$50.00 from one school. There are many schools that can do as well, and thousands can send smaller amounts. Let us pray the Lord for liberality. In sending forward the money let treasurers state that it comes from the school's "Home Mission Day." And may the Lord bless the givers as well as the gifts.

We recommend the following books on Home Missions to pastors and others who are seeking solid information: "At Our Own Door," by Morris. Published by Fleming H. Revell, Chicago. "Under Our Flag," by Guernsey. Published by Revell. "The Call of the Home Land," by Phillips. Published by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va.

"This country is already the home of the majority of the Anglo-Saxons and the Anglo-Saxons rule the world, its thought, its commerce and its laws. Westward the march goes on! The twelve-degrees along the Atlantic have widened to the plan of a great continent."

Let every Baptist pray every day for a genuine revival in every Baptist church in the land.

### What Shall be the American Type?

Rudyard Kipling has humorously remarked that America has not yet decided upon its climate. It is certain that we have not yet decided upon a type of citizenship which shall characterize this nation when we have passed the incipient stage of national independence and all our heterogenous elements have been blended into a final unified and distinguishing national type of character. And yet no American statesman, patriot or Christian can be indifferent to this momentous question. On it hangs the weal or woe of our children's children and millions more, as well as the perpetuity or extinction of the ideals and traditions which actuated the fathers of our country and our faith, and upon which the foundations of the Republic were buildd. Here are some of the elements of this problem:

**The Racial.** There are certain undercurrents of life, ideals of life, and thought, which belong to every race, and which make for different objectives in social and civil life and character. Left alone, each race would reach the goal toward which its constitutional proclivities drive it. China has been able to preserve a distinct national type through thousands of years because it has been almost wholly unaffected by alien ideas and ideals. China has been the home of Chinamen. On the other hand, in one generation, we have seen the Japanese national type changed by an inconsiderable element of foreign immigration. The present Japanese type is practically

new. Japan is neither oriental, European nor American. It has been revolutionized by the infusion of foreign thought. Never in the history of nations, perhaps, has there been brought together so many and such diverse racial elements as exist in America today. Just what shall be the result when these elements are compounded is not yet apparent. We only know that the type will incline toward that element in our national life which is strongest, most vital and which makes upon the others the most positive impact of its own ideals. If the original and purely American ideas are cherished, kept vigorous and made positive, we shall see the strong family likeness in our national posterity. If this is yielding, effeminate and enfeebled by immigrant moral contagion, the final type will be different from the original. The presence of these heterogenous foreign elements has already affected, to a noticeable degree, our national life in some of its root-phases. For instance, the American standard for Sabbath observance has been lowered, and in many respects a new social license has been issued. The strain of a million and a half foreigners is being put upon American ideals every year. "More than three-fourths of the whole, moreover, come from countries utterly unfamiliar with the Anglo-Saxon ideals to say nothing of the American ideas; they have had no contact with a civilization similar to our own, as the English, Irish and Welsh had and as the Germans and Scandinavians had in a degree. All this increases the difficulty of Americani-

zation which must take place if our ideals are to abide and our national character remain true to its genesis and past."

**Linguistic.** The nation is a babel of tongues. Every dialect marks a separate and distinct moral as it does linguistic element in our civilization. Each tongue has its own moral tone, its accent of truth and error, of purity and vileness, of civic and social ideals. Morality and religion are incorporated in vernaculars and vocabularies. Each language represents a type of character and belief. Speech is the coin of a nation's ethics and esthetics. There are delicate insinuations of vice and doctrine in every tongue which are translated only into character. The speech which prevails among us will help to determine the prevailing type of national life. Of course there can be no doubt that English will always dominate. The public schools are facilitating and accelerating this. English is the text-book language of our public schools. The tendency toward the dominance of the English tongue is even world wide; for in one hundred years the English language has risen from fifth to first place among the seven leading languages of the world. But it is nevertheless true that the speech of the foreigner is an element in our civilization which bears upon the question of the final type of character. Periodicals in foreign tongues, to say nothing of the socialistic and anarchistic platform agitators, flow from the printing presses in America, carrying forth the essence of foreign and often alien thought and

feeling, to mingle with our national ideals. Without the counter action of a vigorous evangelical truth, faithfully and vigorously proclaimed among our own people and carried into the foreign quarters, these things will appreciably affect the final type of American citizenship.

**Political.** Every shade of political belief may be found in America. All the political economies are here. Men schooled in every form of government and possessed of all predelections which are born of patriotic love of one's country have become citizens of this. Those who believe in the absolute reign of kings and those who are opposed to all governments would be glad to enforce their views. Democrat and Republican are mere names in themselves concerning many things which lie at the foundation of government, but outside of these parties there are many others. The Anarchists and Socialists have their ward meetings and their organizations. Some who spilled no blood to secure a Constitution are ready to shed blood to destroy it. Every great city on the continent is a hotbed of iconoclastic agitators who would despoil what centuries have built. They are without reverence for American traditions, and know nothing and care nothing for the higher things in human society. It is the task of the American statesman, and the public-spirited American citizen to fuse the alien and antagonistic political sentiments into symmetry and harmony with the principles on which the nation was founded. This must be done or the ship of state will swing from her

course, and no man can tell the port at which she will land.

**Religion.** This is the potential element. Religion has made this nation in all the highest forms of its national life. Nothing else, nor all else, has been so powerful. We started with one religion and few sects. The denominations which entered the colonies wrought in them the ideals that created the Republic. So powerful was this religious dynamic that through battling elements it sent the Nation straight on its course for more than 250 years. The characteristics of the Nation were unchanged from the settlement to the Revolution. But since then creeds have multiplied and of late alien religions are invading the Nation. No one has yet catalogued the religions and the

sects which operate in America today. The name of the latter is Legion. The simplicity of the faith and the sincerity of the life of our people is threatened. The churches and the Nation are face to face with a great danger. If the final type of American life is to be American, war on these national foes is inevitable. The defenders of the faith must lead in the conflict. With a flaming sword of truth we must go forth to slay the errors which challenge us. The laissez-faire theory if insisted upon will entail disaster to evangelical truth and consequently to the Nation. We must expose and oppose, evangelize and educate. To the very seat of character and intelligence, where only truth can take root, the truth must be carried if the final American type is what the original prophesied.





## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

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If we love our country with a true, real love we shall show it by contributing in ourselves to the sum of collective righteousness what it may be in our power, aided by God's grace, to give. They are not true men who simply shout and cry, and make noisy demonstration, and speak great swelling words, without reason for reflection, or any earnest thought to duty, to God and the State. They were thoughtful, patriotic, self-sacrificing men who built this great temple of civil and religious liberty. By such men only can it be kept in repair and made to stand for ages and ages. Let us remember that for us, as for all people, length of days and long life and peace depend on the use we make of our gifts, on the fidelity with which we discharge our mission. And that is the reason why every one of us has, in part, his country's life in his own hands. We may, by taking good heed to ourselves, help to purify the whole nation.—Morgan Dix, D.D.

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We take the following interesting synopsis of the Home Mission work of the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York from the Baptist Home Mission Monthly:

The whole number of laborers missionaries and teachers, supported wholly or in part by the Society, has been 1,552. These have been distributed as follows: In New England States, 66; in the Middle and Central States, 149; in the Southern States, 274; in the West-

ern States and Territories, 982; in the Canadian Dominion, 9; in Mexico, 25; in Alaska, 1; in Cuba, 19; in Porto Rico, 27; French missionaries have wrought in 10 States; Scandinavian missionaries in 23 States; German missionaries in 22 States and Canada; colored missionaries in 19 States and Territories.

Among the foreign populations there have been 312 missionaries and 10 teachers; among the colored people, 46 and 260; the Indians, 21 and 29; the Mexicans, 22 and 17; the Cubans, 17 and 2; the Porto Ricans, 24 and 3, respectively; and among Americans, 789 missionaries.

The Society aids in the maintenance of 44 schools established for the colored people, the Indians and the Mexicans. There are 6 day schools for the Chinese, and 2 for Cubans; in all, 52.

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'A man's religion makes his manhood manlier, and adds to everything he is and does. True Christian faith is the child of the light. Man is never asked to do injustice to his rational nature. Christian missions are a ministry of enlightenment and culture. The Puritans were nothing if not religious, and so, sixteen years after landing, established Harvard College. A large part of the energies of the church has always been devoted to education. College men today lead in all the world's life. Sometimes the charge is made that the trend of educated men is away from the church.

Is the charge true? A careful summary of painstaking investigation reveals these statistics: The percentage of Christians in the student bodies in colleges and universities has been: 1775-95, 12 per cent; 1795-1800, 5 per cent; 1800-8, 15 per cent; 1810, 10 per cent; 1810-25, 25 per cent; 1825-50, 33 per cent; 1858, 40 per cent; 1860, 45 per cent; 1900, 50 per cent; 1902, 52 per cent. Among young men in the world one in twelve is a Christian, while in our colleges one in two is a Christian. The enlightened and cultured are therefore six times as ready to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, as their fellow men not so well favored.

Our schools should be enswathed in an atmosphere of prayer. Pastors should seek and seize opportunities for evangelistic work among the bodies of college students.—  
E. E. Chivers, D.D.

Rev. J. D. Ross of the Disciples thus states a fact and his explanation of it:

Our secretary for Foreign Missions tells us: "Five years ago in had 3,067 contributing churches to Foreign Missions; last year, 2,834. That is, 233 churches have deserted the work." This is a serious condition. We have failed to develop the missionary spirit in our home work as we should, and the reaction has come. If the home work suffers, the foreign work must suffer with it in consequence. We can not expect the Lord to bless us in fullest measure except we obey His divine order. We must keep up the base of supplies for our missionary army. We must keep the home lamp trimmed, filled and burning

that the light may be sustained in the foreign fields. We must cultivate the great, rich fields of America that we may have the seed with which to sow Africa, India and China.

To support and increase the foreign work, we must make the American offerings equal to the foreign. Do this, and, instead of a decrease, there will be an increase of churches supporting world-wide missions.

If we leave out of the reckoning the effervescence of spasmodic efforts, we shall find the re-action of Foreign Missions upon the American work is no greater than the action of Home Missions which makes Foreign Missions possible.

The divine order is not from the foreign work homeward, but from the home work outward. The \$100,323 given to American missions last year by 2,136 churches ought to be easily made \$200,000 this year by our 11,884 churches. Save America, not only for America's sake, but for the world's sake.

#### An Associational Report on Home Missions:

The following report adopted by a recent session of the Chowan Association, North Carolina, is a good model for such reports:

Our Home Mission Board has before it the greatest task confronting Southern Baptists today, and its work, if well done, will not only save our homeland, but greatly influence the whole earth. The immense territory in which the Home Board is trying to preach the Gospel surpasses in area most of the empires of the Old World. The South

alone contains 25,000,000 people, 11,000,000 of whom are our own white kin, 9,000,000 negroes, and 5,000,000 foreigners. In wealth and material possibilities the South is superior to nations that have dazzled the world and changed the course of history. What we make, then, of this great southland for God and righteousness depends much upon Home and State Missions.

The needs. Let no one think our beloved land secure yet. Wise and well as our fathers laid the foundations, we are in peril with new problems and grave difficulties on every hand now. The South must wrestle with Catholicism, Infidelity, Indifference and Materialism. The flood of foreigners pouring into our country averages now more than 2,500 people every day in the year. More than ever they are turning South. Great train loads are brought South Sabbath after Sabbath. Many of these know little and care less for the Sabbath day, or any of our sacred institutions. We are told that New York now publishes thirty-six daily newspapers in foreign languages. The heathen are coming to our very doors, and if we do not Christianize these foreigners they may paganize us. If we do not meet them and lift them up by the Gospel of Christ, they will drag us down to riot and bloodshed.

The mountain regions of the South comprise two millions of our own people who need our help while Cuba, priest-ridden, illiterate and impoverished, contains 1,500,000 souls blinded and prejudiced by a religion worse than none. In Cuba the Gospel is as much needed as in the heart of China.

Our own Southwest presents another open door. Where but a few years ago was only prairie grass, large cities and towns are springing up and the country is being peopled for miles and miles, in many places without a church. Here the Home Board is trying to sustain missionaries and plant churches, and right now, if ever, this work must be done.

What is being done? Much every way, but vastly more needs to be done. Last year the Home Board had 718 missionaries who baptized 10,551 and received by letter 10,019—a total of 20,570. Is not this a glorious harvest? Yet the good Home Missions is doing to lift up our people and save our Southland for Christ, who can tell? In view of the great needs and large opportunities of this work, let us of the Chowan Association enlarge our gifts to Home Missions at least 25 per cent this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Josiah Elliott,  
 Charles Bateman,  
 Committee.

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#### "The Outstretched Hand."

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I have read of a singular vision that forever opened the heart of one woman to benevolence. She was a Christian and a church member, but she had always regarded the collection plate—especially when passed for missionary offerings—as a nuisance which she would gladly escape if possible. But this could not be done, and she generally eased her conscience and preserved her respectability in the eyes of others by dropping something—never very much—quietly upon the plate. Her



REV. W. D. WAKEFIELD,  
Newly Appointed Evangelist

husband, though not a professor of religion, was a man of generous impulses, and often wondered why his wife, who professed to love Christ and His cause, should be so niggardly in her contributions. He used indeed, to supplement her gifts occasionally by much larger ones, though he said nothing about it.

One Sunday morning they started together for church, and the husband reminded his wife that it was the day for the Home Mission offering. She told him she knew it, and she had brought fifty cents for the purpose—that was enough for one. He suggested that this was too little for so great a cause, which meant so much to our own land; but she said it was all she meant to give. These societies were always begging for money. Her husband said no more, but thought much.

The preacher preached his sermon

and made his appeal, all of which had a very sedative and soporific effect upon the sister. The needs might be all that he said, but her fifty-cent purpose was unchanged. At length he ceased, and while the plates were being passed the organ was sending forth low sweet soothing strains of music. Ere the seat of the sister was reached she had lost consciousness in a light doze. She dreamed rapidly. She thought she saw the church officer coming towards her pew with a plate for a collection. The sensation was a disagreeable one. She wished that she might escape such annoyances. But still the man and the plate were drawing nearer. At last her own pew was reached. She looked into the face of the man. Lo, it was a countenance which she had never seen before. It was the face of the Son of God, the Lord of Glory. She glanced from that marvellous face to the extended plate. It was no longer a plate; it was the outstretched hand of the Saviour whom she had often said she loved, and as she gazed upon that hand she saw the print of the nail and blood trickling. She started up in terror, to find the plate was near her pew. She eagerly asked her husband to give her all the money he had, and made an offering of it to the Lord. And ever after that the collection plate was the outstretched and pierced hand of the loving Lord.

Let it be that to us. It is Christ who asks us to give; it is Christ's cause to which we give. The offering must be worthy of Him who gave Himself for us.—The Baptist Home Mission Monthly.



## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

### Is There Need of Home Missions in the Indian Territory.

BY REV. J. G. BREDEL

I see in several of the papers the question is asked, "Is there a field for the Home Board?" If there ever was a need for the Home Board there is as great a need now as there ever was.

You take the conditions as they exist today in the Territory, and they alone will justify the existence of the Home Board. This country with its large area, the thousands that are here and thousands that are coming, the towns that are springing up like magic, the rural districts filling up so fast, and such religious destitution that one cannot imagine it unless he goes through the country, and sees for himself—this is a mission problem of great magnitude. The wonderful resources of this country bring people here by the thousands, and the great material development is astonishing to all that come. But how about religion? You may go into a good town of 2,000 people and see gambling dens, pool halls and beer joints, and perhaps you will find a little struggling band of Baptists without a meeting house, and often without a pastor, because they are not able to pay him. On Sunday you will find a few trying to have a little Sunday-school or religious service of some kind, perhaps in some old vacant building or dingy

hall, sometimes a dance hall at that. But the great crowd of young people are loitering around the dens of sin. What young people are these? Whose sons and brothers are they? They are largely young men from Christian homes east of the Mississippi river. They are the brothers and sons from homes in the old States; they are your brothers and sons come out here because of great advantages of the country, but for the lack of a missionary, or for the want of a suitable place for the church to meet, they are not attracted to the worship, and thus they find amusement at these places of sin. And, if the church does not hasten to their rescue they will soon drift over the great "Niagara" of destruction. But alas, the life-saving stations are too few, and those we have are too poorly equipped to save them unless the Home Board comes to our help. Does not this call loudly for Baptists to support Home Missions? And, when the Baptists in the old States support Home Missions, they are saving their own young people. Is not "self-preservation" the first law of nature? In supporting Home Missions we are preserving our own posterity. To illustrate: Last summer while holding a tent meeting at Alwee, I. T., in the Cherokee Nation, in the center of a great oil district, where there were young men from most all the Eastern States, I preached one night on "The Influence of a Christian." At the close

of the service several young men came and introduced themselves to me and told me how they enjoyed the sermon. Three were from Pennsylvania, two from Illinois, two from Ohio, one from Indiana and one from Georgia, my native State. They spoke of their home training and how they had wandered away from its influence and drifted into sin because they had no religious advantages out in the West. Speaking of their mothers' religion, and how they had become hardened in sin, they said they were "ashamed to write mother." Each promised me he would write home the next day, and all did. On Sunday evening the meeting closed, and as we were gathering at the creek for baptism three of these young men sat on the roots of a big tree and softly sang some of the old home songs. One said he was converted and was going to start home next morning. On Monday two of them started for "mother's home" in Ohio, and one to Pennsylvania. The home missionary with the gospel tent had found the wandering boys, and had awakened tender memories and inspired new hope in their lives, led them to Christ and started them home to mother.

One of the saddest things to me is that you go into so many of these towns, even where there is a good church building, and you will find but few of the boys in the church and Sunday-school; but you will find them at the open dens of sin and on the Sunday excursions or at the baseball park. How are these young men to be reached without the home missionary?

Then, go to the rural districts, where there were but few people when I became missionary here fifteen years ago, and they are crowded with people. Fourteen years ago while traveling through the country I went twenty-five miles without seeing a person or a house; nothing but now and then a prairie coyote. I came to a ranch cabin one night where three cow-boys were "holding down the ranch," as they called it. I asked where I could get to stay all night. They said, with an oath, it was eight or ten miles. It was then night. They insisted that I had better stay there to which I reluctantly consented. One came in with his bottle of whiskey and insisted that I take a drink but I refused. Then they insisted that I take a game of cards, which invitation I declined. After the drinking and playing had gone on a while, one got the fiddle and I was invited to dance with them which I also refused to do. Then one of them looked up at me with an oath and said: "I'll bet he's a preacher." I told him I was, and told where I was going. The cards were put up, the fiddle laid away, and a friendly conversation followed. I got my book and we sang. They all took part. Later I asked to read the Bible and pray. They all consented. After the prayer one of the boys asked me where I was from. I said, Gilmer county, Georgia. He said, "I am from Georgia." He told me about his father being a deacon in the Baptist church, but for five years he had not heard a word from home, because he had grown so mean he would not write. The

other two boys went to bed; the Georgia boy and I sat up and talked; I read God's Word and prayed with him until three o'clock. He said he was going to be a Christian and write to his parents. About three weeks later I met him in Vinita I. T. He said he was starting home and wanted to be a Christian. But O, that drink had ruined him. We went to the hotel and locked ourselves in a room, and we read and prayed and struggled with Satan. At last faith conquered and grace saved and that erring one started home to meet his mother a saved boy.

It is worth while to support Home Missions. During the fifteen years I have spent as missionary in this country I have preached in private homes, at the cow ranches, saw-mills, in cotton-gin houses, barn lofts and in dancing halls. At Stillewell, I. T., I was in one home where there was an eleven-year-old boy who had never seen a preacher, and his mother had not heard a sermon in fourteen years. At another place a woman who had not heard a sermon in eight years walked four miles and carried her babies to attend the first service ever held in that settlement. I preached at eleven o'clock and while my wife was conducting an afternoon meeting that woman was converted. Such is Home Mission work in this country. It is worthy of hearty support. Does it pay? Yes, by all means. Oh, brother, sister, won't you save these, your sons and daughters? Is it not your duty? Does not God require it of us? The marching or-



KIOWA INDIAN BABY.

der of our Commanding King is "Go up and possess the land," and we are fully able. My brother, sister, does not God call on you through His Word and by His spirit to help save these people? Does not the principle of loyalty to Christ and interest in lost humanity appeal to you to make an advance in Home Missions? I call on you, in the name of Him who plunged into the current of sin to rescue you who now are enjoying the benefits of His atoning death, to come up to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty.

In Southwest Virginia.

By REV. S. H. JOHNSTONE.

My work is at Norton, Wise county, Virginia. We have about 3,000 people here and on either side from 1,000 to 2,500. This is the central point with five railroads.

Five years ago Wise county was the poorest county in the State. Today it is the richest, and with the passing days its wealth increases; new points of development being occupied by those interested in coal, coke, timber, etc. By this you will see that we have an ever-increasing population, which is made up of almost every class and of every religious belief. I have been told that only a few years ago it was dangerous to have a light in your house after dark. It seems that the people, at least some of them, loved darkness rather than light, and would proceed to shoot out every light to be seen anywhere. These conditions have been changed, and there is a better state of affairs now. Even in the last year, I can notice great improvements. One man who used to engage in shooting out lights is now a very earnest Christian and a good citizen, and he tells me something of the past with tears in his eyes. We have all kinds of people, consequently all manner and methods of living. Foreigners are here in great numbers, most of them Greek Catholics. Some of them attend our services. As yet we have not reached them with the gospel. We have some of them in our Sunday-school and hope to reach the parents through the children.

Some of the poorest and most ignorant people that I have ever seen are found in some of these mountain settlements. I do not mean to make this statement to apply generally, but here and there you will find a home where the children are grown and who never heard a prayer. Some tell us that there was never a preacher in their midst, and when you pray they will stand and gaze at you in astonishment. There are nearly eight hundred homes in this country without the Word of God. Our needs are urgent and we must have help in this anti-mission country, and nearly all the settlers, or natives, are "anties." We need men who are ready to work in an obscure field, to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Men who are trained and have sanctified common sense with a good case of religion. They must have sticking qualities. There are a great many preachers in these mountains who are doing the Lord's work, and doing it well, too, but their congregations are largely "anties" on missions. We need to make the central points strong by putting strong men there and keeping them there until the churches are self-supporting. I do not know a self-supporting church in Wise county. If we could occupy a number of these points having men who are in touch with our work as done by our Boards, the field being rich, would soon send back to the Board help for other points.

The opportunity is ours now. The sentiment is for Baptists. Other people fight us by doing and telling all kind of things to injure our



cause, but thank God in the thick of the fight we are leading in spirituality. My observation on this field emphasizes the fact that we do not need women who have been doing work in the slums of cities in these fields. There is a great difference in the work. While it is all the noble deeds of a Christ-loving heart the work is as different as the people are. The situation is peculiar indeed. Our mountain people have midds and hearts of easy access, but you must know them. Much has been lost by an over-zealous effort without knowledge.

There are great opportunities for schools in this region. Some of the best minds are within our reach. May God help our work.

Brethren, we are out of your sight, and you do not hear from us as you did, you do not hear about our work, but our splendid Board at Atlanta knows where we are and the churches in our native State know about us and as they pray for our success in this most difficult field, will you remember us and invoke Divine grace upon the work? God will keep the record and by His grace I intend to mark a place in some life on this mission field to His Glory.

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### Texas as a Mission Field.

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By J. B. GAMBRELL, D.D.

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In size Texas is 850 miles one way and 825 another way. There are on Texas soil now, in round numbers, 200,000 Germans; 200,000 Mexicans;

60,000 Scandinavians, many thousands of Bohemians, Dutch, Japanese, Turks, Russians and other peoples of foreign tongues.

There is a distinct Italian colony three Japanese colonies, many German, Mexican settlements, and shortly there is to be a Russian colony composed of people nearly Baptists. All these colonies present hopeful opportunities for preaching the gospel. Indeed we may preach to all nations in Texas without the expense of going abroad to do it. Besides, we must save ourselves by saving these people, and in saving them and ourselves help save the world. The urgency of this work is emphasized by the floods of foreigners coming to our shores through Galveston and from the Northwest. They give us our supreme opportunity on our own soil.

It is a weekly occurrence for great ranches to be broken up for settlement. There are hundreds of places in Texas now where churches might be planted and where in a few years we might have self-supporting churches. To wait is to waste opportunity and money, for it is far easier to go in with the new settlers and build up than to go in after the ground is planted and then build.

It is likely that in twenty-five years Texas will have 10,000,000 population. What we do in the next few years will largely determine whether Texas is to remain under New Testament influences. If Texas ever becomes as densely populated as England it will have more than a hundred million people on its soil.

### Tidings of the Mexican Work.

By REV. B. C. PIEZ, Martindale, Tex.

Our work is growing rapidly. The fields are white to the harvest. Last month we held a "union" meeting with the Presbyterian church. The good Lord gave us two souls. Sunday, the 29th, before a great crowd, we baptized two persons. It was the first baptism in other denomination's meeting; the most wonderful scene ever witnessed in this place. Some for the first time saw a baptism in form like Christ's baptism. I had the pleasure of preaching to hundreds on the important ordinance of our Divine Master. Sunday, the fifth, our beloved pastor of Reedville, church, Rev. E. Sales, baptized one person in the beautiful San Marcus river. A good crowd was present and an eloquent sermon preached.

"Things are getting better." Our

small church is needing a house of worship very much. Although they are few, they are doing much work to secure a good lot to build a Lord's house on. Our Mexican people in the State have very few churches, or houses of worship. When we, the Baptist people, can own our own houses of worship our cause will progress much, because our people love to see a Lord's house in which they can worship every Lord's day, and the Catholics, Romanists, like very much to come to a church better than a particular family's house.

I hope the Home Board may see the need and help us to build more churches for them in this town. We need very much our church.

Thanks to God for our Brother Daniel's help. The Lord bless him and our Home Board and its work.

The outlook everywhere in the Mexican field is hopeful and bright.



EAST END MISSION,  
GALVESTON, TEX.

# EVANGELISM

By W. W. HAMILTON, General Evangelist.

"Do the work of an evangelist fully accomplish thy ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

The Convention report on evangelism says: "It is our profound conviction that the supreme centers of evangelism are the churches."

Write us for copies of Dr. B. H. Carroll's address delivered at Chattanooga.

"Some Dangers to be Avoided" has received such favorable comment that this, too, will be put in a leaflet for distribution. It was first published in the Baptist Argus.

The Home Board appreciates most highly the many earnest and helpful letters written by the brethren concerning this new department of the work, and asks the constant counsel and prayer of all our people.

"The undenominational work is faulty, the interdenominational work is good, but the denominational is better for all concerned and for permanent results." Thus speaks the announcement of the Home Board.

We call attention to the article sent out to the papers on "Home Board Evangelism," and emphasize the fact that this is not a new work but is the same theme, the same

power, the same need receiving new emphasis.

"Souls born into the kingdom of God usually inherit some of the traits of those under whose ministry they are saved, and we should seek to hand down the best spiritual characteristics we possibly can."

"People never cease to love the place of their birth, and our work will be more permanently useful if at the time of their salvation there be a special love implanted for the churches and their places of meeting."

The many invitations coming to us for meetings would require quite a number of men giving all their time to holding meetings. We urge our brethren to pray the Lord of the harvest to give us the right men.

We hope to be of help to our country churches, and believe that a concerted movement of part or all of a county with a union day service for prayer and conference at some central point would result in closer fellowship as well as in the salvation of the lost.

Brother T. T. Martin has already begun to plan for the Bible Conference at Blue Mountain, Miss., for next year, June 25 to July 4. Evangelism will come in for a large share of the discussions, and we hope to see this become a permanent institution.

Rev. W. D. Wakefield, of Kentucky, has accepted a position as Evangelist, and we welcome him as a helper in this great work. Brother Wakefield has been blessed of God both in singing the gospel and in preaching the gospel. He comes with his heart in this work, and we believe God will greatly use him. His acceptance comes too late to get an extended notice of him in this issue, but we present, on another page, an excellent picture of him. Brother Wakefield begins work October 1st.

A most excellent plan for district associations and State conventions is to arrange for an evangelistic conference at such gatherings. At the Texas convention in November a special time is to be set apart in the ministers' meeting and such themes are to be discussed as, "The Evangelist of the New Testament," "Present Day Opportunities for Evangelism."

Some time during the present session of the Seminary at Louisville there will probably be delivered a series of lectures on "Evangelism." Abraham Lincoln when asked how long a man's legs ought to be if he were six feet tall, said, "Long enough to reach to the ground." The Seminary reaches the ground and is seeking in every way possible to help bring to pass the kingdom.

The Oklahoma brethren are arranging for a great gathering for Bible study to be held, possibly in February, 1907, at Mangum. They

expect to have at this time a series of six or eight lectures on Evangelism. We hope that many such institutes will be held, and that our schools and colleges and encampments will help in this great movement by arranging for addresses on soul-winning.

The General Evangelist is spending September with the churches, associations, conferences of pastors and in getting ready for the winter's work. The first concerted meetings will probably be held in Wilmington, N. C., beginning October 7th, the three churches uniting in the day and each holding its own evangelistic services at night. Thousands of dollars have been put there in the past by the State Board, and those who love Christ and the Old North State are asked to pray for these meetings that God may give His blessings.

In arranging conferences on Evangelism some of the following subjects might be used: "Individual Evangelism," "The Evangelistic Hand," "New Testament Evangelism," "Power in Evangelism," "Pastoral Evangelism," "Problems in Evangelism," "Dangers in Evangelism," "Present Day Opportunities for Evangelism," "Concerted Evangelism," "Natural Laws in Evangelistic Work," "Evangelistic Leaders," "The Evangelistic Church," "Essentials in Evangelism," "Evangelistic Fundamentals," "Sunday-school Evangelism," "Saved to Save, the Christian's Business," "The B. Y. P. U. an Evangelistic Field and Force," "Apostolic Methods in Evangelism."



## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

### Victory in Joplin, Mo.

Day before yesterday was the greatest day that we have seen for our Home Mission work in the city of Joplin. It has been a great struggle, but God gave the victory to His faithful ones. The building cost \$10,000.\* We came to dedication Sunday, August 26th, with a debt of \$4,500, and raised it all but a few hundred at the morning service. The balance was easily secured at the evening service. We want to thank you for encouraging Dr. R. M. Inlow, field secretary of Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to come to our assistance in the dedication service. I do not see now how we could have done without him. He pleased the people. He is a success. This church can never forget your valuable and timely aid. In the two weeks since moving into our new church home we have had twenty-two accessions to our little church, making something near 200 members now on the roll. This building was begun just about one year ago. Not many thought such a church possible for this part of the city, but we trusted God and He has led us on. Inside of six months we must have three hundred members, and in just a little while it will be able to support a pastor. They are giving this year \$300 on salary. We owe a great deal of our progress to

a most vigorous Ladies' Aid Society. Dr. T. L. West, Secretary Baptist Board of State Missions, came in on us by surprise Sunday morning and greatly assisted Dr. Inlow throughout the whole work of the day. He spoke to us on State Missions, of course, and then at night led us in the prayer that set the building apart to the services of our Lord.

We are glad, we are happy.

Yours fraternally,

M. M. Smith,

City Missionary of Home Mission  
Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. John Crain, Durant, I. T.:  
I am glad to report that we have just completed the house of worship at Baswell, I. T., and think we are getting along well. We have had a very hard struggle to build and we are still in debt some. We now have the church house at Albany and Baswell complete and a small building at Kemp partly built. I think we will soon be self-supporting. Pray for us. This is harvest time.

Rev. C. R. Goodman, Bennington I. T.: We are in good spiritual condition and will hold a revival meeting next month. We have been financially pressed owing to our new church building, but the prospects for crops are fine and we will be able next quarter to send you a good contribution for Home Missions.

\* See Picture on Front Page of Cover

Rev. S. B. Thomas, Purcell, I. T.: Nine have been baptized, one, two and three at a time. The first was a very consecrated Methodist lady who said she had been a member of the M. E. church for thirteen years and a Sunday-school teacher. The next was a lady who had been four years in the Methodist church. Another had been a Methodist three, and still another two years. The last one baptized had spent nine years in the Methodist church. All wanted to follow the Lord more perfectly and we were glad to help them "in obedience to the command."

Rev. W. P. Holland, Wapanucha I. T.: As you see from report we have had a great revival in our town. Nearly a hundred professions. Christian spirituality and activity greatly quickened. Pray for our Territorial or "New State" work during this transition stage. It will be a trying time on our religious work.

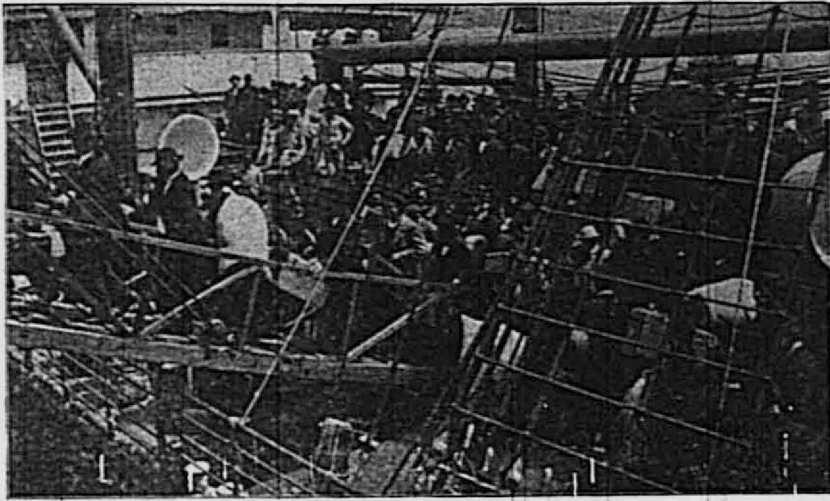
Rev. T. L. Young, Ardmore, I. T.: I am doing what I reasonably can to build up our cause. I find Kiower a very important field, but our cause at a terribly low state. Our congregations are increasing nicely and the prospects are brightening. I appreciate what the Board is doing for the church.

Rev. G. W. Jefferson, Hickory, I. T.: The needs of this field are great indeed, though the outlook is bright, and we feel greatly encouraged. Our people are becoming more enlightened, and more are enlisted in the work. We are pulling

our churches up from one-fourth to half time and from half to full time as we can. We are expecting a great influx of people to the Territory next year, and believe this to be one of the greatest fields for missionary operations in the United States. New men are already coming to us and we need men of God who can preach Jesus Christ and press the claims of the Gospel to men and women and have a glorious hard time.

Rev. W. R. Edwards, Indianola I. T.: The field is already white unto the harvest and the laborers are few. The second Sunday night in this month I preached to two hundred people under an arbor. In that vast crowd of people only fourteen Christians could be found, and only three of them would pray in public, and every one of that congregation gave their hand and bowed on the last proposition, that they wanted to be saved. Oh! what opportunities we have to possess the land. May our heavenly Father save them from sin.

Rev. J. W. Hulsey, Wilburton, I. T.: You can see from report that we have had a great gathering this quarter. We have not taken many collections. Last quarter was filled up very well with collections and we will take some more next quarter. I am sure that with the strength added to us by this last meeting, with some training we can double our contributions from now on, and that we can count on entire self-support another year. We contemplate building a new meeting house in the near future.



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## BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

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### The Lives of Famous Indian Chiefs.

By N. B. Wood: The American Indian Historical Publishing Co., Aurora, Ill.

This is the handiest and most satisfactory history of famous American Indians with which we are acquainted. The author has brought together in one volume about all the authentic information obtainable concerning the principal Indian Chiefs of this country, from Powhatan and Massasoit to Geronimo and Quanah Parker. Those who are acquainted with any of the tribes of today will regret, and perhaps be disappointed, that some representative men among these are not included in the biographical sketches. But the volume is as complete as one could expect within 871 pages, considering the fact that it contains seventy-seven illustrations. It is an informing and interesting book, full of romance and tragedy, which for

three hundred and fifty years has made up the history of this aboriginal race:

### The New Reformation.

By John A. Bain, M. A.: T. and T. Clarke, Edinburg.

The author's purpose is to show how the spirit of the world is growing away from the Roman Catholic church. He has been a patient student and has faithfully served his readers with facts. The contents of the volume justify its title. A careful study of religious conditions in Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Canada, the United States and its new dependencies discovers a general defection from the church. There is enough told us at the mouths of good witnesses to dampen the zeal of Catholic propagandists and to greatly stimulate Protestant missions among Roman Catholics at home and abroad.

## HOME FIELD HONOR ROLL.

Since changing Our Home Field to magazine form it has been necessary to increase the price, so that in the future all subscriptions will be

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This is a phenomenally low price for a publication of this class.

We will continue publishing our "Honor Roll" as heretofore, publishing in this column the name of every person who sends us ten or more subscriptions at the advanced price. We crave the privilege of placing your name on this list of honor. Will you enable us to do so?

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Rev. John L. McCord, Throckmorton, Texas	17
Miss Mary P. Jayne, Watonga, O. T.	17
W. F. McAllister, Alexis, N. C.	16
Mr. I. A. Heath, Victoria, Texas	16
Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Montgomery, Ala.	14
Mrs. Geo. W. Riley, Jackson, Miss.	14
Mrs. W. J. Chandler, Milledgeville, Ga.	14
Rev. R. A. Kimbrough, Tupelo, Miss.	13

A. V. Baker, Blacksburg, Va.	13
Rev. A. H. Sims, King's Mountain, N. C.	13
J. F. Hodge, Carrollton, Ala.	13
W. L. Anthony, Ripley, Tenn.	11
Rev. A. G. Spinks, Anniston, Ala.	11
Mrs. John Hayes, Harrisburg, Ky.	11
Rev. F. L. Alexander, Keytesville, Mo.	11
Mrs. Y. M. Martin, Victoria, Tex.	11
Rev. Jas. Edmondson, Hackett, Ark.	11
A. J. Gambill, Peoria, N. C.	11
Mrs. F. R. Gary, Ocala, Fla.	10
Mrs. G. P. Crouch, Johnson City, Tenn.	10
N. G. Wright, Belton, S. C.	10
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Miss Elizabeth Garrott, Oak Grove, Ky.	10
Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Rev. J. E. Herring, Sumterville, Ala.	10

## CASH RECEIPTS FROM AUGUST 15 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1906.

ALABAMA: L. M. S. First B. Ch. Talladega, for Tichenor Memorial, \$50; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, \$9.92; W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., \$96.10; Adams St. Ch., Montgomery, \$12; Blue Eye Ch. Talladega, for Mountain Schools, \$1 Total, \$169.02. Previously reported, \$972.02. Total since May, \$1,141.04.

ARKANSAS: W. M. U., Fayetteville Ch., for Tichenor Memorial, \$5; W. M. U. of Arkansas, for Colon Chapel, \$33. Total, \$38. Previously reported, \$259.62. Total since May, \$297.62.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Previously reported since May, \$145.57.

FLORIDA: First B. Ch., Tallahassee, \$50; Eaton St. Ch., Key West, \$18.90; L. D. Geiger, Cor. Sec., \$68.15. Total, \$137.05. Previously reported, \$788.83. Total since May, \$925.88.

GEORGIA: Flat Rock Ch., \$16.55; L. M. S., Broxton, \$8; J. J. Bennett, Cor. Sec., Atlanta, \$806.27; Tabernacle Ch., Atlanta, \$16.25. Total, \$847.07. Previous-



ly reported, \$765.60. Total since May, \$1,612.67.

**INDIAN TERRITORY:** Bethel Assn., \$2.65; Miss Hansen, for Colon Chapel, \$3; W. M. S., Caddo, \$1.50; W. M. S., Guymon, 50c; Choctaw and Chickasaw Assn., \$7.60; Rev. J. M. Wiley, pastor Stigler, \$2.50; Mrs. Fannie Rich, Caut, \$1. Total, \$18.75. Previously reported, \$71.55. Total since May, \$90.30.

**KENTUCKY:** Miss Willie Lamb, Sec. and Treas., Louisville, \$271.48; W. M. S. Bethlehem Ch., Springfield, for Tichenor Memorial, \$2; Stamping Ground Ch., \$27.75; J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec., Louisville, \$1,010.61; Basil Kenney, Treas., Frankfort, \$72.45. Total, \$1,384.29. Previously reported, \$554.21. Total since May, \$1,938.50.

**LOUISIANA:** Previously reported since May, \$426.95.

**MARYLAND:** Lee St. Ch., Baltimore, \$46.54; Brantley Ch., Baltimore, \$25; Huntingdon Ch., Baltimore, \$46.15; Eutaw Place Ch., Baltimore, \$39.38. Total, \$157.07. Previously reported, \$881.93. Total since May, \$1,039.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Immanuel Ch., Meridian, \$2.70. Previously reported, \$537.25. Total since May, \$537.95.

**MISSOURI:** A. W. Payne, Treas., St. Louis, Missouri Churches, \$852.89; Women of Mo., \$103.39. Total, \$852.89. Previously reported, \$1,446.85. Total since May, \$2,299.74.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** W. M. S. Cedar Fork Ch., Mt. Zion Assn., \$3.10; First B. Ch., Wilkesboro, \$10.85; Mt. Zion Ch., \$2.80. Total, \$17.75. Previously reported, \$25.89. Total since May, \$43.64.

**OKLAHOMA:** Texhoma Ch., \$5.75; Delhi Ch., \$2.50; Concord Assn., \$11.50; L. A. S., Washington Ave. Ch., Oklahoma City, \$1.25; Ceres Ch., \$3; Friendship Assn., \$4.30; W. M. S., Comanche Co., Assn., \$1.75; W. M. S., Kiowa Co. Assn., 75c. Total, \$30.80. Previously reported, \$54.26. Total since May, \$85.06.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Willing Workers Soc., Horeb Ch., \$1; Horace L. Bomar, Treas., Spartanburg, \$30.08; Second Ch. S. S., Anderson, \$5; J. W. Dye, Edgemore, \$5; Standing Spring Ch., Simpsonville, \$2.03; Rocky Springs Ch., Edisto

Assn., \$4.30; Welch Neck Ch., \$14.79; Churches Beaverdam Assn., \$18.80; Bethabara Ch., Laurens Assn., \$1.18; W. M. S., Bethabara Ch., Laurens Assn., \$2.98; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., Greenville \$20.88; H. H. Holder, Columbia, \$1.34; Inman B. Ch., \$20.16; Langley B. Ch., \$8.50; Manning Ch., \$6.05; W. Greenville Assn., \$2.60; Flat Rock Ch., Piedmont Assn., 91c; Greeleyville Ch., \$1.30; Unity Ch., Spartanburg Assn., \$2.60; Due West B. S. S., \$2.50; Black Swamp Ch., Pee Dee Assn., \$5; Ninety-Six Ch., \$5; Sunbeam Soc., Warrior Creek Ch., Laurens Assn., \$2.25; Broad River Assn., \$42.21; Graham's Ch., \$7.15; Mrs. J. N. Cudd Treas., Spartanburg, \$200.76; Long Branch Ch., \$1.01; Second Ch., Laurens \$8.34; Bethel S. S., Spartanburg, \$2.73; Abbeville Assn., \$4.48; Wellford B. Ch., \$2.45; Edgeville Assn., \$17.91; Black Creek Ch., \$10; Long Branch Ch., Saluda Assn., \$9.79; Cross Hill Ch., \$5.50; Taylor's B. Ch., \$2.81; Baraca Class Ravenna S. S., Gaffney, \$1.35; Glendale S. S., Broad River Assn., \$3.25; Richland Springs Ch., Ridge Assn., \$5.81; Antioch Ch., Orangeburg Assn., \$2.85; Batesburg Ch., Ridge Assn., \$16; Union Ch., Moriah Assn., \$5.10; White Bluff Ch., Moriah Assn., \$7.64; Antioch Ch., Moriah Assn., \$8.19; Beaver Creek Ch., Moriah Assn., \$5.80. Total, \$537.38. Previously reported, \$1,824.90. Total since May, \$2,362.28.

**TENNESSEE:** W. M. Woodcock, Treas., Nashville, \$694.35; Old Sweetwater Ch., \$1.48; Mulberry Gap Assn., \$12.36; W. M. Woodcock, Treas., Nashville, \$242.49. Total, \$708.19. Previously reported, \$766.70. Total since May, \$1,474.89.

**TEXAS:** J. B. Gambrell, Supt., Dallas, \$129.78. Previously reported, \$4,133.25. Total since May, \$4,263.03.

**VIRGINIA:** B. A. Jacobs, Treas. Richmond, \$3,000; Walter P. Campbell, Greenville, \$1. Total, \$3,001. Previously reported, \$500. Total since May, \$3,501.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Interest on Gadsden Loan, \$15. Previously reported, \$162.10. Total since May, \$177.10.

**AGGREGATE:** Total, \$8,046.74. Previously reported, \$15,321.45. Grand total since May, \$23,368.19.

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In these troublous times of insurrection our hearts naturally go out to our work in Cuba.

We have great confidence in the wisdom and discretion of our noble missionaries, Brethren McCall and Mays. Let our hearts go up in constant prayer for them and the work.

The eyes of the world are upon Cuba and her destiny. The United States warship, Des Moines, has been ordered to Cuban waters as a protective measure on the part of our government.

We are told that the Lord maketh even the wrath of men to praise Him. Let us not suspend our efforts in behalf of Cuba's spiritual redemption because she is distressed by internal dissension. All the more does the "Queen of the Antilles" need and invite our help. Let us enter through her unequalled port—Havana.

"With its Moorish architecture, its irregular and picturesque structures, its numerous plazas, whose palm trees and Indian laurels raise their green branches high above the low buildings of the city. Its yellow colored houses with red tiled roofs and its tropical blue sky for a background, Havana presents a picture never to be forgotten."

Since the first mass was held in 1519 at the founding of Havana in the presence of the assembled Indians, who with uplifted hands cried out in amazement, "Hábana," this city has been a religious center of Romanism.

Why, with its four centuries of Spanish splendor, pomp and glory looking down upon us, does this people possessed of a civilization rivaling Spain herself, seem to stand with outstretched arms pleading for help? It is the revolt

against dead formalism; against the suppressing of the masses by the arrogant classes. The people are reaching out for something besides magnificent cathedrals and cold marble altars to warm their hearts in this time and dispensation of universal love. A great writer has said that a most dangerous tendency of civilization is toward crystallization, hardened, inflexible conventionalisms, which refuse the soul its way. Such crystallization, such conventionalisms yield only to the dissolving power of the spiritual warmth of an undying love expressed in a soulful personality. The inspired writer warns against having the form of godliness without its spirit. Since Cuba gained her freedom politically she has made long strides toward soul liberty. All denominations are welcomed and are rapidly occupying the ground. Our Home Board is alert and active, buying lots and locating chapels throughout the island. Many of these churches should be built at once.

Southern Baptist women are asked to raise \$3,000 for the building of a chapel in Colon, Cuba. Shall we do it? Could you see the beautiful little city, with its parks and monuments, its commercial situation, its railroad facilities, you would not doubt the wisdom of the Board's choice.

Fourteen magnificent sugar plantations are contiguous to Colon. With four daily trains that keep the population in touch with every part of the island, progress on all lines of business is assured. Macadamized roads are being built, new houses are going up and the 8,000 people already living in Colon gladly welcome the coming of strangers.

Our church organization numbers about fifty truly converted worshippers.

The pastor, Rev. F. J. Paez, is a most capable, progressive man, endowed with unusual fervor and zeal for the Master's cause.

The Sunday-school is live and up-to-date. Mothers' meetings are held, and a most intelligent interest in religious education is being awakened in the city. At present the church worships in a



REV. FRANK J. PAEZ,  
Pastor, Colon, Cuba

rented house, and the same is lovingly cared for as the "Temple of the Lord" by the pastor and his sweet-spirited and gentle wife. We have a lot in Colon paid for by the "West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga." Will we not build for these trustful, expectant people a suitable house of worship? They are poor and cannot do for themselves. Will we let them suffer need?

For four hundred years the common people have been kept in poverty and ignorance. Now public school education is obligatory. Under the American occupation a system of schools was inaugurated that compares favorably with our own American schools. Rome meets this new condition of things by a change of policy.

In one city alone, on the north coast of Cuba, the Jesuits are putting \$300,000 into schools. Cannot we build many chapels instead of one?

This is pre-eminently the proper time for Southern Baptists to capture Cuba. The building of the Panama canal will make New Orleans by 500 miles the nearest seaport to the "Old World."

Havana, with its land-locked harbor, in which can ride a thousand ships, is just half way between New York and Panama.

Italy has been a settled kingdom for twenty-five hundred years. England had an established form of government one thousand years before our country was discovered. And yet, today the controlling power in Christianity for peace and good will among the nations is firmly planted in America. Can we fail to see our duty to Cuba in view of the present situation and the one rapidly assuming shape? May the Heavenly Father help us to do right, is my closing appeal.

Browning says, "A people is but the attempt of many to rise to the completer life of one." May we not take Jesus, our Saviour, and make Him the one all in all to Cuba?

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#### THE UNION'S MAIL.

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MISS F. E. S. HECK.

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Forward, the watchword of the Union and the fall campaign. Let us hope that no one will accuse the one who opens the mail of partiality if she puts two North Carolina items first. We were speaking, you remember, of Associational Vice-Presidents, their responsibilities and possibilities. The way one North Carolina Vice-President is dividing her work seems to me very wise. Her Association is very large so, that no part shall be neglected, she has divided it into the same division as the Fifth Sunday Unions, the superintendent of each of these divisions being expected to hold a missionary meeting in her division each fifth Sunday. In this way every section of the Association will be reached each year.

But you will ask who will conduct and take part in such meetings; how shall we train leaders? I will let another North Carolina Vice-President tell how she goes forward in this direction. She began a series of Missionary Institutes to be held in different parts of her Association. These Institutes are to be all-

day meetings to which all the neighboring Society leaders are invited. At the first, "Our Mission Fields" was taken as a basis, an experienced leader was put in charge of each program and conducted a model meeting just as she would have done in her own Society. In the afternoon an especially successful Sunbeam leader, taking the same program as a foundation, conducted a model Sunbeam Society. No essays were read, no long general talks made. The desire was to show how any Society could make a successful meeting with the aid all might have. These Institutes seem to us most excellent, and we recommend them to others without reserve.

We all believe in apportionment—taking a clear, definite aim at the beginning of the year and striving forward towards it. Some timely suggestions applicable to our Associational Vice-Presidents are made by the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West speaking to its own State workers. Faith is the key-note of success. They say, "First a faith which must be able to believe all things are possible—a faith which will inspire her soul and move her arm. Her faith in God must be abounding, joyous.

"She must also have faith in the work itself. It must be to her the paramount work of the church—the bringing the whole world into the kingdom of God. She must have such a vision of Christ as her helper and such a vision of the world-field as her object that she may be able to move her state to 'Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.' Such confidence on her part will stimulate enthusiasm in others.

"She must have faith in the women of her state. She must not only see what they ought to do, but she must believe they will do it. She must trust her constituency, believe in them, rejoice in them, and they will respond to any reasonable requests. She should take the women of her state into her confidence, let them feel that they belong to her inner circle. Tell them all the news; consult them about plans;

keep the work continuously before them—'Lest they forget.' She must love them as well as her work.

"Lastly, she must have faith in herself; must plan her campaign deliberately, judiciously, tactfully, prayerfully and then honor her own plans by believing in them. A vacillating commander does not lead a victorious army."

The courage of the New Orleans people when fighting the yellow fever last year is worthy of imitation in any forward movement. On one very gloomy morning, when all apparently was lost, this motto appeared over the door of the Workers' Headquarters: "Wear a smile on your face, and a flower on your coat." The same indomitable, cheerful courage marks the good Society leader. Mrs. Blank has gone away, Mrs. Black is sick, Mrs. White has not come prepared, and so on, but the Society will go on, the work will be done because it should be, and can be.

The Society at New Berne, Tenn., will be glad to hear how a certain fine suit of clothes they sent in their missionary box has been preaching the grace of giving. The missionary who received it writes: "The suit was much nicer than I thought I ought to wear in this country. But by the advice of a good sister I put it on and wore it to every cross-roads school house, and made it my first care to tell them that God's noble women gave it to me. Few knew anything about honoring God with their substance, and this object lesson has had a good effect."

We hear so much of the new West that we rarely pause to remember that there is also a new Florida which looks to our Home Board for help. Mr. Stevens, pastor of the Baptist church at Perry, Fla., writes of three railroads running into his town, and two more coming, with new towns springing up all along these lines. Speaking of woman's missionary work he says: "At the recent Union meeting which I attended I was asked to make an address on the mission work of the Woman's Missionary Union. Before beginning, I drew out the fact (unexpected to me) that so far as



was known there was not a single Woman's Missionary Union in the Association. As soon as I can, I want to make a tour of this Association in the interest of woman's work, giving about two days to each church, with dinner on the ground and services before noon and afternoon."

A somewhat similar campaign was planned and carried out by a Tennessee pastor. So the work grows and prospers and advances.

Mrs. T. H. Athey, of Lynchburg, Va., sends this happy suggestion: "Our young ladies sent out souvenir postals to absentees and were pleased with the increase in attendance." This would work well in your Society also.

Just a line from Union headquarters. All goes well. No. 2 of "Our Mission Fields" has been sent to the State Central Committees. Two beautiful new mite boxes, one for the women and one for the young women societies, will soon be ready. Preparations are being made for the Christmas offering programs. Letters from frontier missionaries needing boxes are being sent out as rapidly as received. The Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department is receiving and filling many orders. Arrangements have been made to send Societies, asking for them at headquarters, copies of the latest letters from our missionaries. We are full of hope and courage, and are pressing forward.

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