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EDITORIAL

As we are going to press the Home Board has elected Brethren W. H. Sledge, of Macon, Ga., and Raleigh Wright, of Cleveland, Tenn., as evangelists. More extended notice of these brethren will appear in Dr. Hamilton's department next month, but we take pleasure in commending here these excellent fellow-workers to the brotherhood. The writer has heard flattering reports of Brother Wright and has known Brother Sledge for years. He is one of the Lord's true men, and his ministry has been an unbroken success.

Socialism is an alien in America. It is a part of the import baggage of un-American immigrants. We have recently seen a book, "The Socialists—Who They Are and What They Stand For." It is written by one John Spardo, and dedicated to one Henry Sloboden. These names furnish the key to the Socialists, who they are, etc. These are not American names. The names of the noted Socialists quoted throughout the book in like manner betray their alien origin. The bibliography which closes the volume is furnished by men of such foreign names as Thomas Kirkup, Bellfort Bax, Friedrich Engles, A.

E. Schaffies, Enrico Fenri, Carl Marx, Emile Vandervelle, George Plenchanoff, E. V. Zenker, Isador Ladoff, Ernest Untermann. The men who made this nation did not wear such names as these, and these are not the men to preserve the traditions of our fathers. In every city where they can get an organization they are already laying their despoiling hands on the American and Christian Sabbath.

Now that most of the Conventions are past and State Missions is not pressing hard, we make an earnest appeal to pastors, State Secretaries, and others, to help Home Missions. Following the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, and in response to large requests from every quarter of our Southland; the work of the year was laid out on a large scale. Through consideration for State Missions, we have refrained from pressing the Home Mission appeal until we are in danger of being overwhelmed by obligations which we can not meet. Promises are now maturing and must be met. Will not every one who has a dollar on hand for Home Missions forward it to us at once? We need it, brethren, and without delay. Are there not

many friends of Home Missions who will make personal contributions to help this cause at this time of great need? This issue of Our Home Field will probably be read by fifty thousand people. Suppose every one should take this appeal as seriously as the situation requires and should send us such a gift as he or she is able to make to Christ's needy cause, what a relief would at once be given to our embarrassed treasury! But, if you who now read this appeal do not respond to it, what good reasons can you give for expecting that others will do so? The appeal is made to you. Will you send us a contribution for Home Missions at once?

There is more money in the hands of Southern Baptists today than they ever possessed in any other day of their history. Contrasted even with a few years ago their financial condition is phenomenal. So ample is this wealth there is not a Christian enterprise fostered by the denomination which, on its present basis of operation, need suffer or lack for one dollar to meet the demands upon it. The truth is, we have not at present the facilities for handling the Lord's portion of this amazing wealth were God's people to release it during the present year.

Some of the readers of the Home Field may remember seeing Bennie Strike Axe, a converted Osage Indian, at the Convention in Kansas City. He was not well at the time, and, returning to his home in Oklahoma, he died shortly afterwards.

His death-bed was an illustration of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to help those who trust Him. He bore his sufferings patiently and died triumphantly. Some years before Bennie yielded to the temptation so strong in his tribe, and got under the influence of whiskey, but he loved God and quickly repented of his sin, and then wrote to the little white church of which he was a member the following note, which we give just as he wrote it:

"To the Members of the First Baptist Church, Pawhuska, O. K. — May I ask mercy? Even though I have sin before God and before the church. May this shadow of sin pass away that without fear shall I enter the church again. Brothers and sisters forgive me for the sin I have committed. As God forgives, so shall you. May God Bless each and every one.

Benj E. Strike Axe."

The First Act of the New Year.

The joy of Christmas has flooded your life and home. Tokens of love have been given and received. Now comes the New Year with its gaiety and gladness. What shall be the first act of the year? The start you make may determine much as to the manner of life you will lead during the twelve months which are before you. Shall the first act be one of selfishness or unselfishness? Will you put God above self this year? Then let the first act be one which commits you to that high purpose. Let your New Year's gift be to God, from whom you expect the blessings of the year. The hap-

piness which Christmas brought you and all the sweet influences which bathe your life at this glad season had their source in Him. His gospel has made all the unselfishness in the society about you. His gospel alone will save your homeland from barbarism and decay, and bring peace and good will to all. Out of gratitude for the homeland blessings produced by His gospel and as an initial act in a year of better service to God, make a New Year's gift to Christ for the spread of His gospel in the needy places of the South. The Home Board will invest your gift in consecrated men who are willing to serve and suffer that this sunny land of Dixie may be Christian. If you would start the new year with this unselfish act, send your gift to us, with the instruction that it be devoted to this holy cause. Make this the first act of the new year.

Arkansas Convention.

The Arkansas State Convention met with the Beach Street Church, Texarkana, Dr. A. J. Barton, pastor, November 16th. Everything conspired to make this a pleasant occasion. The house of worship in which the sessions were held is one of the most beautiful in all the land. The church, though but two years of age, proved itself a master in the fine art of hospitality. Indeed, it is a remarkable body; at six months of age and with one hundred members, it undertook self-support and the task of erecting a fifty thousand dollar house of worship, at the same time setting an example to other

churches in large liberality to missions. God has added His blessing and under the able ministry and wise leadership of Dr. Barton the membership has been doubled and Baptists have taken the first place in the growing city. These conditions made the reception given the body inspiring. Then conditions in the State are of a most hopeful character. Brother R. G. Bowers brought in his first report as State Secretary. The flush of victory was on his face. He had won the hearts of his brethren, accomplished a great year's work, and had his eye on the future. His report was a recital of triumphs and trophies for Christ and brought the Convention to its feet in song of praise. The colleges had added to their endowments and were well-nigh full of pupils. The Advance, that indispensable support of all other Baptist enterprises in the State, had closed the best year in its history, and its editors joined in the general rejoicing. The orphans, too, had received larger gifts than ever before. The tide of enthusiasm was wisely turned upon the turban and made to contribute to larger plans and even worthier deeds for the coming year. We are glad to report that in this program for the future Home Missions is, by unanimous vote of the body, to receive such attention as was never given to it before.

The elect women of the State had a fine session, reported a great year's work, and planned for enlargement. They, too, will give more attention to Home Missions than ever before. Immediate effort

will be made to complete the Tichenor Memorial Fund, and many clubs of new subscribers will be secured for Our Home Field before January 1st. Some of the choicest spirits of the earth are among the Arkansas women.

A New Baptist Convention.

The nuptial vows of the Indian and Oklahoma Baptist Territorial Convention were consummated on November 9th at Shawnee, Okla. Henceforth these two bodies are in love and destiny one. The occasion was joyous and will go on record as a historical one.

Upon invitation of Rev. L. C. Wolf, the popular preacher and pastor of the Shawnee church, the two old Conventions met in that town on Thursday, the eighth, and each proceeded with regular business. Closing up this business as quickly as possible the joint session was held and the wedding ceremony performed. Rev. J. A. Scott, former moderator of the Oklahoma Convention, was elected president and Rev. E. D. Cameron, former moderator of the Indian Territory Convention, was elected vice-president. Rev. W. P. Blake and Rev. L. W. Marks were elected clerks. A constitution was adopted and the new Convention proceeded to business after an orderly fashion.

It will be difficult to convey to one who is unfamiliar with the ways of the West an adequate impression of the hardy strength and buoyant enthusiasm of this new body. Almost to a man the constituents realize that they stand in a great place and the obligation is upon them and

the opportunity is given them to do large things for Christ. Conditions are changing and developments are taking place in this new country with almost lightning speed. Days count for years where the opportunity is seized. Strong men are here to grapple with the problems of the hour, but in insufficient numbers. There is not another such field in all the world for young and well-equipped men. Hundreds ought to go there to help save this frontier at once.

A large number of consecrated Christian women were also present on this interesting occasion, among whom were home missionaries who are giving their lives to frontier work. Inspiring meetings were held by these women. They have set their faces to a great work.

Evangelist to the Deaf.

Rev. J. W. Michaels, a deaf mute, has been elected by the Board an evangelist to the deaf mutes of the South, and we hereby introduce him and his work to our people. Pastors can be of great help to him and promote his success. On abundance of testimony from those who know Brother Michaels intimately, we can commend him to our people as a refined Christian gentleman and a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Until his engagement by the Home Board, he was for many years principal of the State Institution for the Deaf, of Arkansas. While holding this position he has on Saturdays and Sundays done effective mission work among the deaf of the State under the appoint-

ment of the Arkansas State Board. In this way it was demonstrated that there was a large and destitute field among this unfortunate class of our fellow-citizens, and that the work yielded the most gratifying results. Prof. Michaels' services and success created demands upon his time which he could not meet and continue his work in the school. After due deliberation, the Home Board elected him as one of its evangelists, thus enabling him to give his whole time to this work. The scope and importance of the work which he has undertaken will appear when the reader is informed that there are within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention about 25,000 of this unfortunate class to whom he is to minister. No other people among us is so much in need of special denominational services. Their affliction puts them beyond the pale of ordinary spiritual ministrations, and submits them to painful isolation from our churches, worship and Christian influence. Prof. Michaels is perhaps the best informed man in the South concerning the deaf mutes, their location and condition, and is the only Southern missionary to these needy people, though the Episcopalians of the North have a man employed for such work, who occasionally tours the South. Prof. Michaels' address for the present is Little Rock, Ark.

The Jews admitted at Ellis Island during the past five years outnumbered all the communicants in the Protestant churches in Greater New York.—Aliens or Americans.

America Influencing the World.

We are hearing much about the changes which are taking place in other countries, especially in Japan and China. We are in danger, from their very nearness, of not seeing the changes that are taking place at home. The most marvelous transition and rapid evolution of which we are a part may become commonplace. They lack that distance which lends enchantment, and their familiarity and stern reality do not leave the imagination free to weave a web of romance. Of all countries on the globe, this land of ours has in the past twenty-five years made the most amazing progress and witnessed the most astonishing economic and industrial changes. There is no counterpart to it under the stars.

This fact has peculiar significance because of another fact, namely, America is affecting other nations as no other nation is affecting those about it. The changes which have taken place in Japan and China had their sources in America to a real and quite remarkable degree. American responsibility today is to be measured by its influence upon Spain, Mexico, Japan, China, Russia, indeed, the world; for there is not a land so remote, nor a civilization so ancient or so eminent, that it is not feeling the moulding or modifying influence of our own country.

There are other facts which explain this fact and account for the influence we are having on other nations.

1. Our individuality is a distinct

factor in making an impression upon the world. Our geographical position is conspicuous and impressive. We cover a continent from one of the great oceans to the other. Other nations look at one another across rivers and indefinable frontiers, but from their seats of power, all the great nations look at us across an ocean and behold a national expanse which embraces all climates and produces all commodities. But we have a more distinct individuality than this; the genius of our government distinguishes us from all nations and makes us conspicuous in their eyes. All monarchies and imperialisms have a kinship which creates common likeness. The one nation to exploit a pure democracy and nationalize an absolute republicanism is our own. The individual, unofficial citizen has here greater honor, more power, and larger opportunity than in any land. We lift the one white light of human liberty in the darkness where flicker many red lights of varying size and tint. The world is looking at us because there is nothing else like us. And though as yet feebly, it is imitating us in many characteristics of our civilization.

2. The reputation which America has won for success gives it influence and causes it to be studied. Perhaps the predominant thought entertained of us by others is that America and Americans succeed. Our naval victories, our industrial enterprises, our commercial daring, our gigantic financial schemes, our millionaires and multi-millionaires, our universities, springing, as we may say, full-

grown from the soil, make a spectacle to the old and conservative nations and set them about accounting for us. Many of our methods are being adopted because we have won success by them.

3. American tourists and travelers are carrying American ideas into every quarter of other lands and awakening interest in their own. Our tourists have beaten the European highways of travel hard and are now turning into the byways. Every nook and corner of Europe is being given the opportunity to see something of America, and know something of American ideas and manners. Thousands are taking journey through the Orient, and the retrospective Mongol turns from the tomb of his ancestor to watch the progressive Anglo-American. Even the African in his jungle is startled by the white man's intrusiveness. Americans are running to and fro in the earth and knowledge of America is increasing.

4. Millions of every nation are coming to America and seeing for themselves. They reverse the ancient proverb: they come; they see; they are conquered. Some of the most enthusiastic advocates of American principles are Americanized aliens. They are Americans by choice and they judge our institutions by contrast with those from which they fled, pronouncing America superior. With modern facilities, America is kept in touch with all the nations through their representatives among us. One million one hundred thousand foreigners came to us last year. Scarcely one of that great number has sev-

ered all connection with the loved ones at home. Some will go back home to bring their kindred, and herald their impressions of America. Nearly all will send letters; many will send American newspapers, and so disseminate American ideas abroad. Our postal system is a great missionary organization for the promulgation of our republican principles. Think of the letters a million immigrants will write to other countries in twelve months! Says Rev. Frank M. Goodchild, D.D.: "The praises of America are told abroad by every person who comes here and gets along. * * * *

The real reason why all Southern Europe is in turmoil today, is that American ideas of liberty are working in them like leaven. We get our notions of liberty from the Bible and from men who forced the Magna Charta upon King John at Runnymede, but all other people in the world seem to be getting their ideas of liberty from us. That is what is the matter with the Old World today." Rev. Howard B. Grose, D.D., has ascertained that Italians alone sent home from the United States more than sixty-five million dollars in 1902. That fabulous sum and the letters which were sent with each of the remittances into which the total amount was divided helped to popularize American institutions abroad.

5. American commerce accompanied by the representatives and agents of American corporations deepen America's impress upon foreigners in every harbor and port of the world. The men who carry and the men who market our cotton, cattle, grain, lumber, iron, etc., as

well as the very abundance of our resources, proclaim American greatness and gain favor for its ideas and ideals. American railroad, telegraph and telephone builders and operators in China excite the astonishment and curiosity of millions who see in these alert men and gigantic enterprises a strange contrast with their sleepy civilization.

What impressive significance these facts give to the work of Home Missions! A brief paragraph or two will be sufficient to suggest their bearing upon our duty to evangelize the home land.

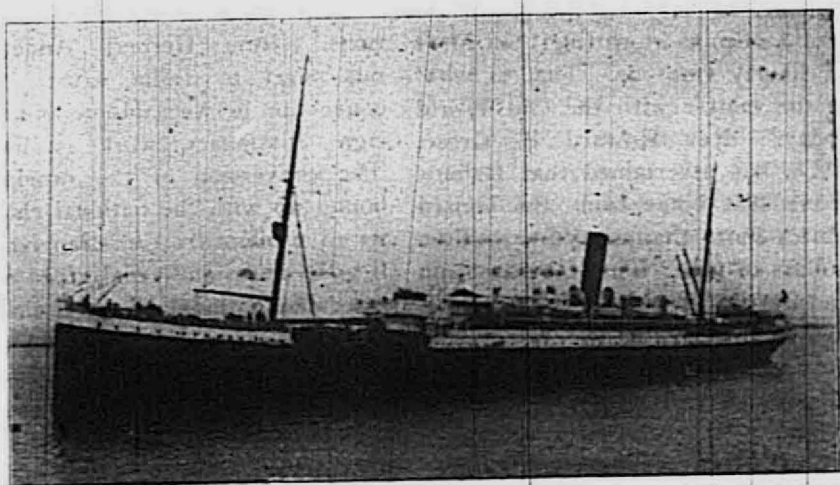
1. American character determines the character of American influence. America is influencing the world, but how is it influencing it? The direct missionary agencies are few, very few, compared with the indirect agencies by which American life is impressed upon foreign nations. Rev. Herbert Anderson, missionary to India, says: "The connection between Home and Foreign Missionary work is living. The conversion of the world is bound up with the national character of professedly Christian lands." If godlessness and venal greed dominate the national life, the character of the nation must weigh against the witness of the Foreign missionary. If the letters of immigrants and the lives of emigrants belie the missionary's message the latter's task will be hard. Home Missions is the effort of the churches to make the home land Christian and back the Foreign missionary with a good national reputation. The Home Board is the Foreign Board's best ally. Unfaithfulness to the Home

Mission duty weakens the Foreign missionary's message. It suffers the national character to contradict the lonely witness on hostile shores.

2. Home Mission bears upon World Missions at another point. If we do our Home Mission duty we can save here in our home land many of those of all lands. The first Foreign Mission work done after Pentecost was done at Jerusalem among those gathered there "from every nation under heaven." Suppose American Christianity should arouse itself to the magnitude and importance of Home Missions as a step toward the evangelization of the nations; suppose we should save half the immigrants that come to us each year—one-half million this year! How long would it take us to get a hearing for the

gospel in the lands from which these foreigners come? Many of these converted here would themselves return to their native lands to tell the good news, and there would scarcely be one the tidings of whose salvation would not reach his home land.

In a word, it is patent that since America is influencing the world we should, from missionary motive, endeavor to make that influence Christian at every point of contact with foreign nations. This can only be insured by making the whole nation thoroughly Christian. How this magnifies the work of the American preacher, State Mission Boards, the Home Mission Board and Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention!



The S. S. Whittikind which brought the first load of immigrants to Charleston, S. C., in the present movement to fill our fields and factories with foreigners. It is proposed to land two of these ships each month.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

He does most to Christianize the world and to hasten the coming of the kingdom who does the most to make thoroughly Christian the United States.—Josiah Strong.

The greatest of all missionaries to the heathen may prove to be the evangelist who never leaves his native land. A converted America means nothing less than a converted world. O, Lord, give me America for Christ, and behold the heathen shall be his heritage, and the uttermost parts of the earth his possessions.—William J. Dawson.

The Christian Churches in America stand face to face with a tremendous task. It is a challenge to their faith, their devotion, their zeal. The accomplishment of it will mean not only the ascendancy of Christianity in the homeland, but also the gaining of a position of vantage for world-wide evangelism.—E. E. Chivers, D.D.

It has been forever established that foreigners are as convertible as our own people, that in many instances their faith is more pure and evangelical than the American type, that their lives are transformed by its power to an extent that sometimes puts the American Christian to shame, that their children are easily gathered into Sunday-schools, their young people into Endeavor societies, and their men and women into prayer-meetings, where in many different tongues they yet

speak and pray in the language of Canaan. The immigration problem is not the same menace that it was. A mighty solvent has been found.—Mr. Ives, in Aliens or Americans.

We may well ask whether this insweeping immigration is to foreignize us, or we are to Americanize it. Our safety demands the assimilation of these strange populations, and the process of assimilation becomes slower and more difficult as the proportion of foreigners increases.—Josiah Strong.

This is the day of large enterprise. The Home Mission movement for the evangelization of the foreign peoples in America ought to be in the forefront of the great enterprises. The real hope of America lies in the success of this work. The best brain of the Christian laity should be engaged in this business.—Aliens or Americans.

Whether our national life is great or mean, whether our social virtues are mature or stunted, whether our sons are moral or vicious, whether religion is possible or impossible, depends upon the city. When Christianity shall take upon itself in full responsibility the burden or care of the cities, the kingdom of God will openly come on earth. What Christianity waits for also as its first apologetic and justification to the world is the founding of a city which shall in a visible reality be a city of God.

People do not dispute that religion is in the church. What is wanted is to let them see it in the city. One Christian city, one city in any part of the earth, whose citizens from the greatest to the humblest, lived in the spirit of Christ, where religion had overflowed the churches and passed into the streets, inundating every house and workshop and permeating the whole social and commercial life—one such Christian city would seal the redemption of the world.—Henry Drummond.

It is such missionary work that prevents the pioneers from sinking perilously near the level of savagery against which they contend. Without it the conquest of the continent would have had little but an animal life. Because of it, deep beneath and through the national character there runs the power of a firm adherence to a lofty ideal, upon which the safety of the nation will ultimately depend.—Theodore Roosevelt.

I am more and more impressed with the duty our people owe under God to the work of the Home Board, and sincerely believe that Home Missions deserves a support equal to all the other objects of the Southern Baptist Convention. Evangelism, mountain schools, frontier

work, work among the Negroes, and a general effort for reaching the destitute in town and country in our homeland is of the first and most vital importance, next to that of our churches and local pastorates. It is certainly a grace and blessing to fortify all our country for Jesus Christ, that the native and immigrant may hear the gospel and be saved.—Rev. J. S. Smiley.

Brethren, is it sin to love this Southland more than other lands? From the haze of her great, smoky mountains to her tidewater districts on gulf and ocean, may not all of it be very dear to us without disparagement of other lands? It is a battle-scarred cemetery of memory and tears—a land of sorrows. Barred out from many former roads of ambition and promotion, cloud-covered with imminent future hazards, it is yet God's resurrection country, land of destiny and of glorious opportunity, habitat of sound doctrine and home of revivals; shall we not make it the world's vanguard of pure and undefiled religion, the firing line of world-wide evangelism?

If, indeed, like Judea of old, this land has a mission of religion that shall touch eternal shores, who of us would not "live and die for Dixie?"—B. H. Carroll, D.D.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

The Crisis in Home Missions.

BY PRESIDENT E. Y. MULLINS.

I say crisis because I believe it is a crisis. We are always living in the midst of crises, but there are times when conditions accentuate the crisis more than at others. A crisis is always a period when the forces that enter into the social, political or religious life are most active and when turning points are being reached. The critical situation of Home Missions in the South grows out of several facts. One is, of course, the rapid material development of the South. Another is the great numerical strength of the Baptist denomination as now constituted in the South. The third is the very partial development of our people in missionary interest and giving. The crisis consists of the great danger that the material will far outrun the spiritual in development. Indeed, at bottom, this is the condition in many other parts of the world, besides the South, but it is peculiarly so in the South. As I look over the field throughout our Southern country it seems to me Southern Baptists have the opportunity of many generations within the next ten or fifteen years. We have the numbers and the wealth to seize and hold the South for all time to come, and yet there is danger that we will fail to appreciate the situation. We have a magnificent opportunity to win or to lose

the South, and my firm conviction is that unless adequate attention is given to Home Missions, unless our people take the great mission problem more seriously than they have done, unless they come to believe with all their hearts in the importance and value and urgency of the Home Mission work, unless they are ready to make sacrifices in time, in money and in thought for this work, unless they are willing to cooperate in the organization and prosecution of the work—in short, unless they are willing to recognize that the Home Mission Board has a great and beneficent function and use in our Baptist economy, then we are in great danger of letting the reins of power slip through our fingers at a critical moment.

There has been much discussion regarding the plans and the policies of the Home Mission Board—too much, I have sometimes felt, for the good of the Board. It is difficult to keep the train moving on the main track while there is constant tinkering with the running gear. What we need is to let local differences of opinion alone and address ourselves to the main issue. It is a time for giving, a time for praying, a time for thinking, a time for great, constructive, statesmanlike thinking on our urgent Home Mission problem. I hereby pledge my hand and heart to this great work, and while I am committed to it I am none the less ardent in my advocacy of every form of missionary enterprise among us—the great and

sublime undertaking of Foreign Missions, State Missions, Sunday-schools and theological education. All of these demand our increasing attention and energy, but we must in the midst of it all give due recognition and place to the great enterprise of Home Missions.

Condition of Cienfuegos Work and Several Other Places.

BY REV. M. M. CALEJO, MISSIONARY.

In Cienfuegos, "the beautiful pearl of the South," the work done in connection with and supported by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is blessed by our Lord, and in the near future I expect to have an abundant and spiritual harvest of redeemed souls for the glory of the kingdom of our blessed Savior. Seventeen months ago I took charge of the work in this city. Though the people here are very indifferent in religious matters, many families open the doors of their houses that I may enter and show them the glorious and free plan of salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have recorded in my note book two hundred and seventy-five families religiously visited to whom the gospel of the kingdom has been preached in their own houses. The Lord bless us in this work recommended by the Savior. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature."

Helped by my assistant missionary, Brother Manuel Rodrigues Ponce, a Christian and consecrated young man, who was converted

during my pastorate here, and who is my student and helper at present, we hold services twice a week in our temple; also we preach in two mission stations more in the city during the week and every Sunday afternoon in the Civil Hospital. In connection with this work we make from fifteen to thirty missionary visits on Monday in Ranchuelo, Tuesday in Cruces, and Friday in Palmira, preaching at night once a week in each of these places.

We distribute every month over four thousand pages of tracts printed in Cienfuegos, on "Baptist Principles and Teachings," written by myself, and paid for by the church.

I am teaching the church to contribute for the general work of the Board. My teachings have been fruitful. From March to July the church has contributed fifteen Spanish dollars for the purpose. In connection with the work in Cienfuegos a consecrated man of God, Brother Primo T. Navarro, preaches in the country in ten different places. He rides on horse-back and preaches in these places, and I visit them according to the needs. Since my pastorate twenty-five believers have been buried with Christ in baptism.

Needs.

We especially need in this important work the earnest prayers of so many brethren in the States who are interested in the work in our dear country that the spirit of power be sent upon us that Cuba be won for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Besides your prayers, we need a chapel in Cienfuegos and in the other important places. A house

built for worship is a means of teaching our people that our work and efforts in Cuba are not for a



CLIMBING THE ROYAL PALM.

day but forever. The priests are teaching their people that we are in Cuba for a season because we have not temples of worship. Lots here are expensive just now, but the time will come when they will cost four times more than now. We also need special literature in Spanish. Our people like to read, and I am sure the Board would do a good work if some of the many denominational tracts were translated into our own language. I offer myself to the Board for the work of translating tracts.

Opportunities.

I trust the brethren in the States will take the above opportunities to

promote more sympathy and power in Christ's work.

I continue working without ceasing and praying earnestly that many souls understand and accept the plan of salvation promised to all those who trust in Him.

The Rich South.

BY J. S. DILL, D. D.

I have a keen recollection of the following incident, which occurred during the last session of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Greenville, S. C. It was in the class-room of Dr. John A. Broadus, and that incomparable teacher was expounding to us the Epistle of James. In explanation of the passage, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow," he explained that it was a distinctive characteristic of the Jew in all ages, that he went from city to city to get gain, and the writer was placing his finger upon the dominant trait of the Jews, to whom he was especially addressing the letter. It happened that in the class there was a converted Jewish Rabbi. As soon as Dr. Broadus completed his exposition of the passage, this Rabbi ventured to make the following pertinent inquiry: "Brother Broadus, if to go from city to city to get gain is a distinctive trait of the Jew, don't you think it is conclusive proof that the Americans are the ten lost tribes?" The great teacher for once could make no apt

reply, and the lecture closed with a hearty laugh at his expense. Whether or not it has any relation to the argument as to the ten lost tribes, we will agree that to run from city to city to get gain is more marked in American life than ever before. The tidal wave of prosperity that is now sweeping over our land is a spur to the rapid race for riches. A full share of this increasing wealth is falling into the laps of our Southern people. The South is rich and growing richer.

Great wealth is always a great peril. Corruption walks hand in hand with luxury. More than one great civilization has fallen under its corrupting influence. Abraham Lincoln was a great man, though, in this latitude, fifty years ago, we were not fond of quoting him. In an address made before the Civil War, but at a time when the currents of our national life were converging toward that terrible conflict, Lincoln said: "What force is there great enough to destroy this country? Is there some giant power that can step the ocean and crush us at one blow? No! Not all the combined armies of Europe, with a Napoleon for a commander, could ever by force take a drink of water from the Ohio. If we ever fall, it will be from some power from within ourselves. It will be from some cancer within the body politic. To the end of time, we will remain a nation of freemen, or we will die by suicide."

In whatever form it may appear, whether in our social or civic life, the corrupt influence of the rapid race for riches is our most imminent

peril. The only antidote to this poison is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It teaches us the right human relationships, and gives us the key to the solution of the question of the right use of money. Ungodly wealth is a calamity to any people; sanctified riches is a marvelous power for good. The great lesson to sound forth to the people of our land today is, "the stewardship of money."

There are two paths that lie before us today. Along one path there is the corruption of greedy covetousness and luxurious wastefulness, either hoarding or squandering our Lord's money. This way leads into the vices that poison life, and end in national decay and death. The other is the path that leads us into the beautiful teachings of the Master as to the mission of money. We are the Lord's stewards entrusted with His gold, to be used for His glory. This way lies the highest patriotism that saves our country; and it means not only the redemption of our own land but the saving of a lost world. In the next fifty years how much will depend in our Southern Zion on what we do with our money!

Home Missions.

BY M. R. WHARTON, D. D.

In my opinion there never was a time when such mighty responsibilities and duties were thrust upon the Home Mission Board as at present. This country has grown to be immense in the increase of population, in the acquisition of terri-

tory, and the accumulation of wealth, creating at once demand and supply for missionary effort. Shall we go in and possess the land? Here in our home land we have all colors—white, black, yellow, bronze and red people—and all afford opportunities never experienced before. The whites from foreign shores are crowding our cities, the blacks, owing to the recent race disturbances, appeal to us as never before. How is the Negro problem to be settled? An old horse was sick in Georgia. Experts had doctored him for various diseases till days had passed and he was no better. An old farmer came up and gravely asked: "Have you tried corn?" They gave him corn and he got well. Nearly everything has been tried for the Negro question but the right thing, and that is the Gospel. That is the corn that will cure these terrible race ills. Let us give the Negroes the Gospel as never before, and not in broken but whole doses.

The yellow people in the South must be looked after. There are thousands of them in the South and West. I found them punctual and faithful Sunday-school scholars in Baltimore when I was there, and can testify that they yield readily to Christian teaching.

But oh, this is the time for the bronze people, for the Cubans and Porto Ricans, especially the Cubans, as the Queen of the Antilles will soon doubtless become a State of the American Union. What an opportunity to make it a Baptist State!

"And Cuba, fair Cuba, the Queen of the Antilles,
No longer by minions of popery awed,
Comes fresh as her roses, and pure as her lilies,
To be crowned by her Savior, Redeemer and Lord.
From scarlet adornments as venal as bright,
She turns to be clothed with the garments of light."

And then don't forget the red man! Our home field was once their field. Through its forests they pursued the panting deer, and beneath our trees they wooed and wed their dusky mates. A few hundred thousand of them still remain, and we are under special obligation to save them. In the rotunda of the capitol at Washington there are four pieces of relief statuary concerning which there is a good story. Many years ago a chief came to Washington to see his grandfather, the president. The president appointed an officer to show him the wonders of the capitol, and he took him around to the groups of statuary, which represent the early history of the country. Carrying him to the first, he said: "That represents the Indian carrying Columbus an ear of corn." Then going to the next, he said: "That represents William Penn treating with the Indians." Walking to the next group, he said: "That is Pocahontas saving the life of Smith." Then, at the last, he said: "That represents Daniel Boone shooting an Indian." The Indian remained silent until the close, and then said: "Now let Indian take white man around."

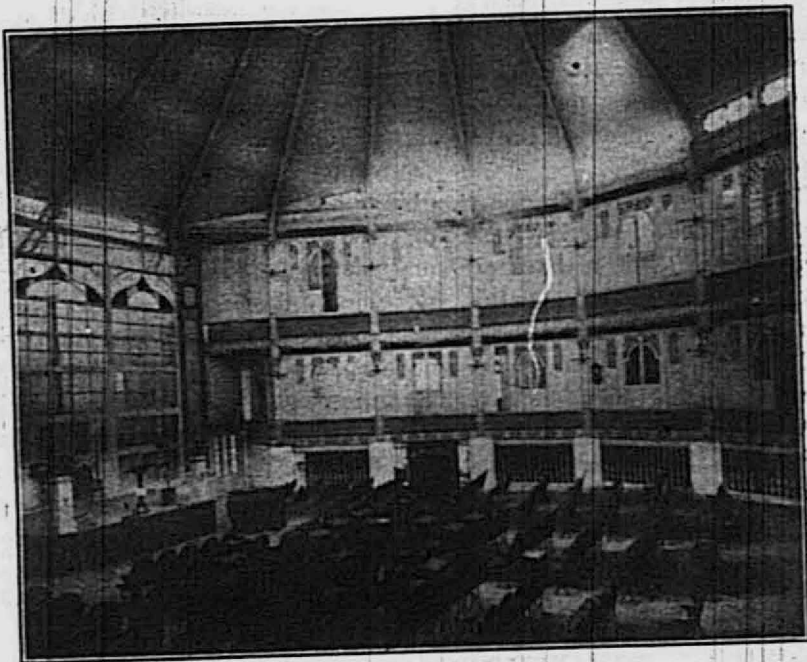
Going to the first, he said: "Indian give white man bread." To the second, or William Penn, he said: "Indian give white man land." Going to the next, the Pocahontas scene, he said: "Indian save white man's life." And then going to the Boone scene he pathetically exclaimed: "White man kill Indian!" What a commentary was that on the history of our government! For the bread they gave us let us try to give the bread of life. For the land they gave us let us try to secure to those who remain a title to the fairer lands above; for saving our lives let us try to save their souls; and whereas we killed their bodies, let us try to destroy the eternal enemies of the poor Indian "Whose untutored mind, Sees God in clouds, or hears Him in the wind."

Surely there never was such a time for doing Home Mission work as now. And if the home field be thoroughly cultivated the cultivation of the foreign field must necessarily follow.

Havana Happenings.

BY REV. M. N. McCALL.

Perhaps you will be glad to publish to your readers the encouraging news that, notwithstanding the recent political difficulties that we have passed through, the work here in this city is progressing in a way to make the heart glad. At almost every service for a month we have received candidates for baptism, and have baptized those who had been previously received. Our con-



INTERIOR BAPTIST TEMPLE, HAVANA.

gregation last Sunday night was the best we have had in some time, and we received five for baptism and two by letter. Not a little of this has been brought about by the recent improvements in the building, which has been greatly changed, so greatly that it has largely lost the appearance of a theater and looks like a church. Those who come now are not driven away by the uncanny appearance of a great building in a bad state of repair, but are attracted and come again. Many who come to see the changes stay to hear the message, and there has been a decided improvement in the attendance.

Among those who have been baptized, are two bright young men who wish to study for the ministry. One of them has of his own accord asked permission to open a mission in a suburb of the city, where he preaches to large congregations, and has led several to the Savior.

The school has had a most encouraging opening. After two weeks we have an enrollment of over fifty. Considering the many difficulties, this is, indeed, encouraging. Among these are the five young men who are studying for the ministry. They are bright young fellows, full of promise and full of the desire to see Cuba converted to Christ. The sincerity of one of them is shown by the fact that some time ago he gave up his employment at which he earned sixty dollars per month, to become a colporter at twenty-five dollars per month, because, as he said, he could thus do at least something for the Master and the salvation of

souls. By the aid of these young men we have been able to open two new mission stations in the city, so that we now have a service every night in the week in some part of the city. Our weekly schedule now is eleven services in Spanish, counting the Sunday-schools. Soon we will be able to reach out into the nearby towns, and extend our influence. Who can compute the power of these services, even though the apparent results be slow?

Notwithstanding the trying times through which we have just passed, we believe our prospects were never brighter for the work in Havana.

Missouri as a Mission Field for Negro Baptists.

BY REV. J. GOINS, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

There are about 30,000 Baptists in the State of Missouri, with one State convention, nine associations, three hundred and eighty-nine church houses, and three hundred ordained ministers.

The State Convention has been for a number of years trying to maintain a mission school known as "Western College," for the training of ministers and young men and women to teach and labor among the people.

The school is supported by its friends in the way of donations. The American Baptist Home Mission Society contributes \$1,000 a year and the white Baptists of the State have contributed from the beginning of the school to the present.

The good the school has done in preparing pastors for different churches, although very much incapacitated on account of insufficiency of means, cannot be estimated. It is earnestly hoped and prayed that some good friend may, in the near future, give a sufficient amount to furnish buildings and other equipments, so much needed.

Many of our churches are small, and are not able to pay a pastor for more services than one Sabbath in the month; others are mission stations, and some of these churches that did exist have ceased to be active. This makes the work preeminently missionary in character.

Much time should be spent at these mission stations for the proper development of the work, and the gathering in of the people as they settle in such places. These churches that have preaching only once a month afford an opportunity for the missionary to visit and encourage them in the work. Often he can influence them to do more than they really think they can, therefore they are urged to greater activities in the Lord's work.

The large cities are large missionary centers. St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joe, and other places, are inviting fields for the work of a missionary. I am sorry to say that there is but one district missionary in these cities; that one is in St. Louis.

The kind of work needed in these cities, in many cases, is from house to house work, and from church to church. We are pleased to say that wherever we can get an opportunity to lay the work upon the hearts of the people, they respond willingly and cheerfully.

What I have said in regard to having but one missionary in but one of the large cities in the State is also true in regard to nine District Associations. Perhaps two out of the nine have district missionaries. One of the reasons for this is we have not been able to pay men who are competent to do this work, and rather than have incompetent men, we have gone on without any. If it were possible to secure the assistance of the Home Mission Board in the support of another man, I am sure it would be a great blessing to the cause of Christianity in this State, especially among my people.

Our Bible conferences and missionary meetings never grow old among the people. They are always ready to listen to a good lecture or an address on the subject of missions or Christian education, and these meetings have been the means of creating great interest in the communities where they are held.

And now it may appear that the above condition of things ought not to be in Missouri, after several years of work along missionary lines. But this is a growing State, and people are constantly moving here, which necessitates more churches and better facilities for church work. If the Baptists do not go to these people and carry the gospel, build church houses, educate and train them for the Master's service, others will. None can preach the gospel as Baptists, and we believe the Lord has laid this work upon us and requires that we shall do it.

Jefferson City, Mo.

EVANGELISM

By W. W. HAMILTON, General Evangelist.

January meetings in Vicksburg.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest."

New Orleans is planning for meetings.

We rejoice in the spirit of revival over the land.

News of gracious awakenings is being received from the brethren.

We praise God for the Bible Conferences and for the great influence they are wielding.

Another reason for which to praise God is that pastors write of their decision to go into the evangelistic work.

The evangelistic spirit is among us, and the next few years will tell much, we believe, in the growth of the kingdom in our Southland.

When this goes to print Brethren Wakefield and Hamilton will be in the Pensacola meetings. Remember them when at a throne of grace.

At this writing the San Antonio meetings have not closed. Texas mud and a Texas norther of many days' duration have delayed the greater gatherings of the people.

One of the most notable features of the San Antonio meeting is

the Busy People's service at Elks' Hall each day from 12:00 to 12:55. The attendance and interest are fine.

We hope that by January 15th there may be one or two more evangelists in the field. The committee is acting with great care. The committee consists of J. F. Purser, John E. White and John E. Briggs, along with the president and secretary of the Board and the general evangelist.

The meetings in Henderson, Ky., were remarkable for their wondrous power and for the numbers saved and added to the church in such a brief time. There were one hundred and eleven additions. Pastor Cecil V. Cook is rejoicing in the great work of grace.

Brother T. T. Martin is closing fine work at First Church, San Antonio. He is much interested in finding individuals or churches who will guarantee the salary of an evangelist under the Home Board, though he intends to remain an independent evangelist.

Brother T. T. Martin said publicly, after hearing Brother Wakefield lead the great crowd in song, that he had heard Alexander, and that Wakefield was his equal, if not his superior, as a leader of congregational singing. Surely God has given Wakefield to us for this great work and time.

We need a good man who is particularly fitted for holding meetings in our schools and colleges. Here are great opportunities. Who is the man? God knows him. Let us pray the Lord to point him out and give him to us to help save our young men and our young women.

Five meetings were held in San Antonio. T. T. Martin was at First church, W. D. Wakefield at Prospect Hill, H. C. Risner at Calvary, W. W. Hamilton at Southside, and then the noon meetings at Elks' Hall. J. F. Harrell, of Timpson and Hugh L. Hiatt, of Fort Worth, helped in the singing. See papers for results of the meetings. Though hindered by very bad weather, great good was done.

The "Lectures on Evangelism," at the Seminary, will be held this year in the week of February 19-26. The subjects and the speakers will be announced later. The Gay lectures and the usual mid-winter conference will be held about the same time, and a great number of our pastors will be there.

Texas brethren are enthusiastic over a special chair on evangelism at Baylor. We hope some brother is going to see the need of such a chair at Louisville and endow it. Nothing would please the faculty of the Seminary more, we are sure, and possibly no gift would be more fruitful.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jacksonville, Fla., Asheville, N. C., Tarboro, N.

C., Petersburg, Va., Richmond, Va., Hagerstown, Md., Tampa, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Albemarle, N. C., Eufaula, Ala., Scottsboro, Ala., Norfolk, Va., and Guthrie Okla., are among those who are asking for meetings. What a pity that all these invitations and others cannot be accepted.

Norfolk, Va., is talking of an evangelistic campaign to last during the Jamestown Exposition, and thus help to stem the tide of worldliness which will accompany that celebration. Petersburg contemplates a union meeting of all the churches of that city. These are examples of the interest our people feel in this great work of evangelism.

The New Orleans Picayune gives large notice to the conference of all the Baptist churches held in that city on December 3rd, looking to the "Great Baptist Revival" in March, 1908. The committees of five from the several churches who met with Brethren Hamilton and Wakefield, decided that March was the best month, and that since some of the churches were pastorless and some homeless, and since the time before the next spring was too short for proper preparation, the 1908 date would be best. The plan thus far is to have meetings in all the Baptist churches, together with union day services, down-town meetings for busy people, great central Sunday afternoon gatherings for men, and Bible conference features led by some of our great teachers.

Pastor V. C. Cook, Henderson, Ky., says: "Dr. Hamilton and Brother Wakefield did the best evangelistic work ever seen in Henderson, so the older members tell me. I only know that for spiritual power I have never seen some of our services equaled. These men certainly left an impression for God here. It was considered a calamity that they could not stay several weeks longer. Dr. Hamilton was here only ten days. During that

period, eighty-five came into the church. Since he left the total number is one hundred and eleven. Our church received such a blessing within itself as it has never known. The First church started a tract fund for Dr. Hamilton by a gift of twenty-five dollars, beside the Home Mission collection of two hundred and thirty-one dollars. Before January 1st we will pay every cent of the debt that has hindered us since 1893."—The Baptist Argus.



A GERMAN IMMIGRANT FAMILY—FROM "ALIENS OR AMERICANS?"
"SEVEN SOLDIERS LOST TO THE KAISER" (GERMAN CONSUL'S REMARK ON SEEING THIS PICTURE)

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Rev. W. A. Ihde, Tyrone, Okla.: The church had been without a pastor for some time when I came on the field, and was at a low ebb. The church revived rapidly and much strength was added during our meeting in April by the assistance of the State Evangelist.

This is a hard, needy and very hopeful field. We hope to be able to contribute something to all of the objects fostered by our Boards next year.

Rev. S. M. Edwards, Granite, Okla.: With this report I send in my resignation as missionary pastor. I expect to take the church at Lone Wolf and Sentinel the first of October, and will move to the former place.

I feel very thankful to you for your kind and timely aid. I have just closed very good meetings with my churches; twenty-nine additions in all—twenty by baptism.

Rev. T. G. Netherton, Woodward, Okla.: My time as pastor of the Woodward Baptist church expires this month. I do not know that I shall be here another year, but I am glad to say that during the time I have been here the interest in the work has increased. A large number have been added to the church by baptism and letter, and it has been my privilege and joy to see the attendance at prayer-meeting grow from a very few to an average of forty. And members

who at the beginning of my pastorate did not take any part in the service are now finding a joy in bearing testimony for Jesus, and otherwise taking part in the meeting. The outlook is encouraging.

Rev. J. W. Laney, Lone Bell, Okla.: I am very thankful for the \$4.16 received from your Board. I have tried to use it to the honor of the Lord. I have a hard time to keep in the work; I have to work on the farm so much of my time. I am the only Baptist preacher who has any work on the north side of South Canadian river. There is one preacher here who is in sympathy with the united work of Baptists but he is very poor and has a large family and cannot do much. I wish he could get a missionary barrel of clothing; it would help him so much. There are four Hard-shell preachers in this field. They call themselves Gospel people. Oh, the destitution of this country, and the people are so poor. The Lord bless the work and workers, is my prayer.

Rev. O. O. Green, St. Louis, Mo.: Our services kept up remarkably well through the summer. Our Sunday-school was better than it had ever been during the same period, average attendance being one hundred and twelve. There were no conversions, but there is a revival interest among us. On Sunday, August 23rd, we raised \$800

by subscription, which is sufficient to enable us to pay off our last note of \$1,000 on our church lot. This will be paid now.

We are now ready to take up the matter of a building. We are sorry you do not see your way to help us now. The Home Mission Society gave us about the same answer as you did, but we do not propose to let either of you off that easy. Will send you a proposition in a few days. We want you to consider our request again.

Rev. A. J. Shelton, Prague, Okla.: This portion of the new State is settled up with people from almost every point of the compass and from almost all nations, all having different ideas of religion and church organization and government, and is, therefore, hard to reach with the Gospel, although most all of the people speak English. Our people for the most part are poor and are striving hard to build homes, so that they have to be visited in order to interest them in the work sufficiently to get them to go to church. We have to worship in school-houses, and when it becomes necessary to make special effort or to hold protracted meetings we have to build brush arbors. But with all these drawbacks God is wonderfully blessing us. Have had one meeting at Bellemont, in which there were sixteen additions to the church, ten by baptism and six by letter. Also a good meeting at Deer Creek church in the southeastern portion of Lincoln county near the western line of the Creek

Nation, with good results. Eight additions, all good, strong members. There are heresies to meet and overcome, but we trust to be victorious through Him who died and arose again. At Deer Creek I have the promise of something over \$400 toward building a meeting-house, but will need some help. We want to build this fall.

Rev. Zeb Thomas, Springfield, Mo.: I held one ten-day meeting away from my field here, in which nine were converted and six received into the church. Also aided in two other meetings where nineteen were received into the church. We have received thirteen into our church here, and several stand approved for baptism. One man forty-six years old united with the church by experience at our last mid-week prayer-meeting.

We have placed new oak pews in the church and paid for them since our last report, and now we have nearly enough money to put in a furnace. The church has been heated with stoves. All the money raised on the field has been put on the property, and after we get in our furnace, about \$100 more on the inside of the building, the church property will be worth about \$7,000 (all paid for). The Home Board, State Board of Missouri and the First Baptist church of this city have paid my salary. The last named payed \$300 on same, but now the mission field has released the First Baptist Church and will raise this amount on salary themselves.

BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

A Man With a Purpose. By John T. M. Johnston, D.D. R. R. Donnally & Sons Company, Chicago. Price, \$1.50.

This is the life of Mr. A. D. Brown, the wealthy St. Louis shoe manufacturer, written by a friend and admirer. Mr. Brown is one of the most noted business men and useful Baptist laymen in this country. His life has many lessons for young men of today. The method of the author brings these lessons into relief and makes the book one of great practical and moral value to boys and young men. The book will prove an effective incentive to character and business success to many of those whose parents are wise enough to see that they read it.

Workable Plans for Wide-Awake Churches. By Christian F. Reigner, D. D. Jennings & Graham, Chicago. Price, \$1.00.

This volume probably contains the completest collection of methods, plans and suggestions for pastors and church workers ever offered to the public. Successful men tell us how they have succeeded in the Sunday-school, with the young people, at prayer meeting, the Sunday evening service, the revival meeting, with church finances, missions, etc. If the preacher who reads this book does not adopt any plan which it gives, he will very probably evolve better plans of his own as a result of his reading. It is worth much more than its price to any pastor.

Catching Men: Studies in Vital Evangelism. By J. P. Brushingham, D.D. Jennings & Graham, Chicago. Net price, 75 cents.

Here we have fifteen chapters on as many vital phases of Evangelism. Among those who have contributed chapters are such eminent soul winners as J. Wilbur Chapman, Johnston Myers, etc. No Christian minister can read any chapter in the book and not feel in himself an increased passion for souls; and all who read the book will have a better

knowledge of this divinest art and acquire rich material for its practice. If you are acquainted with a cold, dull and fruitless preacher, give him this book.

Songs of Mother and Child. Silver, Burdett & Co., New York.

Into this volume Lida Brown McMurry and Agnes Cook Dale have gathered from all lands the sweetest blossoms of poesy for mothers and the nursery. The book is musical with the cooing of babes and the coaxing and lullabies of mothers. The songs in which more than a hundred poets have celebrated mother's love and childhood's innocence are here bound into one exquisite bouquet. No book of the season is more suitable as a gift to a mother or child.

The Parochial School. By Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley. Published by the author, 1113 Schiller Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Price, \$1.00.

This is a remarkable book. The author is, according to his published confession, a Roman Catholic "priest in good standing of the Archdiocese of Chicago." He tells what is known about Catholicism to those only who have been behind the curtains. The best notice we can give this book, and the best service we can render our country and the cause of Christianity in connection with it, is to recommend that American citizens and Christian teachers get it and read the exposures which a Romanist makes of the unchristian and unAmerican practices of Catholic clericals in high places.

We have received from the same author the following pamphlets: "Esoteric Catholicism," "The 'God'ess' Public School," "The UnAmerican Parochial School." These latter are lectures which have been delivered by Mr. Crowley in his crusade against Romish error. They sell at ten cents each.

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them humor, sentiment and beautiful thoughts and wishes for the Yuletide season find interpretation, not only from the books of our best writers, but in illustrations the most æsthetic and artistic, both in design and color-tones. The calendars deserve special commendation. Their lovely design and artistic colorings will gain for them preservation long after they have served their purpose of marking the days of 1907. These are in reach of the moderate purses of many and are appropriate for all who desire to give a token of remembrance to their friends at this season. The publishers can be trusted to make selections which will please you.

HOME FIELD HONOR ROLL.

We will continue publishing our "Honor Roll" as heretofore, including in this column the name of every person who sends ten or more subscriptions at 25 cents per year. We will gladly send sample copies and blank Subscription Lists upon application.

We crave the privilege of placing your name on this list. Will you permit us to do so?

HONOR ROLL FOR MONTH ENDING
DECEMBER 5, 1906.

First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.	100
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Dr. J. T. Faucett, Trenton, Tenn.	40
Miss Georgia Barnett, New Orleans, La.	40
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Mrs. B. F. Carter, Nashville, Tenn.	10
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A. Guinn, McConells, Ala.	10
Mrs. E. T. Forsee, Eminence, Ky.	10

CASH RECEIPTS FROM NOV. 10, 1906,
TO DEC. 6, 1906.

ALABAMA: Elba Ch., by C. J. Gillis, \$15.00; Cook's Springs Ch., by L. C., \$5.00; Coal Springs Ch., by L. C., \$1.26; Clayton St. Ch., by J. W. O'H., \$6.49; Clayton St. S. S., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$2c; W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Gen'l Work \$1,312.90, Mt. Schools \$4.00, Colon Chapel \$45.00, Tichenor Memorial \$2.50. Total, \$1,392.29. Previously reported, \$3,284.52. Total since May, \$4,676.81.

ARKANSAS: R. G. Bowers, Little Rock, \$103.76. Previously reported, \$335.81. Total since May, \$439.57.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: W. M. S., Immanuel Ch., Washington, by W. C. L., \$5.25; Bethany Ch., by J. M. B., Washington, \$5.10; Grace Ch., by A. J. D., Washington, \$20.00; First Ch., by J. W. W., Washington, \$11.87. Total, \$42.22. Previously reported, \$374.00. Total since May, \$416.22.

FLORIDA: Eaton St. Ch., by M. A. Clonts, Key West, \$30.00; L. D. Geiger, Apopka, General Work \$171.38, Colon Chapel \$6.25, Mrs. Teakell \$9.17, Pawnee Indians \$1.00, Tichenor Memorial \$1.018.45; Arcadia Ch., by J. L. J., \$200.00. Total, \$1,436.25. Previously reported, \$1,493.04. Total since May, \$2,929.29.

GEORGIA: Lithonia S. S., by A. G. W., for Tichenor Memorial, \$5.00; J. J. Bennett, Cor. Sec., \$3,005.67; United Societies, Second Ch., Atlanta, Mrs. W. H. H., for Cuba \$10.00, Mountain Missions \$2.00. Total, \$3,040.67. Previously reported, \$4,632.32. Total since May, \$7,672.99.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Trans. from Md. to correct error; Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Tr. W. M. U., Baltimore, W.

OUR HOME FIELD

M. U., Wetumpka, by T. J. C., \$4.00. Mrs. A. M. Thompson \$1.00, W. M. S. Mt Home Ch. \$5.00, W. M. S., First Ch. Ardmore, \$2.50, W. M. S., Home Ch., for Colon Chapel, 50c; J. W. Dorsey, Treas., Henryetta, Bigham Ch., 50c, Bryant Ch., 50c; Miss Lethie Guess, Chagris, 50c; J. C. Stalcup, S. McAlester, as follows: Purcell Ch., 95c; Graham Ch., \$2.50, Weleetka Ch., \$14.00, Tulsa Ch., \$10.00, Grand River Association \$3.00, Zion Association, \$1.50; Mullens Association, \$2.50, W. M. S. of I. T., \$17.25; by Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Baltimore, \$5.00. Total, \$71.20. Previously reported, \$130.14. Total since May, \$201.34.

KENTUCKY: Miss Willie Lamb, Louisville, Bardstown, for Cuban girl, \$20.00; Cox's Creek, for Tichenor Memo., \$10.00; Locust, for Tichenor Memo., \$2.49; Central City Sunbeams, for Miss Buhlmaier, \$5.00, Colon Chapel, \$50.25; Mt. Schools, \$72.75, General Fund, \$224.85; First Ch., Henderson, General Work, \$31.00, Evangelistic Department, \$200.00; First Ch., Henderson, \$25.00. Total, \$641.34. Previously reported, \$5,363.15. Total since May, \$6,004.49.

LOUISIANA: Covington Ch., by J. E. B., \$22.10; Sidell Ch., \$22.10; W. M. U., Cheneyville, by L. B., for Colon Chapel, \$2.50; First Ch., New Orleans, for Evangelistic Tract Fund, \$5.00. Total, \$51.60. Previously reported, \$612.53. Total since May, \$664.13.

MARYLAND: Cordova Ch., \$3.50, S. S., \$1.00; Franklin Sq. Ch., by F. E. W., Baltimore, \$100.00; Seventh B. Ch., by O. M. LaB., Baltimore, \$35.55; S. S. North Ave. Ch., by E. A. D., Baltimore, \$15.00; Huntingdon Ch., Waverly Ave., by Louis Deal, Baltimore, General Missionary Fund, \$17.00, Wednesday Evening Fund, \$11.50. Total, \$193.72. Previously reported, \$1,872.43. Total since May, \$2,076.15.

MISSISSIPPI: W. M. S. of Miss. Bapt. Asso., by W. A. McC., Gloster, \$11.35; R. H. Howell, Bruner, by J. A. K., 50c, Pittsboro Ch., Calhoun Asso., by J. A. K., \$7.50; Women of Miss. Asso., by W. A. McC., for Tichenor Memo., \$22.70; Candier Ch., Tishomingo Assoc., by C. S. Wales, Booneville, \$5.00; Im-

manuel Ch., by C. G. E., Meridian, \$5.85. Total, \$52.90. Previously reported, \$1,712.42. Total since May, \$1,765.32.

MISSOURI: A. W. Payne, St. Louis, \$1,171.81; Newport S. S., St. Louis, by W. E. G., \$1.00. Total, \$1,172.81. Previously reported, \$3,828.65. Total since May, \$5,001.46.

NORTH CAROLINA: Transylvania Ch., by T. C. Henderson, Brevard, \$3.50; First Ch., Wilmington, by S. H. B., for Evangelism, \$245.00; Timbered Ridge Ch., by H. H. G., Peoria, \$4.37; Leaks-ville B. S. S., by A. W. D. Spray, for San Francisco Stricken Chs., \$5.32; Walters Durham, Tr., Raleigh, Home Missions, \$3,500.00, Tichenor Memorial, \$1,194.36. Total, \$4,952.55. Previously reported, \$2,048.64. Total since May, \$7,001.19.

OKLAHOMA: W. M. S., Walnut Grove Ch., Waynoka, \$2.00; Yale W. M. S., by Miss Mary P. Jayne, Quay, \$1.00; Davenport W. M. S., 25c; Cleveland W. M. S., 30c; Washington Ave. Ch., by L., Oklahoma City, \$15.00. Total, \$18.55. Previously reported, \$117.82. Total since May, \$136.37.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Lake Swamp Ch., by J. G. S., Timmons ville, \$15.00; Mayesville Ch., Santee Asso., by W. S. W., \$6.00; Kershaw Asso., by W. D. S., Jefferson, \$6.69; Dr. T. M. Bailey, Greenville, as follows: Willing Workers, Catfish, P. D. A., for Osage Indians \$1.50, Millbrook, Aiken Asso., \$20.00, Poe Mill S. S., Greenville Asso., Tichenor Memo. 60c, Mrs. R. F. Huggins, Colleton Asso., 55c, Mt. Ebal, Edisto Asso., \$2.13, Woodside, Greenville Asso., \$1.60; Darlington B. Ch., by G. H. E., \$17.11; First Ch., Sumter, by Miss Haynesworth, \$5.00; Cheraw B. Ch., by A. L. E., \$6.75; W. M. U., by J. N. C., Spartanburg, Home Missions, \$142.75, Osage Indians \$33.13, Tichenor Memo. \$29.80, Horse for Missionary in Cuba \$30.21, Colon Chapel \$13.95; High Hill Ch., by W. H., Darlington, \$22.50; Laurens Asso., by C. H. R., Harmony \$4.00, Mt. Pleasant \$1.00, First Laurens \$30.00, Sanford, \$4.79; Philadelphia Ch. and S. S., Spartanburg Asso., by M. O. F., Pauline, \$3.33; Twelve Mile River Asso., by A. T. W., Hazel, \$3.55; Mrs. C. E. Danner, Beaufort, \$3.00;

Providence Ch., Broad River Asso., by D. W. C., Gaffney, \$6.00; Calvary Ch., by E. H. W., Baton Rouge, \$4.40; Mrs. E. B. Martin, Newberry, \$1.25; Savannah River Asso., by R. T. C., Estill, \$118.79; Gormville Ch., by T. H. R., Campobelle, \$2.50; Beulah Ch., Union Co. Asso., by S. C., Union, \$2.34; Mush Creek Ch., Fairfield Asso., by J. E. F., Jenkinsville, \$6.07; Welch Neck Asso., by C. C. V., Darlington, \$7.00; First Ch., by R. A. L., Belton, \$25.00, Sunday-school, \$7.99; B. S. S. Convention, by H. J. G., Walterboro, \$1.20; Bush River Ch., Reedy River Asso., by I. M. S., Kinards, \$15.00; Moriah Asso., by W. M. B., Lancaster, \$17.25; Springtown S. S., Barnwell Asso., by C. F. Govan, \$1.00; Liberty Ch., Chester Asso., by T. A. McN., Chester, \$4.25; Donalds B. Ch., by T. W. G., \$7.60; Wolf Creek Ch., by J. L. Landrum, \$9.05; J. M. Sullivan, Chesterfield, \$34.84; Fairmount Ch., by J. W. K., Mercatus, 66c; Mill's Mill Ch., Greenville Asso., by W. A. C., Greenville, \$2.86; Jno. A. Brunson, Elmore, \$3.46; Hartsville Ch.,

by J. E. H., \$27.39; Phillippi Ch., by S. W. C., Johnston, \$8.22; B. Y. P. U. of New Minister Ch., by E. R., \$5.00; Santee Asso., by W. O. J., Bishopville, \$6.00; Santee Ch., Charleston Asso., by T. W. U., Elmore, \$11.40; White Plains Ch., by R. J. B., Jefferson, \$3.00. Total, \$116.87. Previously reported, \$4,216.30. Total since May, \$4,333.17.

TENNESSEE: Ladies' Aid Society, First Ch., by J. C. M., Morristown, for Colon Chapel, \$5.00. Previously reported, \$2,847.74. Total since May, \$2,852.74.

TEXAS: W. M. S., by Miss Mamie Sutherland, Floresville, for Tichenor Memo., \$1.00. Previously reported, \$5.090.82. Total since May, \$5.091.82.

VIRGINIA: W. M. U., Central Ch., by R. A. G., Richmond, for Colon Chapel, 50c. Previously reported, \$5,802.10. Total since May, \$5,802.60.

MISCELLANEOUS: Total since May, \$455.00.

AGGREGATE: Total, \$13,183.47. Previously reported, \$44,027.64. Total since May, \$57,217.11.

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I ASKED OF GOD.

BY L. M. MONTGOMERY.

Humbly I asked of God, to give me joy,
To crown my life with blossoms of
delight;

I pled for happiness without alloy,
Desiring that my pathway should be
bright;

Prayerful I sought these blessings to
attain—

And now I thank Him that He gave
me pain.

I asked of God that He should give
success

To the high task I sought for Him to
do;

I asked that all the hindrances grow less,
And that my hours of weakness might
be few;

I asked that far and lofty heights be
scaled—

And now I meekly thank Him that I
failed.

For with the pain and sorrow came to me
A dower of tenderness in act and
thought;

And with the failure came a sympathy,
An insight that success had never
brought.

Father, I had been foolish and unblest
If thou had granted me my blind request!

"Happy New Year" to the dear sis-
ters of the W. M. U. May all the rich
blessings that flow from Divine favor
be yours throughout the ensuing year.

is our wish and prayer. Let us begin
the New Year with joy and thankful-
ness in our hearts and with renewed
purpose in our minds to serve our Mas-
ter.

Much remains to be done in the next
four months if we expect to go to Rich-
mond in May with all pledges redeemed.
So many glorious opportunities for ser-
vice lie out before us that we cannot
afford to be idle. The Executive Com-
mittee have made it so easy for us to
become informed on all mission topics
that verily, "she who runs may read."

The program for "Week of Prayer"
(January 6th to 12th) is so beautiful that
we long to publish it in full. Lack of
space forbids; but we are constrained
to quote the following from our beloved
president:

WEEK OF PRAYER, JAN. 6-12, 1907.

Some Questions Concerning Prayer.

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

To ask any Christian if he believes in
prayer is well nigh an insult.

But since the need of the world is so
great and our prayers so few we may
well ask ourselves the question: Do we?

Here is a mine of exhaustless treasure
—the unsearchable riches of God who is
rich unto all men. We go to it for our-
selves and ours—and the great suffer-
ing world is left to suffer.

Two conditions of coming to God are
plainly stated. He that cometh unto
God must believe (first), that He is;
(second), that He is the rewarder of
those that diligently seek Him. Does
prayer for mission fields bring results?
Ask any missionary at home or abroad.
Dr. Graves, in returning to China after
visiting a number of States, was asked

if he could make one wish for the home land what it would be. His reply was—That for a year in church and convention they might give themselves to prayer.

How I wish I could give hundreds, is the thought of many a mission lover. Here is a service within the reach of all—the child, the invalid, the old, the rich, the poor—but reserved for the believing and the willing.

Coupled with this week of prayer for world-wide missions is a Christmas offering for the extension of mission work in China. This can and should be \$20,000, but were it twice that sum it would not be enough.

The missionaries from one end of that great land to the other tell us that the great need of China is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The gift to be worth the giving must be the outward expression of a prayerful heart.

From Paul to the missionary who today for the first time sets foot upon a foreign soil this cry has ever been the same—"Pray for us."

What may it mean? What will it mean to the world, if for one week the 80,000 women whom I suppose are connected with Southern Baptist Missionary Societies would truly, persistently, believingly, pray? God must answer. He cannot be untrue to himself.

"Ask of me and I will give the heathen for thine inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession." Ask, and the world will be better for your asking. Only ask and believe.

We point with pardonable pride to the picture of our "Baptist Temple," Havana, Cuba, on the outside cover of this issue. Our Havana College is conducted within its walls. Our missionaries live in its apartments on second and third floors. In this same issue of Our Home Field appears an interior view of the temple. The building was purchased by the Board back in the seventies. During all this time it has furnished us a home for our work, and the yearly rentals have been of material benefit. Now

the property is worth, in Spanish gold, actually \$20,000 more than the original cost of purchase. We are thankful for the wisdom that guided our Board in its action long ago. In March the mission topic on prayer card will be "Cuba." We are hoping to have a rich feast to spread before the sisters. Our missionaries in Cuba are helping us to prepare the feast for W. M. U. pages. The study topic for January is "Sunday-school Board, S. B. C." We gladly give the following facts concerning the work of that Board:

An All-Around Helper.—The Sunday-school Board is in hearty co-operation with the Foreign and Home Boards, the Seminary, the Woman's Missionary Union and the State Mission Boards of the South, rendering most valuable assistance in their work.

The Sunday-school Board, as an institution stands today, not in name but in fact, as the Publishing House of the Baptists of the South.

Substantial advance in every department of work is the record for last year.

Receipts.—\$146,468.31, an advance over the previous year of \$26,379.91. **Net assets,** \$156,913.35.

Appropriations.—The Sunday-school Board is a combination of benevolence and business—a business for benevolence. Last year it met all its moneyed obligations, set aside or gave toward the up-building of various denominational interests \$38,592.11, and in addition made appropriations in colportage supplies of nearly ten thousand dollars.

Invested funds, suggesting large possibilities: A reserve fund of \$50,000 for the protection and future enlargement of the work. A building fund of \$10,000 to be increased consistently with the Board's business and denominational interests. Permanent Bible fund of \$7,000 begun last year, to be increased by earnings of the Board. Seminary guarantee fund of \$6,000—created recently as a kind of protection of the Board in a great work which it has undertaken with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Periodicals.—Wonderfully, indeed, has

God blessed this the basal department of work! During the past year there was immense increase in the circulation of the Convention Series of Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. helps. Every order you send the Board for periodicals helps each department of its work.

THE UNION'S MAIL.

CONDUCTED BY MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

A merry, merry Christmas to each and every member of the Union.

"A happy Christmas to you,

For the Light of Life is born,

And His coming is the sunshine

Of the dark and wintry morn."

The Union has made unusually ample provision for the Christmas tide. Not only is there the Christmas envelopes and appeals, but two special Christmas programs, one for the W. M. S., or young ladies, and one for the Sunbeams. "Our Missionaries," the special Ingathering program of the W. M. S., bears no date, but we suggest that it be used for a special meeting, Sunday afternoon, December 23rd.—Our motto for Christmas giving this year is "Put Christ First."—And the new year—what shall we make it? A year of prayer? Lord, teach us to pray.—More and more has the first week of the year come to stand for prayer for World Wide Missions. The subjects given in the outline programs prepared by the Union for the week, January 6th to 12th, are: Sunday, Preparatory Hour; Monday, Old and New Fields of Foreign Board; Tuesday, Frontier Chapels a Pressing Need; Wednesday, Special Young People's Program, or W. M. S. Program, Our Missionaries and Ingathering of Christmas Offering if not yet taken; Thursday, Mid-week Hour of Prayer; Friday, Work for Children; Saturday, Closing Hour of Covenant. He that cometh unto God must believe that he is and that he is

the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.—What does the Week of Prayer mean? The women of our church were moved to pray that from their midst there might go out a missionary. Before the next Week of Prayer came round, little as they had dreamed it, their own pastor and his wife had started on their long journey to China.—Another group of women prayed earnestly that their church might fulfill a cherished wish and give a thousand dollars that year to Foreign Missions. They were building and heavily burdened but they prayed. The year went on, the contributions of the Church to this object, though more than ever before, fell a little short of a thousand. Then God called to Himself one of the deacons. When his will was read a legacy to Foreign Missions made the church's gift more than the women had asked.—These are but two instances of many. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."—Remember the wife of the Home or State Missionary at Christmas. It will make you and her happier all the year.—Perhaps nothing will bring her more real pleasure all the year round than a magazine. If you cannot subscribe to one for her, send her a loving little note saying you are going to share yours with her throughout the year, mailing it to her as soon as you have read it. It is a little service, but a loving one.—From every State comes good news of interest in contributions for the completion of the Tichenor Church Building Loan Fund. Remember to ask for a Share Card. Victory is just ahead.—No. 3 of Our Mission Fields, containing programs for W. M. S. and Sunbeams, and suggestions for Young Ladies' Societies for January, February and March on Sunday-school Bible Work, Brazil and Argentina and Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama, ready December 15th. If your Society fails to receive one free copy, notify your State Central Committee.

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