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**CASH RECEIPTS FROM DECEMBER 6,
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ALABAMA: St. Francis St. S. S., by J. L. C., Mobile, \$13.21; Sardis Ch., by W. H. D. Boaz, \$3.18; Gordo Ch., by H. B. D., \$2.14; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, by J. W. O'H., \$8.35; S. S. 900 W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, \$472.71. Total, \$510.49. Previously reported, \$4,676.81. Total since May, \$5,187.30.

ARKANSAS: Total since May, \$439.57.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Missionary Circle of Brookland B. Ch., Washington, by Mrs. W. C. L., \$2.50; First Ch., by J. W. W., Washington, \$9.20. Total, \$11.70. Previously reported, \$416.22. Total since May, \$427.92.

FLORIDA: First B. Ch., by L. E. B., Pensacola, for Evangelistic Fund, \$144.25; Mrs. T. A. Perry, Lake Butler, \$5.00; L. D. Geiger, Apopka, as follows: General Work \$387.79, Colon Chapel \$2.50, Cuban students \$4.00, Mt. Schools \$3.00, Mrs. Teakell \$6.00; Pawnee Indians \$21.20, Tichenor Memorial \$43.05; M. A. Clounts, B. Ch., Key West, \$25.00. Total, \$644.79. Previously reported, \$2,929.29. Total since May, \$3,574.08.

GEORGIA: Ashburn Ch., by F. M. B., \$10.40; W. M. U., by Mrs. J. R. H., Dublin, for Tichenor Memorial, \$36.05; Girls' M. S., by Miss N. B., Mt. Vernon, for Tichenor Memorial, \$3.70; Judge James R. Brown, Canton, \$200.00; J. J. Bennett, Cor. Sec., \$432.34; Grant Park Ch., \$3.29. Total, \$685.78. Previously reported, \$7,672.99. Total since May, \$8,358.77.

INDIAN TERRITORY: Total since May, \$201.34.

KENTUCKY: J. G. Bow, Louisville, \$801.74; W. M. S., Elizabethtown Ch., by Mrs. R. C. K., for Colon Chapel, \$5.00; Edmund Harrison, Hopkinsville, \$4.50; J. G. Bow, Louisville, \$119.85. Total, \$931.09. Previously reported, \$6,004.49. Total since May, \$6,935.58.

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Previously reported, \$664.13. Total since May, \$789.39.

MARYLAND: Eutaw Place Ch., by H. W. P. Baltimore, \$153.28; Fuller Memorial Ch., by H. B. W., Baltimore, \$25.00; Grace Ch., by W. E. M., Baltimore, \$20.00; Huntington Ch., by L. Scott Carwell, Baltimore, \$8.84. Total, \$207.12. Previously reported, \$2,076.15. Total since May, \$2,283.27.

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NORTH CAROLINA: H. M. B., by E. L. O. Maxton, \$10.00; Sunbeam Band, Red Springs B. Ch., by Miss N. DeV., \$2.45; Walters Durham, Tr., \$700.00; L. M. S., Walnut St. B. Ch., Greensboro, \$30.00. Total, \$742.45. Previously reported, \$7,001.19. Total since May, \$7,743.64.

OKLAHOMA: Women's M. Aid S. Lawton, by Mrs. C. A. P., \$2.50; C. W. Brewer, Norman, Chandler Ch., \$2.00; Indian Creek 75c, Rev. J. L. Odell 50c, Brule Ch., \$2.00, Rev. J. W. Laney \$1.00, Valley View \$6.00; Blue Mound Ch., Conway, by R. W. M., \$2.00. Total, \$16.75. Previously reported, \$136.37. Total since May, \$153.02.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Second Ch., Laurens, by Rev. M. C. C., \$5.44; Ridgeway Ch., by W. G. H., \$2.18; Easley First Ch., by G. B. H., \$7.62; Budwell Estate, by A. S. T., Edgefield, \$100.00; W. M. U., by Mrs. J. N. C., Spartanburg, General Work \$88.18, horse for missionary in Cuba \$23.50, Chapel at Colon \$40.72, Osage Indians \$5.25, Tichenor Memorial \$24.44; Mt. Zion Ch., Spartanburg Asso.,

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EDITORIAL

Mr. Rockefeller gives the Home Mission Society \$75,000 with which to erect meeting houses in California. Will the rich Baptists hear the appeal of three thousand homeless churches in the South?

No plea can be made for State Missions which does not apply equally to Home Missions, and no one who has made a plea for one can consistently make an argument against the other.

At a meeting of the Georgia Immigration Association in Atlanta, December 28th, it was decided to send Mr. Fred Hauson abroad as the representative of the Association to bring immigrants to Georgia. Similar steps have been taken by organizations of citizens in other States. And so grows our Home Mission problem.

Rev. J. L. Wise reports the work in Panama in good shape and very hopeful. We shall be able soon to report two or three new workers for that important field. In the meantime we are sorely in need of at least three chapels for that work. We must have, also, homes for our workers in that trying climate. As

the work progresses on the canal (there are now about 25,000 men at work) the importance of this canal zone as a mission field looms up amazingly. Oh, that some individuals or churches would build those chapels and homes so much needed!

A Pennsylvania Baptist, whose name is not given, has donated \$25,000 for mission work among the foreigners around Pittsburg. There are Baptists in the South who could give that much to the Home Board to help Southern Baptists save the dear Southland; and no act could show a finer patriotism or nobler spirit of Christian benevolence.

The subscriptions to the Colon Chapel should all be paid as soon as possible. We must have about \$500 additional subscriptions to complete the \$3,000. Let the sisters far and wide have a hand in the work.

About the time our readers receive the Home Field the Corresponding Secretary will be in Cuba looking after the work on the Island. He will be glad to announce to Brother Paez and his people at Colon that the money for the Colon

Chapel has all been sent to the Board. Let contributions be sent forward immediately.

Reference is made elsewhere to the gift of \$1,000 from the Sunday school Board to our Tichenor Memorial Fund. Our good women are trying to complete that fund of \$20,000 by the first of May. If each state would furnish a companion for the noble Florida woman who gave \$1,000 recently the fund would be more than completed. This we can hardly hope for, and so we must have the help of all.

February is a hard month on mission collections, usually bad weather, and many have Home Missions for this month. We greatly need help just now. Let pastors, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. societies make immediate preparation for the collection. Send to us for tracts, get some to lead out with large gifts, and secure a gift from every member. The aggregate from all ought to bring us \$25,000 for the month.

Again we wish to call attention to Our Mission Fields, published quarterly, by The Woman's Missionary Union, 301 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md. Our woman's societies have never had provided for them a more helpful publication. It is indispensable to every society, and pastors and presidents of societies should not fail to see that their societies have it. Each number contains the programs and excellent hints and study material for three months. It costs but twenty cents a year.

"Liberal theology" is best represented in this country by the Universalists and Unitarians, and the history of these denominations has in it lessons for those who want to make religious converts in America. They have respectively 49,224 and 67,749 members, scarcely any gain at all for the past seventy-five years. During that time the "narrow" Baptists of America have increased from about 200,000 to about 3,000,000.

The Home Mission Board has made provision for five lectures at the Seminary on Evangelism during February. Dr. Mullins is to be congratulated on the lecturers secured—Drs. W. W. Hamilton, L. O. Dawson, Johnston Myers, F. C. McConnell and George W. Truett. It will be worth a trip across the continent to hear these men. This lectureship will likely be made permanent, but hundreds of pastors ought to hear this first course.

Some Immigrant Notes.

The present Congress is being asked to make Mobile a port of entry. Thus we are to have another great seaport for direct delivery of immigrants.

A company of Russian immigrants recently arrived in Southern Louisiana through the agency of the Louisiana Agricultural and Immigration Commission. Already South Louisiana is made up largely of foreigners.

Judge Denson, of the Supreme Court of Alabama, and who is president of the Alabama Baptist State

Convention, recently told us that while circuit judge in Bibb county he had to employ two or three interpreters to interpret the testimony of witnesses in his courts.

At Ensley, Ala., on a pay day the bank employs three or four interpreters in paying off the employees.

At Thorsby, a town of a few hundred inhabitants just below Birmingham, they have preaching in English, Swedish and Norwegian.

These are specimen cases. An entire issue of the Home Field could be filled with similar statements concerning the influx of foreigners to our shores. Soon Southern Baptists will find that we have upon us the immigrant problem as well as the Negro problem. Oh, that we may prepare to meet the former before it becomes so serious as the latter.

A Beautiful Gift from the Sunday-School Board to the Tichenor Memorial Fund.

We are profoundly grateful to our Sunday-school Board for a beautiful gift to our Tichenor Memorial Fund. Our readers must have the good news from Dr. J. M. Frost's own pen in the following gracious words:

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21, 1906.

"Dear Dr. Gray:—The Sunday-school Board, with the compliments of the season, sends herewith check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, as a contribution to the Tichenor Memorial Church Building Fund, in consideration of the distinguished services Dr. Tichenor rendered the

denomination in originating the series of periodicals we are now publishing. May God make it abundantly useful.

"I am glad in this simple way to join hands in the great work you are doing.

"Fraternally yours.

"J. M. Frost."

This delightful news reached us just after material for the January issue of the Home Field had gone to the printer. It added greatly to the joys of the Christmastide, and we now send it forth for the joy and encouragement of all our readers. We especially rejoice with Miss Heck and the W. M. U., who are helping her this year to complete the Tichenor Memorial.

Only a little while ago one of our noblest women in Florida (we have not yet permission to give her name) gave \$1,000 for this same memorial. Are there not others, blessed of God with worldly store, whose stewardship would be made good by joining these liberal givers?

Then a great number of smaller gifts ought to come from every State in our dear Southland that Dr. Tichenor loved so much and served so well.

On the Frontier.

The department of "Contributed Articles" is largely given to the Southwest this month. We recommend a careful reading of contributions by Brethren Porter, Newman and Saunders. Their portrayal of conditions in Oklahoma City, Beaver and Comanche counties ought to bring forth an immediate

response of at least ten thousand dollars with which to meet urgent demands and save a passing opportunity in this great new State. There are individuals among us who could give this amount and failing to do so will never again possibly have offered them so good a religious investment. Baptist money in Oklahoma today is yielding an hundredfold. Ten thousand invested for the Lord and the denomination now will accomplish more than one hundred thousand will after the conditions have become fixed. Of the State at large

Consider:

1. The extent of the new State. It has an area of 70,112 square miles, or is 8,000 square miles larger than all the New England States combined.

2. Its resources, only begun to be developed. "Its red lands teem with all the crops that any State raises, from the Canadian border to the beginning of the sub-tropics in Florida and Texas." Such wheat-fields, for instance, as this writer never saw elsewhere he has seen on the far-stretching plains of Oklahoma. Coal, gas and oil are abundant. As strange as it may appear, oil pipes are laid from Cleveland, Oklahoma, to Jersey City, New Jersey, and Oklahoma oil flows in ceaseless stream through them.

3. The rapid developments going on. The articles referred to tell something of this. One other instance: Foraker was sold as a government town site in May last. At the time there was not a house or tent on the ground. Within sixty

days there was a young city; a school house was up, and sixty-eight children were enrolled. A newspaper was running much earlier. The town has no church yet.

4. The success attending Baptist effort. "In the past five years, Baptists have gained more than a hundred and fifty per cent."

5. The needs. There are hundreds of communities and vast expanses of territory where no religious privileges are enjoyed. About one-half the churches already organized are without houses of worship. The new State has a thirty million dollar school fund, but the souls of its citizens perish for want of the truth as it is in Christ, and believers have no house in which to worship.

Will our people hear the appeal which this field makes and the call of the faithful men who stand in the midst of its destitution and needs?

Larger Things for Home Missions.

This is the day of large things. Enterprises of colossal proportions are announced daily in our papers. Combinations of capital, bewildering to contemplate, are chronicled in every section of the country. We have ceased to wonder over the Brooklyn bridge, the tunnel under the Hudson, the laying of mighty cables across the oceans, and even the Panama canal, the mightiest engineering feat of all times, beside which the Suez canal appears insignificant, interests us chiefly as we contemplate its completion.

Never before in the history of the world were such vast sums contributed to charity, benevolence, education and religion. Consider the millions contributed by Rockefeller, Carnegie and others of smaller calibre, represented in colleges and universities like Smith, Wellesley, Vassar, Clark, Cornell, Chicago, Tulane, Vanderbilt and Leland Stanford, Jr.

Is not all this sufficient to stir the blood in our Baptist veins, when we contemplate the vast outlook and opportunity that confronts us? In denominational education Southern Baptists are now proposing within five years to raise nearly \$6,000,000 for college and university education.

Twenty-five years ago we would have been embarrassed to properly handle \$6,000,000 in the work of college and university training, the number of young people ready for this work being painfully small and our people struggling with poverty.

But the growth of the common schools, the high schools and academies has necessitated this daring, this glorious advance in higher education. And our marvelous growth in wealth makes the task easy of accomplishment.

In Home Missions likewise great changes have come. There are four times as many unconverted people in the South as there were sixty-two years ago when the Home Board was organized. The foreigner has become a factor; that vast empire west of the Mississippi is filling up with people whose motive was money as they crossed the

river; great cities, centers of power, are springing up; mines and mills confront us with their perplexing problems; in the place of 4,000,000 black slaves of the last generation we have nearly 10,000,000 free blacks in our midst; nearly 2,000,000 Cubans, from whom we broke the fetters of political thralldom, cry to us for spiritual freedom! What a vast field is here presented!

On the other hand we have vast resources. It is estimated that the wealth of Southern Baptists increases more than \$1,000,000 a day. We are likewise advancing in education, social power and denominational prestige and efficiency.

All this means greater power. We can bring things to pass. The Home Mission Board today can handle \$500,000 more easily and wisely than it could handle \$100,000 twenty years ago. All the funds we received last year could have been wisely expended in church building alone, or on the frontier missions, or mountain schools, or the cities. In five years we ought to spend \$500,000 in church building west of the Mississippi, where there are 2,500 churches without houses of worship. There will be 2,500 new churches needing similar help before the five years roll by. One thousand miles of new railroads were constructed in Oklahoma in fifteen months of 1905 and 1906. That means one hundred or one hundred and fifty new railroad towns, and that ought to mean as many new Baptist churches.

In a different way but quite as effectively, could we just now spend money to the greatest advantage in

the mountain school work. A population of 2,000,000 needs the stimulation and guidance and culture of consecrated Baptist teachers. There in a score of schools we have nearly 3,000 boys and girls under training for God. Some men of large vision and great heart ought to put \$100,000 a year in the hands of the Home Board for that work.

Larger Gifts.

So far we have had no large gifts for Home Missions. A few have given \$1,000, some \$500. Most of the money has come in very small gifts. They should be multiplied. But the time has come for a larger standard of giving. Why should not some Southern Baptist give \$100,000, or \$1,000,000 Building and Loan Fund?

There are men by the score blessed of God who could give \$10,000 to this great work. Oh, that our people knew the stewardship of wealth! If it were put into practice one twelve months we should get \$1,000,000 for Home Missions.

Nor does the duty fall upon the rich only. There are hundreds and thousands of our people in easy circumstances who can and should quadruple their offerings to God. There are one thousand Baptists in the South who, without sacrifice of their comforts, could send us during February one hundred dollars each. If by the persuasion of wise pastors and the power of God's spirit they could be led to do this thing, the recital of their gifts would thrill our people throughout the South. Who has faith to ask God for so great a blessing?

Some Facts for Country Pastors.

There never was a more opportune time for pastors of country churches to develop their church members in the grace of Christian liberality. It is doubtful if any country was ever so blessed with prosperity among all classes of its citizens as is our own at this time. It is quite certain that the farmers of America were never so prosperous as they are today. This prosperity may not last, but for this reason pastors of country churches ought to use this present to bring up the benevolences of their people to the full measure of their ability.

Here are some facts which country pastors might lay before their people. American farmers produced in 1905 one billion two hundred and sixteen million dollars worth of corn; two hundred and sixty-five million in dairy products; six hundred and five millions in hay; five hundred and seventy-five millions in cotton; five hundred and twenty-five millions in wheat; five hundred millions in eggs; two hundred and eighty-two millions in oats; one hundred and seventy-eight millions in potatoes. The Lord ought to have His portion of this wealth. A large per cent of Southern Baptists are on farms, or have revenue from them. For character and piety farmers average as high as any class among us. They are the stalwarts in the doctrines of our faith. It can not be doubted for a moment that, with such good foundations to work upon, pastors can bring them up to high standards of

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liberality. These times of abundance afford pastors of country churches glorious opportunities for perfecting the saints and helping forward the kingdom of Christ in all the earth.

Homeless Churches.

Our readers must be impressed by one thing, especially in the news letters from the missionaries which appear in Our Home Field month by month, namely, the effort and the sacrifice mission churches in the West are making to build houses of worship. The men on the field are working heroically to provide shelter for these church families. Their devotion and sacrifices must appeal strongly to all who become familiar with them. Against great odds they are toiling and month by month we have the record of new houses provided for some of these churches. But when they have done their best, hundreds of homeless churches on the frontier still make pathetic appeals to the more fortunate of their sister churches which worship in temples of brick and stone. Most of these churches have modest wishes. They do not ask that the well-to-do shall build houses for them nor even help them to build handsome houses, but only plain frame buildings, which will shelter them from the storm and constitute a place for the family gathering. They are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to secure these buildings; others need only to give of

their abundance and houses will be provided. There are a thousand men and women in the South who could, without sacrifice, each give such help as would secure a house of worship for one of these homeless churches in the West this year. Why have not some of our brethren and sisters been enlisted on behalf of these needy churches of Jesus Christ and their own destitute brethren on the home field? Remember they do not ask you to build these houses, but only to help asking the privilege for themselves, of carrying the larger part of the burden. Where could one find a worthier object and a better investment?

Without these houses the fruits of faithful missionary labor must, to a large extent, be lost. With it the fruits of that labor will be multiplied. Converts have been made and churches organized by men who forgot self-ease in their passion for the lost. These little companies of baptized believers are standing true to their faith and are trying to witness for it in the midst of a surrounding destitution and in many cases in the face of opposition. Have they no claim upon us? Who are the men and the women in our Southern Zion who will, on such terms as are mentioned above, become responsible for the building of one house of worship in the West this year? Pastors, look out men and women in your flocks who ought and can be persuaded to do this work and lay it upon their hearts and write the Home Board about it.

HOME MISSIONS.



ELD. E. L. COMPERE.
Home Missionary to the Southwest. (Father)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.



ELD. J. S. COMPERE.
Foreign Missionary to Ogbomoso, W. Africa. (Son)

The lives of the men whose pictures are here given—Revs. E. L. and J. S. Compere, father and son—illustrate the link between Home and Foreign Missions, and how the first contributes to the latter.

Rev. E. L. Compere was the son of Rev. Lee Compere, who was a missionary to the Creek Indians of Alabama and later in Mississippi, in the first half of the last century. While away from home on one of his mission trips, a boy was born in his home and received from his mother the Scriptural name "Ebenezer," that being the name for which his first initial stands. At the age of seventeen the boy was converted, and later spent four years in Mercer University, Georgia. Afterwards he graduated from Mississippi College with first hon-

ors. Having been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, he declined a professorship in his alma mater, and also a salary of \$1,200 and the pastorate of an important church, in order to give himself to Home Mission work in the destitute country of western Arkansas and the eastern part of the Indian Territory, at a salary of \$500 a year. Many churches and associations in the Southwest stand as monuments to the self-sacrificing labors of E. L. Compere.

God gave this good man two sons, Rev. W. L. Compere, a man consecrated and gifted in the use of his pen and the faithful pastor of the church at Waldron, Arkansas, and Rev. J. S. Compere, whose picture is given above, missionary to Africa. And here the most in-

teresting part of this story begins.

In early manhood Rev. E. L. Compere longed to go as a foreign missionary to the Yoruba country, Africa, the very field in which God is greatly blessing his youngest son today.

The meager foreign mission resources and the undeveloped state of our home churches at the time denied him the gratification of this holy ambition. God gave him Home Mission work to do instead. On this home field he wrought faithfully, and as a result, now that God has called his son to the foreign field on which the father's heart had been set, the associations which he organized assume the son's support. Well does the elder son, Rev. W. L. Compere, write:

"It affords a fine example of your plea that Home Missions precedes and makes possible Foreign Missions. Father's work was Home Mission work. The Foreign Mission fire burned on the altar of his heart. He perhaps accomplished more for Foreign Missions by spending his life on this frontier than he would have accomplished

by going to the Yoruba country in 1856. Not only has his son gone, but the churches where he labored support that son and are able to support ten more easily. If father's field of labor here rises up and evangelizes the Yoruba country in Jim's lifetime, father's Home Mission work will have made a large contribution to Foreign Mission work."

In a later note Brother Compere informs me that the Buckver Association has invited the other associations comprised in the E. L. Compere's old field to "join it in the support of the whole Baptist work in the Yoruba country." Thus grows the Home Missionary's influence. In some measure every missionary at work at home today is contributing, as E. L. Compere did, to Foreign Missions and the salvation of the ends of the earth while he is doing the work directly at hand. It is in view of such facts as these that William J. Dawson says: "The greatest of all missionaries to the heathen may prove to be the evangelist who never leaves his native land."



HAULING COTTON TO MARKET—GOTERO, OKLAHOMA.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

Right giving is a part of right living. The living is not right when the giving is wrong. The giving is wrong when we steal "God's portion" of our income to hoard or spend on ourselves.—Missionary Review of the World.

I have been blamed for giving so many thousand dollars for the benefit of colored men. But I expect to stand side by side with these men in the day of Judgment. Their Lord is my Lord. They and I are brethren; and I am determined to be prepared for that meeting—Nathan Bishop.

Home Missions lie at the base of all our co-operative work. The Home Missionaries are organizing congregations every year which begin from their birth to support Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Ministerial Relief, Benevolence and every form of gospel aggressiveness. It is economy, business sense, wisdom, foresight, sagacity—to increase the fountains of supply by increasing the offerings for American evangelization.—The American Home Missionary.

Rev. George H. Brewer, general missionary in New Mexico and Arizona, says the work in New Mexico has become so large that he is compelled to keep going from field to field in order to keep up with the times. Eastern New Mexico especially is coming to the front, by

reason of the tremendous influx of homeseekers. At one town, Tucumari, an average of two hundred and fifty families per week are settling on land in the adjacent country. This means a real live missionary problem. "We are handicapped here, as everywhere else. I presume, by the poverty of these new settlers who can do so little for themselves for the first few years and need and must have so much done for them"—Home Mission Monthly.

Dr. Manly J. Breaker: There are national perils which require the concerted action of the whole body of Baptists. Home missions were begun in order to take the Gospel to the newly settled regions of the West. That is still a very large part of the work, a part requiring always more endeavor, but not now the most urgent part.

The numerous foreign immigration, now pouring into our country is a most potent national peril. More than a million a year, much of them the off-scouring of the earth, are coming to our shores. Even the best among the foreigners are often menaces. Witness the fact that the effort to defeat the enforcement of the Sunday law in Missouri and elsewhere, which has met with only too much success, is most largely the effort of our German friends. Witness also the fact that both in her own State, and in many other States, the best representatives of

the foreign population have killed out scores of Baptist churches. But if the best element is a menace, what shall be said of the worst element? Namely, those who come to us from Southern Europe. A band of assassins already defies the law, and largely terrorizes the officers of the law in some of our Eastern States. The headquarters of anarchy are in the United States. So powerful is this foreign element that Congress, intimidated by numerous petitions from it, and manipulated by a German representative from St. Louis, refuses to give the country any relief from this peril. Unless we should press the Gospel upon these men whom the providence of God seems to have sent to us for that purpose, we shall see our liberty and our religion destroyed by them, as their forefathers destroyed the civilization of the Roman Empire.

The President's Tribute to Home Missions.

In one of his public addresses President Roosevelt paid this striking tribute to the work of the Home Missionary: "It is such missionary work that prevents the pioneers from sinking perilously near the level of the savagery against which they contend. Without it, the conquest of this continent would have had little but an animal side. Because of it, deep beneath and through the national character there runs that power of firm adherence to a lofty ideal upon which the safety of the nation will ultimately depend."

Commenting upon this utterance, The Outlook says: "That this is a sound view, no one who has studied historically the forces which have produced the United States can deny. The Home Missionary, who to many people is hardly other than a man with a wife and several children, somewhere out West, to whom a barrel full of odds and ends is sent, and from whom is received a letter full of gratitude and accounts of prayer meetings, is in reality one of the most dominant agents in the making of history that the world has ever known. Compared with the settlement and civilization of Europe, the spread of civilization over the territory which now comprises the United States has been startling in its swiftness. No armies ever achieved so thorough or so speedy a triumph as the American pioneers did. And among the pioneers none were more courageous, none were more steadfast, and none more in earnest, or, on the whole, more successful in attaining their purposes, than the men who went not for the sake of extracting wealth from the soil, but for the sake of establishing righteousness in the new communities. In the midst of greed, or what at best may be called the spirit of acquisitiveness, they injected the spirit that seeks not to get but to give the saving spirit of service, the leaven of the Nation."

These utterances, full of truth are worthy the thoughtful attention of our Christian people.—Baptist Home Mission Monthly.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

The New Star.



By HENRY ALFORD PORTER D. D.

Were I an Atlas, who might carry a mountain on his back, I would transplant Pike's Peak from Colorado to the center of Oklahoma, and I would lift you to its summit and bid you look about you, and what would you see? A panorama rich and splendid—villages, farms, towns, cities, stretching to the horizon in all directions. Were the finger of God to push back the hands upon the dial, and the Angel of Time to carry you back seventeen years and bid you look from the same height, what would you then see? Unpeopled valleys and uninhabited plains—a wilderness and a solitary place.

Seventeen years ago, and Oklahoma was, indeed, "a new earth." The prairie winds of April, blowing over the boundless plains, found scarcely a sign of human habitation. Then came the race of history. The races on the plains of ancient Greece were witnessed by applauding thousands, and the fame of them have been handed down in song and story, but the race of April 22, 1889, was the most spectacular race ever witnessed. It was a race of one hundred thousand persons. It was a race for homes. Towns were surveyed in a day and sprang up in a night. When night fell on that first day of its history Oklahoma had a larger population than the State of Nevada, and Oklahoma City had a population approximating 10,000.

On November 2, 1889, when the town was six months old, in a shack on California avenue, the First Baptist church was organized of fifteen charter members.

Five pastors have served the church during its seventeen years' history: Rev. W. H. Nichols, deceased; Rev. A. F. Pearson, now of Marshall, Mo.; Dr. L. D. Bass, at present pastor of the South Street church, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. W. M. Anderson, now pastor of the First church, Dothan, Ala., and the writer. Brother Anderson's pastorate, from 1896 to 1904, was especially notable because of its length, and the constant growth and increasing fruitfulness of the church under his stirring leadership. It

was during his pastorate that Washington Avenue, Capitol Hill and Immanuel Missions were established, and that the first two became independent churches.

During the past two years the First church has purchased a new site in the very heart of the city, paying \$19,000 for property which might have been bought for \$2,800 eight years ago; built the White Temple, the total cost of which will be over \$80,000; added over five hundred names to its membership without the aid of evangelist or outside helper; established Olivet Mission, for which a lot one hundred and fifty feet square was secured, and purchased a permanent site for Immanuel Mission.

In no respect is the spirit of the church more clearly seen than in this, that in the midst of this great building enterprise it has quadrupled its offerings to all missionary causes. This end has been in part reached by the introduction of the Duplex system.

It is only just to say that this great church, with all its harmonious and magical development, would doubtless have had but a

dwarfed and blighted history, had it not been for the encouragement and help of far-seeing Home Mission agencies. For a number of years the Home Mission Society gave five hundred dollars annually toward the pastor's salary, and it assisted largely in the building of the old church and of the new temple.

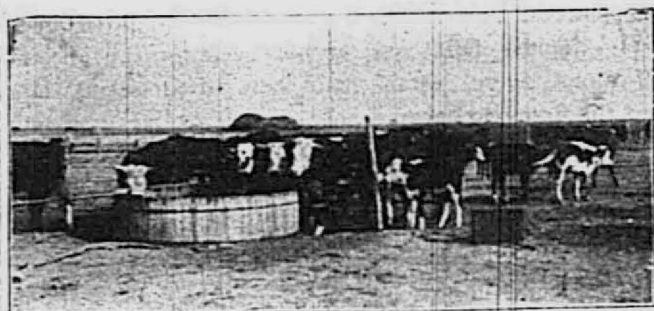
Such is the kind of work that the Home Board and the Home Mission Society have done and are doing all over this wonderful new State. With the rapid development of the country, which as yet shows no abatement, the Baptists could never have gained the supreme standing place they now hold without the vision and the statesmanship and the noble help of our Home Mission agencies; and if we are to hold the heights, this aid must continue to be given in many places for much time to come.

Praise, honor and glory to the Home Board for the part it has had and will have in the splendid task of making the new State Christian and Baptist.

Oklahoma City.



AN OKLAHOMA HARVEST SCENE



STOCK FARM—OKLAHOMA

Fifteen Thousand New Settlers in Comanche County, Oklahoma.

BY REV. D. P. SAUNDERS

Comanche county, Oklahoma, is located in the extreme southwestern part of Oklahoma. It is one of the largest counties in the State, inhabited by a great variety of people and from nearly all countries. The larger part of the population are whites, next Indians, and then the Negro. About two-thirds of the county is occupied by whites and the balance owned either by the government or Indians. In a few days this will be opened for homestead and settlement—500,000 acres of Indian land for whites in the middle of our county. This makes over three thousand homes of one hundred and sixty acres each, and counting five persons to the family makes fifteen thousand people who will land here inside of six months without preaching, church houses, or even school houses. Two railroads are going across this now uninhabited tract and five government towns are now laid out. Methodists and some other brethren now have their money ready by the thousands to meet these people with

preachers and church houses, when they land. These brethren will be at the sales when these lots will sell to purchase desirable lots and to construct temporary church buildings in order to enlist the people in the beginning.

Churches here are busy and their hands are already full, so if we are to get in this ground first and possess the land as we have done at most of the places in this county as heretofore, the help of the Home Board will be badly needed to come to our rescue and to come at once. We need a large building fund and at least three or four strong men on the field at least by April next to do this work as we believe the Lord would have it done. Brethren, if there ever was a Macedonian cry in America, surely it is now in this Comanche county.

Just five years ago none but Indians roved these prairies all over the county. Lawton, our county site, was born in one day with a thousand population, for the land now inhabited was homesteaded free, giving each family one hundred and sixty acres, and such a rush to any county has scarcely ever been seen. There are now many smaller towns than Lawton

over the inhabited part of this county, and as many as a dozen towns, mostly railroad towns, too, that have no Baptist preaching in them at all, and many of these places have never had a Baptist sermon. There are fully one hundred school houses or good large communities where large congregations could be gathered that have neither had Baptist nor any other kind of preaching.

The people are so very hungry for preaching that they will join in with any denomination who will come into their community, hold good meetings and build a church house and show the people that they mean business. I have never seen such opportunities for the first ones who get on the ground. It seems that God has opened wide the door, and it is a fine time now to enter this door and possess this goodly land, as no organizations are here yet to hinder. Baptists are far ahead and such active, progressive, liberal, large-hearted and co-operative people can scarcely be found anywhere. I give examples: The Frederick church, located in the western part of this county, is only five years old and has been helped by the Home Board until twelve months ago, but stood alone this year, yet our minutes showed we paid out for all purposes this year \$2,900.00, having given \$200.00 for Associational Missions, \$260.00 for State Missions, \$80.00 for Home and Foreign Missions, besides nearly \$400.00 for Orphans' Home.

On the eastern part of this county the Walter church has done sim-

ilar work, and many others which we have not space to name. The secret of it all is that the Board helping us when we were weak has enabled our churches to place strong men on the field and thus helped many weaker places around us.

Many people come here poor and all having new lands to work, no houses to live in, no churches or even school buildings in which to worship and with taxes high, and a thousand inconveniences, makes it doubly hard for them to do the Lord's work as they long to do.

Brethren, you who live in the older settled countries cannot realize the destitution and the great swelling of the hearts of the struggling preachers and faithful brethren as we hear so many even of our nearer neighbors crying for us to come over and help them, when we have to say no because we have our hands already full at our own churches.

One pastor here, aided by the Board, helped another pastor near by in his country church, had fifty-five baptisms and built a \$2,000 meeting house; helped same pastor in another meeting at another place, baptized eight and built them a \$1,000 meeting house; helped the same pastor in another meeting at another place near by, baptized twenty and built them a meeting house costing them \$1,500, and now, in less time than three years, all the above named churches but one are calling for no help from the Board this year, all having pastors and easily supporting them for one-half to full time each, and paying back into the treasury of the Board.

This is written to show what good returns are being had for money invested here by the Board and shows also what kind of material we have and what may be expected of this country if the help could be given us to get on the ground and into the new homes to be opened up in a few days. Besides all this, as I said, we have some two thousand Indians, and Baptists are doing a great work among them.

God has opened a great door here and we believe no man can shut it, for we believe in the material Baptists are made of and, too, God has promised that if we would go and teach all things commanded He would be with us to the end, hence we go steadily on standing on the promises of God. So, brethren, when you read this, remember that 3,000 new homes will have been taken by people from all over the States and that 15,000 people will begin packing their household goods for Comanche county, Okla-

homa; and if you inquire what kind or class of people they will be who land here I will tell you that they will be your mothers, your fathers, your boys, and your girls, and they will be here soon, strangers in a strange land, with no preaching, no church houses, no Sunday-schools as they had when with you, and that unless you help us liberally and pray for us constantly who battle at the front, many of your loved ones will miss the bread of life and surely many of them will miss the way of life.

This is indeed a marvelous country in many ways. It's rich level prairie mostly, and in one place especially, you could plow a furrow thirty miles and not break the sod from your plow. It is one of the healthiest countries in the world. Oh! how we so much long and pray that such a country and such a people might be indeed and in truth the Lord's.

Frederick, Oklahoma



GROUP OF PAWNEE INDIANS AT DANCE HOUSE

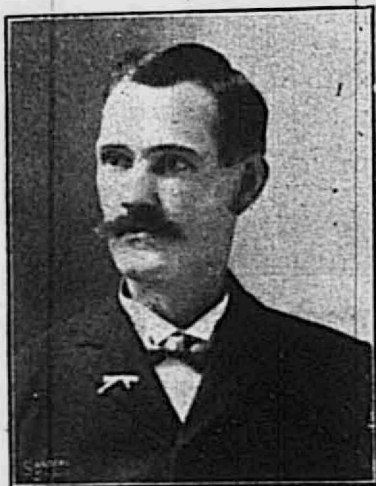


BIG CAMP AT MUD LADY WHERE MISSIONARY BRENDEL SPENT HIS FIRST SUNDAY WITH THE PAWNEE INDIANS

Pawnee Indians.

By REV. J. G. BRENDEL

This tribe is located in the northeast part of Oklahoma, in Pawnee county. There are six hundred and forty-nine members of the tribe. They are divided into four bands, each band living in camps ten or twelve miles apart. Here are the names of the bands: Ske-dee, Patahawiata, Chowee, Kilkahata. For years the M. E. church has had a missionary among them. But their work was practically a failure. Most of the work they did was with the children in the government school. Now and then I find a young Indian who says he has been baptized (sprinkled). That is about all they know about religion. I began work among them August 1, 1906, the first Baptist missionary ever among them. My first effort was to get acquainted with



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them. They were constantly having their war dances in their "mud lodge," and their sun dance, which is a kind of religious ceremony. I would go to these big gatherings, walk around among their camps, and distribute papers and tracts (when they would take them). Often they would not take them, or look at me, but they found out I was their friend, and not there to interfere with them, and one day the leader asked me to come inside. I did so. And Oh! such a sight. The maneuvers and ceremonies were beyond description.

They had a bed of coals of fire in the center of this mud lodge and at the beat of the drum they would dance around this bed of coals. Some of them would get frantic. The women sitting around on the ground on their blankets would wail and weep. Then there came a stop in the dance, one, then another would get up and speak. Captain Jim.

whom they call their "Priest," has a rod with a bunch of feathers on the end of it. The Priest would rub his hands over a roll, which they claim God gave them, then he would rub their hands and heads, blessing them. These ceremonies would last half a day. The next day they were talking about their meeting just like Christians.

talk about a big revival service. Sometimes these ceremonies would last several days.

These people are just as much pagans as the people in Burma. Oh! why has God's people neglected them so long? I called a council of the leading men and the chief; eight



PAWNEE GIRL

of them came. I had a heart to heart talk with them and told them what I was here for. (Of this council I will write more fully in another article.) This, of course, will go down in their history as the most important period in the tribe. Their leaders received me as their missionary, and invited me to come to all their gatherings. The next Sunday they were to have a big dance. I went. They gave me a chair, and I sat and looked on. When there came a stop in the dance the leader got up and said, "You see this white man, sitting here among us. He is

our friend. He had a council of our chief and leading men. We have received him as our missionary and preacher. You will see him among us at all of our ceremonies. You must receive him and let him talk to us. He has come to teach us the religion of Jesus. It is time something was being done for the Pawnees religiously. The people who sent him are going to build us a church and a mission. When this is done we must go on Sunday and hear him preach. It won't be long until some of you will want to

join him in his work. That is your privilege."

Then turning to me, he said, "We are ready to hear you talk." The drum was laid down and they all spread their blankets on the ground and sat down on them while I preached to them about Jesus. After



PAWNEE BOY

I closed, one of the chiefs arose and said it was the first time that any one had come to them that way, and they ought to listen to what I said, and to help me in the work since I had been invited to speak at all their dances. I go among them through the week wherever I can get a few of them together and talk to them. I go and sit down inside their tepees on



OSAGE INDIAN DRESSED IN DANCING
COSTUME

the blanket with them and tell them of Jesus. On one occasion, I had a few of them gathered together, and was talking to them from the Sunday-school picture roll sent me by Dr. Frost, using it as a chart. I told them of "Jesus' love." An old squaw came and stood by me and wept. I asked her if she wanted to be a Christian. She said, "Me will love and serve Jesus so He take me to His home." I am sure the Spirit had touched her heart. She gave strong evidence of conversion. Oh! for a chapel where we could gather these "sons of nature" and teach them the true way to God. We must have a chapel. As long as we go to their meeting, or dances, and preach to them they will associate our religion with theirs. Here is a great opportunity open to us. Will not every one pray for us, and these neglected people, and help us to build a chapel?

Pawnee, Oklahoma

Beaver County Baptist Association.

By REV. J. M. NEWMAN

Having been requested by the management of this paper to write something concerning my field and work, I do so cheerfully.

I am at this time fifty-two miles northwest of Texhoma, Oklahoma, and sixty-four miles west of Guymon, Oklahoma. I am writing from the home of a new comer to Beaver county, a family formerly from the hills of old Virginia. They live on the bad prairie in a "mansion" five feet six inches in ground. The size of this room is fourteen by sixteen feet, covered with lumber, tar paper and four inches of dirt.

When all are at home there are six children, the father and mother. This house in the ground has two half windows, one in the gable-end and the other in the door, which opens back into the room. There is an outer inclined door from which steps lead down to the inside door, this inclined or trap door being used only in cold or stormy weather. The furniture in this room is one bed of ordinary size, one chair, a table, and cupboard without a door. For the most part this family, in common with many other families, uses "prairie coal," and this family has two stalls dug out in the ground for their horses.

But, dear reader, note these people are Baptists, very nice, clever people. They have some little means coming and will make better improvements later, but like thousands of others, they have only been here a short while.

OUR HOME FIELD

This fall and winter we have had more or less cold weather. It takes time, hard work and a little money to open up a farm, even on the prairie. I make the astonishing statement that fifty miles in length by thirty-four in width of country has been settled during the last six months.

One-eighteenth of this, as is true of the whole county, one hundred and sixty-eight miles in length by thirty-four miles in width, was set apart for public school land. Then upon the passage of the bill admitting Oklahoma to statehood, the Board of Education of Oklahoma filed upon, for school purposes, all the land not taken by homesteaders, leaving about five thousand one hundred and thirty-nine homesteaders actually settled on this fifty by thirty-four mile strip in Beaver county. This strip is as yet practically untouched by the help on the field.

Our Association, in August of this year, held its second session since organization. We organized with six little, weak, struggling churches, the strongest having a membership of about fifty. We now have twenty-two churches. At the time of organization there was but one Baptist meeting house and it was not then completed. We now have three houses of worship, fairly good buildings, with two parsonages.

One of these churches has preaching full time. This is at Tyrone, with Rev. W. T. Napier as pastor.

Texhoma and Guymon each have preaching two Sundays in the month. Rev. O. J. Cole is pastor of these two churches.

Kenton has been without a pastor for more than a year, until recently. Rev. Caloway, whom I have never met, preaches at Clayton, New Mexico and Kenton.

Rev. R. W. Martin, of Conway, and Brother Albert Maddox, of Postle, are among our most promising young preachers. Rev. C. T. Daniels, of Guymon, is a man of experience and ability.

The Associational Board, at its recent session, made a contract with Rev. J. H. McCuistion as colporter, agreeing to pay four hundred dollars toward his salary and asking the American Baptist Publication Society to supplement his salary, which thing the Society does.

From the date of organization, the writer has been the missionary of the Association.

Our next fifth Sunday meeting is to be held at Guymon, when the splendid Baptist meeting house is to be dedicated. The writer has been asked to preach the sermon. The house was built by the former pastor, Rev. J. N. Marshall, now General Missionary for the Pan-handle of Texas, with headquarters at Good Night, Texas.

To lose Brother Marshall from our Association was a genuine sorrow to us all.

The Lord bless Our Home Field and all its readers.

Texhoma, Oklahoma.

EVANGELISM

By W. W. HAMILTON, General Evangelist.

January meetings in Fort Worth and Guthrie.

Brother Sledge begins his work January 13th in Guthrie, Oklahoma

Brother Raleigh Wright will take up his work with us March 1st.

W. W. Hamilton and W. D. Wakefield begin meetings in Fort Worth January 6th.

The meetings in Pensacola were for only two weeks, but very successful.

The Blood Bought Band increases very rapidly. May success attend their labors.

We praise God for giving us two such men as Raleigh Wright and W. H. Sledge. They will be eagerly sought after for meetings.

It is gratifying to see how the evangelistic tracts are being used. Send contributions and requests to Department of Evangelism.

Brother Callaway writes from Pensacola, "Some declare that our recent meeting was the best in the history of the church." The Lord be praised!

A Pensacola brother offers Brother Wakefield a year in school any-

where he desires to go. The offer will likely be accepted and the year be given to study of voice as well as theology.

The full program for lectures on Evangelism at the Seminary has not been perfected, but will be announced soon. The lectures delivered there ought to be put in book form.

Continued good news comes from Wilmington, Henderson and San Antonio. Brother Hale reports thirty-two additions to the First Church, Wilmington, since the meeting closed. A revival is not of much value which closes with the departure of the evangelist.

At the request of the Department of Evangelism Dr. J. M. Frost has consented to put into tract form the chapter on "The Baptism of Jesus" from his book, "The Moral Dignity of Baptism." We have felt the need of just such a tract, and we are sure it will do great good.

The date for the meetings at Vicksburg had to be postponed and finally cancelled on account of the delays in completing the new house of worship there. Pastor Weeks and the brethren at Vicksburg regret with us that this had to be, but other meetings had been promised and could not be set aside.

We are glad to be able now to accept more invitations for meetings, and are glad to have men whose success in evangelistic work commends them at once. Still we have so many calls from the churches that our prayer must continue to be for more laborers in the dead-ripe harvest.

Atlanta is planning a simultaneous campaign for April, 1907, and is expecting great blessings to come in these meetings. Norfolk, Petersburg, Jacksonville, Tampa, Louisville, New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis and other cities are planning for similar meetings. May the coming year see thousands of names enrolled in the Book of Life!

Henderson (Ky.) church and Pastor Cook are rejoicing. On January 1st they held a sun-rise praise service on account of the great blessings of the year. Following the meeting the pastor and people renewed their efforts to pay off their \$6,000 debt, \$4,100 still remaining unpaid. Their efforts were fully rewarded, Brother W. A. Wilson, of Kansas City, offering to pay \$1,000 for himself and sisters. A burdensome debt paid, an awakened, working church, and one hundred and forty-seven new members are enough to occasion thanksgiving.

Rev. J. W. Michaels, our evangelist to the deaf, has begun work. This is a most needy field and Brother Michaels is eminently fitted for the great work. The Arkansas Optic says: "It was with the keenest regret that the many friends

of Prof. J. W. Michaels here learned of his decision to resign as principal of the literary department of this school. He had been connected with the school for twenty-two years as a teacher and his influence has stamped his ideals upon the hearts and minds of hundreds of deaf children who have attended this school.

As a teacher Prof. Michaels was capable, enthusiastic and untiring, and he exerted over his pupils an influence which few teachers can wield. In our societies he has been the leading, inspiring and controlling spirit for twenty years. In our Sabbath-school he has been the central figure. On the lecture platform he was entertaining, logical, convincing and captivating, and could carry his audience in a moment and at will from the "deepest depths of pathos" to the merriest peals of laughter."

Evangelist Raleigh Wright.

Rev. Raleigh Wright, who begins work with the Board March 1st, is a Kentuckian by birth. He was born June 7, 1870, near Smith's Grove, was converted in evangelistic meetings in which Dr. J. N. Pres- tridge was assisting Pastor A. U. Boone. He became at once active in Sunday-

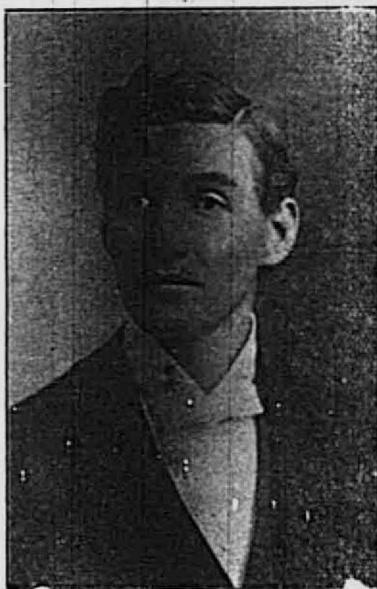


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school and church work, and later yielded to a long resisted call to the ministry. Entering Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., in January, 1894, he graduated in June, 1897; was married in 1898 to Miss Nina Parker; later spent two years at S. B. T. Seminary, and during his pastorate at Fairfield, Ill., took degree of Ph.D. at Ewing College. Brother Wright has been pastor near Bowling Green, Ky., Fairfield, Ill., and Tullahoma and Cleveland, Tenn. In the four years of labor in Tennessee there have been four hundred and nineteen accessions to the two churches, and in addition to his pastorates, Brother Wright has had large and successful experience as an evangelist. The commendations received concerning him from many sources should be most gratifying to Brother Wright. We believe he will have great success in work under our Board.

Evangelist W. H. Sledge.

Brother Sledge, who resigned the pastoral care of Tatnall Square Church, Macon, Ga., to accept a place under our Board as evangelist, has had a very successful career. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1894 with the degree of A. B., and then had two years at the Seminary in Louisville. His first pastorate was at Columbus, Ky., where God crowned his labors with unusual blessings. His next pastor-



REV. W. H. SLEDGE

ate was at Milan, Tenn., and after three and a half years he went to Helena, Ark. The State Secretary says of Brother Sledge's work there, that it was a success in every particular. In Macon there have been two hundred and seventy-five additions, about one hundred for baptism, in twenty-two months, and the Sunday-school has more than doubled. He leaves his pastorate with regret, but believes that his evangelistic work is the call of God. It is not decided yet as to where Brother Sledge will be located, but possibly in Oklahoma. His first meeting will be with Brother W. H. Dodson, Guthrie, Okla.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Axel Wester, Missouri: We have about thirty to thirty-five thousand Swedes in Missouri, and they are scattered nearly all over the State. I am the only missionary among them. We have seven churches, with a total membership of four hundred and forty-three. The largest and strongest church is in Kansas City, which has two hundred and four members. The only church which has a pastor, besides this one, is the Verona Church. The others are without leaders. St. Louis has a Swedish population of over four or five thousand and St. Joseph has one thousand Swedes, and from these and others comes the cry: "Come and preach to us." It seems as if our people are awakening to their need of salvation.

In many respects our work in Missouri is a new frontier work, but we hope that God will send us more men to do His work and win many souls for Christ.

Miss Marie Buhlmaier, Baltimore: As already indicated, the month just past has been crowded with work. Immigration keeps up wonderfully for this time of the year, and our experiences in this connection have been marked and full to overflowing.

The numbers of afflicted have been specially great, and the scenes of parting from loved ones when families had to separate upon arrival because of sickness, as well as

upon visiting the detained in the different hospitals, are too much for my pen. Think of a mother with two darling little ones taken to the hospital in a strange country, among a strange people the first day of her arrival only to see her child pass away the first night and the other one to follow a few days later.

Imagine, if you can, a family encountering all sorts of hardships, suffering and delay, so that the beginning of their journey to the United States dates back to last August, and here Christmas has come and gone and still there is no telling when they will probably reach their friends in their Western home, for two of their children are at present in a hospital for eye disease, while the other two are down in another with measles. And think of that other family of which the father and three of the children were permitted to proceed to their far-off destination, the State of Washington, while the poor little mother must stay with the two little ones on account of measles, after which came scarlet fever, then bronchitis, with the little one's life in the balance for over two weeks. How will it end? When will it end? Only God knows. Nearly six weeks are so far gone.

I cannot begin to tell of another, and another, and still another, and so on, but only desire to remind you of the fact that Miss Froelich and myself are the only ones to care

and visit these people in their affliction and sorrow, and that it seems sometimes more than we can bear. Yet we are conscious that God's people everywhere are praying for us and the work, and that "He who knoweth our frame" helps us mightily.

Some of the people always remember the poor immigrants this time of the year, and thus it was that we could take various bundles and parcels to these unfortunates and bring Christmas light and cheer to the hearts of the children as well as their parents.

Rev. J. Goins, Negro missionary, Jefferson City, Mo.: We have about ten associations, and I have visited them all and spoke on the subject of missions, and hope I have accomplished some good.

The work of missions is becoming more and more the subject of prayer and talk among my people.

in this State, and they have given to the work this year, as they have never given before.

I don't hesitate to say, that I believe that we can expect greater results the next year than the one just ended.

We have endeavored to so organize the work that our churches, Sunday-schools and other missionary auxiliaries will contribute quarterly to the work. This will enable the missionary, or missionaries, to give more time to our destitute fields, assist in meetings, hold Bible conferences and institutes that are so helpful to pastors, repair churches and work from house to house. We need so much of this kind of work among the people in this State.

We feel very grateful to the Home Board for the assistances it has given for the past years, and pray for its continuance, yes, even on a larger scale, if it is possible to do so.

BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

Famous Hymns of the World.—By Allan Sutherland. Price, \$1.35 postpaid. Frederick A. Stokes, publishers New York.

In this volume the author gives us history connected with the writing and use of such precious old hymns as "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Just as I Am," "Rock of Ages," "Nearer, My God to Thee," "Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing," and others as old and some newer, such as "The Glory Song."

The pictorial feature, comprising twenty-two half-tones, adds much to the beauty and value of the book. No publishing house in America surpasses Frederick A. Stokes Company in the art of book-making, and the present volume is a good specimen of their work.

There are some books which increase a man's knowledge, and in that way effect his usefulness indirectly; there are others which enrich personal experience and impart inspiration for service, furnish material for ready use, and so increase his usefulness immediately. Such a book is "Famous Hymns of the World." There are many things in it you have wanted to know about the authors and composition of our immortal songs, but the best thing in it is the power it possesses to stir the heart, awaken the sympathies and its copious supply of most effective incidents and illustrations for use in personal work. With this book on his desk, any pastor can brighten and deepen his prayer meeting and Sunday evening service for a whole twelve months.

Samuel J. Mills, Missionary Pathfinder.—

By Thomas C. Richards. \$1.50. The Pilgrim Press, Boston, New York and Chicago.

It was fitting that this volume should appear simultaneously with the Haystack Centennial. It is cause for genuine pleasure that, whatever merit we accord to Dr. Spring's Memoir of Mills, the story of this original and superlative missionary life is now told by Mr. Richards. The author possesses unusual gifts in literary style for this sort of writing and has taken pains to discover and recite important explanatory facts concerning a life which when known is of absorbing interest to all lovers of modern missions and missionary history. There is not a more enamouring missionary life in all the annals of American missionary biography than that of Samuel J. Mills, and we do not know one the story of whose life is better told than is his in the present volume. Samuel J. Mills, probably more than any other man, gave birth and impulse to the modern missionary era in America, and no one is informed on the beginnings of American missions who is ignorant of his life. It is here told from his New England cradle to his ocean grave with sufficient completeness without tediousness and with excellent skill.

The February number of *The Delinquent* is superb in artistic illustration, literary matter, and fashion notes. This periodical, while continuing to fill its place as an indispensable help to women in the matter of dress, has become a high-grade family magazine. It not only leads all others of its class, but the new year numbers are improvements on its former self.

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ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

Study Topics for February, 1907.

Sowing and Reaping.—What to sow.

Mark 4:14. When to sow, II. Tim. 4:12.

Eccl. 11:6. Where to sow, Isa. 32:20.

Matt. 13:4-8. How to sow, II. Cor. 9:6.

A Promise, Ps. 126:6.

Argentina.—"The Land of The Silver River." "There is a future for Latin America immense as her mountains and her seas, brilliant as her skies and her resplendent stars." So wrote Marmol, one of her own poets.

The leader of all the republics will be the Argentine. Because of her progressiveness, her adaptability to European customs, her liberality of thought, and generosity to the foreigner sojourning in her midst, she will become the pioneer in real, permanent civilization and evangelization of most of the other republics of South America.

Marmol's prophecy applies more to Argentina than to any other republic.

She was the first of Spanish colonies in South America to declare and vindicate her independence. She gave Chili and Peru their independence, and from her midst much gospel light has gone into these same countries.

There are wonders in the Argentine rivers, whose waters have traveled 2,500 miles before reaching the River Platte, the mighty estuary that widens out to one hundred and fifty miles at its mouth Pampas that stretch hundreds of miles, upon which graze unnumbered sheep and cattle. Mountains whose summits

are ever snow-capped, one of which reaches an elevation of 25,000 feet. A climate that is unsurpassed by any other country in the world. God has painted her flowers with the most gorgeous hues and charged them with the sweetest fragrance. He has clothed her songsters with the richest plumage and filled her rivers with edible and whole some fish. Yes, God has done all He can without the co-operation of man; this He must have, and for this the country waits. When are we going to help bring about the fulfillment of Marmol's prophecy?" So writes the Rev. George Smith from England, fifteen years a missionary in South America. It is an impassioned plea and well might Southern Baptist women heed its call.

The first representative of the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., arrived in Buenos Aires November 30, 1903. The working force has since been increased to nine. Our stations are: Buenos Aires, a city of 1,000,000 inhabitants, and Rosario, the second city of the republic, with 130,000 inhabitants.

Our missionary, Mr. Sowell, writes hopefully of the work. He closes a recent letter with these sentences: "Everything indicates that the country is open to the gospel. The missionary cannot possibly use the many opportunities that are offered. Even if he works until night, he has to leave people who are ready to listen. All are happy and well, and are thankful for the high privilege of working for the Lord in a field so great and promising as is Argentina."

Brazil.

Never have the South American republics figured so large in the eyes of the United States as today. The visit of our Secretary of State, Mr. Elihu Root, to the recent Pan-American Conference, held in Rio Janeiro, and his subsequent visit to the various South American countries count for much. While it goes without saying that the aim of this visit was a closer commercial and more sympathetic political relation, yet the visit was not wholly without religious significance. Of this Mr. Ginsburg says: "The visit of Mr. Elihu Root, his refusal to attend a Sunday race meeting held in his honor, and his speech at the Pan-American Congress, demonstrating the friendship of the United States for South America, have done a great deal to further missionary work."

The United States of Brazil we must think of as a country comprising almost half of the South American continent, divided into States and governed by a constitution almost identical with that of its Northern namesake.

The population of this vast territory is as yet only 18,000,000, and that of Argentina only 5,000,000, while each republic could support 50,000,000 people.

Closely bound to Europe by the highways of commerce, immigration naturally flows from that direction.

Some learned man has said that the twentieth century will belong to South America, just as the nineteenth century has belonged to the United States. South America has a future which should not be measured by the past.

For want of space, we cannot enlarge upon these wonderful opportunities that are opening up in a commercial way. But our hearts rejoice to think that with the building of more railroads and more ships for commerce the transportation of missionaries becomes swifter and surer.

Our work in Brazil began in 1881 with the sending out of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagbey. They are still our successful missionaries, after many hardships endured and many triumphs won. Space forbids the enumeration of the names of all the faithful missionaries in Brazil.

The Foreign Mission Journal gives monthly letters from them.

In 1882, twenty-four years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Bagbey and Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Taylor organized themselves into the First Baptist Church of Bahia. Persecutions followed, and yet there are now in the State of Bahia, after these hard-fought years, just twenty-four churches planted by this first one.

In all Brazil we have seventy-seven churches.

John R. Mott, the leader of the great missionary movement among the young people of the United States, who has recently visited Brazil, says: "Now is a wonderful opportunity for South America, and in my opinion it is the last one." In view of these facts, sisters, what a responsibility we face!

THE UNION MAIL.

Conducted by MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK

While it is too early to say what the Christmas Offering will be, every indication points to a larger contribution than ever before. = Did you note the suggestion in Our Mission Fields No. 3 program for January, that we return to the good old custom of personal tract distribution? We may thus not only be Home Mission contributors but Home Mission doers. John 3:16, and Crippled Tom are recommended. We would be glad to have others which have been found helpful suggested through the mail. = We are indebted to Mrs. Redwine, of South McAlester, I. T., for the following account of the recent meeting in Indian Territory and Oklahoma: "At the annual conventions of the Indian and Oklahoma Territories in November the matter of consolidating the two was most beautifully and harmoniously completed. In the Woman's Work, one of the many features of interest was the preparation of a Mission programme somewhat after the manner of a year book, embracing the work of all the organizations with which we co-operate, viz.: W. M. U. of S. B. C., W. H. M. S. of the North, W. F. M. S. of the West to be studied in connection with the

other programmes and literature we have been using, the most beneficial of which, to some of us, being sent out from the W. M. U. Another important feature planned for this year's work is the establishing of a Mission library, circulating or otherwise. In glancing back over the past few years at the wonderful progress of Woman's Work in the Indian Territory, our hearts went up in silent prayers of praise and gratitude to our Lord and Master for the privilege granted us of serving each year, the fulfillment of His precious promises." = Every member of the Union wishes the new committee and all the workers in this combined and reorganized territory large success. = How churches spring up in the wake of the missionaries is again strikingly illustrated by this paragraph from J. B. Fletcher, Texas: "I went to Star, in Mills county, found a little struggling band of fifteen without any house to worship in, preached twelve days, left them with fifty members and raised the money to build a nice house of worship. They contribute liberally to State Missions." = Good news of the progress of the Tichenor Church Building and Loan Fund continues to come in. Victory in the completion of this \$20,000.00 fund before May is almost in sight. Do not hesitate to send for all the share cards you can use. = Stop a minute! The year is a month old. Have you taken time to definitely decide what shall be your personal aims for the advancement of Christ's kingdom this year? If not, do so now. Write them down and put them where you will see them every now and then until the close of 1907. Take our word for it, it will help you. = May we suggest one aim? That you do more missionary reading. Count and see how many missionary books you have ever read. One? Two? Five? Ten? Take an old missionary's advice to a young one. And, as Paul wrote to Timothy, give attention to reading. We are keeping ourselves poor in not knowing the glorious achievements of our missionaries, "The New Acts of the Apostles."

We gladly print the following report from our Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Baltimore, Md.:

BOXES TO MISSIONARIES.

The following boxes have been sent to home missionaries and mountain schools since the last report in January:

ALABAMA: L. M. S., First Ch., Talladega, \$148.85; Clayton St. Ch., Montgomery, \$164.40; Dothan, Willing Workers and M. S., \$75.00; Dauphins Way, C. L. Mobile, \$140.00; Palmetto St. Ch., Mobile, \$125.00; Prattville, \$120.00.

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NORTH CAROLINA: Greenville, \$125.

OUR HOME FIELD.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Newberry, \$63.00; Inman, \$30.00; Ann Judson Miss Soc., Spartanburg, First Ch., \$102.10; First Ch., Sumter, \$118.00; Mullins, \$41.00; First Ch., Anderson, \$104.75; Cameron, First Ch., \$50.00; Allendale, \$87.50; Black Creek Ch., Walterboro, \$45.00; First Ch., Greenville, \$225.00.

VIRGINIA: Park Ave. Ch., Norfolk Portsmouth Asso., \$170.00; Hebron Ch., Shout Spring, Appomattox Asso., \$36.70; First Ch., Danville, Roanoke Asso., \$101.30; Fincastle Ch., Valley Asso., \$70.74; Fredericksburg, Goshen Asso., \$166.72; Manassas Ch., Potomac Asso., \$43.47.

Total, \$6,516.94.
Previously reported, \$3,065.71.
Grand total, \$9,582.65.

BOXES TO MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

KENTUCKY: Y. L. S., Franklip, \$57.

MISSOURI: Slater Church, \$51.10.

VIRGINIA: Girls' Miss. Soc., First Ch., Charlottesville, Albemarle Asso., \$8.95.

Total, \$117.05.
Previously reported, \$219.83.
Grand total, \$336.88.

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TENNESSEE: Woman's M. U., by Mrs. J. A. P., Ripley, for Colon Chapel, \$5.00; S. S. B., by J. M. F., Nashville, Tichenor Memorial, \$100.00; W. M. Woodcock, Nashville, Tichenor Memorial, \$126.24, B. L. F. \$9.45, Mt. Schools \$2.95, Colon Chapel, \$21.75, Regular Work, \$441.60; Broadway Ch., by C. W. H., Knoxville, \$64.98; Howard E. Frost, for First Ch., Nashville, \$50.00. Total, \$1,721.97. Previously reported, \$2,852.74. Total since May, \$4,574.71.

TEXAS: Simpsonville B. Ch., by E. F. McE., Matinsburg, \$2.40; Prospect Hill B. Ch., by J. B. H., for Evangelistic Fund, \$31.60; Mrs. E. Hooten, Richland Springs, \$1.00. Total, \$35.00. Previously reported, \$5,091.82. Total since May, \$5,126.82.

MISCELLANEOUS: A. & W. P. R. R. Interest, \$45.00; A. & W. P. R. R., \$6.00; First Ch., Pulaski, Tenn., by I. W. M., Interest, \$15.19. Total, \$66.19. Previously reported, \$455.00. Total since May, \$521.19.

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