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## EDITORIAL

We have a word of good cheer. While our debt is piling up, the receipts September 1st were 51 per cent ahead of those for the same date last year. Let us keep up that ratio of increase till Christmas and then double it between January and April.

If you would render Our Home Field a helpful service and at the same time do yourself a favor, write for sample copy of The Youth's Companion and say you saw advertisement in Our Home Field. See last page of cover for full address.

The American Board (Congregational) has received a large legacy from the estate of George H. Weston. It will realize \$100,000 this year, with more to follow. The Board reports that scarcely a week goes by that some one does not offer property on the annuity plan. This fund now amounts to nearly \$700,000.

According to The Missionary Review of the World, both the Episcopalians and the Y. M. C. A. have been subsidized by the government in the Canal Zone. The

Panama Canal Commission has built a house for the Episcopalians at Colon, where Southern Baptists are striving to establish their work by voluntary contributions. History repeats itself.

Our readers will all join us in sympathy for Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and her family, who are passing through the deep waters of affliction. They must find sweet comfort in the beautiful tributes paid by the papers of Raleigh to the many virtues of the noble sister whom God has taken. As much as our prayers can avail we bring down the blessings of heaven upon this stricken home.

Rev. J.-L. Phelps, Europa, Miss., is Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for the Zion Association of that State. He sends a list of 42 subscribers to Our Home Field, and writes that his Association at their recent session resolved to raise a least 50 per cent more for Home Missions this new year than last year.

There are nearly 1,000 district associations in the South. We trust each and all of them will make

a like advance in contributions and that we may soon have from every associational vice-president a list of Home Field subscribers equal to that of Brother Phelps

Miss Jennie B. Nichol, of Nashville, Tenn., has been secured as a teacher in our Cuban-American College in Havana. She is a capable and accomplished woman and has had successful experience in teaching in the States and for one year on the Isle of Pines. We are confident that large usefulness lies before her in that important work. She was due to arrive in Havana September 10th.

The pictures of scenes in the "Big Pasture" which we present to our readers in this issue were taken by Rev. W. D. Moorer, the faithful Sunday-school man of the Oklahoma Convention. In the pictures will be found the faces of Mr. J. C. Stalcup, the beloved State Secretary; Rev. E. D. Jeter, a consecrated missionary, and Rev. R. A. Rushing, diligent Oklahoma pastor. Seeing the religious need and the Baptist opportunity at its crisis in the Pasture, Brother Rushing, though a poor man and living in an unfinished house himself, borrowed money with which to secure lots for Baptist churches, and Brother Jeter, a poor man with very large family, entered with the settlers and worked hard without promise of salary for some time in order to save an exceedingly important situation. If only all of our people saw the day of our opportunity as

clearly as these brethren see it, and were willing to make such sacrifices that we might not lose it!

The W. M. U. has taken the motto for us all this year—"Larger Things." We shall fall short of our mark for home missions if pastors and leaders do not make this their rallying cry. The following are items in the practical plan of our women to realize their ideal of enlargement. (a) The doubling of the membership of societies already organized. (b) The organization of new societies. (c) The induction into all societies of the full graded system of missionary organizations, namely, the W. M. U., Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Sunbeam. (d) The increase of the monthly dues. Let all our women give their utmost effort to these practical plans, and let our pastors adopt equally practical measures to enlist other members of the church and enlarge the work of home missions. Pastors will not want it said that their women are more resourceful, read more mission literature, are more intelligent and effective in their work than they are in theirs. Neither the pastors nor the work can afford this; and yet some pastors must get busy or it will be true.

There are in the city of New York 1,405 non-religious philanthropic societies. These serve the body while for want of religious rescue the souls of actual millions float toward perdition on the rising tide of sin in this great city. There is no sadder spectacle than the dis

couraging condition of evangelical religion in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. The tide has completely turned against the religious forces which laid the foundations of civilization and for a long while dominated the life of this whole section of the Republic. In a brief lifetime Archbishop Williams has seen the number of Roman Catholic dioceses increase from one to eight. Sixty-five per cent of the population of Boston is Roman Catholic, and there are 2,087,585 Romanists in New England. What a challenge to Protestant home missions in the North! What a warning to Southern Baptists!

It is a startling fact that for every one converted in foreign fields last year, through the agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, five hundred foreigners who need the gospel came to this country. Thus it will be seen that if the entire energies exerted by Southern Baptists in foreign missions had been turned to the foreigners coming to this country, with corresponding results, they would have been instrumental in converting only one in every five hundred of this new population.

It is not the purpose of this illustration to intimate that the energies thus directed to foreign fields should be diverted or diminished. On the contrary they should be enlarged, but does not the above statement press the conviction upon the minds and consciences of Southern Baptists that the poorly equipped

agency which is set for reaching foreigners in our own country with the gospel should be enlarged financially not only to that extent which would represent the conversion of one in every five hundred foreigners who come to our country with their un-American and anti-Christian notions, but to an extent which would dominate that vast and rapidly increasing alien population with the genius of American civilization and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are much pleased to announce also that Rev. W. H. Robinson has been appointed to the Cuban work, with headquarters at Santa Clara. Bro. Robinson is a graduate of Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has had good success in the pastorate and also in school work. For some time the Cuban work has been upon his heart. Let us pray for God's blessings upon him in that difficult but needy and promising field. We look for large success to attend his labors.

We were greatly shocked and deeply grieved on receipt of the following telegram September 7th:

"Tampa, Fla., Sept. 7, 1907.

"Harry Clark died this morning in Spanish Sanatorium.

"Jennie B. de Diaz."

Bro. Clark was our faithful and efficient missionary among the Cubans of Ybor City, Tampa. His sickness was of short duration and we go to press before learning the particulars of his illness. He was a modest and timid man, but in the



highest degree faithful and efficient in his work. He was steadily growing in power and of late had written most hopefully concerning his work.

A later telegram stated that his body was sent for burial to Lansdale, Pa. We reserve till our next issue a more extended notice of our faithful, fallen worker and his work among the 12,000 Cubans of Ybor City.

### Our Finances.

We want the denomination to know the condition of our finances. Each month we publish a statement of receipts from all sources. The receipts have fallen far below our expenses and we are borrowing heavily. The State Conventions will be on during the autumn months, and special stress will be laid on state missions all the fall. This is right. There are, however, many churches and individuals who have already made their gifts to state missions and so we beg them to come to our help. Then in Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi, where the State Conventions have been held, may we not look for generous help just now?

There are, likewise, many individuals who can give without inconvenience at one time as well as another. We beg this class to come to our relief instead of waiting till next spring. O, for a thousand of this class, who expect to give individually from \$25 to \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 during the year, to come forward with their gifts just now!

### A Beautiful Benefaction.

The Home Mission Board has been remembered recently in a most thoughtful and gracious manner in the bestowment of a bequest of twelve thousand dollars. It comes in the form of two trusts of \$6,000 each and, next to the Fannie A. Stocks Fund, is the largest gift ever received by the Home Board. We are not at liberty to give the name of this good friend to our great work, but we cannot forbear quoting some sentences from his own handwriting:

"Owing to my infirmities, I can only write a few lines. As a native of Virginia, though a non-resident for more than half a century, I am still interested in the good work of our denomination in that state and the entire South, and have for many years made moderate contributions in its aid. At the present time, I am not able to add to the amounts I feel pledged to. In thinking the matter over, I determined to do something for the next generation." Then follows a description of the two trusts of \$6,000 each. He concludes with these touching words: "Should I live until the 25th of September I shall have reached my four score and ten years. Am very feeble and find it difficult to write. With best wishes and prayers that the good work of the Home Mission Board may continue and increase, I am,

"Yours sincerely,

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David said of the righteous: "They shall bring forth fruit in old



age." How beautifully is that Scripture fulfilled in the life of our venerable brother and benefactor! Ninety years old and still bearing fruit, moreover, preparing "to do something for the next generation," after he has entered upon his heavenly reward.

Very few reach the ripe old age of ninety years, but there are many among our Baptist people who are nearing the end of their journey. What a blessing would come to them and to our great Home Mission work if they should be moved by this noble example to make similar bequests!

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#### The Grace of Remembering.

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Do not too quickly forget a friend. We have seen instances of seeming poor memory on the part of some pastors and others. Lately two pastors and a state secretary have been giving to the denominational press glowing accounts of what has been accomplished on their respective fields. It was good news to us, for just a little while ago the brethren who furnished these reports were before the Home Mission Board assuring us that they must fail and the cause must suffer unless the Board came to their rescue. Large things were asked and the Board responded generously. Therefore, we read with keen interest the reports of success. But what think you was our disappointment when we found that from beginning to end there was not so much as a word in ac-

knowledgment of the Home Board's part in the work which had been done? We are willing to believe that this is due to poor memory rather than deliberation, but we mildly suggest that these and many other pastors refresh their memories concerning the history of their churches; and also reflect that the Board needs their commendation and support in order to be able to help others who are now in the very plight they were when the Board came to their relief. The grace of remembering a favor is a very beautiful one.

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#### Home Mission Day in the Sunday School.

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The denomination has set apart one day in the year for each of its general boards—the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday-school Board, and the Home Mission Board—to be known as Sunday-school Day, when offerings are to be made by the Sunday-schools to these objects. In this program the Home Mission Board has been given the second Sunday in October. Whether this day suits you or the Home Board, it has been set apart for this object and it remains for the Board and the Sunday-schools to make the very most of it for the great cause of home missions. Therefore, we call upon pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers to prepare for this day.

The Sunday-school Board, with its usual thoughtfulness and gene-

rosity, has prepared for its periodicals matter bearing on several phases of home missions. This will be of great help to all in arranging programmes and instruction for the day. The Home Board will be glad to send supplemental literature on the subject to any who will make their wants known.

Surely there are not many more important lessons to teach the young than the proper influence for them to exert in their own land and the obligations they owe it. And there is not a question which more intimately concerns their future good than this of making the Southland Christian. Nine out of ten of the children in our Sunday-schools will live and die in some part of the South. How important is it that they should early learn to use whatever means they possess to make for themselves and others a Christian atmosphere in the South. Parents and teachers who fail to teach them this lesson will invite failure at a vital point in their work.

In fixing the amount which you will propose for your school or some class to raise: do not forget that we must have twice as much money this year as we received last. We raised \$220,829.23 last year for home missions; the convention asks for \$500,000 this year.

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#### Where Will the \$500,000 Come From.

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The success or failure of the denomination in its Mission Work

rests with the pastors. There is not among us an example of a great missionary church which does not reflect honor upon a pastor, and there is not a non-missionary church for which a pastor may not justly be blamed. The missionary enterprise must be gotten to the pastors before we can get it to the people whom the pastors lead. The growing success of recent years must be placed to the credit of a growing number of pastors who have enlisted full-hearted in the mission campaign. To this interested class among us we make the suggestions which follow.

You have done well in the leadership and development of your people to the present point; but, if we are to meet the opportunities of the hour and save ourselves the humiliation of a failure in what we said we would do this year, you must do better. The pastors must somehow and from somewhere get two dollars for every one they got last year for home missions. Instead of \$221,000, in round numbers, they must raise \$500,000. Where will they get it from?

1. From the rich. In every congregation there are those whose wealth has increased in recent years. The day has really come when there are many rich Baptists. To reach these and secure from them gifts proportionate to their wealth is the task which is going to try the moral courage and skill of many a pastor. No minister can hope to escape guilt who leaves his rich to go untaught, untreated, or unrebuked. The riches of the neglected rich will canker their souls while the

cause of Christ suffers for want of what it would have done them good to give, and for this the unwatchful and unfaithful pastor will receive chastening of his Lord. There are, however, infallible signs that some of our pastors realize their responsibility, and are dealing faithfully with their wealthy members. To the joy of their pastors some of our rich are giving as God has bidden them. If this campaign is to succeed others must face this duty, and pastors must see that they do. Men of means in the South have put \$150,000,000 in the single enterprise of cotton manufacture in ten years, \$500,000 for Home Missions is scarcely big enough a financial proposition to interest the rich men of the South.

2. The unreached must be reached this year. In the best of our churches there is a company of unenlisted. One of the best informed students of missions among us is the editor of the Baptist Home Mission Monthly, of New York. Speaking for the Baptists of the North this editor says that it is his conviction that "the contributions received by the Home Mission Society come from not over ten per cent of the entire reported membership of the churches in our constituency. In other words, we believe that out of every one hundred Baptists not more than ten give anything at all regularly and annually to this great cause. Of a million Baptists one hundred thousand possibly give, and nine hundred thousand do not." Among these unreached are some who are as able to give as any who

do give. One great task of the pastors this year is to reach these men and women in their churches. Every pastor ought to institute such a campaign in his church as will get a contribution for home missions from every member or get a straightout reason from every delinquent for not giving. The matter should be pressed to an issue. A wise plan, an early beginning, tact, perseverance, patience and courage will be necessary to do this and bring it to a successful conclusion.

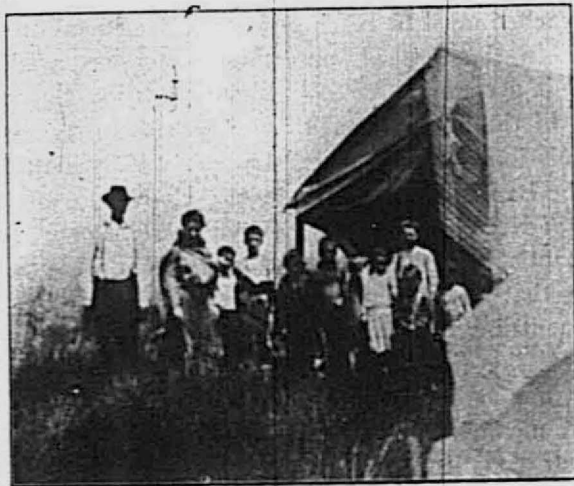
3. The training of the partially developed must be carried forward. Many are feeling their way gradually into the joy of missionary giving. Some of this class who gave a dollar last year will find satisfaction in giving five dollars this year. A wise and general campaign along this line alone would double the home mission contributions of Southern Baptists this year. The Laymen's Movement can be used in every church to effect this result. Thousands of our pastors themselves belong to this partially developed class. Some are giving five, ten, and fifteen dollars where others of no greater ability are giving twenty-five, fifty and a hundred dollars. It can almost be said that the increase we have had in missionary benevolence has come from the increased liberality of our preachers and that which their liberality has inspired. Let all learn the worth of example in leading their people and we shall not fail.

4. The immediate enlistment of new members. Not including 86,439 received by letter, there were 137,



514 additions to our Southern Baptist churches last year. There will probably be as many more this year. The best time, and the only chance in many cases, to enlist these in the missionary work of the churches and make their membership worth while, is during the first months of this new relationship. What a source of increased revenue these thousands can be made if the pastors will undertake the task of enlisting every one of them!

These suggestions are with the pastors. We know that many are anxiously enquiring how they can increase the missionary efficiency of their ministry and of their churches. We indulge the hope that such will welcome these simple, practical hints. We could devoutly wish that all the shepherds of the flocks of God might so lead their people this year that there should be no liability of failure for our cause or guilt for any pastor.



First Day School in Big Pasture, Oklahoma, Organized by a Young Girl in a Tent.



## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

### What Romanism Means.

Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) is not usually charged with bigotry; rather is he thought to err on the side of liberality. Yet, his words concerning Romanism express with condensed power, some phases of the subject we have tried to present. He says: "The priest, with his interference between God and the soul, and his insolent private tyrannies, is the natural foe of the gospel. The war of Rome means the subjugation of national independence, interference with family sanctity, the denial of individual liberty and steady opposition to every form of light."—Missionary Worker.

### An Incident.

Not long since a letter came to me containing a dollar bill. As I looked at the bill it did not appear different from other dollar bills, but after I had read the letter, I said, "Yes, it is different."

A little girl had been saving pennies and dropped them into her "savings bank." At last it was almost full, when one day she slipped away and went "home," leaving her bank of pennies, as we shall all have to do some day. The mother kept the treasure hidden away among the precious things of her darling. Recently, hearing something about the needs of the Missionary Training School, she dis-

covered that the anniversary of this school was on the same day as her little daughter's birthday. Then it "came to her," "What more appropriate place could be found for these precious pennies than in that school? It will be as if my darling's hands had placed a brick or a stone in the wall of that new building." So she exchanged the hundred pennies for this bill and sent it to "help a little in the work."—S. W. Loyd, in Tidings.

### The Home Foreign Opportunity.

The gift we want to pray for is Vision. Missionary work lies all around us. In the Maritime Baptist a writer brings the truth before us in this effective form:

The story is told of a German girl in a large American city who prayed for years that she might be sent to a foreign land as a missionary. One morning after her usual prayer it seemed almost as though the Lord was talking to her as her thoughts ran something like this:

"Where were you born?"

"In Germany."

"Where are you now?"

"In America."

"Who lives in the room next yours?"

"A Swede girl."

"Is she a Christian?"

"No."

"Who lives in the flat below?"

"An Irish family."

"Christians?"

"No."

"Who lives next door?"

"Italians."

"Christians."

"No."

"Have you ever done any missionary work in this neighborhood?"

And she was obliged to answer, with shame and humiliation, "No."

In a foreign land, in the midst of foreigners, who know nothing of God, she had not recognized her opportunity. Is she the only one of whom that could be said? How is it with you, for example?—*Home Mission Monthly*.

#### A Significant Confession from an Unexpected Source.

What America needs more than railway extension, and western irrigation, and a low tariff, and a bigger wheat crop, and a merchant marine, and a new navy, is a revival of piety, the kind mother and father used to have—piety that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayer before breakfast, right in the middle of harvest; that quit field work a half hour early Thursday night, so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting; that borrowed money to pay the preacher's salary and prayed fervently in secret for the salvation of the rich man who looked with scorn on such unbusinesslike behavior. That's what we need now to clean this country of the filth of graft, and of greed, petty and big; of worship of fine houses and big lands and high office and grand social

functions. What is this thing we are worshipping but a vain repetition of what decayed nations fell down and worshipped just before their light went out? Read the history of Rome in decay and you will find luxury there that could lay a big dollar over our little doughnut that looks so large to us. Great wealth never made a nation substantial nor honorable. There is nothing on earth that looks good that is so dangerous for a man or a nation to handle as quick, easy, big money. If you do resist its deadly influence the chances are that it will get your son. It takes greater and finer heroism to dare to be poor in America than to charge an earthworks in Manchuria.—*From The Wall Street Journal*.

The state mission field is all Texas, which has an area of 265,000 square miles. It is one-fifth larger than Germany, which has 50,000,000 people, one-fourth larger than France with its 48,000,000. When settled as densely as Massachusetts, it will have over 100,000,000. It now has approximately 4,000,000. Of these, most are Americans, but there are 200,000 Germans, nearly as many Mexicans, 48,000 Bohemians, 60,000 Scandinavians, 3 Japanese colonies, one Dutch colony, and there is to be a Russian colony this winter. Within our borders are people from nearly every tribe and tongue under heaven, and every few days great ships land cargoes of foreign peoples at Galveston to settle on Texas soil.—J. B. Gambrell.

### Multiplied Possibilities and Opportunities of Texas.

Texas is divided into many fields more or less distinct. East Texas is as large as an average state. It is one of the neediest fields in the State. There are more than three hundred saw mill towns, ranging in population from 200 to 7,000. New railroads and new towns are springing up. The people are developing new industries, and many new people are coming to East Texas. Unless a vigorous work is done, tens of thousands of people in East Texas will not hear the gospel, and many churches will perish.

There is a coast line of hundreds of miles, now settling rapidly, and there are scores of communities waiting for the gospel in South Texas, which is to be densely populated, and become vastly rich. The need of mission work on the coast line for 500 miles is exceedingly urgent now and will be increasingly so for years to come.

There is a frontier mission line from Brownsville to El Paso, following the frontier 1,000 miles. Settlements are growing all along. And then around the Panhandle for hundreds of miles further, the people are pouring into the country to make homes. Over the thicker settled parts of the State, new communities are forming, necessitating churches.—Missionary Worker.

### Our Growing Population.

"Patriotism is a spiritual passion and only through the imagination can we really know the greatness of our country," says Dr. Henry Van Dyke. The fact is, the average American hardly realizes the vast territorial extent of his native land. We are growing numerically big, too, at an astonishing rate, according to a recent bulletin of the Census Bureau, showing the increase in population since 1900. Within the last six years this has been over six and a half millions, the total population being now computed at 83,941,510. If our insular possessions are included, the grand total will be over 93,000,000. By 1910, when the next decennial census will be taken, we shall number about 100,000,000. This doesn't look like race suicide. Since 1900 three Southern cities have gone beyond the 50,000 mark—Norfolk, Va., Dallas and Houston, Texas. The stream of immigration, which has been so long flowing West, is beginning to branch off Southward. At present the most densely populated States of the Union are Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio. There is plenty of room yet in the West and in the South. Our wonderful industrial awakening in the South means that another decade will find the waste places humming with machinery and voices.—Exchange.



## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

### The Christian's Part.

MISS MARIE BUEHLMAYER.

Immigration still continues unabated and is becoming more and more of a problem to our country and its people. Some are apt to look upon the whole matter with awe and misgivings and would rather welcome laws of entire exclusion than the immigrant himself. Others again, viewing the situation from even a pecuniary standpoint, hail his coming, for they find in him great worth. A recent clipping from one of our local papers reads thus: "Sometime ago, the Commissioner of Immigration in New York State figured out that the average economic value of an able-bodied male immigrant over twenty years of age is \$1,125.00. If fifty per cent of the total number come under that classification, the wealth of this country can be said to have increased by the enormous sum of about \$650,000,000 last year through the arrival of immigrants alone. No wonder that some of the European countries are very much concerned over this loss of their citizens. In Italy, for instance, the steamship lines are prohibited from using any methods of publicity calculated to encourage immigration. Whoever advertises by circular or handbills or anything of the sort matters tending to encourage immigration is subject to a heavy fine and imprisonment. But what is their loss is our gain."

But there is still another side to the question and that is how does the Christian view his coming? Is this great procession of newcomers to him a reason for complaint, scorn, or contempt, or is it to him the call of God to opportunity and duty? It is all important that we see aright and hear aright in order to be able to judge and do aright. O, that we may have a mountain-top vision of golden opportunities presenting themselves at every turn in this connection; to see even as Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and "was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd" and then do as He did, when "He began to teach them many things." Opportunities? Why yes, for "Nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of the Lord thy God and the Holy One in Israel for He hath glorified thee." Marvelous! True, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Duty? Yes, positive and distinct, for the Lord further says: "I have made thee a watchman—therefore hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me." "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "Preach the gospel to every creature." "Ye are my witnesses." "We have tasted the goodness of God and it behooves us to testify to that fact until those about us shall be compelled to say: "We believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of the



living God." "Thou hast the words of eternal life."

I am reminded of a very touching incident at the landing when a Jewish mother told of the terrible



IMMIGRANT SHIP IN BALTIMORE HARBOR.

scenes in Russia and how she and her children were in the midst of awful bloodshed. Her sixteen-year-old daughter appeared specially bright and interesting, and quite willing to be led along spiritual paths. We finally invited her to our "Mission Box" and was about to give her some literature when we remarked: "Well, I suppose you are glad now to be in this free country and away from that land of horror and sighing," whereupon she opened her eyes wide, actually staring at me for awhile before she said: "Glad? Glad, did you say? Lady, how can I be glad, for my brethren, my people, are still there! Not until they too, shall be free, can I be glad." This surely needs no comment.

Again and again we meet those among the immigrants who tell us that "this is the first time these things (of Jesus and His love) were told us in this wise. We were able to understand everything you said. Oh, if you could only be with us to tell us more. We are so hungry." Did you hear it, sister, brother? Hungry! These people are hungry for the Bread of Life! Come, let us hurry and bring it to them, lest any perish by the wayside!

But then, too, let's remember that deeds must of necessity accompany our words. That mother in the "Penn" with her half-starved baby nursing a wet rag in want of milk, could not be expected to sit and listen intelligently to the sweet story until we had tried, even at great inconvenience to ourselves, to fetch some milk for the little sufferer.

That other one with her seven children, who has encountered so many disappointments and hardships on the way until she is now entirely deplete of even the necessary changes while in the Detention Hospital had another version of Christian sympathy and love when we came one day with a bundle of dry goods and furnishings, and this crying need was stilled.

Oh, yes, a great duty rests upon us as we behold the strangers within our gates, and we cannot afford to lose sight of our responsibility nor to make light of our opportunity! Shall we not put it all together, and find therein sweet privilege for service and soul-winning? That, too, is our privilege.

## From the Pawnee Indian Mission.

REV. J. G. BREDEL,  
PAWNEE INDIAN MISSIONARY

Just one year ago August 1st, under the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention I opened this mission. It was the first attempt Baptists ever made to do anything for this neglected tribe. It is so strange that God's people will live surrounded by heathen idolatry and superstition so long and feel such little interest in trying to help the victims into the "gospel light." Especially when

could gather the Indians together for services of any kind. I have had to go to the camps to get a few to listen to me while I would teach them God's word. They have become very much interested in hearing about Jesus. They always believed in a great power that they called "Tira-wan-atis." Now they call that power "God." I have had some very interesting services sitting in their tents on a blanket. Have had some good services at their dances, where they would stop and ask me to speak. Two weeks ago I spoke to about two hundred of them at one of their ceremonies.



BUFFALO RANCH AT PAWNEE INDIAN MISSION.

they are United States citizens, as these Indians are. They have a form of religion that is as much a pagan religion as you will find on any of the foreign fields. They have received me very kindly, have permitted me to speak at numbers of their gatherings. They have asked me to conduct several funerals, which shows their respect for a Christian burial. Two couples have called on me to marry them, which shows they are respecting the missionary and his work. We have been very much handicapped in our work, as we have had no place to worship, no place where I

The spirit of the Lord was present in great power. Eleven came forward and gave me their hands for prayer; many were weeping. One chief came and said: "We have been hunting for Jesus, we wanted to know Him, and now I have found Him and my heart is happy." I believe I can see signs of a great work of grace among these Indians. Our prospects for the future are so much brighter since the Home Mission Board has made the appropriation for mission buildings. God bless these big-hearted brethren that compose the Board. How their hearts are moved as they hear

the cries that come up from all over this Southland for help. On the promises of God and faith in their brethren they will make appropriations to help the needy field and borrow the money, as they are borrowing to build the Pawnee and Osage Indian Missions. Will not God's people make a special offering for this work? Perhaps some church that has built a new house have their old seats that they could donate to this mission. If they could not donate them, it may be they could sell them cheap. Could not some church donate us a bell? Perhaps some church or Sunday-school, or Ladies' Mission Society, or Young People's Society would donate us an organ? Will not some church or Sunday-school, or society write me saying they will donate one of these objects? In doing this you will help to equip this mission, and be a blessing to these Indians, and aid the Home Board in their work. My friends think what we as a people would have been without the gospel of Christ. What would this country have been without the church of God? Contrast our condition with the condition of these poor Indians and think what has made us so different, then say that part of the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come," and see if you do not feel like making an offering to help this "kingdom come" among these Indians. They are doing without God, numbers of them are hungering for God. I believe several of them will come out on God's side as soon as we get our church finished. Is there not some

Sunday school that has kept the Sunday school picture roles of last year that will send them to me for use among the Indians. They are so fine to help teach a scripture lesson. So often I can not get them interested until I take the picture role illustrating the life of Christ, then they gather around me and listen, and so many say, "Me want one dem pictures." If any Sunday school has the 1906 role that illustrates the life of Christ, you can confer a great blessing by sending them to us. The role this year does not interest them so much, as they do not care for the old Bible pictures. I have calls almost every day for New Testament pictures. I hope some one will send us some of these roles at once. Pray for this work.



AN EDUCATED HALF-BREED  
OSAGE YOUNG WOMAN.



H. F. Buckner, D.D.

REV. A. J. HOLT, D. D.

A notice of the death of the widow of the late Dr. H. F. Buckner having appeared in the Home Field, I take it upon myself to add a few items thereto.

Mrs. Buckner was the daughter of Rev. A. E. Vandiver, himself a Baptist missionary at one time under the appointment of the Home Mission Board. Miss Mollie Vandiver was an intelligent, devout young lady when Dr. Buckner's first wife, nee Miss Lucy Ann Dogan, formerly of Kentucky, died, about 1850. Dr. Buckner was married to Miss Vandiver about 1861, I think. She made him a most efficient helpmate. Dr. Buckner's labors were far more extensive than the narrow limits of this magazine could define. His life and labors deserve to be put into permanent book form. He was the pioneer missionary among the Creek Indians, having been sent to them by the Indian Mission Association of Kentucky in 1845 or 1846. The disruption of the work occasioned by the Civil War caused him to become a refugee to Texas for a few years. But he returned to the work so soon as the country settled down to peaceful pursuits, and there he remained most loyally until he fell at his post in 1881, full of honors. He found the Creek nation practically a heathen people. He left them practically a Christian people. He reduced their crude language to a written language

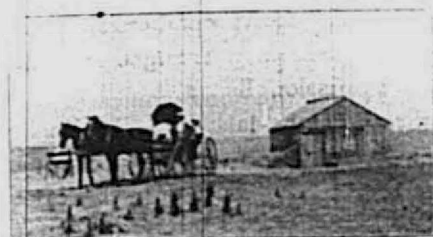
and translated into that tongue a grammar, a hymn book and Bible. These were all published before the War, and formed the basis for the Creek language ever after. After the War the Domestic Mission Board (now the Home Board) took the work of the Indian Mission Association of Kentucky, and assumed the name Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This name was found to be cumbersome and was subsequently changed to the Home Mission Board.

Early in the labors of Dr. Buckner he was fortunate in securing the friendship of the McIntosh family, a powerful family of Creek Indians. Col. D. N. McIntosh was a fierce and daring warrior. Chilly McIntosh became a devoted Baptist preacher. John McIntosh also became a devoted minister of the gospel, and for several years did valiant service as an interpreter for Dr. Buckner.

The conversion of this family to Christianity did more to establish the religion of Christ in the Creek nation than any other one thing. I was present at the funeral of Chilly McIntosh, Dr. Buckner preaching the funeral sermon. It seemed as if the whole nation was present. John McIntosh, under the influence of Dr. Buckner, became a missionary to all the surrounding country. He frequently came among the Seminoles while I was missionary there. He also accompanied me on my first missionary trip to the Wild Indians. Dr. Buckner was instru-



mental in introducing the gospel among the Seminoles. He baptized the man who baptized John Jumper, the famous chief of the Seminoles, one of the original chiefs who surrendered to the United States forces in the Florida War. John Jumper was a conspicuous figure for seventy years among the Seminoles. Dr. Buckner was thoroughly acquainted with every fam-



CHURCH BUILT OVER A DUGOUT IN BIG PASTURE, OKLAHOMA.

ily of Indians in the Creek nation, and more than all other agencies combined, was instrumental in the firm establishment of the cause of Christ in the Indian Territory.

H. F. Buckner was a scholarly man, having been graduated from Maryville College, Tennessee, in early life. His mind was of a high order. His preaching was with great power. Sometimes his utterances were almost inspired, and carried immediate conviction to the hearts of his hearers.

He inured himself to hardships. He could ride all day every day for a week, sleep on his saddle blanket every night, and eat only sofka (a boiled corn allowed to sour), and preach every night. He was remarkably prolific with his pen, and kept the denomination informed of Indian Mission work

through the denominational papers. He had what we call "mother wit," and had a royal good, genial nature. He made a multitude of friends among the Indians, and died universally beloved, and the whole Creek nation was bereaved.

He left three sons and two daughters, besides his widow, to lament his loss.

Dr. R. C. Buckner, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and founder and manager of the famous Buckner Orphans' Home of Texas, is his youngest brother. Mrs. M. B. Roots, the mother of Dr. A. J. Holt, is his sister.

### Southwestern Louisiana.

REV. T. D. BUSH, SULPHUR.

I came on this field January first as missionary pastor for two small churches, one in the country and the other at Sulphur, near the great sulphur mines, from which the world gets its supplies of sulphur. A little church of sixteen members had just been constituted at Sulphur with no house in which to worship, and Vincent church, for lack of a pastor, had run down, and their church house was out of repair. It was a gloomy prospect, and I knew that I was up against a hard proposition. But having had many years' experience, I at once began to pray and plan, and then to put my plans into execution. Seven months have passed into history, and I report the following results:

At Sulphur a good Sunday-school

is maintained, and a live W. M. U. at work, and the membership increased to twenty-six. More than \$1,500 raised in cash on church building, \$20.00 per month paid monthly on pastor's salary, \$19.00 sent in for Home Missions, \$10.00 for Orphanage, \$10.00 for Louisiana College, etc. We are now finishing the house which will cost about \$2,000 and only about \$300.00 debt, and all this raised in the neighborhood, and almost entirely among the Baptists.

At Vincent we have just closed a great revival, baptizing twenty-five people, ranging in age from seven-

ty-five to ten years. For religious purposes the church has raised in cash during the seven months \$500. The house will soon be repaired. Have two Sunday-schools and a W. M. U. with twenty members. Have put our State paper in ten families, and last Sunday raised for state missions \$115.00. I send these items of work on a hard field hoping to encourage some hard-worked brother on a similar field.

Our consecrated lady, Miss Heck, wrote me to know if I needed a box, but I asked the good women to send their boxes to a more needy one. I am O. K.



A SCENE IN THE ALABAMA MOUNTAINS.

# EVANGELISM

REV. W. W. HAMILTON General Evangelist

Remember the ministry of intercession.

Revivals must be prayed down.

Brother Sledge is in a meeting in Louisville.

Brother Wright has been in meetings at Dawson Springs, Ky.

New Orleans meetings begin March 8th with a Bible Conference.

Meridian, Miss., Baptist campaign begins the first of December.

Brother Wright is in meetings at Druid Hill Park Mission in Baltimore. A new church is to be organized.

Brother W. D. Wakefield is in Chicago for the winter taking voice culture. He expects to return at the close of the session.

Brother Michaels is doing great service for those who cannot hear the gospel preached. This work is purely missionary. Pray for him.

Brother Hamilton is now at Shelbyville, Tenn., assisting Pastor J. A. Taylor. Brother Byron Bibb is leading the singing and helping in the meetings.

Plan, Brother Pastor, to begin

special services in your church January 1st, and resolve to continue as long as the Lord indicates. Pray, plan, preach, believe!

"Experience and observation reveal the fact that the seeming failures in special revival efforts are due mainly to the lack of thorough preparation."—B. P. Robertson.

The concerted meetings in St. Joseph, Mo., begin the first Sunday in November. Evangelist Hamilton is to be with Brother O'Kelly at the First Church. A great revival is expected.

Brother Hamilton will, in October, assist Brother W. D. Nowlin, Third Church, Owensboro, Ky., fulfilling a promise made more than a year ago. This church has had many great revivals.

Write to the office for the tract, "Evangelistic Meetings," by B. P. Robertson. It is in two parts, (1) The preparation of a church for special evangelistic meetings, (2) The conduct of special evangelistic meetings.

The Evangelistic Department is encouraging the production of our own literature on revival services and on the plan of salvation. "How Can God Be Just and Save Me?" is Brother Hamilton's latest tract.



Brother Harvey Beauchamp of Little Rock, has a fine tract on "The Greatest Question Answered." It has been used of God in leading many to a saving knowledge of our Lord. Write him about it.

"Let me admit without qualification that the Christian ideal is not lived up to anywhere in the world: let me again admit that the best of Christians everywhere fall below the conception of life and teachings of the Man of Galilee."

"Still I will contend that one who follows Christ afar off, even with limping step and many a fall, may live a nobler life than the perfect disciple of Confucius. No ideal is high that is fully realized."

"The man who claims for his ideal that, instead of being above him, it is perfectly embodied in his life, confesses that he has no aspirations for improvement. It is the glory of the Christian ideal that while it is within sight of the weakest and the lowliest, it is still high enough to keep the best and purest with their faces turned ever upward."—W. J. Bryan.

"When saved ourselves we show one side of God's nature, his holiness. If we stop here we show only one side. When we help to save others we show forth the other, the love side of God. Not until then do we share with God in that which gave Jesus to die for a lost and sinning world. See to it that your life sets forth both holiness and love"

Drs. A. C. Dixon and L. G. Broughton have both promised to assist in the New Orleans meetings. They will both be in the Bible Conference from March 8th to 15th. Dr. Dixon will speak on "Evangelism," and Dr. Broughton on "The Spiritual Life." We expect this to be the occasion for pastors in all the adjoining country to come together. Pray for New Orleans! Come to New Orleans!

The Seminary is planning for great things at the mid-winter gathering this year. The Sunday-school lectures, the Gay course, and the lectures on Evangelism will all be given at that season, as they were last year. The Home Board and the Seminary both believe the Evangelism course of great importance and worthy of a regular place. The Baptist Argus suggests a chair on Evangelism.

The General Evangelist during August visited Fort Smith, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Ark., Springfield, Mo., Winona Lake, Ind., and Bristol, Va.-Tenn. There were many professions in the services at the institutes and conferences. A campaign for a town and surrounding country is already being planned for next summer. We shall be glad to see the country-campaign idea carried out. There are great possibilities in it.

Brother J. H. Dew led some open conferences on Evangelism at the Pertle Springs, Mo., gathering. Printed lists of twenty-five ques-

tions were used on "Before the Revival, What?" "During the Revival, What?" "After the Revival, What?" Some of the questions were, "What is the pastor's duty to the evangelist?" "What is the duty of the evangelist to the pastor?" "What about separate meetings for men, women, children?" "How can the work of the revival be made permanent?"

The following is a recent decision card:

### My Decision.

With repentance toward God I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, and I will endeavor henceforth to follow His example and obey His commands.

Name.....

Address.....

Church Preferred.....

1. Confess Him publicly as your Lord. Ro. 10:9, 10.
2. Follow Him in Baptism. Matt. 3:15, Ro. 6:4.
3. Work for Him as the way opens. Jas. 1:22.
4. Worship with His people. Heb. 10:24, 25.
5. Study His Word and pray. 2 Tim. 3:16, Matt. 6:6.
6. Confess when wrong has been done. 1 Jno. 1:9.
7. Press onward and upward. Phils. 3:13, 14.

The other side of the card has the following suggestion as to the "A B C" of the gospel:

"ALL have sinned," Ro. 3:23.  
 "Wages of sin is death," Ro. 6:23.

"Into hell, into the unquenchable fire," Mark 9:43. "Where their worm dieth not," Mark 9:48. "Forever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night," Rev. 14:11. "Repented not of their deeds," Rev. 16:11.

"BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus," Acts 16:31. "As many as received Him," Jno. 1:12. "He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed," Jno. 3:18. "Without shedding of blood is no remission," Heb. 9:22.

"COME unto me," Matt. 11:28. "Whosoever will," Rev. 22:11. "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ," Acts 20:21. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," Jno. 6:37.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16.

Rev. Earle D. Sims has become General Missionary Evangelist of State Mission and Sunday-school Board of Florida, and makes his home at Orlando. He has purchased a tent and outfit and in that sunny clime expects to use it throughout the winter. He has just recently closed a meeting at Crescent City with twenty-seven additions. We rejoice in every such step on the part of our people for taking this evangelistic tide at its flood and visiting the needy or the hardened places with an urgent and believing ministry.

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Rev. T. J. Davis, Busch, Okla.: The newness of my field makes the work hard, but God is blessing my work. I will organize another church in the near future.

Rev. Joe S. King, Meers, Okla. Our prospects are brightening. The Baptist cause is moving forward as never before in Oklahoma. Meetings are being held all over the new State and thousands are being born into the kingdom.

Rev. E. M. Nobles, Buck, I. T.: I am here in a meeting and the Lord is wonderfully blessing our efforts here. I am praying the Lord to visit this town in power. We had one Roman Catholic up for prayer last night. He is deeply concerned about his salvation. He has been a leader of the Catholic Clemen.

Rev. John H. Byers, Poteau, I. T.: Our work is moving along in good order considering general condition. In work we have the first place of the nine churches in the town and also have by far the best attendance. Yet there is great room for improvement.

Rev. Robert L. Lemons, St. Louis, Mo.: We must build, and that very soon. Congregations good and the interest fine. Additions nearly every Sunday. Sorry this report is behind time. This is a great and

growing field. Money expended here will yield a rich harvest if wisely used. We have two missions, as perhaps you know. We rejoice at the good work of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. J. L. Odell, Woodward, Okla.: My field is a country field, and churches are poor and scattering, but the country is developing. I am preaching at the new county seat of Harper county, and at last meeting organized church and obtained building lot. You may wonder why I report no home or foreign missions, but my churches are in a strain, one contemplating a house, another preparing to build.

Rev. J. F. Coe, Sallisaw, I. T.: The Eastern District Association is a field of great destitution—not a self-supporting church for full time in it. There are seventeen churches and less than half dozen progressive pastors in her bounds. The Arkansas river runs through it, making one of the richest farming districts in the United States.

We need more Godly, consecrated men to come here and help us harvest this falling grain.

B. F. Ballard, May, Okla.: We had a glorious Baptist rally in May at Ivanhoe, at which time we raised \$10 for district missions, \$8.50 for state missions and \$500



for a new church—\$200 cash. We hope to be in our new building by the fourth Sunday in October, at which time we want to dedicate it. Pray for us, for the building means great sacrifice for the people. Lumber must be hauled thirty miles. Wagons enough to bring all the lumber at one time will go next week.

Rev. J. T. King, Ardmore, I. T.: Concord church is the result of a meeting held by me in September where there had never been any preaching. The church was organized under a bush arbor, as there was not a place for white people to meet. The full blood Indians had a church house near; one of their members was present. After the organization he invited us to appoint a committee to meet with their church. We did so, and the with them and worship in their (our) house. Since that time there is a wonderful change for the better result is that we have contracted in the community.

Rev. C. E. Cannady, Ramona, I. T.: The church at Collinsville, I. T., will build a brick church house this summer. One thousand seven hundred dollars has been subscribed toward the building. A very desirable corner lot has been bought and paid for. This church is now paying rent at the opera house. Membership, 72; Sunday-school enrollment, 80.

The new Baptist church at Ramona, I. T., was dedicated June 2d. Rev. W. S. Wiley preached the

dedicating sermon. Seven hundred and fifty dollars was raised that day, which provides for all indebtedness, except the amount borrowed from the Home Board. Valuation of property, \$3,500. Seating capacity, 275. Church membership, 32. Sunday-school enrollment, 90.

James E. Malloy, Hickory, I. T.: This quarter has truly been seed time. The needs of the churches of this new State can well be stated with four words, viz.: Consecration, Education, Enlistment and Enlargement. The need of the field is more laborers. In my estimation the greatest hindrance to the spread of the gospel in this new State is ignorance of and a want of reverence for the Word of God and Sabbath desecration. If God's people could only realize the extent of influence they would certainly be more careful of their lives. The Lord is blessing my labors at a regular monthly meeting. At one of my missionary stations I baptized eleven and received four by letter, and four more approved for baptism. Yours for the Master's service.

Rev. W. B. Peeples, Guthrie, Okla.: Our services are deeply spiritual. The Lord seems to be in our midst. Though the weather is warm, aggressive work is planned for the summer. Out of door meetings are to be held at night. Some accessions to our force from resident Baptists are expected soon. Revival meetings are to be held some time during the quarter.

The pastor is seeking to do faithful, conscientious service on a difficult but promising field, and he believes that God will crown the work with manifest success.

Rev. John O. Guthrie, Fairview, Okla.: As first pastor on the field, I began work February 1, 1907. Moved family here April 5, 1907, and on June 26th we occupied a new six-room parsonage. We secured one 50-foot lot for \$160, and the townsite company donated one. The lots and parsonage will cost about \$1,250, and are worth \$1,500. We worship in the opera house. Congregation and Sunday-school is improving. Support of pastor and building parsonage the first year is trying the strength of the church, and the burden is heavy, but we are trying to introduce more systematic plans for the financial work of the church. Slowly it is being approved and we trust that soon we may have better results. Over half of amount for parsonage and lots is in sight, and the canvass is not yet completed. Many Baptists have not yet identified themselves with the church, but we are reaching some of them, and hope that many will unite before special meetings in October. We hope to get the benevolences in line also, as we have not fully done so yet. The outlook is very hopeful, though the burden seems heavy.

#### A New Church Organized.

Rev. M. M. Calejo, Cienfuegos:  
Invited by some members of the

Baptist church in Cienfuegos, residents in Arriete, Brother Rodriguez, of Santa Clara, Brother Navarro and I went to Arriete, a pleasant country place eleven miles from Cienfuegos, with the purpose of organizing a new church in that place. Brother Navarro is in charge of that missionary field. On the fifteenth of June we left Cienfuegos in the morning and reached Arriete at noon. More than eighty persons waited for us.

About two o'clock I performed a marriage ceremony and then a council, composed of Elders Navarro, Rodriguez and myself, was organized. I was elected moderator of the council. All our doctrines were read and explained and also the church covenant which was unanimously adopted.

We held a great service at night. Brother Navarro is doing a good work in the country. The Lord bless and guide him in his noble labors of winning souls for Christ through His gospel of grace.

I rejoice to say that our immortal Baptist principles are triumphing here and will triumph in Cuba. A preacher of the Congregational Church was baptized last night. He is a Christian man. Before his baptism he requested me to talk to the church and give his reasons why he became a Baptist. There were present in our service more than one hundred hearers, some of them belonging to the Methodist and Congregational churches. My sermon was on Luke xx:4. "The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men." I preached about the divine origin of the ordinance, its importance and

necessity. Brother Becarro, the young man who was immersed last night, is studying with me Theology, Baptist Principles, Introduction to the Scriptures, English and Synopsis. He is very active in the work and consecrated.

On the twenty-eighth of July the Methodist church commenced to build her temple. When shall we

have ours? Also, they bought a two-story house for \$27,000 for a high school. Properties here increase every year and if we do not buy now we shall have to pay a fortune for a lot.

The Lord is blessing us in this work and I hope He will bring many souls to Him this year.

### BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

**The Marks of a Man.**—By Robert E. Speer, M.A. Jennings and Graham, Cincinnati. \$1.00.

Mr. Speer and the quality of his work, whether on the platform or with his pen, is generally known among American Christians. It is only necessary to say that this book represents him at his best. The volume, composed of five addresses, is, "The Merrick Lectures for 1906," delivered before Ohio Wesleyan University. The special theme is the essentials of Christian character, and the author finds these to be Truth, Purity, Service, Freedom, Progress and Patience. Sound morality and lofty ethics are stressed as the ground of character and the discussion of these is illuminated by illustration and incident in the lives of men who have exemplified these virtues. The book is a vital message for an age of wealth, luxury and lax moral standards.

(These books can be ordered at the prices given of the American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta, Ga.)

The minutes of the General Convention of the Baptists of North America for sessions held at St. Louis in 1905 and Jamestown Exposition in 1907 are ready for distribution. In addition to the proceedings, the minutes contain a brief history of events leading to the organization of the Convention and the principal addresses delivered at both

sessions. No doubt there will be a great demand for these valuable documents of 127 pages when it is learned that they can be had of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 7096 Metropolitan Building, New York, for 50 cents.

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## THE QUIET HOUR.

Child of my love, lean hard,  
And let me feel the pressure of thy care.  
I know thy burden, child. I shaped it;  
Poised in mine own hand; made no proportion  
In its weight to thine unaided strength.  
For even as I laid it on, I said:  
"I shall be near, and while she leans  
on me,  
This burden shall be mine, not hers;  
So shall I keep my child within the cir-  
cling arms  
Of my own love." Here lay it down,  
nor fear  
To impose it upon a shoulder which up-  
holds  
The government of worlds. Yet closer  
come;  
Thou art not near enough. I would em-  
brace thy care  
So I might feel my child reposing on  
my breast.  
Thou lovest me? I knew it. Doubt not  
then;  
But, love me and lean hard.

—Selected.

## Mission Topic For October.

### Africa.

"All the ends of the world shall re-  
member and turn unto the Lord." Mis-  
sionaries, 11. Churches, 19. Member-  
ship, 1,051. Baptisms, 206. Schools, 15.

"We are God's and the stamp of God-  
likeness should be on everything we do."

### Africa's Names.

Africa was so called by the Romans.  
It means without cold, or sunny. Amer-  
icans call it the Dark Continent, and the  
Africans call it "the white man's grave."

## Size and Population.

Few people realize the vast extent of  
the dark continent. Its extreme length  
would span the 5,000 miles from Gibrat-  
tar to the heart of America. Its greatest  
breadth would cover the distance from  
San Francisco to the middle of the At-  
lantic. Within this area is a population  
of from 160,000,000 to 200,000,000, almost  
one-seventh of the entire human race.

## Age of Africa.

Africa is at once among the oldest  
and the youngest of the lands of earth.  
Among the oldest, for what we know  
of her stretches far back into the early  
dawn of the world's history.

When, in 1876, the United States was  
celebrating the first century of its in-  
dependence, this message was wired  
from Egypt, "The oldest country of the  
world sends greetings to the youngest."

She is also among the youngest of  
lands, for the light of Christianity is  
just beginning to dissipate the darkness  
in which she has been shrouded for cen-  
turies.

## In the Yoruba Country.

The work of Southern Baptists is in  
West Africa, in what is known as the  
Yoruba Country. This is a section al-  
most as large as the State of Arkansas,  
bounded by Dahomey and Mahee and  
the river Niger. It has a population of  
about 2,000,000. On account of the slave  
trade and the fierce tribal wars, the peo-  
ple have been driven to reside mostly in  
cities for the sake of self-protection.  
As a result, there are within this terri-  
tory fourteen cities, with populations  
ranging from 40,000 to 200,000. The peo-  
ple are pure negroes, and in some re-  
spects are among the most intelligent  
and promising of the African races.

Agriculture is the chief industry, and the people make their own agricultural implements. They also have some knowledge of pottery, weaving, tanning, dyeing and forging.

#### Ancient History of Africa.

The history of the Jewish people begins in the tent of Abraham in Africa.

Here Joseph ruled; Isreal found food in famine; Moses was born and educated. Here Isreal suffered as God pursued steadily His purpose of separating unto Himself a chosen people. In Africa was slain the first passover lamb, the wonderful type of another to whom the Baptist should point, saying, "Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Africa sheltered the Infant Savior; a man from Africa bore Christ's cross to the place of crucifixion; the Ethiopian Eunuch was from Africa, and so was Apollos.

In the days of Rome's supremacy she formed one of the wealthiest and most important portions of the Empire. The culture and learning of the Alexandrian Era is a matter of common knowledge. To the early church she gave the fiery zeal of Tertullian, and the saintly life of Augustine.

#### Our S. B. C. Mission Stations in Africa.

Ogbomoshaw has proved congenial soil for Baptist truth, for we have two churches, which are almost entirely self-supporting, and a mission chapel in a needy quarter of the town.

In Abbeokuta, Southern Baptists have today three churches. This city is rapidly becoming the center of a civilized, independent African kingdom.

Awyaw (Ibadan) is an important city. A new Baptist church has recently been built and dedicated at Ibadan, a country of a large population.

Shaki is located on the northern boundary of Yoruba, where at present the churches have no work at all. Already native traders are passing freely between the two countries, and it is time that a voice was heard crying in the Bariba language, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Great sorrow in the home of our President, Miss Heck, has made it impossible for her to furnish the "Union Mail" for this month. In the death of her sister, Mrs. B. Grimes Cowper, she is greatly bereaved. The Raleigh papers had the following notice:

#### MRS. B. GRIMES COWPER DIED YESTERDAY MORNING.

One of the Most Esteemed Matrons of Raleigh Will Be Laid to Rest

This Afternoon.

"It was with the shock of a great sorrow that it was learned by many friends and relatives yesterday morning that Mrs. B. Grimes Cowper, one of Raleigh's most esteemed matrons, had died suddenly at her home on North Blount street.

"Her death occurred yesterday morning at about ten o'clock and the news of it will carry grief to many who admired and loved this charming woman, who was possessed of a rare and sweet personality. A devoted wife and mother, and always a favorite in social circles, her life has been such as to bring brightness into other lives, and many tears are shed because she has been called beyond. Her infant child followed the loving mother to the beyond at three o'clock yesterday afternoon."

We feel sure that the great heart of the entire union goes out in sympathy for our noble leader in this dark hour. Some one has wisely said that as we come up to the edge of a great sorrow, it seems that our hearts will break. As we pray, however, our will sinks into God's will and we have peace. The sorrow is not alleviated, but we have acquiesced in it and the bitterness is past. May the heavenly Father thus sustain the sorrowing family.

The following description of the Yanceyville school is furnished at our request by Dr. A. E. Brown, superintendent of Mountain Missions and Schools:

This school has been chosen as the "Annie Armstrong" school. We give this instruction of the school and in due

time will follow it up with more information. We wish our sisters to become fully conversant with the workings of the school that has been chosen by their request to represent our recognition of Miss Annie W. Armstrong's nineteen years of loyal and untiring service to the cause of home missions. Listen to Bro. Brown.

Dear Mrs. Gray:—The history of the Yancy Institute dates back to the beginning of the effort to organize a system of Baptist academies for the mountain region.

Yancy county is in the very heart of the North Carolina mountains. There is very little level land in the county and what there is is along the creeks and river. The mountains are high and steep. Burnsville, where the school is located, is the only town in the county, and had a population of about 300 when the school was located. The nearest railroad point at that time was forty miles away. The people are self-respecting and self-reliant to a very high degree. They are Baptist overwhelmingly. Notwithstanding there were no Presbyterians in the county yet the Northern Presbyterians established a school there two years previous to our school. But they were not only not willing to treat our people fair but were disposed to run over them. This the self-respecting ones resented and called upon me for assistance. The only assistance I could give them was to plan for them and assist them in carrying out their plans, which I did by canvassing the county thoroughly for funds to build the Baptist school. They responded to my appeals gloriously, giving what they had, horses, lumber,

grain, labor or whatever they had, to the value of over \$3,000. With this we erected a five-room pebble dash building. A company of men got together and by contributing labor and material erected a dormitory for the boys. Later, with the assistance of the Home Board, they erected a dormitory for girls. Notwithstanding the cheap rates at the other school, which appealed to the poverty of the people, yet the Baptists have been so loyal to their school that these buildings are now insufficient to accommodate the boys and girls who come.

Nowhere in all the mountain region have the people made greater sacrifices to build and maintain a school. Among the host of loyal friends the school has had from the beginning the most helpful is a young lawyer. Indeed among the men produced by these mountains none are greater than E. F. Watson, the lawyer referred to. He has contributed his time and money to the enterprise and when the way was so gloomy that others could not see their way ahead he was always present with his plans and good cheer.

Prof. E. E. Hawkins has been with the school from the beginning. He is of the very highest type of Christian gentlemen and is impressing his high ideals upon the young people of the county and working a revolution. He has for his co-workers Miss Martha Sullinger, of Missouri; Miss Minnie Davis, of Tennessee, and Miss Hendrix, of South Carolina. These teachers had in school last year 286 students.

Cordially yours,

A. E. Brown.