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## SUNDOWN

"Hills wrapped in grey, standing along the west;  
Clouds, dimly lighted, gathering slowly;  
The star of peace at watch above the crest—  
Oh, holy, holy, holy!

We know, O Lord, so little what is best;  
Wingless, we move so lowly;  
But in Thy calm all knowledge let us rest—  
Oh, holy, holy, holy!

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## EDITORIAL

Fortunately the city and sights at Hot Springs can be seen in a little while. The hotels are all convenient to the place of meeting. Good fellowship and attendance upon the sessions of the Convention can be enjoyed at Hot Springs as in no other city in the South. Let us make the most of the fellowship and the attendance.

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention has closed another notable year. Miss Heck, the capable and beloved President, has lead valiantly, with Miss Edith Crane, the new and gifted Corresponding Secretary, while the great host of co-workers have made a new record for consecration and efficiency.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is wonderfully alert to the changing needs and conditions of its great field. The supreme need just now is additional endowment. Let the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs give the Seminary the fairest hearing it has ever received. Plans ought to be laid for completing the \$1,000,000 endowment by the Convention in May, 1909.

Dr. O. F. Gregory writes to the Religious Herald as follows:

"Sunday, March 22d, Rev. J. W.

Michaels, the evangelist of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, to the deaf, held a service for the deaf in the Sunday-school room of the Baptist church. A large congregation of those deprived of hearing were present. Thirty-three professed conversion, and twenty-three of these wish to unite with the Baptist church; among them are professors of the Virginia School for Deaf and Blind—bright, intelligent young men. These candidates will be carefully examined, and if they obtain written consent of their parents, and are otherwise satisfactory, will be baptized. Brother Michaels is doing a good and useful work among these afflicted ones."

How such a report should gladden the hearts of Southern Baptists! They are doing no more blessed work than this.

The following comes to us from a dear sister in Alabama:

"The five dollar gold coin inclosed I send to the Home Mission Board. It has a history. It was given my husband in his young manhood, by his father, with the request to keep it. After our marriage it came into my possession with the history and request, which I have sacredly observed. Now, I

am in my three score year-and ten and can't be spared to live many years at best. I will send this treasured coin where I feel the finger of Providence has so directed. May its mission for good be so directed by an all-wise God, that a signal blessing for good may come of it.

"A long subscriber to Our Home Field."

Two facts from the frontier: (1) The co-operative home missionaries in Texas collected during the year just closing for home missions \$4,552.00 and for foreign missions \$5,029.37. It will be seen that their collections for foreign missions, although they were supported in part by the Home Mission Board, exceeded their collections for home missions. This is but an illustration of the character of work that has been done by the Home Mission Board from its organization to the present time. (2) Referring to the benefits derived from the assistance received in Oklahoma, Mr. J. C. Stalcup, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board of Oklahoma, says: "Permit me to call your attention to the fact that a careful study of the annual reports of some ten of the nearby states discloses the fact that home mission money invested in the two territories of which the state of Oklahoma is formed, for the last two or three years has produced from two to five times as large results as any of the states examined. I mention this fact in this report to show to your constituency that the money entrusted to you and by you in-

vested in this field has been wisely invested."

As we come to the close of another year we have great cause for rejoicing at the Divine favor which has rested upon the work of our Board and the labors of our missionaries. As we go to press it is too early for us to know what has been the financial outcome for the year and to know fully the work that has been accomplished. Indeed, much of the work accomplished by the Home Mission Board and its faithful missionaries can neither be computed in figures nor otherwise committed to print. We already have in hand sufficient reports to show a decided advance in the work accomplished during the year, regardless of what shall be the final amount of money contributed to the Board in the support of this work.

It will be remembered that the Convention at Richmond last year instructed the Board to lay out its work for the year on the basis of \$500,000. In a spirit of conservatism the Board curtailed the amount of obligations which it assumed considerably below these figures, although to do so we were constrained to decline many urgent and worthy appeals for help in every department and in every state in the South as well as in Cuba and Panama. The work was laid out, however, on a very decided advance over that of last year. During this year special stress has been laid upon the work of building houses of worship and more has been accomplished by the Home Mission Board in that department than dur-

ing any year of its history. The annual report of the Board will show very gratifying results in this connection.

The Lord has graciously blessed the labors of our evangelists. While the number laboring in this department has not been increased over that of last year the work they have accomplished is far-reaching and can never be adequately represented in any tabulated statement. Their reports show, however, that they have held 49 evangelistic meetings, in which 2,983 souls have professed conversion, and 134 persons have decided to devote their lives to the work of the ministry or missions. Under the ministration of our evangelists in meetings held by them there have been 1,677 persons baptized, 791 persons received by letter, making a total addition to Baptist churches of 2,468. The work in Cuba and Panama, mountain schools, work among the Negroes, as well as other departments of the work, have been earnestly pressed forward.

The full report of the Board will be in print for distribution at the Convention at Hot Springs and we feel sure that brethren will be interested in learning more fully of the work accomplished as shown therein.

#### Prohibition in Atlanta.

The friends of the saloon are flooding the land with falsehoods about the effect of prohibition in territory where it is in operation. It is the duty of the friends of prohibition to familiarize themselves with the real facts and be prepared

to refute these falsehoods. From time to time we will give our Home Field readers such account of conditions in Georgia as that furnished by Brother Welch in our March number.

A reporter of the Atlanta Georgian and News has recently interviewed several business and public men of Atlanta with a view to ascertaining the facts regarding the effect of prohibition in Atlanta. These facts give the lie to much which whiskey men have sent out from this city. Notwithstanding the business depression of which the whole country has complained, the heads of the large department stores in Atlanta assure the reporter that the three months under prohibition, January, February and March, mark the period of greatest prosperity ever enjoyed by these stores. The proprietor of the leading hotel of the city, of which it was prophesied that prohibition would ruin it, says: "We have a full house." There are sixty-eight Kress 5c. and 10c. stores in the South, scattered among the principal cities, and the Atlanta store leads them all in the amount of increase in business this spring. The Recorder of the police court says, "The records of police court for these three months show that crime has been decreased 50 per cent. Drunkenness, so far as cases in court is concerned, has decreased 75 per cent." He says, "The prohibition law is being enforced in this city just as much as any other law." The following, from the Georgian and News, speaks for itself, as well as for prohibition:



### Record in Police Court.

The figures from police court, showing how the number of adult cases and the number of "drunks" have fallen off since the prohibition law went into effect the first of the year, are as follows:

Total cases for Jan., 1907.....	1,568
Total cases for Jan., 1908.....	637
Decrease .....	931
Total "drunks" for Jan., 1907..	553
Total "drunks" for Jan., 1908..	65
Decrease .....	488
Total cases for Feb., 1907.....	1,340
Total cases for Feb., 1908.....	712
Decrease .....	628
Total "drunks" for Feb., 1907..	442
Total "drunks" for Feb., 1908..	128
Decrease .....	314
Total cases for Mar., 1907.....	1,472
Total cases to date, Mar., 1908.	728
Decrease .....	744
Total "drunks" for Mar., 1907..	405
Total "drunks" to date for March, 1908 .....	113
Decrease .....	292

### Back to Hot Springs After Eight Years.

It was eight years ago the Southern Baptist Convention met at Hot Springs. It seemed to us at that time to be one of the greatest meetings the Convention ever held. Great themes were discussed by great men. We remarked to Dr. J. M. Frost at that Convention that the senior class held forth. Drs. J. B. Gambrell, B. H. Carroll, Henry McDonald and W. E. Hatcher were speakers on that great Sabbath, a special program having been arranged for that day. Up to that time we had never experienced

such a day at the Southern Convention and it is doubtful whether we have surpassed it since in missionary fervor and denominational sweep and power. The progress has been steady and rapid.

Many changes have come during these brief years. Gov. J. P. Eagle, who moved that the ballot be cast for Gov. W. J. Northen for President, has passed to his reward. Drs. I. T. Tichenor and F. H. Kerfoot, honored Secretaries of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Henry McDonald, for many years prominent in general denominational work, have likewise gone from our midst. Dr. A. J. Barton had just a few months before resigned as Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. E. E. Bomar had been elected his successor. Since then Dr. F. C. McConnell served a brief period as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board and Dr. A. J. Barton Field Secretary; while Dr. J. F. Love is now Assistant Corresponding Secretary. The Foreign Mission Board in turn has lost Rev. E. E. Bomar. His place was soon supplied by the election of Dr. W. H. Smith. The Foreign Board has in addition elected Dr. T. B. Ray, Educational Secretary and Dr. S. J. Porter, Field Secretary, thus doubling their administrative force. The Sunday-school Board has had fewer changes, the changes being chiefly in the addition of Field Secretaries.

In the work accomplished a great advance has been made. The Foreign Mission Board at the Hot Springs Convention 1900 reported

total receipts from the states \$140,102.30. The figures for 1908 are not present, but in 1907, or seven years after the previous Convention at Hot Springs, their receipts were \$403,811.54—nearly 300 per cent. advance in seven years. For the same time the Home Board receipts were respectively, \$72,411.60 and \$220,829.23, an increase of more than 300 per cent. The figures for the present year, 1908, cannot be made out till the 30th of April, but we are hopeful that a decided advance over last year will be the good fortune of both Boards. The increase in our financial receipts has not been greater than the advance in all departments of the work of our various boards.

We go, therefore, to the Convention at Hot Springs full of hope and encouragement. It is a great day of opportunity for Southern Baptists. We ought to have a large attendance, especially from the West and the Southwest. Hot Springs is not far. From 500,000 Baptists east of the Mississippi, and we ought to have a large contingent from the Atlantic Seaboard.

It is befitting that we should go in the spirit of prayer with large expectations from God and large undertakings for Him. May He grant us wisdom and grace in this great annual convocation.

#### Spasmodic Benevolence.

As the missionary enterprise assumes larger proportions there is increasing risk in trusting its support to our present haphazard method of raising missionary money. The welfare or collapse of the whole enterprise is left to the contingencies of a single month. If

the weather is good during that month, if the preacher is happily persuasive the day the collection is taken, and the congregation happens to have a sufficient surplus cash just at that time, and if these conditions prevail generally, we may expect a substantial advance over the previous year and a general rejoicing at the Convention. But pending even so fortunate an outcome all the genuine lovers of the great work must be on the rack. If these conditions do not conspire for this fortunate issue, a debt is the inevitable result, faithful men are discouraged, embarrassing complications arise, and the work is hampered.

What is the remedy? Manifestly we must put more principle into this chief concern of our organized religious life. Our support of this work must not depend upon the weather for a single month or Sunday in the year, the good plight and pathetic illustration of the preacher, and the loose change which happens to be in the pockets of our Sunday clothes. God's cause must share in and take only the risk of the providential supply which gives our families three meals each day. There is guilt at our door when God's cause suffers and we do not go hungry. This question of giving God His part is one which we must settle. When it is settled His cause will be as safe as are our lives under His providential care. This missionary campaign must include this question in the things to receive attention. It is to this foundation principle of square dealing with God that the leaders of our hosts



must look for the source of a steady and inexhaustible supply of benevolence to meet the increasing demands of the missionary enterprise. Principle must substitute spasm.

Together with the adoption of this principle we must adopt a system for gathering up and applying to current need the benevolences which this principle provides. Teaching their people to lay aside regularly a definite and sacred portion of their living, pastors and their advisers must adopt and carry into effect a most thoroughly business-like method for bringing this Lord's portion into the hands of the church treasurer and a regular distribution of this in a thoroughly just proportion to the several missionary boards. Each week or each month the money must be gathered up by some systematic plan and thus be gotten ready to meet the regular running expenses of the missionary work. And this is not all. Justice and judgment should decide how it is to be distributed. This should not be left to impulse or emotion. The incident of a touching appeal that chances to be made at the opportune moment or the timely appearance upon the scene of a certain agent, should not decide the proportion of a year's offering one

of our boards is to receive. The calmest judgment and the largest consensus of the denominational opinion should be given a hearing before so important a matter is decided. If the great work is to be cared for and no part of it is to suffer, those who conduct the various departments must have some basis upon which to calculate expenditures and operate their forces. At present, for instance, the proportion fixed by the Southern Baptist Convention for home and foreign missions is in the ratio of 2 to 3 respectively. On this proportion to the limit of given amounts these boards were instructed to prosecute their work for the year. We are writing this before the receipts for the year are in; but will they show that by the present spasmodic and methodless attention to the work we have either raised the amount proposed or maintained this ratio founded on the best judgment to be secured?

We are at the end of the most torturous year in the history of our spasmodic and unsystematic methods. Could we now do better than consider how we will in future conduct this growing enterprise? Is it necessary for us to repeat the experiences and history of the past thirty days?

## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

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I am glad that Southern Baptist laymen will have in mind both home and foreign missions.

Any intelligent man can take up the list of churches giving largely to foreign missions and it will be found that the most liberal of them were helped in the days of their early struggles by the Home Board.

"To the foreign field by the way of the home field!" should be emphasized. Maybe it would be better to say, "Increase the Foreign Mission gifts by increasing those for home missions." We do not do too much for foreign missions, but some of us are shamefully belittling the work of the Home Board.—Dr. W. B. Crumpton in Baptist Argus.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the most eminent Methodist minister of England, once said:

"I assert with a full sense of responsibility, that I believe that the great battle of the twentieth century will be the final struggle between the Jesuit Society in full possession of the authority of Rome and the individual human conscience; and when, like Oliver Cromwell, I look around to see where I shall find Ironsides, who will vindicate the rights of the human conscience, my eyes fall upon the Baptists. The anvil on which the Jesuit hammer will break to pieces is the Baptist conscience. 'I should like all the world through to pit the Baptist conscience against the Jesuit. 'I believe' the Baptist Missionary Society has no more

urgent duty than to create Baptist conscience all over the world. The Baptists are pre-eminently the people to give the Jesuits a 'bad quarter of an hour.'"

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### The Home Board.

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The history of the home mission enterprise thrills with interest. Directly and indirectly, it has largely won the South to the Baptists. In manifold ways, it has stimulated missionary activity, and it has come to the relief of the state boards at difficult points, giving steadiness and certainty to all our missionary efforts. Great as has been the work done by the Board in the past, the demands on it are far greater today. The enormous development of the Southern field, the growth of cities, the influx of foreigners into the South, make a situation of extreme urgency. It is the day of destiny in the South. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last meeting asked the churches to make a great advance and give to home missions \$500,000 this year. Texas ought to bear a leading part in this needed advance. No state has greater reason to be for home missions than Texas.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

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### "Prohibition" Fifty Years Ago and Today.

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This is not the first wave of prohibition that has swept over the country. Fifty-four years ago there was one that swept over the North-

ern States with as great violence as the one that is now passing over the South. Then Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa, by acts of their legislatures, forbade the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Nine Northern States went "dry" in a single year, the year 1855.

The liquor men, dazed and frightened at the revolution, set themselves desperately to resist it. By one pretense or another there was widespread nullification of prohibition. One State after another receded from its radical action, until nearly all adopted the system of license. So that, up to a year ago, of the eighteen States that had tried the experiment of prohibition only three—Maine, Kansas and North Dakota—remained in the ranks, they having adopted constitutional prohibition.

Will the present prohibition legislation be ephemeral like that of half a century ago or will it be permanent? There is every reason to believe that it will be permanent. There were more elements of permanency in the earlier movement than appeared on the surface; for during all the years that the States were falling out of the prohibitory column the people were steadily removing the saloon by "local option," till at the time there were but three prohibition States left the liquor traffic had been abolished from two-thirds of the territory occupied by one-half of the population of the United States. Of the 36,000,000 people who have expelled

the saloon only 10,000,000 have done so by State prohibitory laws, and 26,000,000 have effected the removal by local option.—From "The Nation's Anti-Drink Crusade," by Ferdinand Cowle Iglehart, in the American Review of Reviews for April.

(The writer of the following lines is a well-known and highly esteemed Negro Baptist preacher of Muscogee, Okla. He writes of creeping age and failing health, and says:

"I beg to be allowed to sing the accompanying song in your paper to the Christ-loving white people of the South."—Editors.)

#### Prayer Song of the Spirit in Sable Dress.

Rev. C. O. Boothe.

Hail thou spirit clothed in white,  
Moving upward in thy might,  
Chasing off the gloom of night—

Help me on! help me on!  
Tho' I wear the darker hue  
I am spirit—kin to you,  
And like you the heavens woo.

Help me on! help me on!  
Help me on! help me on!  
Till my morn shall grow brighter,  
Help me on!  
Help me on! help me on!  
Till thy patience shall grow stronger,  
Help me on!

Thou art leading in the van  
Of the upward march of man;  
Take my sable, reaching hand—  
Help me on! help me on!  
Look not on my coat of black,  
Nor on any other lack:  
Draw me upward 'long thy track,  
Help me on! help me on!

Help me on! help me on!  
 Till my morn shall grow brighter,  
     Help me on!  
 Help me on! help me on!  
 Till thy patience shall grow stronger,  
     Help me on!

If thou put me far away  
 So I lose thy brighter ray,  
 Shall I not then go astray?  
     Help me on! help me on!  
 Are my prophets rich in lore?  
 Are their heads with wisdom hoar,  
 So they need thy touch no more?  
     Help me on! help me on!

Help me on! help me on!  
 Till my morn shall grow brighter,  
     Help me on!

Help me on! help me on!  
 Till thy patience shall grow stronger,  
     Help me on!

Can thy dollars take thy place?  
 Equal thee in fruits of grace  
 As we shall yon judgment face?  
     Help me on! help me on!  
 Oft thy dollars, gone from thee,  
 Brings no helpfulness to me—  
 Goes as though it's gone to sea,  
     Help me on! help me on!

Help me on! help me on!  
 Till my morn shall grow brighter,  
     Help me on!  
 Help me on! help me on!  
 Till thy patience shall grow stronger,  
     Farther on.

What constitutes a state?  
 Not high-raised battlement, or labored mound,  
 Thick wall or moated gate;  
 Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;  
 Not bays and broad-armed ports,  
 Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride;  
 Not starred and spangled courts  
 Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride,  
 No! Men, high-minded men,  
 With powers as far above dull brutes endued.  
 In forest, brake or den,  
 As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude;  
 Men who their duties know,  
 But know their rights and knowing dare maintain,  
 Prevent the long-aimed blow,  
 And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain:—  
 These constitute a state!



## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

### Historic Papers on Indian Missions.

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

(Conclusion.)

If the editors of the Home Field will allow one additional article on the above subject I will venture to offer it.

Not without some hesitancy do I mention the name of an early



A. J. HOLT, D.D.

servant of the Home Board, who deserves a place in its annals. Did anyone else, save this servant and myself, know of her services and suffering for Christ's sake I should withhold my pen. Were I to ask her permission before writing what she has done and suffered for the cause of Christ, I am sure that permission would not be given.

Mrs. A. J. Holt.

This excellent Christian woman was born in Coosa county, Alabama, December 16, 1857. She was converted in Harris county, Texas, in 1871, and baptized by A. J. Holt. She was married to Rev. A. J. Holt June 16, 1875, at Bryan, Texas, Dr. F. M. Law officiating. When her

eldest child, Judson Holt, was two months old, she went to her husband at Wewoka, Seminole Nation, to be a missionary. In a rough log cabin she spent her first year in this work. Her husband was generally absent from Friday till Tuesday, and sometimes was absent a week or two at a time holding meetings among the Seminoles. All this while she was left wholly alone with a little ten-year-old girl, an eight-year-old boy, and her infant. No white family lived within twenty miles of her cabin. She could not speak the language of the Indians. She taught, daily, a gathering of some twenty or thirty Indian children. She did her own cooking, washing, sewing and mending for the family. Sometimes she would take her children and go with her husband to a camp meeting, laboring with him effectively in trying to lead the Indians to Christ. The winter of 1876 was very severe. Snow lay upon the ground a foot deep, and remained a month. Provisions became scarce. At last a wagon was dispatched with the interpreter to the nearest railway station, eighty-five miles distant, for provisions. It was calculated that the trip could be made in ten days. But high water prevented the return for over a month. Both bread and meat gave out. The only thing obtainable was a spoiled boiled corn called sofka. This was very distasteful to the delicately nurtured southern woman, and she fell ill upon the diet, and for two weeks



her husband endeavored in vain to procure nourishment for her.

Her trials in the Seminole Nation culminated when her husband took the missionary journey to the Wild Tribes. The oldest boy, Willie, fell ill, in the absence of his father. The lonely wife, without medicine, without medical advice, without help of any sort, held the dear little boy in her lap almost day and night for two weeks. On July 4, 1877, her husband returned late at night; he had ridden seventy miles that day on horseback. The dear little child was very weak, and died that night, and the lonely missionary and his wife washed the little body, and sat by the bier alone till the day dawned. Then the husband had to make the coffin, and prepare the grave, and kind Indian hands aided in burying their dead. The trials of this noble missionary woman were only just begun, however, for in six weeks she and her husband had departed to take up the work among the Wild Indians, at the appointment of the Home Mission Board. Far, far, out across the plains, as the boundless prairies were then called, the missionary wagon wended its way, without a track to guide them.

At Anardarko, Wichita Agency, midway between Fort Reno and Ft. Sill, the mission was established, where the devoted Christian woman lived in a log cabin for nearly three years, while her husband was laboring to bring the untutored savage to a knowledge of Christ the Lord. During these years she was a loyal and valuable helpmate to her husband. She would go boldly and

alone into the camps of the wildest Indians, bearing messages of life and love and comfort to them. She taught the Indian women many things besides religion, too. How to arrange things; how to use the needle; how to prepare food; how to care for the sick. She was busy every day. Here, too, she had affliction and sorrows. Two children were born to her at Anardarko, and another one died, and was buried among the Indians.

When her husband was driven out by order of the Indian Commissioner, as has already been related in these papers, this heroic woman remained with her little children, entirely alone and unprotected save that Kinchess, the first Wild Indian convert, guarded and supplied her. During all these years of toils, privations, bereavements and sorrows, she never murmured nor complained. Reared in luxury, she never pined for her past comforts. I could not feel comfortable to lay down my pen, which has been recording historical achievements in connection with the Home Board, without paying a deserving tribute to the noblest woman I have ever known. She abides with me still. She is comforting and blessing her grandchildren now. But the Baptists of the South owe to her a debt of gratitude and honor for what she has suffered in their service.

#### Frontier Experiences

REV. M. C. BISHOP.

The Baptist cause is growing beautifully in this western country. Some of the preachers go quite a

distance to preach, on account of the limited number of preachers in this western country. On Friday night before the fourth Sunday in January I left Abilene, traveled to Big Springs, a distance of one hundred and ten miles on the railroad, then took a stage-coach and went to Gail, forty-five miles from the railroad. I preached Saturday night, Sunday at 11 a. m., then drove forty miles and preached Sunday evening at 7:30. The people were anxious for preaching; they invited us to remain and preach Monday morning, so I did. The church at this

them school advantages. Of course our western towns have good public school advantages. The possibilities of West Texas are almost unlimited. Thousands upon thousands of acres of the finest lands are unsettled. This is the Baptists' day in West Texas.

### Bulgarians in America.

(Translated by ELLEN M. STONE.)

From an article in the *Zornitsa*, (*Morning Star*), the only religious paper published in Bulgaria under evangelical auspices, we take the



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point, Tahoka, received six members by letter and one for baptism during our short stay.

We left Tahoka at 1 p. m., Monday, drove back to Gail Monday night, caught the early morning stage for Big Springs, and reached home at Abilene at 12 o'clock Tuesday night, a trip of nearly four hundred miles within four days and nights, and preached four times. You can see there is need of more men on the western field. Some men are doing mission work on the plains, leaving their families four hundred miles east, in order to give

following facts, written by Rev. M. N. Popoff. He has recently returned to his church at Sophie, the capital of the province, after a prolonged absence in Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, in which he succeeded in raising seven thousand dollars additional to the three thousand given in Bulgaria, for the necessary enlargement and repairs on their church edifice.

Pastor Popoff writes: "I remember when all the Bulgarians in the United States could be counted upon one's fingers, and these were young men hungry for an educa-

tion, which they had not the means to obtain in Europe. Now many laborers come, and one and all find here that for which they came.

"My first meeting with Bulgarians during this visit of mine to America was in New York, at a meeting of the newly organized Bulgarian society 'The Pilgrim.' The object of this organization is to maintain the national spirit, and to help newcomers. It purposes to have a Bulgarian Immigrant Home in New York. In the city itself there are few Bulgarians, though many live in its vicinity. Two Bulgarian newspapers are published in America, the *Rabotnik* (Workman) in New York, and the other somewhere in the west. Dreadful reports of the condition of their people in this country are published in the Bulgarian press; hence the ineffectual attempt by the parent government not long since, to restrain emigration to the United States. I found them in general thankful for their lot here. Almost all who came to study, have succeeded. Among the exceptions is the military student who was maintained by his family at home. All the rest support themselves while studying. Very few have returned discouraged to Bulgaria. Some have been compelled to remain in America against their will, by the prejudice in their land to American educated physicians. Thus, for example, the brothers, Doctors Ivan and Hristo Balabanoff, have made a good position for themselves in Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Vasil Bozovsky is the most popular phy-

sician in Dunkirk, N. Y., with the most modern appliances in his office, and owns a fine residence, handsomely appointed. Dr. Boicheff, of Syracuse, also, although but recently graduated from his medical school, is well reputed, and has his own home already.

"Other successful Bulgarians in America are, in New York, Messrs. St. N. Karaivanoff, draughtsman with well known architects in Wall Street; E. C. Yoffchoff,\* an interpreter to Attorney Jerome; Miss Dopka Panayotava, a teacher in the Educational Alliance; Messrs. Petko Taanoif and Vasil Kondjbanef, electricians. In Syracuse is found beside Dr. Boicheff, Mr. George N. Terzieff, a chemist, who finished his course at Harvard College, and now is one of the chief chemists of the Salvey Process. As soon as he completed his studies he was called to this establishment with the offer of a \$1,200 salary. Thirty chemists, specialists, are employed here. One of them said to me: 'When we are in doubt about anything pertaining to our work we go to George. He is our authority.' In Rochester I found B. Karaivanoff and Peter Mihieloff, partners in business, who give promise of becoming prosperous merchants.

"When I asked some how they liked America, they answered: 'It is a beautiful land, and the people are good, but we cannot talk with them in English.' This is the reason why some of our Bulgarians have suffered there. Since they do not

\*Since deceased.



know a word of English they will be given the lowest work. Moreover they are not accustomed to heavy and hurried work, like the Americans. To a huge Macedonian who had been chief of a brigand band, I believe, I said that he was fit for an American policeman; 'but,' he replied, 'I can't talk English.'

I learned that most Bulgarians go west. This is well. Better wages are found in that section because there are fewer workmen. In one place, they tell me, there is a village entirely Bulgarian. In Chicago there is a Bulgarian Christian Endeavor society.

"Generally the Macedonian laborer receives from five to ten francs, one to two dollars, a day. I saw Macedonian boys, boot-blacks, who earn six to eight dollars per week. So far as I could learn, almost all of them send home regularly good sums of money, to those left behind."

The pastor adds some sound advice to his countrymen who may be contemplating a sojourn in America:

(1) Learn beforehand at least a little English.

(2) Prepare at least two hundred francs, \$40, beside your traveling expenses, to keep you until you find work.

(3) Be ready for any honest toil, even though it be rough and heavy.

(4) Resolve to be industrious, saving and honest.

(5) If sickly, do not start out, for you will certainly be returned.

(6) You will be deported also if the officials find out that you have

gone to America under contract with some exploiting agent of a steamship line, who deceives people with the promise of ready work upon arrival.

(7) Upon reaching America do not stop in the East, which is full of workmen. Go west of Chicago.

As to the religious needs of the Bulgarian workmen in America, Pastor Popeff continues: "Since he does not know the language, he does not step into American churches, and there are no Bulgarian churches as yet. For religious needs he turns to the Catholic churches. He loses his naturally devout spirit. Even evangelical societies in the United States have done nothing for the Bulgarian, some of whom have wished to purchase a copy of the New Testament in their own tongue, and have not been able to find one. Here is missionary work for the national Bulgarian church, but from the dead we cannot expect activity. I am trying to interest some American religious societies to do for the Bulgarians what they are doing for pilgrims of other nationalities, who have come to their country."

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### The Destitution of Southern Louisiana.

WALTER M. LEE.

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Southern Louisiana is perhaps the most destitute section of the South, so far as Baptist population is concerned. Reaching westward from New Orleans, for a stretch of two hundred miles, there is not a

single self-supporting Baptist church which has services every Sunday.

This section of fertile rice and sugar cane land, containing approximately 10,000 square miles, is inhabited almost exclusively by a French and Creole population, which is dominated almost entirely by Roman Catholicism.

There are nearly a score of towns and cities, averaging from 1,000 to 5,000 inhabitants each, which contain no Baptist church, and are deprived altogether of the Baptist evangel. It has been perhaps the part of wisdom to delay attacking this vast stronghold of priestcraft until the more virgin soil of Texas and Oklahoma could be evangelized;

but the time has surely arrived, when it is advisable to thoroughly man this district with the heralds of Baptist truth. This vast and fertile region is now being rapidly settled by foreign immigrants. It is the duty of Baptists to invade the territory and take it for Christ. Let us supply the Home Board with sufficient funds to enter this field at once. A sufficient number of Baptists are coming into the section to furnish a stable nucleus of operation. Let us consider this great destitute section, when we are making our gifts. The harvest is white. The laborers are few—comparatively none. Southern Louisiana for Christ and the Baptists!

204 Cortez St., New Orleans.



BAPTIZING BY MISSIONARY R. W. WHITE  
IN BIG GRAPE CANYON, TEXAS



# EVANGELISM

REV. W. W. HAMILTON, General Evangelist.

Great campaign is on in Atlanta.

Dr. Truett is doing great service in the meetings.

Bring the tithes in and then may we expect the windows of heaven to be opened.

Brother John T. Edmondson, of North Carolina, is being greatly blessed in his work in the McDonauld church.

The Raleigh meetings were owned of God, thirty-eight additions at the close of the special services. Others were to unite.

Brother J. C. Massee says that he becomes more and more convinced that we must exercise greater care in the reception of members.

Brother W. H. Sledge is now in meetings at Pine Bluff, Ark., and from the first, God is saving the lost and adding them to the church.

At El Reno, Okla., the membership was nearly doubled. Brother Little is high in his praise of this struggling church and thanks God for such a glorious revival and ingathering.

Mrs. W. H. Sledge has been sick for some weeks and has been in the sanitarium. Her many friends will remember her in prayer and will rejoice at good news from her.

Thirteen declared themselves for Christian work in the meetings at Homer, fifteen at the Immanuel church, Little Rock, and ten at the Tabernacle, in Raleigh. How we praise God for thrusting out the laborers.

God sometimes saves the rich. At Homer, La., where Brother Raleigh Wright has just been in meetings many were saved; fifty-two were added to the church, most of them men, and wealth to the amount of a million and a half was brought into the kingdom.

In the Little Rock meetings there were one hundred and twenty-five additions, eighty-five of these for baptism. One of the services Brother Sledge declares to have been the most blessed and powerful he even attended. It was at this time that fifteen offered themselves to God's service.

Brother Z. T. Cody says that the first Sunday after the meetings closed there were fifteen additions, the next there were three, the next, ten, and the next, ten, making thirty-eight in the month following the special services. There were one hundred and five added to the Greenville First Church.

The Committee on Evangelism is planning for a mass meeting at the Hot Springs Convention. This, at the suggestion of the local commit-

tee, will be held on Sunday night. Two of our best beloved brethren have already consented to speak. This should be a time of salvation and power.

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Brother J. Solomon Pate, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is a combination of preacher, singer and evangelist. Mrs. Pate accompanies him in his work and plays the piano. He will be glad to help pastors in meetings.

Brother W. E. Rodgers, who is singing with Brother Wright, and who assisted Brother Luther Little in the Ponce de Leon Avenue revival, has no engagement for May. He will be glad to assist some pastor. Address him at 723 Austell Building, Atlanta.

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In accordance with the wish expressed at Richmond, the committee is trying to arrange for some conferences at the Hot Springs Convention on practical themes. These conferences will have to take place at such hours and places as will not conflict with sessions of the Convention.

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There have been one hundred and fifty-six professions of faith among the deaf mutes in the last sixty days, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Michaels, Home Board Evangelist to the mutes. This work is missionary, and some church would do well to pay the salary of this brother.

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Brother P. E. Burroughs and his great church are in the midst of a tent campaign, and are being assisted by Rev. H. T. Money and

Singer Hugh L. Hiatt. The pastor is already looking toward a great meeting in their church next winter. The Broadway folks are in business for the King.

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Brother W. D. Wakefield is soon to assist in meetings in Greensboro, N. C. He will possibly give himself to evangelistic work for the summer months and may return for further study next fall. His address is No. 80 Institute Place, Chicago. Churches and pastors will be eager to secure him.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. George could be secured for a meeting from May 15th to 30th. If any pastor or church wishes their services address them at 723 Austell Building, Atlanta. Beginning June 1st, they will assist Pastor Tandy and the church at Hazlehurst, Miss. From May 5th to 15th they will assist A. C. Dixon at Wilson, N. C.

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The time has now come when the Home Board should increase the number of its evangelists. These brethren are doing great service to the churches and their work is sane and constructive. The meetings held at such places as El Reno have made weak churches strong, and in many cases Baptists have come into their heritage in these revival times.

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Plan for longer meetings. Two weeks is not long enough for a siege. The great meetings are protracted meetings. The campaign in Atlanta is to cover a month, but each church is to have only two

weeks. Could each church have a month it would be a memorable siege. The experience of evangelists and pastors is that the third week of a meeting doubles the number of additions of the first two weeks.

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The churches will be glad to hear that our Brother R. L. Motley has been chosen as one of the Home Board evangelists and is expected to begin work the first of June. God has greatly used Brother Motley, and we will rejoice to have him with us in this department. He is a brother beloved and his work will always be sane and constructive. Churches wishing his services may reach him by addressing him care of the Board, Atlanta. The final decision as to where he will have headquarters has not been definitely settled.

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Brother O. J. Wade, of Immanuel Church, writes of the meetings there. This church is being assisted by the Board in its building enterprise. Brother Wade says:

"Evangelist Sledge, of the Home Mission Board, was with us in a meeting of five weeks. His presentation of the plan of salvation was clear and effective. The meeting was spiritual and exceedingly helpful to the church. The third Sunday was, in some respects, the greatest day in the history of the church. On this day eight young men declared their willingness to

enter the ministry. Four of these have definitely decided to give their life to this work. Seven young ladies volunteered for service on the foreign field. The meeting resulted in one hundred and twenty-five additions to the church. Of these, eighty-five were received for baptism. A very high per cent. were grown young men and women. The Lord enabled the evangelist to be very helpful to us. He leaves us much strengthened. Surely, the Home Board took an important step when it created the Department of Evangelism."

#### Meetings in Stronger Churches.

One beautiful feature of Home Board Evangelism is the help which stronger churches give to the weaker. In some cases where the cost of a meeting to the Board has been about two hundred dollars the church has given three or four or five and in one case a thousand. This enables us to send strong men to weak points which are not able to pay the cost. When a meeting is held in a stronger church the request is made that help be given to the Department of Evangelism for holding special services at the places less able to secure such men as the Board employs. The date of this writing is too early to learn whether the work has paid for itself this year. It is the hope of the committee that this can be done, including the work for the deaf, which is purely missionary.

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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Rev. R. R. Ray, Ybor City, Fla.: We will baptize the most hopeful personage who ever came into the church from this Cuban work. The little girl has been in the mission from the first, and knows English, and is quite a favorite with her people. This week we are holding meetings every night and are praying for a blessing from it.

Rev. I. W. Cole, Excelsior Springs, Mo.: Last month I visited Crooked River Church, in the country. They had had no pastor for three years, and did not pretend to do business for the Lord. I spent seven days with them, revived them, reorganized them, set them to work, reconciling brother to brother. They are now moving nicely with thirty-five active members.

Rev. R. E. L. Aylor, Norton, Va.: The work here is in a hopeful condition. Congregations are growing. The church has bought a nice parsonage for \$1,900, worth, I think, not less than \$2,500. Last Sunday, though the congregation was reduced by rain, we got a good collection for home missions. We hope to increase it considerably from members that were not present. God bless the workers and the work.

Miss Grace Clifford, Pawhuska, Okla., Missionary to Pawnee Indians: Please find enclosed \$10.00 as a thank offering for home mis-

sions. The gift seems so small, but my prayers go with it, that those whom the Lord has blessed with means may give largely, until the debt be lifted from the Board and the great work of spreading the gospel among the long-neglected people of the home land be enlarged.

My prayer is that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into His harvest. My heart is full of praise to God, because He has seen fit to call me to the great work of helping give the gospel to the Osage people. And for His presence and guiding hand in all we have undertaken for Him may the Lord richly bless the Home Board and their efforts to advance His kingdom is the prayer of your sister in His service.

J. L. Wise, Gorgona, Canal Zone, Panama: Another year has passed into history! The visible results of our workers cannot be tabulated on paper. Some have been saved, others have been encouraged to press on toward the work of the high calling as it is found in Christ Jesus. Some of our members have fallen asleep and others have moved away, either back to the states or to South America.

One of the most encouraging features of our work is that it is now unified. The Jamaica Baptist Union has turned all their work over to us and the spirit of progress and union is deeper among our Baptist people than ever before.

Brethren of the Southern Baptist



Convention, the eyes of the world are turned this way. The opportunity for planting the gospel of Jesus on this highway of commerce is now ours! We are in the lead as to workers. We have three missionaries and three helpers. We need ten thousand dollars given us again this year. We also need two more missionaries. We need three church buildings and two pastors' homes at once. These we must have if we are to hold what we have taken. The work on the canal is being pushed with all the vigor it is possible to put into a human organization with unlimited means behind it. Nearly three and one-half million cubic yards were taken out of the canal during March. Doubtless more than this will be the record for April. Why not enable us as ambassadors for Christ to do greater things than digging the Panama Canal?

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Rev. John W. T. Givins, Joplin, Mo.: Eight months ago there were 67 in attendance at the Sunday-school. Last Sunday there were 235 present. Then we had no teachers' meeting. Now we have a good teachers' meeting and a normal training class of 38. The Sunday-school is still growing.

Then our congregations have more than doubled in the past eight months.

We continue to see souls born into the kingdom. Thirty-seven

have professed faith in Christ and we have buried thirty-four of them in baptism. Forty-five have united by letter and five await to be received Sunday.

We feel confident of rounding out more than one hundred additions for this twelve months.

We took our offering for home and foreign missions Sunday and it reached \$126.00 in cash and pledges. This is \$93.00 more than last year, and we believe it will be at least four times as much as last year when we have done. This is a splendid showing when we remember that we have been struggling with our debt, and that possibly half of our people are out of work, and many of them have been ever since, and even before, the financial panic, on account of mines being shut down by the low price of zinc ore.

We have a great field and hope to see it self-supporting in a few years.

Pray for us and these dear people of the Lord. There were 1,600 people in the Sunday-schools of the Baptist churches and missions last Sunday. Brother T. F. Kelly, our new city missionary, and his good wife have just come to us and he is now engaged in a meeting in East Joplin. The First Church has just opened up a mission over there in the midst of a population of 6,000 souls. How we long to see this wicked city brought to the Lord.



## BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

**The Morning Hour of American Baptist Missions.** By Albert L. Vail. American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta.

Dr. Vail has performed an invaluable denominational and missionary service. All thoughtful students of American Baptist missions have known that there was much unwritten yet fundamental and important missionary history back of our present missionary organization and available history of American missions. The author has brought this to light. He has gone to original sources and produced a new work on missions and one which meets a keen want and will be a source of information for future historians of missions.

**Systematic Theology.** By Augustus H. Strong. D. D., LL. D. American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta. \$2.50, postpaid.

It is now probable that Dr. Strong will complete his revision and enlargement of his *Systematic Theology*. This is the second volume, and there remains one other to complete this great work in its final form.

Volume I., reviewed in these pages, dealt with the doctrine of God; the present deals with the doctrine of man—his origin, nature, fall and recovery through Christ, with a comprehensive study of the atonement. While the views of others are presented in a wealth of quotation, Dr. Strong's own views are stated with clearness and boldness, and, though, because of his monistic philosophy, he at points diverges from the older theological opinion, these will, in the main, be a source of gratification to conservative theologians. There is in all the realm of theological literature no substitute for this great work.

**Songs Merry and Sad.**—By John Charles McNeill.

**Lyrics from Cotton Land.**—By John Charles McNeill. Stone & Barringer, Publishers, Charlotte, N. C.

Not since the death of Sidney Lanier

and Father Ryan has the death of any Southern poet produced such universal sorrow or fallen as so sore a calamity upon the South as did the death of Mr. McNeill last October. He had not achieved such fame as they, but he had not lived as long. He died young. His work is the work of youth. Such a youth it was to have done such work! No other Southern poet of such youthful years has left so worthy and so enduring a monument in letters. His themes, as befits youth, are usually not great themes, but he adorns every one of them. Familiar nature finds perfect interpretation and homely scenes are glorified by his genius. One of the best critics of the South, his old teacher, himself a poet, says of Mr. McNeill's first book: "On opening the little volume, one is at once struck with the absolute flawlessness of his workmanship." Our space is too limited for quotations, but we refer the reader to such of the poems as, "The Bride," "Away Down Home," "Before Bedtime," "Sunburnt Boys," and the brief but exquisite poem, "Sundown." In the latter book, *Lyrics from Cotton Land*, are some of the best and most mirth-provoking Southern dialect pieces yet produced. Fair examples of these are "Springtime," "Convenient Theology," "The Varmint Convention," "Holding Off the Calf," and "Selfishness." This volume closes with Mr. McNeill's last two poems, both of which have genuine merit aside from their pathetic associations. No library of Southern literature is complete without these volumes, and they are worthy of a place beside the best.

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**ALABAMA:** Rev. J. M. Dunaway, Thomasville, \$5.00; Gerdo B. Ch., by H. B. D., \$12.79; Cook's Springs B. Ch., by L. C., \$5.00; Mt. Zion B. Ch., by H. C. Y., Clanton, \$2.30; W. B. Crumpton, Gen. Work, \$902.27; El Paso Ch. Bldg., \$24.32; Tich. Memo., \$5.00; Ch. Bldg., \$22.91; Rev. J. H. Creighton, Whatley, Union Ch., \$1.11; Mt. Gilead, \$3.78; Bassett's Creek, \$2.57; West Bend, \$4.05; Horeb, \$4.75; Mrs. J. H. Ralner, Union Springs, \$25.00; Concord B. Ch., by J. J. Finklea, Buena Vista, \$7.65; Sunday-school, \$4.00; Rev. T. W. Paine, Ironaton, 25c.; Evergreen B. Ch., by R. H., \$148.54; Philadelphia Ch., by S. D. N., Tunnel Springs, \$6.40; Providence Ch., by J. C. D., Sylcauga, \$5.00; Clayton St. B. Ch., by J. W. O'H., Montgomery, \$10.11; Sunday-school, 99c.; Good Hope Ch., by J. L. T., Troy, \$13.00; Mt. Gilead Ch., by J. H. C., Whatley, \$10.70; W. B. Crumpton, \$561.26; Ch. Bldg., \$5.42; Self-Denial, \$10.91. Total, \$1,905.18. Previously reported, \$7,391.27. Total since May, \$9,296.45.

**ARKANSAS:** Cabot B. Ch., and W. M. Patton, \$50.00; W. M. U., Cabot B. Ch., by Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Pendergrass, \$55.00; Sunday-school, Columbus, by G. J. McN., \$1.55; W. H. M. U., Tupelo, by V. M. McD., (thank offering), \$1.50; R. G. Bowers, Little Rock, \$300.00; W. M. S., First Ch., Self-Denial, by R. F. T., Camden, \$87.30; Sunday-school, \$16.52; First B. Ch., \$62.34; W. M. U., Immanuel B. Ch., Eureka Springs, by Mrs. H. T. M., \$7.75. Total, \$581.96. Previously reported, \$832.11. Total since May, \$1,414.07.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Bethany B. M. S., by Mrs. E. C. L., Washington, \$10.00; Metropolitan Ch., by Mrs. S. C. T., Washington, \$10.00; Kendall B. Ch., by K. J. M., Washington, \$8.00; Sunday-school, \$20.00; First B. Ch., by J. W. W., Washington, \$10.90; Bethany B. Ch., by C. F., Washington, \$7.68. Total, \$66.58. Previously reported, \$704.47. Total since May, \$771.05.

**FLORIDA:** Longwood Ch., by W. J. W., \$6.21; First B. Ch. S. S., by M. M. U., Tampa, \$50.00; L. D. Gelger, Apopka, Cuban Students, \$22.50; El Paso, \$26.95; Gen. Work, \$386.13; Mt. Schools, \$34.50; Mrs. Dora Teakell, \$14.90; Pawnee Indians, \$17.05; Ybor City Teacher, \$27.05; Thank Offering, \$367.11; Tichenor Memorial, \$6.00; Kissimmee B. Ch., by B. W., for Evangelism, \$75.77; Tract Fund, \$12.00; Expenses, \$17.40; Jas. S. Bradford, Miami, \$5.00; Mrs. C. M. McKinney, Deland, \$5.00. Total, \$1,073.57. Previously reported, \$2,951.27. Total since May, \$4,024.84.

**GEORGIA:** J. J. Bennett, Gen. Work, \$1,016.31; Cuthbert B. Y. P. U., El Paso, \$1.00; Tatnall Sq. B. Y. P. U., El Paso, \$2.05; Comer Sun, for Pawnee's Organ, \$5.10; Hephzibah, for El Paso, \$1.20; Capitol Ave. W. M. S., Mt. Girl, 25c.; Oak Grove W. M. S., McCall, \$9.20; Salem W. M. S., McCall, \$5.00; Tryon Y. P. M. S., El Paso, \$1.15; Hephzibah W. M. S., Miss Perry, \$1.00; Cartersville W. M. S., \$5.15; Madison Sunbeams, \$5.00; B. Y. P. U., College Park B. Ch., by C. G., \$3.86; Albany B. Ch., Sunday-school, by E. T. K., \$60.29; Moxley S. S., by S. N. W., \$4.30; Salem S. S., by W. M. B., Lexington, \$2.25; L. M. S., Grant Park B. Ch., by Mr. Randall, Atlanta, \$1.75. Total

\$1,124.86. Previously reported, \$12,257.05. Total since May, \$13,381.91.

KENTUCKY: Calvary B. Ch., by W. H. J., Louisville, \$14.00; Mrs. M. A. McManama, Mitchellsburg, \$10.00; W. D. Powell, \$335.82; Bethlehem Ch., by B. R., Pleasureville, \$23.00; Barbourville B. Ch., by B. E. P., Mt. Schools, \$52.00; Pembroke B. S. S., by J. P. G., \$6.00; Hiseville B. S. S., by C. G. D., \$2.12; Third B. Ch., Owensboro, by Dr. Mamlton, Evangelism, \$100.00; W. D. Powell, Louisville, \$320.58; Magoffin Ins. S. S., by A. C. H., Sayersville, \$18.30; W. D. Powell, Louisville, \$311.32; Calvary B. Ch., by W. H. J., Louisville, \$13.50; Mrs. Ann Tuggle, Hopkinsville, Evangelism, \$1.00. Total, \$1,207.64. Previously reported, \$10,608.52. Total since May, \$11,816.16.

LOUISIANA: W. M. U., Self-Denial, Many B. Ch., by Mrs. J. B. B., \$3.20; Spring Ridge B. Ch., by D. P., Pleasant Hill, \$21.51; W. M. S., Kentwood B. Ch., by Miss M. A., \$5.78, Sunbeam Band, \$1.00; Homer B. Ch., by R. W., Evangelism, \$264.90, Tract Fund, \$17.00, Expenses, \$16.55; B. F. Thompson, Alexandria, \$459.48. Total, \$789.42. Previously reported, \$3,097.76. Total since May, \$3,887.18.

MARYLAND: A worker, Baltimore, Self-Denial, \$50.00; Fulton Ave. B. Ch., by J. H. D., Catonsville, \$5.47; First B. Ch., Baltimore, by C. M. P., \$380.25; Eastw. Place B. Ch., by H. W. P., Baltimore, \$268.85. Total, \$704.57. Previously reported, \$3,547.46. Total since May, \$4,252.03.

MISSISSIPPI: Rev. Chas. G. Elliott, Meridian, Immanuel, \$2.75, Hebron Assn., \$3.75; Mrs. T. C. Lowrey, Blue Mt., Tract Fund, \$2.50; Sarepta Ch., by G. W. R., \$12.35; Pittsboro Ch., by A. A. B., \$40.00; Mr. J. M. White, West Point, \$25.00; Mrs. J. M. White and Mrs. S. L. Hearn, \$25.00; Big Creek Ch., by J. A. K., \$4.25; A. V. Rowe, Winona, \$1,250.00; Wheelerville B. S. S., by E. M., Hattiesburg, \$4.45; V. M. Harrell, Sessums, \$2.00; Dr. Luther Little, Natchez, Evangelism, \$80.00, Tract Fund, \$9.00, Expenses, \$16.00; Highland B. Ch., W. M. S., by J. R. F., Meridian, \$5.00; Concord B. Ch., by J. A. K., Pittsboro, \$7.00; Macedonia, \$3.00; Immanuel B. Ch., by C. G. Elliott, Meridian, \$8.30.

Total, \$1,500.35. Previously reported, \$7,166.40. Total since May, \$8,666.75.

MISSOURI: Sunday-school, Buffalo, by Mrs. E. N., Self-Denial, \$1.84; A. W. Payne, St. Louis, \$841.29, \$223.98. Total, \$1,067.11. Previously reported, \$7,193.50. Total since May, \$8,260.61.

NORTH CAROLINA: Henrietta B. Ch., by J. M. F., \$9.64; Union Hill Ch., by J. F. H., \$3.25; Liberty Hill Ch., \$1.50; Olive Branch Ch., by J. W. P., \$4.05; Tabernacle B. Ch., Raleigh, by Dr. Hamilton, for Evangelism, \$100.00, Tract Fund, \$12.50; S. S. High Shoals B. Ch., by R. E. H., \$3.44. Total, \$134.38. Previously reported, \$9,386.73. Total since May, \$9,521.11.

OKLAHOMA: Mrs. J. T. Alexander, Lone Wolf, \$5.90; El Reno B. Ch., for Evangelism, by Dr. Little, \$200.00; W. B. M. S., by Mrs. C. A. Porterfield, Oklahoma City, Walnut Grove, \$3.00, Tyrone, \$2.50, Capitol Hill, 50c., Ada Second, 50c., Dow, \$1.75, Erick, \$3.75, Liberty, 63c., Blair, 62c., Webbers Falls, \$1.25, Wauwette, 25c., Big Cabin, 25c., Green, 25c., Sulphur, \$1.25; W. B. M. S., by Mrs. Porterfield, \$40.49; J. C. Stalcup, Rayden, \$2.00, Courts, \$5.00, Sycamore, 60c., Erick, \$16.85, Madden Grove, \$1.50, Retrop, 85c.; Wauwette, \$1.50; Perkins, \$2.50; Mounds, \$2.50; Glenn Pool, 75c.; Butner, 75c.; Mutual, \$2.65; Cordell, \$3.15; Tyrone B. Ch., by J. H. A., \$10.46; J. C. Stalcup, McAlester, Ada, \$2.50, Claremore, \$16.25, Brush Hill, \$1.50, Boswell, \$1.25, Oak Grove, 2, \$1.25, Watonga, \$5.00, Cleveland, \$1.25, Nardin, \$6.00; Spire, \$15.14; New Bethel Ch., by R. C. F., Mangum, \$20.00; J. C. Stalcup, McAlester, Plain View S. S., 30c., Rocky, \$5.00, Mrs. J. O. Guthrie, \$2.50, Pauls Valley, \$11.50, Walter, \$25.00; W. B. M. S. of Okla., by Mrs. C. A. Porterfield, Little Cussetta, 20c., Big Arber, 38c., Lawton, \$2.00, Enfauila, \$1.25, Pauls Valley, \$3.75, Mtn. View, 25c., Tulsa, \$1.50, Clinton, 75c., Bridgeport, 25c., Enid, \$4.37, Hastings, \$1.88, Muskogee, \$5.00, East Ardmore, 50c., Guymon, \$1.40, King'sher, \$1.00, Atoka, \$3.75, Helena, \$1.60, Sentinel, 50c., Kingston, \$1.25, Cordell, \$1.00, Terral, 70c., Tahlequah, \$1.25, Retrop, 50c., Salem, \$1.25, Springhill, 25c., Grant, 50c., Monroe, 63c., Asher, 25c., Okla. City, First, \$39.00, Durant,



(\$1.32 for Sunbeams, El Paso), \$8.00, Medford, \$1.25, Nowata, \$4.00, Tomaha, 50c., Guthrie, First, \$6.25, Calvary, \$1.00, Muskogee, \$11.07, Guthrie Y. U., \$2.50, Cleveland, \$1.25, Olustee, 62c., Pawhuska, 50c., Guymon, 75c., Altus, \$3.05, Guthrie Juniors, El Paso, \$2.50, Bakosha, 13c., Moscow, \$2.00, Pauls Valley, \$1.87, Roff, \$2.50, Guthrie, Second, 50c.; J. C. Stalcup, McAlester, Lawton, \$25.00, W. Eufaula Indian, \$1.15, Dan'l Bird's Collections, \$2.50, Blackwell, \$25.00. Total, \$613.29. Previously reported, \$747.07. Total since May, \$1,360.36.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Shiloh Ch., by J. C. W., \$2.00; Cherokee Springs B. Ch., by W. P. S., Spartanburg, \$5.58; First B. Ch., Lancaster, by W. C. T., \$26.20; West Creek Ch., Ridge Assn., by W. W. H., Batesburg, \$6.35, Manning B. Ch., by J. A. B., Elloree, \$16.23; Cross Hill B. Ch., by E. L. W., \$5.55; Motiah Assn., by C. F. Rice, \$1.45; Rehobath Ch., by T. O. R., \$10.93, Santee B. Ch., J. D. H., Plum Branch, \$2.29; Phillips Ch., by J. S. W., \$13.80; Siloam Ch., by R. S. W., Greenwood, \$3.00; Sparrow Swamp Ch., by E. A., Timmons ville, \$2.20; Padgett's Creek Ch., by W. J. M., Union, \$4.43; Leesville B. Ch., by W. E. Q., \$7.10; Rocky Creek Ch., by W. L. C., \$3.84; S. A. Smith, Greenville, \$3.65; Double Pond B. Ch., by J. P. C., Blackville, \$5.43; Mizpah B. Ch., by G. F. C., St. Matthews, \$12.30; Little River Ch., by S. F. E., Level Land, \$5.61; Miss Vannie James, Greenville, Tract Fund, 25c.; Hodges B. Ch., by J. C. S., \$2.90; Whitefield Ch., by D. J. V., Belton, \$1.34; Beech Island B. Ch., by J. C. G., \$4.33; Bethel Ch., by J. M. J., Monetta, \$11.00; Edgefield B. Ch., by O. S., \$42.10, L. A. S., Edgefield B. Ch., \$40.50; L. M. S. Beulah Ch., by W. S. A., Owings, \$2.50; Beulah Ch., \$3.91; Goucher Ch., by A. B. Gaffney, \$7.26; Mauldin B. Ch., by H. E. Clary, \$2.05; Central B. Ch., Greenville, by R. C. G., \$17.11; Mt. Pisgah Ch., by S. B. S., Paso, \$2.82; Central B. Ch., by J. H. B., \$5.90; Fairfield B. Ch., by C. T. T., Winnsboro, \$3.85; Second B. Ch., Laurens, by J. M. M., \$6.46; Central B. Ch., Cowpens, by J. D. B., \$11.06; Honey Camp B. Ch., Green Sea, by E. W. J., \$2.50; Waterboro B. Ch., by J. A. W., \$16.91; Talatha Ch., by F. H. C., Aiken, \$5.15; Osborn Ch., by J. S. M. F., Pino-

polis, \$4.40; Stafford Ch., by A. M. DeLoach, Furman, \$2.73; Reedy Creek Ch., by W. D. C., Marion, \$2.20; Boiling Springs Ch., by D. W. W., Spartanburg, \$28.66; Little River Ch., by N. D. R., Winnsboro, \$8.00; St. Stephens B. Ch., by N. H. P., \$4.75; Beavertown Ch., Piedmont Assn., by D. J. O., Williamston, \$1.60; Bath B. Ch., by G. T. A., \$4.00; Due West B. Ch., by M. B. C., \$10.09; Red Oak Grove Ch., by G. W. B., \$4.25; Union S. S., by A. H. McM., Iva, \$1.12; St. George's B. Ch., by R. S. W., \$1.71; New Hope B. Ch., by M. C. P., Cross Anchor, \$4.93; Bradley B. Ch., by G. H. B., \$4.50; Greenwood B. Ch., by G. W. A., \$100.00; Cherokee Springs Ch., by W. P. S., Spartanburg, \$14.42; Sulphur Springs Ch., \$5.25; New Prospect Ch., by A. J. D., Campobello, \$9.00; Broad Mouth Ch., by R. P. J., \$32.02; Eureka Ch., by G. P. S., \$5.00; Apalache B. Ch., by T. E. McKee, Arlington, \$1.45; Paxville B. Ch., by W. E. T., \$5.00; Elizabeth City, by H. A. J., Ruby, \$15.00; Walnut Grove B. Ch., by G. B. R., Riley's, \$5.00; First B. Ch., Sumter, by Mrs. J. R. M. M., \$14.17; Montmorenci B. Ch., by M. W. H., \$5.94; Ephesus Ch., by H. G. W., Hymna, 85c.; Union Ch., \$1.50; Beulah Ch., \$6.06; Branton's Fork Ch., by B. J. L., Bennettsville, \$10.00; Corinth Ch., by J. S. H., Vance, \$23.78; Gibson Station, by J. L. M., Coll. \$10.00; Steep Bottom Ch., by R. T. C., Estill, \$5.00; Mt. Lebanon B. Ch., by G. B. W., Campobello, \$1.40; Doctor's Creek Ch., by J. O. G., Ruffin, \$8.66; W. M. S., Piedmont B. Ch., by R. D. S., \$20.00; Whitefield B. Ch., Belton, by E. K., \$23.17; Second Dist., Edgefield Assn., by H. A. A., Meriwether, \$21.00; Bethlehem Ch. S. S., \$1.10; Black Swamp B. Ch., Kansas City, Mo., \$20.00; Mt. Arnon B. Ch., by S. C. W., Appleton, \$8.07; Second B. Ch., by A. A. M., \$7.35; Bartlett St. S. S., by W. F. R., Sumter, \$60.00; S. S. Union Ch., by M. S. S., Yorkville, \$1.60; Second Division Collector Assn., by A. C. B., Ruffin, \$11.11; Honnoy B. Ch., by R. H. F., Richburg, \$26.66; Fifth Sunday Meeting, Union County B. Conf., by J. T. G., \$14.92; Beulah Ch., Lawrens, Rabun Creek, \$9.06; Poplar Springs, \$5.12; Princeton, \$3.44; Princeton S. S., \$1.41; Lanford, \$13.00; Chestnut Ridge, \$10.82; Watts Mill, \$11.52; First Laurens, \$84.16; Southside B. Ch., H. H.



H., Columbia, \$17.66; Olympia S. S., by J. M. W., \$15.00; West Springs S. S., by H. C., Pauline, \$1.02; Mt. Lebanon B. Ch., by J. N. A., \$9.30; Millford, by C. W. B., \$5.90; Easley B. Ch., by J. N. H., \$6.00; Edisto Assn., by A. W. Corbett, Springfield, \$9.72; Richland S. S., by Miss C. A., Columbia, \$4.00; Mt. Tabor B. Ch., by H. B. F., Anderson, \$1.53; Denmark B. Ch., by J. E. S., \$5.00; Cross Hill B. Ch., by N. G., \$3.81; Great Swamp Union, by T. W. M., Tillman, \$14.26; Richland Springs B. Ch., by H. Q. R., Black, \$4.05; Standing Springs S. S., by H. M. H., Simpsonville, \$20.25; Oakwood S. S., by M. P. H., Anderson, \$1.33; Ravenna S. S., by T. E. B., Pacolet, \$4.18; Cherokee Ave. B. S. S., by J. S. W., Gaffney, \$5.00; S. S. Memorial B. Ch., by R. S. W., St. George's, \$6.19; Union Ch., by A. F. C., Level Land, \$7.00; Orangeburg Missy., by J. W. P., Bowman, \$13.35; South Union Ch., by J. L. R., Westminster, \$14.00; Pickens B. Ch., by Craig Bros., \$17.62; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., Greenville, \$30.25; C. H. Roper, B. Lancaster, \$5.00; Mt. Moriah Ch., by \$3.00; W. M. S. of Union Ch., by R. T. J. B. B., Greenwood, \$16.60; S. S., Black Creek Ch., by R. G. W. B., Bryan, \$1.12; Darlington B. Ch., by G. H. E., \$29.85; Camden B. Ch., by T. E. G., \$81.80; Parksville B. S. S., by J. E. B., \$1.02; Pleasant Ridge Ch., by J. S., Walhalla, 50c.; Walhalla B. Ch., \$8.14; Savannah River Assn., by H. R. C., Estill, Brunson B. Ch., \$1.50; Cummings B. Ch., \$2.00; Early Branch Ch., \$2.40; Lancaster, First Ch., by W. C. T., \$26.01; Cedar Creek B. Ch., by L. M. D., Bishopville, 55c.; Congaree B. S. S., by W. T., Kingsville, \$3.75; Conway B. Ch., by L. H. B., \$25.18; Mt. Elon B. Ch., by E. H. H., Alcot, \$6.00; S. S. Mullins B. Ch., by B. K. M., \$10.00; Simpsonville B. Ch., by W. P. G., \$11.60; Double Pond B. Ch., by J. P. C., Blackville, \$1.02; Cades Ch., by T. J. R., Lake City, \$5.25; Horeb B. Ch., by J. W. C., Troy, \$10.00; Horeb B. S. S., \$2.00; Cannon St. B. S. S., by H. A. K., Charleston, \$4.42; New Prospect Ch., by A. J. D., Campobello, \$5.00; Grove Station B. Ch., by S. J. D., \$7.52; Dean Swamp B. Ch., by W. S. L., Salley, \$6.00; Salley B. Ch., by D. H. S., \$1.86; Kahatchie Ch., by I. A. G., Olar, \$4.00; Walton Swamp S. S., by J. F. C., Norway,

\$1.00; Troy B. Ch., by D. W. D., \$13.06; Cross Roads B. Ch., by N. W. G., Mt. Croghan, \$10.00; Hickory Grove Ch., by W. H. W., Brunson, \$4.95; Rocky Springs Ch., by M. W. H., Montmorenci, \$5.00; Mrs. C. C. Cooper, Denmark, \$5.00; Double Springs Ch., by J. J. D., Taylors, \$1.20; First B. Ch., Columbia, by D. J., \$181.32; Goucher S. S., Broad River Assn., by S. S. L., Gaffney, \$4.00; Fort Lawn B. Ch., by D. H. J., \$6.80; Stone B. Ch., Ravenel, by R. D. M., \$3.00; Forestville B. Ch., by J. M. O., Traveller's Rest, \$1.51; Ridge Springs B. Ch., by M. G. S., \$22.10; Red Oak Grove S. S., by W. A. D., Modoc, \$2.24. Total, \$1,810.79. Previously reported, \$7,400.85. Total since May, \$9,211.64.

TENNESSEE: Boulevard B. Ch., Memphis, \$4.50; L. A. S., High Hill B. Ch., Peryear, by C. C. M., \$5.00; Arrarat Ch., by J. P. L., Jackson, \$4.40; Cherokee B. Ch., by T. C. C., Jonesboro, \$2.00; W. M. U., Eagleville B. Ch., by N. N. D., \$4.27; W. M. Woodcock, Nashville Mtn Schools, \$10.00; Andersonville, \$2.51; Chilhowie, \$5.00; Watauga, \$5.00; El Paso, \$3.00; Tichenor Memorial, \$40.00; Gen. Work, \$734.49; a sister, Mount Juliet, \$20.00; W. M. Woodcock, Nashville, \$1,000.00; First B. Ch., Johnson City, by Rev. C. Hodge, Evangelism, \$15.00. Total, \$1,855.17. Previously reported, \$5,593.82. Total since May, \$7,449.74.

TEXAS: B. S. S., Hamlin, by A. G. Arnett, \$2.25; San Angelo Ch., by Dr. Little, Evangelism, \$110.05; Rev. P. E. Burroughs, Ft. Worth, Tract Fund, \$1.50. Total, \$113.80. Previously reported, \$4,709.20. Total since May, \$4,823.10.

VIRGINIA: B. A. Jacobs, Richmond, \$1,200.00; Burrows Memorial B. S. S., Lambert's Point, by O. L. G., \$3.75. Total, \$1,203.75. Previously reported, \$10,844.76. Total since May, \$12,048.51.

MISCELLANEOUS: Rev. J. F. Watson, Pomona, Cal., Tract Fund, \$3.50; J. T. Rosson, Ottawa, Kans., by F. T. Moulton, New York City, \$5.00; J. A. Schulte, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2.70; Rev. J. W. Michaels, Evangelism, \$37.18. Total, \$48.38. Previously reported, \$778.82. Total since May, \$827.20.

AGGREGATE: Total, \$15,800.80. Previously reported, \$95,211.21. Total since May, \$111,012.01.

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Mrs. B. D. GRAY, Editor, College Park, Ga

The Convention will soon meet in Hot Springs, and oh! what a feast of soul it will be. Again we urge all of the dear sisters to go. Do not let a trivial thing keep you away.

We cannot tell, at this writing, how nearly the W. M. U. has come up in its contributions to its apportionment. The W. M. U. books close on the twentieth of April, and we go to print before that time.

We devoutly thank all for what has been done during this conventional year. May the Heavenly Father guide us into larger things for His glory.

We give large space this issue to the Missionary Institute held in Birmingham. We wish that many other societies would send reports of "all day meetings." There is power in organized effort, and it will bring success.

It was a great pleasure to have with us recently Mrs. T. C. Carleton, of Oklahoma. How much she added by her consecrated personality to our Georgia W. M. U. Missionary Institute. Would that space permitted a full account of this glorious meeting planned by the Central Committee. We find ourselves already beyond our allotted space; but we must steal space to say. Write to Mrs. Carleton and ask her what you can do for "The Travelling Library" for the Indians.

We are glad to have the following interesting article from our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Crane:

The Missionary Convention.  
Pittsburg, March 10-12.

The great gathering of 3,000 of the leaders in missionary thought and activ-

ity in all the Protestant denominations of this country was held under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Movement, and was an occasion of great significance for the advance of the kingdom of God. The Movement is an international organization whose purpose is to further missionary education. It is not a board, sending out missionaries, but is itself composed of all the home and foreign boards, whose secretaries are the executive committee of the Movement. Our S. B. C. representative on this executive committee is our Educational Secretary, Dr. T. B. Ray. All the literature produced by the Movement, such as mission study text books, are at the disposal of the boards, much more cheaply than any one of them could produce it, and every denomination is feeling the benefits of this plan in a great increase of interest in the study of missions.

The Convention then was held especially for the purpose of enlisting the leaders of the various denominations in a great campaign of missionary education. To this end a fine exhibit of materials available was gathered together, and in it one could see the possible help in organizing mission study classes, introducing the subject of missions systematically in the Sunday-schools, and bringing before missionary and young people's societies the best literature obtainable for the missionary meeting. Text books, leaflets, charts, photographs, curios, gave a rich store of material on which to draw.

Moving pictures of scenes in mission lands lent great conviction to the addresses on conditions there; and I shall not soon forget the appeal made by the

sight of hundreds of Mohammedans worshipping in a Mosque in India—actually going through the prostrations and other observances of false worship—which the moving picture film presented. Excellent stereopticon views, beautifully colored and presenting scenes actually visited by secretaries of the Missionary Movement, were also shown. It is the thought of officers of the Movement that these films and plates will be available by the boards for use in the local churches, in their own denominations.

The addresses made by several board secretaries, home and foreign, returned missionaries, and native Christians from Korea, Japan, India, and China, were well calculated to give the delegates a vision of worldwide need for Jesus Christ. South America, Africa, and the great problem of our condition in our own cities and frontier, were brought forward in strong appeals. And the atmosphere of the entire Convention was charged with the spiritual power that made one conscious of considering all these things in the very presence of God. The Holy Spirit was surely using the men who spoke to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in the life and service of every delegate present. It is for this reason that we may look for large results from the missionary gathering, whose dominant note was, "Crown Him Lord of All," and trusting, not in the good equipment of the Movement, but its great energizing Power, we must believe that all the churches are to respond to the call of God to enter more and more largely into the glad work of the evangelization of the world in this generation.

Edith Campbell Crane.

#### A Missionary Institute.

(The interest in Missionary Institutes is so widespread that the following account of our meeting held in Birmingham will carry its own story. We can but carry those who were privileged to attend.)

Despite the inclemency of the weather quite a number of ladies, representing

the different societies of the Baptist Churches in and around Birmingham, gathered at the West End Church on last Friday for a real Missionary Institute. Mrs. M. E. Bell conducted the Devotional Exercises.

"Survey of The Work of W. M. U." was presented by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, who took a birdseye view of important points and called attention to various details which are apt to be neglected—Stressed our Marching Orders, emphasized the advantages gained by the Missionary Information and the spiritual blessings received during the Weeks of Prayer—Appealed to the women to cut their personal expense to meet the obligations to our Boards, denying themselves for Him who raised womanhood from the dust, and for our sakes became poor. If we are His children let us be faithful to His command.

W. M. U. Methods were discussed by Mrs. L. Q. C. Kelly, showing how by complete organization and carrying out of the plans of the Executive Committee at Baltimore with Miss Heck as President, everything is made easier for the less informed. Miss Heck has asked why the Baptist children and young women are doing so little by comparison with the young people of other denominations. More consecration needed in mothers. Commended the Young Woman's Auxilliary of Alabama for sending as their beneficiary Miss Floy White to the W. M. U. Training Schools of Louisville. They hope to have her represent them on the Foreign Field.

Mrs. D. M. Malone, Corresponding Secretary, gave a very explicit talk upon Campaign Plans for our Association, explained that campaign meant sustained operations, organized action. The plans formulated at the Southern Baptist Convention are carried out by the State Central Committees, they are the connecting link between Headquarters and the unions of the state—Begged that all organizations of our Associations should be truly Missionary in spirit, showed how the Anti-Mission-



ary churches of the country had died, they had lived for and in themselves—Missionary Information on the Woman's Page of Alabama Baptist, whose price is now within the reach of all—Missionary Literature could be obtained at the Mission Room in the Watts Building. Mrs. Malone begged that the Quarterly Reports be more promptly sent in, stressed the importance of having a society, and auxiliary and a band in every church—Praised the Apportionment Plan and urged strenuous efforts to meet the State Apportionments and the Association Apportionment, the latter being \$900 for Foreign, \$500 for Home and \$400 for State Missions. Requested that Quarterly Reports be read before societies each quarter. Stated that our quarterly All-Day meetings had been a great advantage to our work, had brought the workers closer together. Our object to win the indifferent encourage the earnest and to tell all of Jesus and His love.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. A. J. Dickinson gave an interesting Digest of Books of the Mission Study Course—A vivid sketch of "Uganda's White Man of Work" telling how delightful this book is to children. Charming digest of the "Uplift of China", and "The Challenge of the City."

Open parliament for the Scriptural authority of organizing missionary societies led by Mrs. N. A. Barrett. First, Mrs. Hargrove said that as we there meet in family life—one great family with God as our Father, Jesus our elder brother, His commands will be obeyed for we will love Him and listen to His loving "Go ye." Second, by Mrs. Sellers, Prayer. So thankful that we can go to Him in prayer, relying on His promises, who said "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Third, by Mrs. Vesey depicting the beauties of consecrated young womanhood. Fourth, "The Water of Life," by Mrs. Rosamond. Rejoicing that we can all partake and continually pass on to others. Fifth, Giving, by Mrs.

Hendricks. It is a privilege of God's children to give to His work, that in a society we meet in loving fellowship growing in good works. Sixth, by Mrs. Bussey, "To See Christ." 'Twill be the greatest reward to see the King in His beauty and hear his "Well done". It behooves us to lay aside our work one day in the week to meet Him in our society. Should be done in love instead of duty.

Good news from Southside brought forth expressions from many present in regard to precious blessings received during the Week of Prayer and reports from some glorious meetings which were being held in different churches. Brother Wear, pastor of the West End church, dismissed the morning session with prayer. Adjourned to the Lecture Room for luncheon and a social gathering, where old friends met and new ones found pleasure.

#### Afternoon Session.

Mrs. Barrett introduced Miss Margaret Cumming who conducted the Consecration Service. The Hymn "Come Holy Spirit" was followed by united prayer. She then read an excellent paper upon The Meaning of Consecration. When we wake each day we should yield our physical as well as mental nature to glorify God. It is not only possible but the only way to true happiness—"I will walk with them", a real promise—"Present yourselves a living sacrifice" the reward is fellowship with God. An appeal: Who will consecrate herself this day? Song, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

An interesting feature of the afternoon was a Mission Study Class conducted by Mrs. Montgomery on the "Uplift of China," illustrating with a map of China, and pointing out our mission stations.

Mrs. Hamilton gathered the Sunbeams around her and took them with Dr. and Mrs. Willingham to Japan. The talk was so interesting and so realistic that a lady near me said, "Why, I did not know that Mrs. Hamilton went to Japan with them". She described the Japanese customs, saying it was a paradise for



children whose manners are so very good, told of the festival of dolls and many queer things; of visits to the missionaries, to the schools, of the idols which are a blot that God's light will dissipate. A Japanese house, dolls, kitchen god were shown, incense burned, and other strange customs explained, all of which was enjoyed by old and young.

Open Parliament. What, in this meeting, has been most helpful to you. The consensus of opinion being Miss Cummin's paper on Consecration.

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#### UNION MAIL.

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

Closing days are anxious days—as yet. But “there’s a good time coming,” when the churches everywhere will keep the flow of gifts coming in steadily from the first to the last of the year and these last days of agonizing suspense be but a ghastly memory.—When? When the command to everyone to lay by in store upon the first day of the week as God has prospered him be brought back to its first meaning and includes the world. Most have forgotten that this was given as a definite direction for a missionary collection. If you doubt it see 1 Cor. 16: 1-3.—Dr. O. F. Gregory writes of Hot Springs as an ideal place for the Convention—a hotel big enough for every body, and every one in that much coveted place “in easy reach of the meeting places of both Convention and Woman’s Missionary Union.—The meeting of the Union will be a memorable one in that it is its twentieth anniversary. This alone should insure a good attendance. It will be a date from which in the future we will “reckon” progress.—Miss Crane is spending the last weeks of the year in Kentucky, Missouri and Oklahoma, and will not return to Baltimore before going to Hot Springs. Her life since coming to the Union work in September has been a very strenuous one, includ-

ing nearly 6,000 miles of travel. Wherever she has been she has carried information and enthusiasm.—In Kentucky Miss Crane assisted in five missionary institutes, arranged by the Kentucky Central Committee. We will hope for fuller accounts of these later. The missionary institute is making its way as a missionary method of first value.—In this connection, a word of reminder will be well. Miss Crane will attend the two missionary conferences to be held in Asheville during June and July, and hopes to meet many of our young women. The first of these conferences is the Young Woman’s Christian Association Conferences in June, the second the Young People’s Missionary Movement Conference the first of July. Miss Crane will be exceedingly glad to give further details to all interested. Letters sent her care of Missionary Rooms, 301 N. Charles street, Baltimore, will always reach her on her journeys.—A daring prophecy was made at the annual state meeting of the North Carolina societies held recently in the hospitable town of Gastonia, N. C., by State Secretary Rev. Livingstone Johnson, who spoke on “A State Mission Vision.” He said that in ten years the societies of that state would be giving \$75,000 a year, divided quarterly, between foreign, home and state missions. When the most sanguine of his hearers caught their breath he said his figures were based on the ratio of past increase.—Dr. D. B. Gray was a listener to this prophecy and added, “Extend that to other states, and think what it means.” It makes one’s brain reel.—A very pleasant and profitable feature of this meeting was the presence of Mrs. A. L. Crutchfield, Corresponding Secretary of South Carolina, who outlined the woman’s work of the neighboring state. Such interchange of plans and workers is much to be commended. We are all working under much the same conditions to solve the same problems, and each has something to offer the other. None, as far as reported, yet claim that their work has reached the final state of perfection.—

Miss Heck recently ran down to the Margaret Home to find the family there busy and happy though talking of coming examinations. Mina Entzminger, the oldest of the number of the groups, is gifted in music, and her music on the Mississippi piano is an evident pleasure to all the family. "I have just been reading your article to the cook," said one letter in *The Mail*. Why the cook? Was she white or black? Doubtless, she was poor and ignorant. Why the cook? Because here is one woman who believes in home missions indeed, and doing the next thing. Are you planning for a group meeting of societies this summer? If the words *Missionary Institute* are too large and learned in sound, try simply having three or four societies meet together and talk of missions. Anybody can do so simple a thing as that. We were speaking a little while ago of anxiety and strain. Their following evils are weariness and relaxation. The day-after-feeling. Whether our annual report brings joy or disappointment, let us up and at it again with joy and hopefulness. If you want courage look back over the way we have come, not in one year, but in two. Even yet it is not too late to crown the twentieth anniversary with the completion of the \$20,000 gift for the permanent endowment of the W. M. U. Training School. If you cannot

get your gift for this in the hands of Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer W. M. U., 602 Parkwyth avenue, Baltimore, Md., before May 10th, send it by your state representative to Hot Springs. The societies everywhere are urged to help in making Bible Day in the Sunday-schools a great success. Funds from this day go to scatter Bibles in every mission field through the Sunday-school Board Bible Fund. Remember this Board adds a dollar to every dollar sent them for this purpose. Programs and a charming little mite box in shape of a Bible, free on application to Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn. We are indebted to Mrs. Mollie J. Wolfe, of Covington, Ky., for this answer to the question, "How can we enlist the isolated woman in the country." This can be done with a good home class, either in the Missionary Society or Sunday-school. I have seen it tried most in the rural districts with gratifying results, and I think it the only way to reach them. Mrs. C. V. Butler, of the North Avenue Church, Baltimore, sends this item: "North avenue ladies will have \$107 for self-denial offering. Only 225 members. We, as a church, have promised \$1,200 next year for foreign missions. Good!" This increase in one branch of mission work goes hand and hand with growth of another.