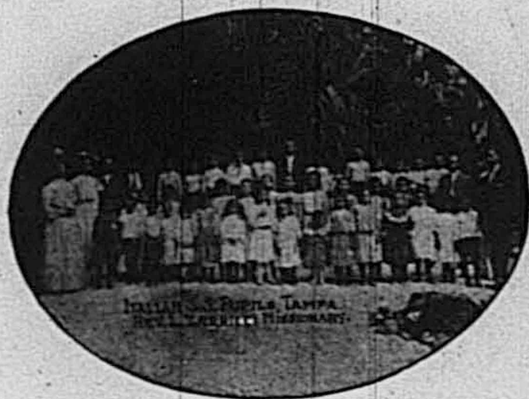


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EDITORIAL

Our financial condition is serious. We are borrowing heavily and the money is coming in slowly. Most of our larger appropriations were made payable in the fall and winter. Some of the heaviest are now falling due. Will not the brethren come to our help?

It is said that up to several years ago eighty-two pedo-baptist preachers had been immersed at the Moody Northfield meetings, though never a sermon has been preached there on this ordinance. A study of the Bible under spiritual influence and surroundings has produced this result.

The reports of our missionaries and evangelists are full of glad tidings. The Lord never more signally blessed their labors. The fields, too, on every hand are white unto harvest and there is crying need for more laborers. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust them forth into His great harvest field.

What about the additional \$100,000 on our Building Loan Fund? We so much need it. Scores of churches are in need of small loans to help them out in their building project.

Is there a man of means who will give us \$25,000 or \$10,000 or \$5,000 for this permanent fund to be loaned and returned and loaned again and returned, going on indefinitely, helping poor churches? Aren't there a score of brethren to give \$1,000 each and as many to give \$500 and a hundred to give \$100 each? Col. C. C. Slaughter, at Hot Springs, last May, said there was no line of Christian work in which Baptists were engaged where money would count for as much as in this Church Building Loan Fund.

We want during October, November and December to add ten thousand new subscribers to Our Home Field list. We beg the help of pastors and laymen and the good women. We must inform our people about the great work of home missions. The increased circulation of the Home Field will help to do this as nothing else will do.

The following brief message from Brother J. G. Brendel, missionary to the Pawnee Indians, speaks volumes for rejoicing. Read it: "Great day yesterday. Four Pawnees came forward for baptism. Things look good."

Dear Brother Brendel: We rejoice with you. God is graciously

recognizing your fidelity. Brethren will pray for you and those whom God has given you, that you may have grace, and wisdom, and patience still more abundantly, and that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you and prosper the work He has committed to your hands.

The Grace Baptist Church, of New Orleans, expect to have their beautiful house of worship completed soon. The Home Board is back of them in this work, furnishing most of the money, but the church members are giving liberally out of their poverty. They have a great field and are hopeful under the leadership of Pastor W. W. Horner.

In addition to our work of interest among the Cubans at Tampa, Fla., we have recently started work among the ten thousand Italians there. This work was inaugurated four months ago by the appointment of a consecrated and enthusiastic young man, Rev. Laurence Zarrilli, a native Italian, who speaks English fluently.

Since Brother Zarrilli took up the work he has been received kindly by the Italians, and his efforts disclose an inviting field for successful missionary endeavor. Like all missionary enterprises among a foreign speaking people the day school is a necessary adjunct.

Brother Zarrilli teaches both a day school and a night school five days each week. He conducts Sunday-school each Sunday morning,

Bible class Sunday afternoon and has preaching service at night. His report for August shows an average attendance of sixty-two children in the day school.

The average attendance of the night class was thirty-eight. These are young men from sixteen to thirty-five years of age. Brother Zarrilli is sowing the seed of gospel truth in the hearts of these young men. For the month the average attendance of the Sunday-school was fifteen and the average number attending preaching service was ninety-two. There have already been some conversions as a result of Brother Zarrilli's work and others are seriously inquiring the way of salvation. Altogether the outlook is hopeful.

A good country church in Western Kentucky pays Brother Zarrilli's salary.

Elsewhere in this issue we present pictures of the Sunday-school and Bible class.

The Dedication of the New First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

The First Baptist Church of New Orleans will enter their magnificent new house of worship on St. Charles Avenue, Sunday, October 4th. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Secretary B. D. Gray, of the Home Mission Board. The completion of this splendid structure marks a great advance in Baptist affairs in the Crescent City and will be a source of joy to thousands of our brethren, who have watched the plans of the Home Board with reference to the strengthening our work

in that great, growing metropolis. We have builded for the future. The lot was purchased some three years ago by the Home Board for \$15,000, and is now worth nearly or quite double that amount. There is not a finer location on that notable avenue. The building is a model of convenience and is said to be the best Protestant church edifice in the city.

The Home Board has had to bear the chief part of the financial burden, but Pastor C. V. Edwards and his noble church have done heroic service and made great sacrifice in their gifts to the work. They are happy and we all rejoice with them. We look for great things from them in the future.

The Opening of Our Baptist Schools.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., begins the new session October 1st. We wish President Mullins and his co-workers in the faculty every blessing. They are worthy of the confidence of the denomination and this they have in abundant measure. Indications point to a large attendance of students. May God's richest favor rest upon that great company of young men who go there to better equip themselves for the difficult but glorious service to which he has called them. The significance of the Seminary as a factor in our denominational life constantly increases.

The Woman's Missionary Union Training School likewise opens Oc-

tober 1st, in Louisville. It is fostered by the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The first session of the school was very successful and the prospects for the new year are most flattering. Mrs. Maude R. McLure, the Principal is assisted by a splendid corps of lady teachers, and the faculty of our Seminary in the work of instruction. It would be difficult to combine greater advantages than those to be held at Louisville for the training of our young women for mission work at home and abroad. Already the founding of the school has been abundantly justified and we look for great things from it in the future.

Not to be forgotten in our prayers and sympathies are the many Baptist high schools, academies and colleges whose terms have just begun. The potentialities in these schools are incalculable. They are full of young life at the formative period. Their future destiny is largely with the teachers. Great and fearful responsibilities rest upon these teachers; likewise glorious opportunities are presented. If they rightly measure up to their task, their children in the schools, like the children of the virtuous woman, will rise up and call them blessed.

The District Association.

If Methodists have "Conferences," and Presbyterians have "Synods," Baptists have "Associations." In terminology, "Association" is a Baptist asset. It is a good word, meaning fellowship,

friendship, partnership, fraternity, community of interest.

Generally our state-wide Baptist bodies go by the name of "Convention," but when we come to narrower limits, "Association" is our shibboleth. Next to the churches, "Association" is the pivotal point in our denominational machinery. It stands midway between the churches and the "Convention." Its messengers come fresh from the churches, and carry straight back to the churches the story of our co-operative work. In our "Conventions" representing whole states, or as in the Southern Baptist Convention, representing the whole South, it is impracticable to have a large representation from the churches.

But in the associations we have our opportunity for immediate contact with the churches. Not only do the messengers attend the associations but other church members, and visitors as well. In many of the great country districts thousands attend the "Association." We have more than eight hundred district associations in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Doubtless during the associational period not fewer than 500,000 people are in attendance. What an opportunity for Baptist propaganda! Great themes are to be discussed, missions, education, ministerial support, Sunday-schools, church life and the like.

It is a time for fellowship through acquaintanceship. A closer bond of union is formed. The common interests of the denomination come to the front. The unifying of our forces and their enlistment for ag-

gressive co-operative work becomes the dominant thought of an ideal association.

Many young people will go this month of October for the first time as messengers to the associations. Who does not remember the first time he was a delegate to his association? He made no speech, read no report, but he listened to it all. He learned new things, got a larger view, felt great, compelling emotions surge through his soul. He registered a new vow of loyalty to God. It was a great event in his life. The memory of that meeting abides with him. Its informing and transforming power made a new creature of him and he shares its strength the rest of his days.

Hundreds and thousands of our young men ought thus to be influenced during this associational period. This will be their first step towards denominational activity and leadership. It will be shortsighted, suicidal in us, if we fail to use this great opportunity to enlist our young men.

If an association is to be successful there must be preparation for it. Committeemen must be ready with their reports. Organization should be effected without delay. Efficient officers will dispatch business without haste and due attention will be given to all denominational interests.

It will be no time for wrangling, but the weightier matters of the kingdom will engage the attention of the body. The work of the new year will be laid out with definite purpose. The association's part in the benevolences of the denomina-

tion will be apportioned among the churches. If pastors and laymen will make preparation beforehand, they can move the masses by the discussion of the various reports. The mission boards will gladly furnish information in the way of tracts and leaflets to chairmen of committees and others. An informing, stimulating report reinforced by speeches that go straight to the mark will go vibrating through the messengers back to the churches.

After the Association.

The minutes should be printed immediately and distributed without delay. The clerk, of course, will see to it that all reports and statistical tables, with figures added and totals brought down, are in good shape. His minutes will be a bulletin of Baptist affairs in his territory, a thesaurus of information for the churches, a chart of their joint undertakings for the new year.

The most important thing next to the association itself is the executive committee. Its business is to execute the plans of the association. Ad interim it acts for the association. It is, so to speak, the association at work. On its wisdom and activity the whole matter of co-operative work chiefly hinges. They are to devise ways and means for reaching the inactive churches and stimulating all to larger giving and nobler living.

Substantially all that has been said about the associations can be said concerning the Women's Missionary meetings of the associations. May God help us to use this simple but tremendous agency, the district association, as we have never done

before for His honor and glory and for the extension of His kingdom.

Some Texas Doings.

J. F. L.

It is a busy season among Texas Baptists and it is worth a good deal to see these westerners in action. The associational period is on and the call for the great annual round-up is being sounded. For practical oratory a Texas association cannot be beaten. Every speaker seems to have something he wants everybody else to do, and his speech is directed to this end. The collections that can be gotten in without conflict and without complaint is in itself a study. Texas Baptists excel in the grace of giving also. But then they stand so close to so many things that need to be done. They have only to lift up their eyes to see white fields. Here in the Concho Valley Association, for instance, where during its session I am writing these lines, the associational mission report has just recited that there are fifty destitute communities yet to be supplied with gospel privilege. And the country is filling up and developing at a marvelous rate.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, "Uncle Gideon," has just received the reports of his missionaries for the third quarter. These reports show the partial results for the three months to be more than four thousand baptisms and a total of more than nine thousand additions to the churches. One missionary of the State Board has had more baptisms this year

than the whole missionary force of the State had for a twelve months twelve years ago. The Convention at Ft. Worth in November will be an occasion for rejoicing.

The fame of Dr. Geo. Truett's ministry has gone abroad. Here are some figures taken from the letter which his great church sent to the Dallas County Association the other day: Contributed to home expenses, \$8,349.87; to state missions, \$4,294.91; to home missions, \$2,001.50; to foreign missions, \$2,098.05; county missions, \$580.00; city missions, \$2,269.20; orphanage, \$1,223.04; Christian education, \$580.00; ministerial education, \$650.00; Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, \$17,710.50; ministers' relief, \$147.00. The total contributions of this church to missions in this single year were \$11,243.66, and the grand total to all objects, \$47,363.54. There were several items to be added to the letter after I saw it which will carry the figures even beyond these. It is well enough for the denomination to know that this good man whose name is so honored abroad is doing such great things in his own pastorate.

Miss Buhlmaier.

The following from our ever faithful and universally beloved mission worker, Miss Buhlmaier, of Baltimore, will be read with interest.

The strain of years of continuous work and the giving way of health have caused the Home Board to order Miss Buhlmaier to lay down her work and seek restoration to health in a season of rest. Let all who love Miss Buhlmaier and the cause for which her life is being given bear her in their prayers to a throne of grace, praying that God may bless her and restore her to health and strength and give her many added years of useful Christian service. We give the last report written by her in full as follows:

In submitting our report for the month closing August 20th, allow me to remind you that I am still here in the Blue Ridge mountains, praying God to renew my strength daily. Thus far there is but little evidence of improvement, but as I am no worse, perhaps that may in itself stand for improvement, as the great heat of this summer was indeed a sore trial to many.

The work is being faithfully carried on by Miss Froelich, and when I saw it could be arranged without any injury to it, I insisted that she come away to rest for about a week, feeling sure that the Home Board would sanction this, if they knew. You see, the opportunity came by the dropping out of one of the steamers, and when we learned of it, the time had to be taken at once, and gave us no chance to write about it first. I hope the little change has benefited her. Will you not help us pray that the "big change" may also benefit me?

The following figures stand for work done during the month by Miss Froelich: Weeks of labor, 4½; visits and calls, 62; to pier and detention house, 9 times; literature distributed, 4,286 pages; Testaments and Gospels, 196 copies. Sunday-school and church services attended regularly.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS



BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE AND CHURCH, CULEBRA, CANAL ZONE, PANAMA.

Dr. Josiah Strong: A million immigrants! A million opportunities! A million obligations!

The following extracts are from the report submitted by Rev. John E. Briggs, chairman, and adopted by the Stone Mountain Association at its recent meeting:

The Lord continues to place the seal of His blessing upon the efforts of the Home Mission Board. Last year there were 324 conversions in our mountain schools; 22,402 converts, more than 60 a day, were baptized by our evangelists and missionaries, and 18,015 members received by letter, making a total of 40,417 additions to the churches. These 961 workers supplied 2,630 churches and stations, delivered 126,239 sermons and addresses, made 227,474 religious visits, constituted 337 churches, built and improved 338 houses of worship, organized 1,057 Sunday-schools, distributed more than two million pages of tracts and held 428 Bible conferences. There is not another instance in modern missions that

parallels this, and the opportunity is as great or greater than ever before. Why? Because even faster than one church or town is assisted five others equally needy and promising spring up and call for assistance.

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Mission "facts are the fingers of God." Our people fail to give, many of them, because they are not informed. We recommend that all pastors and Sunday-school and mission workers subscribe to and in every possible way extend the circulation of the Home Field. We call special attention to the many excellent tracts of the Board which can be had for the asking. A postal card will bring as many as you can use judiciously.

The different fields of the Board are varied and inspiring. Think of them!

Our mountain school work. Where will a dollar ring louder, last longer and go farther than here?

Work among the Negroes. If the Negro be the "white man's bur-

den," then the people nearest that burden must bear the larger share.

Cuba. As we have given the Cubans freedom of body, let us now give them the greatest blessing, freedom of soul.

Cities. The Home Board has worked in every capital city of the South except Frankfort, Ky., and Frankfort might have been better for all time by wise help at the right time. The key to the battle, in this day, is the city. As Henry Drummond once said, "To make cities—that is what we are here for. To make good cities—that is for the present hour the main work of Christianity. For the city is strategic. It makes the towns, the towns make villages, the villages make the country. He who makes the city makes the world."

Foreigners. They have been coming this way at the rate of a million a year. They are prejudiced in our favor and are easily approached. Last winter 300,000 returned to the old world, some of them to come back to America, many to stay. They cannot forget that they were better treated than foreigners were ever treated by any people and will have a reverence for our institutions and our flag. We are now within a week of all Europe. The coming and going of the evangelized thousands affords us the greatest foreign mission opportunity of the ages. To make them Christians for the sake of the homeland and the world is our supreme task. The next industrial revival will bring millions more. The su-

perior climate and other advantages of the South will turn them this way as never before.

The Great Southwest. True of all our Southland, but peculiarly so of the great Southwest, are the royal, ringing words of the late Dr. I. T. Tichenor, "We challenge the wisdom of the Christian world that the evangelization of this country is, among human affairs, the mightiest factor in the world's redemption."

Evangelism. The wisdom of the Board in undertaking and prosecuting this work is evident. The evangelists labor in country, town and city. The successful Atlanta campaign speaks for itself. We are glad to know that similar campaigns are being planned in St. Louis, New Orleans, Birmingham and other places.

Believing that home missions is a sacred segment in the infinite circle of missions, and in view of the needs of the Home Board for the successful prosecution of its work, your committee appeals to the piety, to the patriotism and to the pride of the Stone Mountain Association to press this work to the ultimate preservation of our Christian institutions, the spiritual emancipation of the homeland and the final redemption of the world.

We need to enlarge the circulation of Our Home Field. Will not every reader help? Some can secure large lists of subscribers with but little effort. Many can secure ten. All can secure some. What will you do?

Foreign Work at Home.

W. W. GAINES.

The immediate object of all missionary effort is the evangelization of the world in the shortest possible time. All are agreed upon this. But the way in which this end can best be accomplished is a thing about which Christians differ. Some people say that the quickest way to evangelize the world is immediately to send from the Christian lands into the heathen lands an immense number of missionaries, and in this way, within a very short space, say within a generation, give every human being on the earth an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

Other Christians maintain that the speediest and surest plan to evangelize the world is to do larger and larger missionary work in the home-land; to educate the Christian people more and more in Christian graces and Christian duties; to more completely imbue Christians at home with the spirit of the Master; and that the accomplishment of these things will result necessarily in a greater effort toward world-wide evangelization. In other words, the plan of this second class of missionary thinkers is to reach the East by way of the West.

It is probable that these classes of Christian workers may never come to agreement upon this point. And it may be well enough if they do not. It is likely that in the combined work of both classes the proper balance will be struck and the whole world be evangelized in the shortest possible period of time.

No emphasis of foreign mission work that is likely to be made will result in any harm to the cause of home missions. Nor will any emphasis which we are likely to have of home missions result in any harm to foreign missions. And neither is home missions nor foreign missions likely to suffer on account of any undue emphasis upon state missions or city missions or other benevolent work. If all Christians should do as certain Christians do, or if all churches should give as certain churches give, there might be danger of lop-sidedness. But when all the work everywhere has been averaged up it will be found that no interest has suffered.

Many of our people are convinced the great stress in all our missionary effort should be laid upon foreign missions. Perhaps it should. But foreign missions has a much wider significance than you may have supposed. In a very proper sense, all persons who have never had an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ are heathen. It does not matter where they live they are heathen, and work among them is foreign mission work. If such people live in Texas, work among them is foreign mission work. If they live in Kentucky they are proper subjects of foreign missionary endeavor. The immigrant, who comes to our shores, and who has never had an opportunity to know Christ, is just as much a heathen as he was before he left his native land. The Catholic among us is just as truly a subject of foreign missionary work as the Catholic in some foreign country.

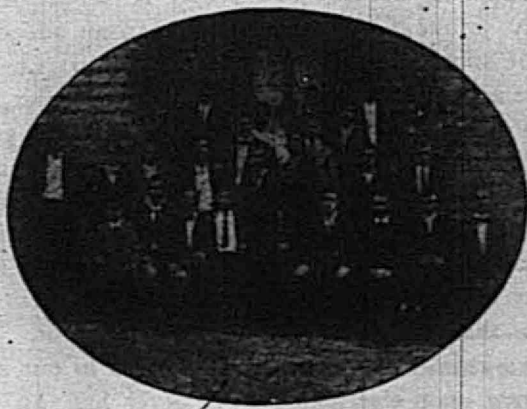
There is the same need of work among the Catholics of New Orleans as there is among the Catholics of Italy, and one is just as truly foreign mission territory as the other. Work in Cuba is as truly foreign missionary work as is work in Brazil or in Mexico. Work among the Mormons in our homeland is foreign missionary work. And so is work among the non-Christian Indian tribes.

We owe as great a duty to the heathen among us as we do the heathen in China or Japan. We are under the same obligation to the thousands of Greeks and Italians who have come to make their homes with us that we are to the Italians and Greeks in their native lands. And work among the millions of immigrants who live in our cities and upon our Western plains is just as essentially foreign mission work as is the work of our missionaries

in the countries of continental Europe from whence they came. If work among the heathen and the Papists abroad is foreign mission work then work among the heathen and Papists at home is foreign mission work, and is just as important, though done by the Home Mission Board. And we owe the same duty to the heathen and Papists here that we owe to them elsewhere. Indeed, we may owe them a greater duty here; and we certainly have a much better opportunity to serve them.

The soul of a person out on our broad prairies, who has never had an opportunity to know God in the forgiveness of his sins is just as precious in the sight of the Lord as is a soul similarly benighted who dwells in the South Sea islands or in the mountains of Thibet.

A great deal of our home mission work is really foreign mission work.
—The Christian Index.



NIGHT CLASS, ITALIAN MISSION, TAMPA, FLA. REV. L. ZARRILLI,
MISSIONARY, STANDING IN FRONT ROW.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

The Baptist Situation in Jacksonville, and the Outlook.

REV. W. L. C. MAHON.

Perhaps there is no city in the South more widely advertised, that is forging to the front more rapidly or that is more favorably considered by the capitalist and investor, as well as the pleasure seeker, than the city of Jacksonville, Florida.

Its situation on the St. Johns river a score of miles above its entrance into the Atlantic, with twenty-four feet of water all the way up to the docks, making a port of entry for deep draft vessels, gives it all the advantages of a maritime city. In addition to this, it is the railroad center of the State, all lines converging and centering there, making it the basing point of all traffic to and from the State and the center of commercial and financial influences.

Florida is the most accessible and delightful winter resort of the nation, and as such its fame has circled the world. Jacksonville, the metropolis and entrance gate to the State, through which nine-tenths of the people entering or leaving must pass, is as far famed as the State itself. But that which lends prominence to the city above every other factor and which has turned a steady stream of population to meet the opportunity and pre-empt the situation, is the fact that Jacksonville is the logical storehouse and distributing point on the great highway between the Republics of South

America, the Islands of the West Indies and the South and Northwest of our own continent and Canada.

The State's Prosperity.

The rapid growth of the city during the past five or six years has been due as much to the prosperity of the State as to any other one factor. Since "the freeze" of 1895 there has been a transformation in the State so far as its farming and mining interests are concerned, and its prosperity has gone beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

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In thirteen years the orange crop has been almost, if not quite, restored to its former quantity and value, if not to its former place of eminence, heading the list of products. Truck growing has taken on larger proportions than the orange culture ever reached in its palmiest days and is much more profitable. Other fruits, such as peaches, strawberries and melons, are beginning to take high rank in the list. Nor can it be forgotten that Florida, because of the enormous exports, now controls the market in phosphate and naval stores.

The Future.

The city, about which such prosperity centers, in which so great possibilities lie, has a future which only the man with a prophet's vision and the poet's imagination can understand and grasp. Her suburbs are already spread out, covering much territory, like the wings of a

hovering bird, her buildings, already towering up into the ethereal blue, give evidence of what is coming. * * * * *

Our energies and time must be spent in doing our uttermost to make ready for the coming of the day, the dawn of which is already breaking and whose foregleams begin to make our Baptist shoulders feel the oncoming responsibilities, while our hearts are aglow with brightening hopes and our hands are strengthened for the present needs.

The Baptist Situation.

These few facts concerning the city and the material prosperity of the State have been merely touched upon in order to prepare us for that which should and must concern us far more than any of those things which have been mentioned. They really interest us only so far as they are related to and tend to the support and spread of the Master's kingdom.

Seven years ago, just after the devouring fire which devastated the city and left her inhabitants homeless, the Baptists found themselves to be a feeble folk, few in number, and weak financially, numbering less than three hundred. Yet, they were great in purpose and strong in faith. The other denominations were able to rebuild almost immediately, while the Baptists had to seek far and wide for funds to erect a building suitable and adequate to the demands of the new city, which was rising phoenix-like from the ashes of the old. Led by a pastor, who had a good grasp of the situation, with the courage and ability to grapple with it, they soon

drew to their fellowship men who were coming into the city because of its increasing activity and power as a center for reaching the whole State. With an increasing membership and such help as could be gotten from other sources, the erection of an elegant and well equipped house of worship was finally accomplished; the Home Board standing by them all the time and helping to the very limit of their ability. The First Baptist Church stands today as a monument of the sacrificing effort of the Baptists and their pastor. The new church completed, the little band could turn their attention from the structure of stone and mortar to the building of a house "not made with hands." Soon they had grown from less than three hundred to five hundred and from a feeble folk to a strong organization.

A New Problem to be Met.

For the Christian worker, and especially for the Baptists in a growing southern city, the point is never reached where a "rest at arms" can be taken. New problems are to be continually solved, new fields to be entered. The problem that now began to present itself and force its way into the recognition of the Baptists of the State and city was, the need of mission stations and new churches in the different sections of the city. The First Church, still burdened with some debt, and feeling unable to meet the situation, turned the work over to the State Board, doing what they could through the Board, but the State Board of Missions was unable to cope with so large a proposition

and in turn asked the Home Board to come to the rescue. The Home Board, through their representative, Dr. B. D. Gray, investigated the condition. It took him but a little while to estimate the importance of the city as a strategical point for Baptists, not only because of its influence in the State, but because of its close touch with points beyond the State. Lots were selected and purchased in many sections of the city, the Home Board paying in part for nearly all of them and in some instances furnishing the entire amount of the purchase price.

The immediate outcome of this combined effort was the organization of the Main Street Baptist Church in Springfield, the largest residence portion of the city, followed in about a year by the organization of the Woodlawn Church, in the western section. Main Street Church is now a strong, self-supporting organization, and Woodlawn gives promise of being self-supporting in the near future.

The Situation Now.

The present status of Baptist affairs is gratifying and encouraging. As the result of an evangelistic campaign during the early months of this year, four other churches have been organized and two mission stations established, which will soon reach the point when organization will be practicable. Not that the struggle is over, by any means, but, rather, that the position has been reached where the Baptist forces can be husbanded, the machinery of warfare made effective, the avenues of leakage stopped and the growth accelerated by an ever-

increasing ratio. In three and one-half years the Baptists of Jacksonville have increased from five hundred to fourteen hundred. Of these new churches only one has its house of worship completed and paid for—that is Woodlawn Church. The others are either worshipping in temporary structures, or in the partially finished permanent building. The Main Street Church, in the northern section of the city, known as Springfield, with three hundred members, is worshipping in a tabernacle, while their permanent building is being erected, which will cost about thirty-five thousand dollars when completed. The Home Board is helping liberally in this work and is anxious to see its completion, because of its great need in this rapidly growing district.

The mission in Riverside, of apparent equal importance with the Springfield work, has not been organized into a church, as yet. A temporary building has been put up on the lot purchased by the Home Board, and the city missionary of the State Board holds regular services there. Every indication points to the establishing of one of the strongest works in the city at that point. It can be safely estimated that a vantage point has been reached in Baptist affairs in Jacksonville, which under judicious leadership in the churches and co-operation on the part of them all, will count immeasurably, not only for the Baptist cause in the city, but in the entire State.

The Outlook.

The future of the Baptist cause in Jacksonville is as promising to

the Christian as the commercial future of the city is to the capitalist and speculator. No city in the South has a brighter prospect than Jacksonville; the South offers no field more promising in proportion to the money and effort to be expended. Only a few years and the little churches, which are now battling with the problems of existing and building, will become great beacon lights for disseminating the truth and will themselves be able to extend the helping hand to still more distant portions of an ever-expanding city. The money which the Boards are now putting into Jacksonville will be returned heaped up and running over, to be used in other fields. Help for Jacksonville now means help from Jacksonville in the near future, it means establishing and entrenching the Baptist position and the laying of the foundation for a work, the end whereof no man can prophesy. The Home Board is contemplating plans the carrying out of which is dependent upon its income during the next few months. Southern Baptists must work and pray and give as never before to meet our growing demands from our ever-growing fields.

Our Baptist Cause in St. Louis.

DR. J. C. ARMSTRONG.

When the seed of a city was planted here on the west bank of the Mississippi river, that seed was Spanish and French; the soil in which it was planted was Roman Catholic. Religious and political freedom came only a hundred years ago, and we are not yet recovered

from the bad start we received. Our people have come from Spain and France and Germany and Ireland and England and in smaller numbers from all other corners of the earth. All this diversity of blood and tongue and faith makes the problem of city missions. Romanism got here first and tried to monopolize the situation. Public worship by other than a Catholic priest was forbidden, and all children were required to be sprinkled into the "church." Not a Baptist church house in or around St. Louis has a bell on it, for we are still wearing that badge of bondage put upon us in the earlier day; we are keeping it as a souvenir.

Less than a hundred years ago our first church was planted here. That pioneer band had secured themselves a house of worship, but the city wanted the lot for a street, and Baptists were not of sufficient influence to get pay for the property. There have been oppositions from without, occasional divisions within, some blunders and many heroic sacrifices. These who are here have come down through much tribulation. Among them are God's choice spirits.

All Denominations Represented.

While Baptists, the first on the ground, organized the first church west of the Mississippi as early as 1806, they located in the country, and it was ten years or more before any non-Romanists dared to invade the city. Presbyterians and Baptists and Methodists were the pioneers. These beginnings were painfully small and laborious. Gradually, however, strength followed

courage, and now we have about all the specimens of denominational orders to be found in our land. We are up to date in samples if not in stock. Situated, as we are, where the streams from Northeast and Southeast meet in their westward flow, we catch all the good and the bad from both directions. Because we are weak in digestive and assimilative powers, we keep them pretty much as they come to us. By its constituent elements our social spirit is conservative and slow to move or suffer change.

Rank of the Denominations.

This is difficult and delicate ground to walk over. When each denomination gives its own numbers and all these are added together we are liable to come into conflict with the government census taker. We claim more folks than he can find in the city. Some of the bodies, notably Romanists, count their "population," not their present or active communicants. Others figure from lists of members where the lists have not been revised since the Christmas entertainment or the annual picnic, on which occasions there is generally a monumental inflation. The following estimates are made up from annuals and reports and guesses:

Baptists, 7,323; Congregationalists, 3,333; Jews, 50,000; Methodists, South, 9,146; Methodists, North, 3,879; Evangelicals, German, 13,080; Lutherans, 12,000; Roman Catholic, Population, 350,000; Christians, 4,620; Episcopalians, 5,631; Presbyterians, North, 10,873; Presbyterians, South, 1,400; Presbyterians, United, 900; Presbyteri-

ans, Reformed, 100; Christian Science, 1,200.

In addition to these we have the usual number who have no religious affiliations or preferences or suspicions, numbering, it may be, 100,000 or 200,000. Nor must we omit that large class of church members who moved here from other places, but whose religion was of so frail a sort that it would not bear transportation. Church membership was lost in transit. The only evidence of former professions is an old church letter securely hidden away in a trunk, preserved against the funeral service.

The Work in Hand.

Of self-supporting churches we have ten. Only about five of these are able to get outside their own gates with help for others. Individually these stronger churches are supporting four missions, besides the missions which are carried on by co-operation. Our City Mission Board is helping to maintain six weaker churches inside the city, besides nearly as many more in the suburbs. A very happy arrangement has been effected by which the State Board, the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Society of New York co-operate with the City Mission Board in carrying on the work. We have been greatly favored by these general agencies, and their kindness is appreciated. It is difficult to see what we could do without their generous assistance. Our churches contribute alike to all these bodies, and perfect harmony prevails. Aside from what individual churches are doing,

we are expending some ten thousand dollars a year in maintaining preaching and pastoral service. The building of houses is not a part of this co-operative work. During the last few years Maplewood, West Park, Euclid and Compton Heights churches have secured fairly good buildings well nigh paid for.

In Prospect.

Never was the need more urgent or the prospect brighter than just now. The third generation of our large German population is thoroughly English in speech and habit. Sections of the city that were closed to our tongue twenty-five years ago, are now open. The children are available. We have two German churches, one self-supporting and the other dependent, and they are doing a splendid service, but there are many Germans who attend our English churches, and some are members. There are large sections of our city in which we have no work begun, and we are kept out by the lack of men and means to enter. Fields white to harvest are lying before us. Entrance will be more difficult and expensive the longer we wait. For the past few years we have been making measurable advancement, both in the number of converts and in self-supporting churches. We yet lack the profound conviction of our duty to evangelize our nearest neighbors. My heart aches in solicitude, not only for the unsaved, but almost as much for the Baptists that they may not fail to fill their place in the Master's kingdom.

Dedication of the Matanzas Baptist Church.

On Sunday, August 30th, the new house of worship in Matanzas, Cuba, was inaugurated with splendid services in the morning and in the evening. The beautiful chapel built by the Home Mission Board for the use of the Matanzas Baptist Church was elegantly decorated, showing its new furniture, carpets, lamps, etc., all of which have been paid for by the church at the expense of some \$300.

A large crowd filled the church auditorium and the Sunday-school room to its utmost capacity at both services; several representatives of the official corporations of the city being present. Rev. J. V. Cova, pastor of the church, and a missionary of the Home Board, presided over the meetings, accompanied by several ministers of the city and Rev. W. H. Robinson, pastor at Santa Clara, Cuba. Representing the Board, Brother Robinson addressed the congregation, at the evening service, greeting them in the name of the Home Mission Board, and of the two million white Baptists in the South.

The music was most excellent; several men of the military band of the city accompanied the organ with soft instrumental melody. Several solos were sung, and popular hymns were sung by the large audience with a hearty spirit.

The impression made on the public at large can be better appreciated by the description of the occasion, as given by a Matanzas paper, "El Moderado," on the following day:

"Yesterday, Sunday, as we had already announced, the Baptists of this city inaugurated their magnificent building, erected on Independencia street, corner Zaragoza.

The morning service, held at 9:30, was marked by great solemnity. A large congregation filled the whole capacity of the church, observing most commendable order,

while the program of the meeting was being fulfilled. The singing was splendid and imposing, accompanied by six men of the military band and the organ of the church.

"A daughter of the pastor sang a beautiful solo of admirable melody and solemnity. After that, the pastor delivered an eloquent sermon, alluding to the occasion, and exalting the greatness of God and Christianity. The attendance left the chapel greatly pleased with the service.

"At 7:30 p. m. the second service was held, with such a large attendance that both church and Sunday-school room proved to be insufficient to accommodate all who sought admission.

"The music, of the most selected class, was even better than in the morning. A pretty choir of some very little girls sang a fine anthem,

and the men of the band gave an inspired religious piece, after which the service began, with three ministers on the platform. Mrs. Maxwell charmed the audience with the magnificent song, 'Jerusalem.' Rev. Mr. Neblett, of the Methodist Church, sang also a solemn and melodious piece.

"The sermon, preached by Rev. Mr. Cova, was of the highest tones of spirituality, on the subject of the great personality of Christ and His work on earth.

"The house, exquisitely and simply decorated, gave the note of immaculate whiteness on its walls, ceiling and glasses. A vast profusion of natural flowers, and fine carpeting on the floor, made a magnificent show by the abundant

electric lights of the building.

"We cordially congratulate the Matanzas Baptist Church and our friend, Pastor Cova."

Matanzas, Cuba, Sept. 2, 1908.
To the Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brethren:—On the occasion of taking possession of the new chapel, the Board has built here for the use of the Matanzas First Baptist Church, by unanimous vote, it



CHURCH AND PASTOR'S HOME, MATANZAS.

was resolved to send you the heart-felt expression of our gratitude.

The house is magnificent, and the attraction of it will do more for the advancement of our cause in this city than all that has been done to the present time.

We have tried to furnish and decorate it to the best of our ability, and though the larger number of the members are very poor, true sacrifices have been made to present the church before the public in the most elegant and respectable way.

On our occupying it for the work of the Lord, we are praying His richest blessings on you, Brethren of the Board, for your valuable help and trust that every cent expended in this building will be more than repaid by Him to whose glory it has been erected. Many a saved soul will unite with us in these petitions on your behalf, when through the instrumentality of this building, they would come to hear the gospel and would go to God.

May the Gracious Master bless you according to our wishes, and your noble work for the evangelization of this section of Cuba.

May He give you the means of building a chapel for every one of our missionary churches, that this people may see that we mean stability and respectability among them.

With our best desires for you all,

E. AQUILA, J. V. COVA,

Clerk.

Pastor.

FORWARD!

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

This is no false cry to be followed by a false start.

The time has come when the Woman's Missionary Union, to be true to itself and its mission, must

Go Forward.

The first, the immediate and the imperative forward movement is the Enlistment of 900,000 Southern Baptist women now outside of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

The time was when we might not hope to see any great mass movement to this end. But that time is passed. Nothing is lacking but the unswerving determination on the part of the 100,000 women already enlisted to bring in the other 900,000.

October

has been set apart as Enlistment Month. By its close we should have 200,000 members in our societies and such forces at work that many more will eventually be won. Up and at it! The Union has left on its part no preparation unmade to make this the greatest month in the history of the Union. Thousands of leaflets have been printed, thousands of appeals sent out. Every society with vital force is expected to add to its numbers. The ten or twenty of this town and that will unite with the scores from countryside and city until the women who join us to publish the glad tidings shall become a great host.

Hasten to take your part in this great campaign of

Enlistment.

EVANGELISM

REV. W. W. HAMILTON, General Evangelist.

Pray for the Birmingham campaign.

Dr. W. P. Hines begins with the Board October 1st.

Dr. C. A. Stewart has accepted a position as evangelist.

Brother W. H. Sledge resigns on account of trouble with his throat.

Dr. Little is having a great meeting at Roanoke, Ala., with Pastor Porter.

Brother W. A. McComb will make headquarters for the present at Clinton, Miss.

There were thirty-three additions at Roanoke, Ala., the first week of the meetings.

Brother George W. Edens, of Wise, Va., is assisting in meetings at LaFollette, Tenn. Brother Edens makes good use of tracts in his meetings.

"The Chair of Fire," with Brother L. R. Scarboro in charge, promises great things. May God give great blessings to this chair of evangelism.

The Ft. Worth (Texas) campaign will begin the first Sunday in January, and the pastors there are already beginning to plan for great things.

"They on the rock received the word with joy, but not with sorrow for their sins. Such hearers need conviction for their sins."—I. H. Anding.

It is expected that the New Orleans meetings, which were to have been held last March, will take place about the same time this next year.

The August meetings at Covington, Tenn., were greatly blessed, though the sudden and serious illness of the pastor was a great loss to the workers and enquirers.

The meetings at Baird, Texas, were of such interest that Brother R. L. Motley, who was assisting the pastor, decided to continue the meetings beyond the time planned.

Brother Raleigh Wright is at Leesville, La., and after the meetings there will join the other forces in the work at Birmingham. Report from the Leesville meeting has not yet come in. May God give great blessings!

Brother Wright reports fine meetings in Yorkville, S. C., with more additions than for years. Yorkville has been a mission point for a long time. Brother Wright says, "I have not found a more loyal fellow-helper to the truth anywhere than I. G. Murray."

Taking part in ice cream suppers and receptions can not take the place of the business of the Christian, for we have been "Saved to save." Matt. 4:19; Jno. 15:16; 17:18; 20:21.

Many a church member fails of the blessing because robbing God of that which is His. We heard recently of one of this class who, when "Old Hundred" was announced, sang "Ninety and Nine" in order to save one per cent.

Dr. Frost joins us in giving Greater Birmingham a supply of doctrinal tracts for the meetings there. We hope to give out many thousands of these messengers of truth, and believe that they will be preaching long after the campaign closes.

Brother Hamilton is to assist in meetings at Jackson, Tenn., with Pastor H. W. Virgin, the last of October, and following the Jackson engagement will be with Pastor W. A. Whittle, at Fayetteville, Ark. Dr. Whittle has done hard and successful work at this needy point, and the Home Board is glad to help.

A little tot of eight years, at Covington, Tenn., told of how she was saved before the meetings began, while praying alone in the bathroom. She amazed the pastor by calling one morning and asking for church work. She was given the task of bringing people to the prayer meeting, and among those she brought was the mayor.

Dr. Clarence A. Stewart, pastor First Church, Ft. Scott, Kan., has accepted the position offered him some time ago by the Board. Dr. Stewart is a fine preacher and a most successful evangelist and pastor. He will be eagerly sought by our churches and pastors for special meetings.

Brother Wallace Wear, pastor of West End Church, Birmingham, and chairman of the committee for the campaign which begins there the 27th, is enthusiastic in his expectations for a great revival. There will be some Alabama pastors helping the churches in addition to State and Home Board evangelists.

Brother W. H. Major has done a phenomenal work in Covington and in Tipton county, Tenn., and has about him a loyal body of laymen such as any pastor might be proud to possess. Brother W. R. Farrar has the hearts of Tipton county Baptists in a wonderful way and is winning many to Christ and to consecrated lives.

"How to Grow in the Christian Life," the little vest-pocket gift book for young converts, will be ready in October. This little book has the "Birthday" page in it, and will be in the same form as "The Helping Hand," a paper edition at 10 cents and a leather edition at 25 cents. The Publication Society says that "Sane Evangelism" will sell at 75 cents. The author desired it to be 50 cents, but the publishers said that it could not be issued at that price.

Rev. Luther Little has just closed a two-weeks' engagement at Roanoke, Ala. The power and influence of the meeting was wonderful. It was said to be the greatest revival ever held in Roanoke. In addition to the good done to the church itself there were seventy additions to the Baptist church. Brother Little's work is growing in power and effectiveness all the time.

The Evening Metropolis, of Jacksonville, Fla., prints a long account of meetings at Green Cove, Fla., led by Brother Earle D. Sims, and says it was "one of the greatest revivals ever held in the state of Florida." The town has only about eight hundred whites, but as a result of the meetings there were one hundred and twelve additions to a church which had sixty-eight members.

Brother W. W. Horner opens the New Grace Church in New Orleans with a sermon on Baptist doctrines. It found its way into The Daily Picayune, and we hope into the hearts of those who sit in darkness in that great city. Brother Horner expects soon to have evangelistic services in the new church, and we will rejoice in every token of God's favor on him and his work and his workers.

Brother Herbert Reynolds, of 432 Forest avenue, Dallas, Texas, "Song Evangelist," desires to help pastors or evangelists in revival work. Brother H. O. Echols, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., leader of the choir in Dr. W. L. Dorgan's church, has decided

to give himself to evangelistic singing. Brother J. F. Schofield and wife, 80 Institute Place, Chicago, are highly recommended in their work as singing evangelists. The Department of Evangelism will gladly serve in giving the names of those who sing the gospel.

Workers' Buttons.

A workers' button has been ordered with an open Bible in the center and a bow of red ribbon across the face of it, and the words, "Saved to save" around the margin at the top and "B. B. B." at the bottom. This will be used for personal workers and choir members in the special meetings, and will be a badge by which the members of the Blood Bought Band can recognize each other. Any worker or pastor desiring them can secure these buttons at 5 cents for a single button, 25 cents for a dozen, \$1.00 for fifty or \$2.00 a hundred. They will be ready about October 1st. In ordering them, address the Evangelistic Department.

Sketch of W. A. McComb.

William Andrew McComb first saw the light in Perry county, near Hattiesburg, Miss. He was reared on the farm and received his earlier education at the country schools. His parents were Dr. H. H. and Mrs. M. J. McComb. His father was a native of Virginia and his mother of North Carolina.

At the age of twenty-one he entered Mississippi College, from which institution he graduated with

the full B. A. degree, afterward taking the M. A. degree from the same institution. While a student in college he was captain of the Mississippi College Rifles and Anniversarian of the Philomathean Society, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the faculty and students.



REV. W. A. MCCOMB.

When he entered college he was not a Christian, but during his first year there was converted. Soon after his baptism he felt impressions to preach, but thinking possibly they were but the accompanying impressions of the new found joy, he tried to dismiss them, but instead of passing away they grew into strong convictions. It was about three years after his conversion before he fully decided to preach. Dr. B. D. Gray was his pastor most of the time, and it was through his strong preaching and safe and cautious pastoral advice

that he was led finally to commit himself fully to the work of the ministry.

After graduation he studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Rochester, N. Y., and Morgan Park, Ill., and from the latter institution he graduated with the full course. His first pastorate was at Corinth, Miss. This was then considered the most difficult field in the State. It was marvelously blessed and in less than three years the membership was doubled, and a handsome brick meeting house was built at a cost of about \$12,000.

From this field he went to Eureka Springs, Ark., where in less than two years over four hundred new members were added.

Plano, Texas, was his next field of labor, and the work here was to build a new house of worship at a cost of \$13,000 and add three hundred new members and leave them the strongest church in town.

About this time he accepted a call to Crystal Springs, Miss., in a town of one thousand people, where it would give him a chance to aid pastors in meetings. During the next four years he aided in twenty meetings, in addition to his own pastoral work, holding two meetings with his own church, in which he did the preaching, and in these twenty meetings there were 1,200 members added, and money raised to pay off church debts and build pastors' homes to the amount of \$10,000. He was afterwards pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gloster, Miss. His last work was Immanuel Baptist Church, Alexan-

dria, La., where over one hundred and thirty members were added during the first ten months and the church contributed to home, foreign and state missions more than \$2,500, the State Orphanage about \$600, besides making some needed local improvements.

In entering the evangelistic work he is but yielding to a growing impression which has been with him for the last half dozen years. His friends have thought that he was gifted in a way to be successful in this work and have urged it upon him. In entering this work he leaves a delightful pastorate, the only Baptist church in a city of 16,000, with wonderful possibilities and opportunities, but the impression has grown upon him, and indications lead him to believe that this is the work the Lord would have him do.

Brother McComb has a devoted and gifted wife and two sweet little girls, from whom to be separated is one of the most trying things connected with the evangelistic work. They, too, are good Christians, and are glad to have a part even in this way in helping to lead lost souls to a loving Savior. He has already baptized both of his little girls into the fellowship of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Alexandria.

We believe that God will greatly use Brother McComb in this work. He begins in the Birmingham campaign.

Brother J. W. Michaels is a hard and successful worker. He is mak-

ing himself a great blessing among our deaf mute friends. In one trip recently there were fifty-nine professions of faith, and many others who were interested in their salvation. He finds the deaf mutes in every community and gets them together for services in the churches and visits them in their own homes and places of business.

We have been moved with gratitude to God as we have read the following lines just received from him:

I am at home again and shall remain a week or so, and then go down to Texas. I am glad to tell you that on my last trip from August 11th to September 1st I succeeded in bringing fifty-nine to the altar as converts. The largest number was at Fulton, Mo., when twenty-six came up. Among these were many gray-haired men and women. There were about one hundred and fifty mutes present, and during the call for conversion there was rejoicing all over the house. At Nashville, at Dr. Burrow's church, nine were taken in. I think I told you of the eleven at Raleigh. At other places they came up in smaller numbers.

Mr. Crusselle wrote me of the beautiful baptismal services by Dr. Landrum at the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, where he baptized four young deaf men and one young lady in a pool of water amid blooming roses, and of his giving each a rose to keep as a memento. Thank Dr. Landrum for the kindness to, and the beautiful services for, the deaf mutes at the baptizing. I wish I had one of the roses.

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While at home I shall preach at nearby places. There are several places within a few hours' reach where there are deaf people in sufficient numbers for service.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Rev. G. W. Jefferson, Lindsay, Okla.: Our new State is fast developing and will soon be the greatest almost in the Southwest. This association is still improving in interest and in development.

Rev. H. M. Harjo, Indian Missionary, Okmulgee, Okla.: Owing to the excessive rains and high water I have not done much work during the quarter, but now the rain is over. Hope the Lord will use me in His service.

Rev. C. D. Daniel, El Paso, Tex.: We had a great congregation last night. After preaching, I baptized an intelligent young man. Our work is on the upgrade. Our school will open on the fourteenth of this month.

Rev. J. R. Peters, Okla.: Our work is progressing some. Have been hindered by the heavy rains and high waters through May and June. I believe our association will be able to help some in the great work of home and state missions before the close of the Conventional year.

Rev. N. E. Mitchell, Bridgeport, Okla.: My Sunday-school report short on account of having to give up place of worship and move in with another denomination, so report no Sunday-school at all here nor at Boise, as both are in same condition; will build at both places this year.

Rev. W. P. Meroney, Walter, Okla.: Beginning next Sunday I will conduct a meeting at a mission point seven miles in the country where I expect to organize a good country church. Brother R. L. Motley comes to us for a meeting. Am expecting a glorious ingathering. Had a bright conversion at services last night.

Rev. J. L. Odell, Woodward, Okla.: This field is all that could be expected. Prairieview is recovering from her building. Buffalo is struggling hard to complete a \$900 house and will have to be aided. It is a county-seat and we have the ground first. Help us hold it. Harper county only has two active Baptist preachers in it trying to hold the field. We need helpers.

Rev. W. H. Merideth, Muldrow, Okla.: The field here is great, the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. May we all pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His vineyard. We are just laying the foundation of the great work here. We have decided to carry out the work in every phase as far as we can. Pray that we may master the situation.

Rev. Wm. Crawford, Tonkawa, Okla.: This is a college town and during the summer things are more than dull. The churches have all been in the habit of doing nothing during this season. I have arranged

to hold open air services on our church lawn and thus hope to make the Sunday evening services soul winning services. This is altogether new in this town, but I feel sure it will pay in a place like this.

Rev. J. A. Smith, Lone Grove, Okla.: Owing to so much rain, could not get about as much as I should like to have done. The roads being impassible at times, the bridges gone, etc. Owing to the financial stringency and bad crop prospects, collections are small this quarter. The protracted meeting season with us will begin the last of the month. Late crops prevent an earlier date.

Rev. Tom P. Lewis, Lewis, Okla.: The Lewis Baptist church is composed of poor, and some very poor, men and women as to this world's goods, and now confronted with a bad crop failure, yet we are hoping to be able to write an amount of contribution in each blank opposite the dollar mark under the head of "Benevolent Contributions" in our next report. God being my helper I shall do my best to get all to exercise that blessed privilege.

Rev. John J. Stephens, Roswell, Okla.: Our prospects are good for a successful meeting, after which we hope to be able to report a number of conversions, and also a collection for associational missions. The people are so transient that it makes our work difficult. We also have a financial panic here that has cut us very short on our collections for our various interests, but we

are looking forward and expecting greater things in the future. Pray for us over here.

Rev. J. E. Hobbs, Bixby, Okla.: Since sending my resignation as pastor at Bixby, we have concluded to remain here and work in this field, where I have been steadily engaged during the quarter ending August 1st. We have had one successful meeting during this quarter, in which four were added to the church. I am now in the midst of a good revival, in which there has been ten conversions and a good interest is manifest. This is with a church which had gone down about seven years ago, which was called Fairview.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, Sallisaw, Okla.: We have just closed a good meeting. More than twenty professions, fifteen received for baptism, four by letter; others will come.

We are very much in need of a larger house. We are suffering for lack of room. We have on an average one hundred and thirty-five in Sunday-school in a house that only seats two hundred when crowded. We have a Baraca class of forty-two men; Philatheas, eighteen. Wish you would send one of the Home Board officials to this field to visit us. Maybe you would help us build a \$10,000 house; that is what we need.

Rev. G. de Cardenas, Pinar del Rio, Cuba: Yesterday I went to San Juan y Martinez and baptized six, which, with the twenty-two

baptized during the past month, makes twenty-eight, who, up to this time, have come to preaching in a small room, and have Sunday-school in another small room loaned by members of the church. It is not possible to continue to work this way. The importance of the work in San Martinez, the twenty-eight baptized, the Sunday-school, and some thirty candidates for baptism, require the organization of a First Baptist Church in this place, that a house should be built, seats, lights, etc., should be furnished.

Rev. W. B. Peeples, Guthrie, Okla.: On account of illness a vacation was granted. I was absent from the field some five weeks, but have returned, well again. During my vacation a supply was provided, but the attendance and the contributions were not so good as they otherwise would have been. All departments of our work are now beginning to take on new life and we hope for a great summer's work. Revival meetings will be held beginning July 19th. Open air services will be held every evening.

BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

Good Citizenship.—By Grover Cleveland, Henry Altamus, Philadelphia.

Just before his death Ex-President Cleveland gave to the publishers the two addresses contained in this little volume. The first, "Good Citizenship," was delivered in Chicago, in 1903; the latter in the same city in 1907. They are fair examples of this great man's clear and sincere thinking on vital questions—citizenship and patriotism.

"How Does the Death of Christ Save Us?" "The Divine Right of Missions."

By Henry C. Mable. American Baptist Publication Society, Atlanta, Ga. Price, 50 cents each.

The second of these books bears a logical and vital relationship to the first. Salvation by the death of Christ alone is the most unique and fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion. Prove this doctrine to be true and Christianity alone establishes the right to be the world's religion. Dr. Mable has given a most satisfactory and convincing discussion of the vicariousness of Christ's death. The first volume is a brief, but profound, spiritual and evangelical discussion of the atonement. The second sets the missionary idea firm on such solid doctrines as the atonement and providence as taught in the Scriptures. The two books constitute a fine apologetic for the supreme doctrine and the supreme duty of evangelical Christianity.

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FAITH'S PRAYER.

Lead me, dear Lord, by thine own hand,
Where'er the path may go;
It may be fair or desert land,
I do not need to know.
I only need to trust thy care,
To know thy love is sure,
To let thee all my burdens bear,
And in thy strength endure.

Teach me, dear Lord, in thine own way,
Whate'er I ought to be;
The lessons may be hard to say,
The path too dark to see,
But holding fast thy pierced hand
I cannot go amiss;
Until I reach the unseen land
By faith I'll walk in this.

Guide me, dear Lord, by thine own eye,
In every step I take;
So shall I feel thee always nigh,
And live for thy dear sake,
And looking up to thee, my Guide,
Through darkness or through light,
May I in trustful faith abide
Till faith is lost in sight.
—Emma Graves Dietrick.

ENLISTMENT.

October.

Eight years ago when the Southern Baptist Convention met at Hot Springs Dr. Kerfoot, then Secretary of the Home Mission Board came before the W. M. U. with a soul-searching plea for reaching the unenlisted. The great heart of the noble man seemed well nigh to breaking. He had discovered that many of our churches and Sunday-schools gave nothing to missions.

How to reach the sleeping ones—how to enlist them—was the problem then, and still is the problem to those who have succeeded the sainted leader. At that meeting the W. M. U. took as its task the reaching of the 1,000,000 women in our southern churches. After eight years' work the W. M. U. list reads less than 100,000 organized women at work.

At Hot Springs again in May, 1908, it was laid upon us as a burden to go out and seek to enlist the "ninety and nine" other women. Dear Sisters, by agreement we pledged ourselves together to make a special effort toward this end in October. To bring it down to the individual sister—how many others have you touched? How many new members have you brought into your society this year? We know that you are busy. All women are busy. Too many are guilty of what Dr. Van Dyke calls the vice of overwork. If you belong to that class, dear sister, suppose you call a halt—give yourself a vacation of a few hours or even days, and with your sweetest smile and most restful, tactful manner "go a-fishing" for recruits to your missionary society.

Do not undertake it as a duty. Rather esteem it a luxury that you are indulging in—this going a wooing for the unenlisted sister.

Mrs. Emily Bishop says in her charming book, "Seventy Years Young," that the unusual often attracts. Get out of the beaten path just to rest yourself and change your current of thought. Think of how much joy the other woman is missing! Do not waste time plying her

and sitting in righteous judgment upon her. Love her well enough to put yourself to some trouble, if need be, to show her the supreme joy of this kind of service. In other words, put your wits to work (like children do) to make the uninterested sister anxious to come to the mission meeting. Present her this card and see if you can persuade her to sign it:

Woman's Missionary Society.

Membership Card.

Realizing that the great need of women in this land and others is the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ; and that God has a claim upon my prayers, gifts and work for the coming of His kingdom, I desire to be enrolled as a member of the Woman's Missionary Society of..... church.

Name.....

Address.....

Date.....

The following are some of the "Whys" for

Enlistment.

Why? We call our special effort to win the women in our churches who are not yet interested in missions, "Enlistment." It is clear, is it not, that our Lord wants the service, active and heartfelt, of these other women? And the one way that they may be brought in to share in the gracious work of His kingdom is by our making a personal effort to bring them. That is why we feel it so well worth while to set apart a special time when we shall all try to win the next woman to have a part in the Woman's Missionary Union work.

What? Enlistment Month is to be observed in October, and every society in our South is asked to make a strong effort to increase its membership. What may we not hope for in the way of recruiting our forces, if every member is willing to press upon her unenlisted friends the claim of the Great Captain upon her life and service? But you want to know

How? First. Believe in the worth of the enterprise of missions yourself.

Second. Arm yourself. Have with you membership cards, leaflets, "Seven Reasons" or "Sunshine" and all the necessary information about when your society meets and what it does.

Third. Make personal calls on the women you wish to have join, and give them your warm-hearted invitation to share in the world-wide task which the church must strive to finish in order to meet her Lord with joy.

Fourth. Make an appointment to meet them at the Enlistment Day observance of your society, giving them a definite and cordial invitation for the day and hour. If they are not ready to sign the membership card, leave that and a leaflet with them and go away with a smile.

Fifth. Pray! Our Christ bids us pray the Lord of the harvest that He put forth laborers into His harvest. We are accustomed to think of this verse only in connection with foreign missions perhaps, but may we not apply it to calling these women of our churches to a richer life of usefulness? And we want enlisted in this work of the Society those who in answer to prayer are drawn by our Leader under His banner.

— Let us be sure to report to the State Corresponding Secretary the number of new members brought in during Enlistment Month.

It may be that you are able to come in touch with that church that has no missionary society; or you have a friend who belongs to it. Will you be the one to bring the fire of the great missionary purpose to the women of that church by giving them information about the literature you find helpful, the facts you have learned, the personal touch of interest and sympathy which may encourage them to organize a missionary society?

Wherever she is, win and enlist the unenlisted woman, that the other nine-tenths of our church members may be of one heart and mind with us to carry out the will of Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNION MAIL.

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK.

Almost every State prepared a special program for its own State Mission Day, most of these days being observed in September. Since state missions are both the inner ripples of the circles that widen out into home missions, the increase of the one means the increase of the other.—In September the associational meeting has had first place. Many of the women's associational meetings are now held at a different time and place from the regular association, that a longer time may be given to the questions under discussion and for the additional reason that when the associations meet in the country, as most of them do, there is often no nearby place of meeting for the women.—On the other hand, many believe the old way to be best.

To permanently meet the question of a place for the woman's meeting, a North Carolina association decided to buy a Woman's Missionary tent. Note that this was a movement on the part of the association, not the women, and that they were anxious to pay for the necessary equipment to keep the women with them.—Encouraging news of the interest in the Order of Royal Ambassadors comes to headquarters. The time seems ripe for this work. Even if you "don't see how you could lead a chapter," but are really interested, send for one of the beautiful manuals of the Order. They are free for the asking.—News of the good work being done by the Training School girls during their vacation comes from various quarters. They have acted as church missionaries and pastors' assistants; have attended associations, made missionary addresses

and organized societies. While not ready to assume all of Saul's armor, they have brought down many a giant prejudice with David's sling.—Mrs. McLure represented the Union at the Woman's Meeting in the Georgia Stone Mountain Association—said to be the biggest Baptist Association in the World.—Rarely has the Literature Department of the Union presented such a trio of missionary booklets as Mrs. McLure's, "Is it Worth While," "Mrs. Joshua Levering's Visit to Our Own," and "Miss Anna Hartwell's Messages from Some Chinese Women." That everybody may have them the three will be sent for five cents to cover printing and postage. Address Literature Department W. M. U., 301 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.—Has every society and every association which has met returned the reply postal cards sent them? On these replies we must base our expectations and our plans for the Forward Movement.—This is no idle term. We can make such a long, steady march forward this year that one long reach need never again be covered on the path that leads to ultimate world conquest for Christ.—October—October, 1908. God bless us with such gentleness, tact, conviction, perseverance in this Enrollment Month that the date we now speak lightly may, in the years to come, be written in letters of gold as October, 1908, when the Union doubled its working force.—Have you seen all the Enrollment Literature, for W. M. S., for Young Woman's Auxiliaries, for the Sunbeams, for the 1,000,000 Southern Baptist women? If not, write for samples. We are not only willing but anxious to send free all that will be used to both pastors and members of missionary societies. You know the address, 301 N. Charles Street, Baltimore.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM AUGUST 10
TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1908.

ALABAMA: Clayton St. Ch., \$19.23; S. S., \$2.33, by J. W. O. Total, \$21.46. Previously reported, \$1,039.23. Total since May, \$1,060.69.

ARKANSAS: Oak Grove S. S., by W. W., \$1.00; R. G. Bowers, Sec, Little Rock, \$149.41. Total, \$150.41. Previously reported, \$156.97. Total since May, \$307.33.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Total since May, \$159.21.

FLORIDA: Ochwilla B. Ch., by W. E. H., \$8.46; L. D. Geiger, Apopka, for Gen. Work, \$60.31; H. B. Debt, \$8.65; Mtn. Schools, \$4.00; Pawnee Indians, \$10.00. Total, \$91.42. Previously reported, \$656.29. Total since May, \$747.71.

GEORGIA: Immanuel B. Ch., by J. B. C., \$23.86; C. J. H., Commerce, \$100.00; Tract Fund, by W. H. D., Oliver, 25c.; Undesignated Fund, by H. R. Bernard, \$947.02; W. M. S. and Sunbeams, by H. R. Bernard, for Miss Perry, \$40.10; Chapel at Cardenas, \$16.18; School at El Paso, \$2.14; Mtn. Schools, \$13.10; Education Mtn. Girl, 35c.; Evang., \$2.35; Cuban School, \$3.01. Total, \$77.23; Bogart B. Ch., by D. W. L., \$5.10; W. M. U., Immanuel B. Ch., by Mrs. K. C., \$6.05; Tract Fund, by Mrs. J. P. M., 75c.; Salem S. S., Lexington, by W. M. B., \$3.90. Total, \$1,164.16. Previously reported \$2,458.56. Total since May, \$3,622.72.

KENTUCKY: Prestonsburg B. Ch., by W. H. S., for Evang., \$100.00; Churches and Associations, by Dr. W. D. Powell, Louisville, \$1,379.62. Total, \$1,479.62. Previously reported, \$1,813.76. Total since May, \$3,293.38.

LOUISIANA: Total since May, \$835.02.

MARYLAND: North Avenue B. Ch., Baltimore, by C. M. K., \$116.10; W. H. M. S. of Md., by Mrs. H. B. Weishampel, \$75.00; Brantley B. Ch., Baltimore, by C. W. W., for Current Work, \$25.00; H. B. D., \$47.70; Eutaw Place B. Ch., Baltimore, by H. W. P., \$28.00. Total, \$291.80. Previously reported, \$1,830.53. Total since May, \$2,122.33.

MISSISSIPPI: W. M. S., Columbia St. B. Ch., by Mrs. R. F. B., for Fur. room in Mtn. School, \$25.00; Tract Fund, by Miss L. S. F., Jackson, \$1.00; Immanuel B. Ch., Meridian, by C. G. E., \$3.55. Total, \$29.55. Previously reported, \$329.65. Total since May, \$359.20.

MISSOURI: Mo. Women, by A. W. Payne, St. Louis, \$104.62; Mo. Churches, by A. W. Payne, St. Louis, \$835.86; Newtonia B. Ch., by W. D. B., \$3.20. Total, \$943.68. Previously reported, \$3,361.42. Total since May, \$4,305.10.

NORTH CAROLINA: Union Hill Ch., by J. F. H., \$1.31; Beaverdam Ch., by J.

H. S., \$10.00. Total, \$11.31. Previously reported, 1,628.95. Total since May, \$1,640.26.

OKLAHOMA: W. M. S., Oklahoma City, by Miss Sue O. Howell, Grace Clifford Pawhuska Bible and Building Fund, \$2.00; Bartlesville, \$1.25; Ivanhoe, 50c.; Francis, 62c.; Guymon, 35c.; Lawton 50c.; Taapa, 50c.; Hastings, 63c.; Foss, 50c.; Pleasant View, 25c.; Capitol Hill, 50c.; Ft. Gibson, 50c.; Moore, 50c.; Oklahoma Churches, by J. C. Stalcup; Blair, \$1.50; Broadway, Ardmore, \$20.00; Adcow, \$3.03; Dow, \$3.75; Delhi, \$1.50; Sayre, \$3.38; Webbers Falls, \$10.03; Mtn. View, \$2.00; Wellston, \$3.00; Hackberry, \$1.00; Ft. Towson, 70c.; Fletcher, 87c.; Wanette, \$1.00; Norman, \$5.00; Halleyville, \$2.03; Cedar Mound, \$2.50; Bixby, \$1.50; Bethel Assn., \$4.75; Beaver Co. Assn., \$1.75. Total, \$82.89. Previously reported, \$368.78. Total since May, \$451.67.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Spartanburg Assn., by M. O. G., \$6.54; Switzer B. Ch., by J. P. G., \$3.09; Little River Ch., by S. F. E., \$5.11; Cross Hill B. Ch., by E. L. W., \$8.06; T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., \$12.95; Reedy Creek Ch., by W. D. C., \$2.28; Second B. Ch., Williamston, by H. F. A., \$5.05; Bolling Spg. Ch., by D. W. W., \$2.18; Darlington First B. Ch. S. S., by C. B. E., \$8.19; Washington Ch., by A. B. B., \$2.50; Cheraw B. Ch., by Mrs. A. L. E., \$5.70; New Prospect B. Ch., by A. J. D., \$3.50; Clear Water Ch., by M. H. H., \$2.00; Bethel B. Ch., by S. A. S., \$12.98; Broad River Assn., by J. B. B., \$51.43; Montmorenci Ch., by M. W. H., \$2.91; Mt. Tabor B. Ch., by W. P. A., \$1.95; Gresham Ch., by J. B. J., \$2.60; Pendleton St. B. Ch., Greenville, by A. W. W., \$25.00; Saluda Assn., by C. V. B., \$33.18; Modoc B. Ch., by L. B. W., \$2.00; Honey Camp B. Ch., by E. W. J., \$1.60; Springtown S. S., by M. J. F., \$1.00; N. Greenville Assn., by Z. H., \$16.07; Tiger B. Ch., by R. A. S., \$5.56; Harris Creek B. Ch., by S. B. M., \$5.00; Gillisonville B. Ch., by R. T. W. R., \$1.00; Yorkville B. Ch., by Raleigh Wright, for Evang. Tracts, \$3.02; Ex., \$11.85; Taylor's B. Ch., by E. P. S., \$7.38; Pine

Creek B. Ch., by W. S. W., \$2.27; Union Co. B. Assn., by F. M. A., \$11.60; Welsh Neck Ch., by A. M. S., \$9.70; W. M. S., Flat Rock B. Ch., by Mrs. G. B., \$1.65; Wolf Creek Ch., by J. L., \$10.15; Sandridge B. Ch., by W. E. S., \$1.18. Total, \$288.18. Previously reported, \$2,817.62. Total since May, \$3,105.80.

TENNESSEE: Pleasant Grove Ch., by H. W., \$2.00. Total, \$2.00. Previously reported, \$2,018.75. Total since May, \$2,020.75.

TEXAS: For Evangelism, J. H. S., Streetman, \$1.65; Houston Heights B. Ch., by Rev. Luther Little, for Evang., \$25.00. Total, \$26.65. Previously reported, \$4,173.67. Total since May, \$4,200.32.

VIRGINIA: B. A. Jacobs, Treas., \$2,300.00; Tract Fund, by G. W. E. Wise, \$1.00. Total, \$2,300.00. Previously reported, \$1,285.01. Total since May, \$3,586.01.

MISCELLANEOUS: J. W. Michaels, for Evang., \$33.91. Previously reported, \$113.92. Total since May, \$147.83.

AGGREGATE: Total, \$6,918.04. Previously reported, \$25,047.34. Total since May, \$31,965.38.

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